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## NEW HALL COUNTY COURT HOUSE NEARS COMPLETION; TO BE OCCUPIED BY JAN. 1

New \$175,000 Temple of Justice Is Magnificent and Modern. Commissioners Will Be Asked To Accept Building Dec. 21.

The new and magnificent \$175,000 Hall County Court House Memphis is no longer a thing of fancy, an architect's dream, nor a prospective goal of a progressive people, but it is, indeed, a reality; a milestone in the advancement of Hall County. The contractors have asked County Judge Hoffman to call the Commissioners together on Friday, December 21, one week from to-morrow, to accept the finished building.

Some of the rubbish and old trees have been removed from the site and as one views this structure across the 106 feet of brick pavement from either side of the public square, he is given a remarkable view of this Temple of Justice from the line of the horizon to the roof of the building. Seeing the building as a massive bulk of brick and stone, one is impressed by the beautiful architectural details, and his impression is strengthened as he more closely examines the oak bark surfaced brick, white marble trimmings and granite columns. And visitors are led to wonder how the building could have been erected and furnished at a cost of \$175,000.

Visiting Commissioners exclaim, "How did they do it?" A year ago this four-story structure was merely an embryo in the minds of the men, comprising the Commissioners of Hall County. In the early part of this year, the first shovels were scooped from the excavations where the foundation pilings were laid. Men toiled with pick and shovel until a firm clay subsoil was reached. Then the trowel and shovel was succeeded by the pump of concrete mixer, sereak wheelbarrow and slush of cement gravel, while the pillars were and the framework rose above ground. The ornamental stone work, brick mason, plasterer, plumber, electrician, working under skilled management, toiled diligently until the building is now almost ready for approval of those who represent the interests of the county.

The term of service of the old court expired on January 1, 1923, with the exception of W. Combs, deceased, have been privileged to watch while the building was erected under the management of others. The two courts have been closely situated with the construction of the building, the corner stone, which was laid with Masonic ceremony last August, bears the names of the members of both courts. On one side of the stone appear the names of members of the old court: Judge A. McIntosh and Commissioners Combs, J. W. Blanks, J. D. Hays, and S. A. Christian. The other side of the stone bears the names of Judge A. C. Hoffman, and Commissioners W. H. Grundy, C. J. Med Barton and U. F. Coker, members of the present court.

**First Story.** The new court house has a prominent entrance from either side of the public square. The first story is a public auditorium, Ladies' Rest room and the offices of county superintendent and Justice of the Peace. The public auditorium which is needed and will be much appreciated by Memphis and Hall county people, is located in the east half of the first story. A good stage with dressing rooms on either side. The auditorium will be furnished with opera chairs, besides the stage structure.

The Ladies Rest Room is located in the west half of the first story, immediately to the right of the north entrance, and will be furnished with chairs and settees, book cases and library tables. The toilet adjoining is equipped with lavatories and mirrors. The County Superintendent's office is located in the northwest corner of a waiting room in the outer part. The main office will be equipped with large, specially-built book cases to care for the free State text books.

Across the corridor from the County Superintendent's office, in the west corner, is the office of Justice of the Peace. This office is efficiently large and will be equipped to accommodate Justice of the Peace. The boiler room is in a basement east of the last mentioned office. A small upright boiler will be used to furnish hot water for the lavatories and baths in use throughout the building. The fuel room is conveniently located and the dumping chutes are easily accessible from the outside. The main switch board of the lighting of the entire building is also located in the boiler room. Men's toilet rooms, for both white and negro, and a waste room for the convenience of the janitor are also on the first floor.

**Second Story.** The second floor will be occupied by the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, County Clerk, Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Attorney, County Judge and Commissioners Court room. The Tax Assessor's and Tax Collector's offices are located in the southwest corner of the second story. These are joint offices because of the close connection of the transactions of the two offices. They are equipped with vault doors and inside steel shutters for the windows, as a protection against fire, everything being fireproof, except the office furnishings. The office of County Clerk is in the northwest corner of this story and is one of the largest in the entire building, having, also, a large record vault in the main office. A spiral iron stairway leads to a large vault in the sub-basement, where old records are to be kept. Another private stairway leads to the County Court room on the floor above. The outside doors are of the vault type and steel, fireproof shutters are used on the windows.

The Sheriff's office is to the left of the main entrance from the north. There is a private office at the rear of the main office. The office of County Treasurer occupies the northwest corner. It is a spacious a plenty and is equipped with a large vault. The County Judge's office is in the southeast corner of this story and is joined on the west by the Commissioners Court room. This arrangement makes the records in the County Judge's office easily accessible to the commissioners when reference is needed. The County Attorney's office joins the Commissioners Court on the west and is directly across the corridor from the Sheriff's office.

## WELCOME TO TEACHERS!

In behalf of the citizenship of Memphis, The Democrat welcomes, most cordially, the teachers of Hall, Donley, Childress and Collingsworth counties. Memphis is the proper place for the Joint-Institute and we trust that you will feel welcome. We also invite you to meet in Memphis again in 1924.

## COMMUNITY DAY AT COURT HOUSE BEING ARRANGED

Y. M. B. L. Will Have Charge of Program at "House-Warming." Citizens Are Invited.

County Judge Hoffman met with the Young Men's Business League of Memphis Tuesday night and consented to arrangements whereby the program committee of the league will arrange a "Community Day" program to be given upon the completion of the new court house, and its opening to the public, which will be some time the first week in January. The Young Men's Business League had previously applied to Judge Hoffman for this privilege and feel gratified upon receiving his consent and co-operation.

Although no program has as yet been worked out in detail, some definite plans have been decided upon. The citizens of Hall County are urged to attend and County Commissioners from adjoining counties will be invited, and it is the intention of the program committee to arrange a program that will be attractive.

The program will be given in the public auditorium of the sub-basement. The Memphis Chamber of Commerce band has agreed to furnish musical entertainment throughout the day. Incidentally, the band has asked permission of the Commissioners Court to give regular Sunday afternoon concerts in the auditorium, instead of the Saturday night street concert.

Lunch will be served between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1:00 p. m., in or about the courthouse, at the expense of the Y. M. B. L.

Scout Master Johnston has been asked to select from his scout troop, a number of competent boys to act as guides for visitors who wish to inspect the building. Judge Hoffman will give the boys special training and information so they will be able to make the visit interesting.

The "House-Warming" is expected to attract a great number of visitors and the day will be one of interest.

under the same roof, yet giving them the pleasure of retiring at their pleasure.

The County Court room is in the southeast corner of this floor and is one of the nicest and most spacious in the building. There are large windows on the south and west which will give room plenty of ventilation in summer and ample light at all times. There is a small jury room adjoining, in which is also a vault opening to the stairway to the County Clerk's office below.

The District Clerk's office occupies the northwest corner. It, also, is fitted with vault doors and inside steel shutters, which make the room practically fireproof.

**Fourth Story.** On the fourth floor are two jury dormitories, a grand jury room and a number of small offices.

The main dormitory is in the southeast corner, accessible to the jury consultation room below by a spiral stairway, while another dormitory is in the northwest corner. (Continued on page eight.)

## TEACHERS MEET NEXT WEEK FOR JOINT-INSTITUTE

Splendid Reception and Entertainment Has Been Arranged For Visiting Teachers.

Memphis is now in readiness to extend to the expected 400 teachers of the counties of Hall, Donley, Childress and Collingsworth, who will be in joint-institute here next week, the most cordial welcome that this city has ever before shown upon any occasion. The hospitality of the private homes of the town will be offered the visitors and nothing for their entertainment or comfort will be reserved.

The Young Men's Business League will begin meeting the trains Monday morning to receive and greet the visitors and convey them to their respective boarding places, and will continue to do so until the last one has registered. The young men have also been allowed the privilege of helping complete the entertainment program inasmuch as they will, at some time during the week, take the teachers for a drive over the city and surrounding country.

A splendid entertainment program has been worked out, whereby the teachers will not lack for amusement at any time during their stay here. A banquet for ex-students of W. T. S. T. C., which will include a large number of the teachers, has been arranged for 6:00 o'clock, Monday evening. President J. A. Hill, Miss Mary Morgan Brown, Head of the Department of Expression; Mr. Wallace R. Clark, Head of the Department of Music; and Miss Mattie Swayne, President of the Ex-Students Association, will be present. W. L. Vaughan, Principal of the Memphis High School will act as toastmaster.

Following the banquet, the Memphis Chamber of Commerce Band will give a concert in the High School Auditorium, exclusively for the teachers.

No entertainment has been arranged for Tuesday evening, but it is supposed that most of the teachers will attend the home talent play, "Microbe of Love," which is being presented by the 1913 Study Club.

Wednesday evening has been designated as "Stunt Night." The institute will be divided into counties, each county having a chairman representative. Each representative will arrange some feat or stunt to be given by the teachers of his county. For the best "stunt" a large loving cup will be awarded, according to the decision of fair and competent judges.

On Thursday night, teachers will be given passes to the picture show at the Palace Theatre, this being arranged through the courtesy of the management and the Chamber of Commerce.

A bureau of information will be established, probably at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, where information pertaining to Memphis and Hall county will be given out.

Rev. J. P. Reynolds, of Dallas, is in Memphis this week, working in the interest of the Baptist Standard. He was President of Goodnight College about ten years ago.

## INTEREST INCREASES IN APPROACHING ROAD BOND ELECTIONS IN TWO DISTRICTS

Bond Issues In Road Districts No. 2 and No. 5 Will Be Decided In Election Saturday. Citizens Are Optimistic.

With the approaching of the road bond elections, in Road Precincts No. 2 and No. 5 of Hall County, to be held Saturday, interest increases daily. The question of good roads for that part of the county lying north of Red River hangs in the balance with odds strongly favoring the affirmative and the issuance of the bonds.

Seldom has such interest been aroused in an election in Hall County and never before has such interest been shown in any bond election. From all appearances, the voters of the two precincts have awakened to the dire necessity of good roads and, seemingly, realize that by the voting of bonds only can good roads be secured.

The taxpayers of these precincts go to the polls Saturday faced by a grave proposition. According to the county records, the present county valuation is \$8,333,265. Regular road and bridge tax is 15 cents on the \$100 valuation. Outstanding road and bridge warrants take up all of the regular tax on the above valuation and will continue to do so for the next fifteen years, unless valuations are raised.

This leaves only a special tax of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation for road maintenance which is entirely insufficient, it is said. The only means of raising additional funds, without voting a bond issue, is by raising the valuation on property. By doing this, the tax payer will be forced to pay \$18.75 more tax to raise \$3.00 for road work.

Of the small amount of maintenance funds now available, more than \$6,000 was spent on the Colorado to Gulf Highway this year, exclusive of the cost of the new bridge near Newlin, and the road is still in need of improvement. If this road had been under state maintenance, the \$6,000 of local funds could have been spent on the roads of minor importance, and they would have received the attention given the highway in this instance.

A mass meeting was held in Memphis Monday night and enthusiasm filled the utterance of all present. It was generally agreed that the importance of the bond election in this precinct be given much publicity. Copies of both local papers were to be mailed to every tax-paying voter in the precincts as a reminder of the approaching election.

Committees were appointed to visit neighboring communities and arrange for meetings to be held in order to impress more emphatically upon the voters the importance of their assistance in the movement. The committees, it is said, met with favorable co-operation in every community. The people of the Lakeview precinct are even more enthusiastic, if possible, than the Memphis people. A petition was brought in from that community Tuesday signed by more than 250 voters of the precinct, asking the assurance of the Commissioners Court that their bonds, if voted, would not be sold until state designation was received on their road. The petition was approved and the Commissioners agreed that the bonds would not be sold during their term of office, unless designation was received on the highway through that precinct.

"We are all working for the bonds in our precinct," said B. J. Woodington, of Lakeview, "and there is no doubt in my mind that the election will go over big." The Turkey and Estelline precincts have already voted bonds to the amount of \$300,000 and if the elections carry Saturday, the bonds will be county-wide.

**RAILROAD COMMITTEE IS WELCOMED TO TURKEY**  
The committee of the proposed T. P. & G. Railway received a very hearty welcome upon their arrival at Turkey last Sunday afternoon. The citizens of Turkey and surrounding community, who had gathered to welcome them, made the reception very impressive with their rousing cheers as the guests were driven into town.

The Turkey people are very much enthused over the prospects of securing the road. The committee, which is composed of Colonel Powell, Engineer E. J. Noonan, and road Attorney Young, of Chicago, is making a tour of the proposed route.

**THE BREEZE JOINS HIGH SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION**  
Miss Thelma Walker, E. M. Ewen, Jr., and H. D. Stringer, representatives of "The Breeze," official publication of the Memphis High School, to the Texas High School Press Association, held at Belton, December 7 and 8, returned Monday morning. They report very favorable comment from the judges on the school paper. Notwithstanding the fact that this is the first volume of the paper, it is said to have outclassed many long-established ones, ranking among the first on the honorable mention list.

The Breeze was accepted into the association by a unanimous vote of the convention.

**BOY BREAKS ARM WHILE PLAYING AT SCHOOL**  
Little Gayle Greene, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Greene, received a broken arm while playing at school Friday morning.

Gayle, with a number of play-fellows, was rushing up the steps of the slide, when he, being on the outside of the banisters, lost his hold and fell for a distance of about eight feet. Teachers rushed him home, where his arm was adjusted. He is reported to be getting along nicely.

**Announcement.**  
Mrs. Warner will present her music pupils in a recital at the High School auditorium on Friday evening, December 21. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Main Street Church of Christ.**  
Great interest in our Sunday school last Sunday. A clear fifteen percent increase in attendance.

Women are still ahead, but the men and boys are getting started good.

Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Morning subject: "Another important item in the Program of the Church." Evening subject: "Ephraim Is a Cock Unturned."

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m. Junior C. E. 3:00 p. m., Lucy Hudgins, leader.

Intermediates 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

Christmas tree Monday, December 24, 7:00 p. m.

## LIGHTING DEFECT OF NEW SCHOOL BUILDING SOLVED

Complaints from the students concerning the glare of the light in the study halls and class rooms of the new High School building were quelled this week by painting the window panes. Although the windows are now non-transparent, the white paint allows sufficient light to enter for studying.

The student body assembled in the new auditorium Wednesday morning for the first time. Speeches were made by the students as to their opinion of the auditorium.

## MATERIAL ARRIVES FOR EXTENSION OF BRIDGE

All material to be used in the construction of the Ox Bow bridge has arrived, with the exception of one car load. Transportation of the material from the sidings to the bridge location began this week. Everything will be in readiness to start work by the first of January.

### What I Like and What I Don't Like —About My Home Town—

By F. V. Clark, Memphis, Texas  
In The Dallas Morning News

"Be to her virtues kind,  
To her faults a little blind."

I like my home town because of its geographical location in the edge of the Panhandle, 240 miles northwest of Dallas. I like my home town because its citizenship is made up of hardy Westerners whose qualities of aggressiveness are and have been building a town in which it is desirable to live.

So being thus situated a short distance below the cap rock at an altitude of 2,250 feet along the upper Red River Valley, we enjoy an amiable and humid climate. Our farms, upon which our prosperity depends, are made up from vast stretches of alluvial soil, whose fertility is reflected in the sturdy growth of our town as also that of the well-to-do farm homes contiguous to our town.

I like my home town because, like its pioneering and unconquerable spirit, reflected in a steady and coordinate growth, and with a population of 4,500 it has laid a firm and solid base for future growth and is only at present in its swaddling clothes.

I like my home town because of the community spirit that inheres in it and because our people stand together in all things tending to the public good.

I like my home town because its civic, religious and esthetic life has in no sense been neglected, but is manifest in its splendid churches, duly accredited schools, magnificent new courthouse, paved street, side walks and Carnegie Library.

I like my home town because it is the home of the Hall County District Fair, situated in her splendid environs of forty acres, overlooking the stadium or race course, where our people assemble in the early autumn of each year in a four-day get-together and recreational meet, bringing with them the meed of farm, barnyard and factory, comparing values and taking stock of the year's progress, made possible by our splendid agricultural environment along the Red River Valley, where flourish maize, kafir, Indian corn, cotton, fruits, vegetables and where browse cattle upon a thousand hills.

I like my home town because, like all West Texas towns, it was founded, built up and enjoys its present prestige by a common spirit of daring and enterprise upon the part of its early founders, many of whom are today present and help to carry on.

I like my home town because it is on the Colorado to Gulf and Ozark Trail Highways, over which course a stream of tourists travel throughout the year, quickening our business life and lending our town a cosmopolitan air at all times.

I like my home town because of its water supply that comes from Browder Springs, six miles to the north, and is pure, soft and unailing in its supply.

I like my home town because it is served by a splendid light, water and sewer system, modern steam laundry, five gins, a \$50,000 compress, a large and successful oil mill, two grain elevators and a sweet potato curing plant.

I like my home town because of its three banks, two national and one State, with an aggregate capital

of approximately \$2,000,000, and who are conservators of its progress and meet their duties to the public fearlessly and faithfully in all weathers.

I do not like that my home town has lost some of its spiritual camaraderie that marked her in post-war days. This solidarity and cohesion of purpose I expect to see her regain with the passing of time.

I attribute the loss of some of her nascent spiritual life to reconstruction days and expect to see her regain that unity of aim and purpose that should govern all towns.

Towns differ as do the stars in glory.

"Westward the star of Empire takes its way."

I like my home town because in the bright galaxy of towns that are helping to build the great Empire of the West, she is doing and is destined to do her full part—that aggregate of which will one day rekindle the splendor of the lone star.

#### "MICROBE OF LOVE" A MUSICAL COMEDY WITH A DEFT PLOT

Three Act Comedy Will Be Presented Under Auspices of 1913 Study Club, Next Tuesday Night.

The "Microbe of Love" which the bachelors of the town were warned against last week, is actually here and ready for business, the inoculation will take place at the new High School Auditorium, Tuesday night. You simply can not afford to miss the sight, for it will be worth \$10.00 of anybody's money.

The "Microbe of Love," without a doubt, is the most delightful home talent production ever staged in this part of the country. We feel fortunate in securing the services of Miss Hopkins of the Wayne P. Sewell Lyceum and Producing Company of Atlanta, under whose management the production is being staged.

The play is a three-act comedy dealing in Dan Cupid's method of conquering so-called marble hearts. Many funny situations are produced by the love sick spinsters and bulky bachelors.

The song hits are right up to the minute and the whole comedy is a classy production, in fact, it is a whole of a hit from beginning to end, the audience recovering from one convulsion of laughter only to go into another.

The ridiculous old maids and good looking bachelors, pretty chorus girls, precious cupids, Mr. and Mrs. Henpeck and the charming Madam Cupid appeal to all classes. But the scene that stands out alone is the Left Over sisters, they simply bring the house down, so bring along your handkerchief, because you will laugh until you cry. Check your critical faculties at the box office when you come in the door so you may relax your face and give it a genuine treat in the way of a good laugh.

#### ANOTHER REECORD IS SHATTERED BY STUDEBAKER CAR

Breaking the record time of the famous Los Angeles Limited from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles by one hour and ten minutes, a stock 1924 Studebaker Special Six, driven by D. A. Jenkins of Salt Lake City, has established a motor car performance mark that is causing wide-spread commotion among motorists along the Pacific Coast.

This is the fastest that man has ever traveled overland between these two cities. It is one hour and fifty-eight minutes, almost two hours faster than the best previous motor car record.

The Arrowhead Trail over which the record was made winds through many treacherous mountain passes and traverses hundreds of miles of desert roads. For this reason, and because no attempt was made to wait for ideal road and weather conditions, the feat is all the more impressive to those who are familiar with the route.

Even more remarkable than the speed attained was the endurance displayed by the car. Despite the fact that its cooling system was naturally subjected to severe test over the mountain and desert roads, no water was added to the radiator during the entire run. The American Express Company sealed the filler cap at Salt Lake City and broke the seal at Los Angeles. When checked in at Los Angeles, the motor was running as smoothly and as quietly as it was when it left Salt Lake City.

The run, arranged by the T. W. Naylor Company, Studebaker dealers, in Salt Lake City, was timed and authenticated by the Western Union.

The distance of 853 miles was covered by the Special Six in 3 hours 43 minutes. The best previous automobile record was 5 hours, 41 minutes and the time of the Los Angeles Limited is 24 hours, 50 minutes.

With the addition of this record, four official road records are now held by Studebaker in California. Considering the fact that the per capita ownership of automobiles in California is higher than in any other state, with the result that rivalry for automobile records is extremely keen. The accomplishments are all the more

important. The three previous records have been held by the Studebaker Light Six for nearly three years. They are:

Valley Rouse Record: Los Angeles to San Francisco, total distance of 411.1 miles. Official time, 9 hours, 15 minutes, 50 seconds.

Coast Route Record: Third and Townsend, San Francisco to Main Postoffice, Los Angeles, total distance 453.7 miles. Official time, 10 hours, 12 minutes, 30 seconds.

Round Trip Record: San Francisco to Los Angeles and return, south by coast route, north by valley; total distance, 864.8 miles. Official time, 21 hours, 23 minutes.

A prisoner, serving a term in Atlanta prison for counterfeiting, was sentenced two additional years for counterfeiting money and passing it in prison.

"We only Bought Rat Poison Twice," writes Jesse Smith, N. J. "I threw the first kind away, couldn't be bothered mixing it with meat, cheese. Then I tried Rat-Snap-SAY, that's the stuff! It comes in cakes, all ready to use. And it sure does kill rats." 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by BALDWIN DRUG COMPANY

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Meat, Bread and Molasses  
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## HERE AGAIN!

Christmas is here again and you are wondering what to buy Him for a Christmas Present. Come in and see us and we will help you solve the problem. But be sure you buy something for Him to Wear and you are sure to please Him.

Overcoats, Suits, Shirts, Ties, Hosiery, Mufflers, Bath Robes, Gloves, and dozens of other things that He can wear. Be sure to come and see us.

### ROSS CLOTHING COMPANY

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MEMPHIS, TEXAS

# That Boys' Conference

By Phebe K. Warner

One of the greatest meetings in the possibilities ever held in the State of Texas was a meeting held in Marillo last week. Great, first of all because it was a men's meeting. Men in the making. Young men. More, they were real all 'round who met to hold a conference how to "raise boys."

The idea of boys coming from all over a section of a great State like Texas to a convention to help other boys live better lives; to inspire the boys there in every boy and to set their own boy disapproval on those boys who should not do. It's great because boys have more influence over than any other species of the man family has over boys.

And then boys know boys a lot better than most of their mothers know their own boys. Mother may think she knows Son but half the time she doesn't. Boys know boys better than anybody else knows boys. It looks sometimes to us mothers that men should know boys but they do not know them. Most of them have forgotten just what kind of boy he was. The day ever comes when America will see the end of the continent to other can succeed in getting all boys interested in the rearing and training and protection of every boy, then the social salvation of the nation will be well nigh solved.

For if the boys take it upon themselves to take themselves in their own hands and try rearing a generation of men from the present generation of boys, rest assured the girls will soon follow the example and it won't be many moons until the girls will have a convention somewhere to discuss the best ways of training boys. Women at large are not interested in boys. Neither the men. We have been attending women's meetings off and on now for about ten years and have never yet heard a discussion on boys at any of those meetings. Much has been said and yards of hours of talk been consumed on the and trees and wild flowers and waterways and good roads and and music and history and almost anything but boys. Of course it is all been intended to better general conditions and thereby help the life of boys indirectly. But so far we can learn not even the State legislature has made any appropriations for the study of the habits of boys for the protection of boys particularly. But boys are human animals the same as the rest of the man family and they like to be noticed and considered of some special importance. And it seems if either the men or the women will take up their personal particular when they have decided to take care of themselves. So go to it. You are just as much right to get together and discuss the things of greatest value to boys, that will help to solve their own problems the teachers have to hold conventions to discuss their business or the fathers to discuss the best ways to promote the work of the church the lodge to discuss the welfare of the lodge or the women to discuss men's rights and wrongs and how to doll up themselves or their homes their yards or their town. It is good but none is better or will do to greater good than the conference where boys meet and talk over things that are good for boys and that boys ought to do and what they ought not to do.

The boy business is one of the greatest businesses in this world. The other is the girl business. And it does sometimes look like the boys and girls would have to look out for themselves from now on because there are so many other things of greater importance for us fathers and mothers to think about. And the boys insisted so many hundred years on making all the laws and the fathers training all the children that the world got kind of lopsided. And the fathers made the laws to suit themselves not thinking much about the safety of the boys because they seemed to have unbounded confidence in mother's influence. They seemed to think mother could make a man of a boy no matter what kind a father he had, but it is a hard job to unmake a man and make him over in his son.

But the new social conscience is reaching the lives of men as well as women and men are thinking more about the obligations to boys today than ever before. It is still a pitiful thing to see men who will take time to help boys of any community with their problems and who are willing to give up a little bit of their time to the work of boys' welfare but thanks to the new day there are a few who seem to be enough by scouring the State to get a few speakers like

Dr. Bizzell and others of his standard to meet with the boys and talk over the building of their characters.

The county farm agent is another friend to boys. Boys are natural born business men until their business qualities are all starved to death working for nothing and with no personal interest in the work they are doing. The farm agent helps the boys of a county to create and develop a business of their very own. They teach the boys of a whole county the joy of ownership. They teach them how to be producers of money instead of spenders only. They tie the boys of a county onto life and put vital interest into their life work as boys. They touch the spark of business ability that is innate in every boy's life and kindle it into a flame that can be seen even by the boy's father sometimes. There is no other man who will do so much to decrease the number of renters and increase the number of home owners in the next twenty-five years in Texas or any other state as the County Farm Agent.

And another friend of boys is the Scout Master who is willing to take a few hours a month to direct their social and moral and recreational activities. And the boy's third friend is his teacher who loves boys enough to forget his salary or himself in the training of his boy pupils for the duties of life.

If we ever as a nation make a business of rearing boys it will become one of the happiest professions in the whole list. And if the time ever comes when every community is willing to spend a little more for scout masters and school equipment and teachers and county farm agents for the sake of their boys they will not only save their boys, but they will more than save the extra cost in dollars and cents on court costs and jails and penitentiaries. Men and women are too blame for the conditions of boys. Boys did not produce themselves, neither did they make the environment in which they live.

Two Senate committees hearing evidence on weighty public matters were disturbed and forced to remain idle when a gray squirrel became entangled in an electric fuse in the Capitol at Washington. Several miles of corridors and many inside rooms were thrown into complete darkness for more than half an hour.

In arrears with their rent 65,000 New York families were served with eviction notices during the first nine months of 1923.

A silver nugget, weighing 3,200 pounds and assaying seventy-five per cent pure ore, was found by a Cobalt miner while doing assessment work on his claim on the Montreal River. The nugget is worth about \$20,000.

Interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; and

It appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas; and

It further appearing that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas; and

It further appearing that said Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas, has been duly established by an order of the Commissioners Court of Hall County, dated on the 12th of November, 1923, of record in Book 5, page 20 of the minutes of said court and the boundaries thereof are herein described and defined in the order of the Commissioners Court, establishing such district, as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning at the Northwest corner of Hall County, Texas; thence South with the West boundary line of all persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County, and who are resident property taxpayers of this Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas, shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Articles 627 to 641 inclusive, of Chapter 2, title 18, Revised Statutes, 1911, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 203, Acts of 1917, Regular Session.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas, on the 15th day of December, 1923, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of \$200,000.00, bearing 5 1/2 per cent rate of interest, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from the date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

It further appearing that said district does not embrace any part of a political sub-division or defined Road District that has been heretofore established and has issued bonds which are now outstanding and unpaid:

"The above described Road District No. 2 embraces all the territory contained in Commissioners Precinct No. 2, which is a political sub-division of Hall County, Texas."

of said county to the North bank of Red River; thence East with the North bank of Red River to the mouth of Indian Creek; thence North with said Indian Creek to the North boundary line of Hall County; thence West with the North boundary line of Hall County to the place of beginning.

And those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

Precinct No. 3, Eli School House, T. M. Cox, presiding officer;

Precinct No. 4, D. C. Hall's Barber Shop, Lesley, D. C. Hall, presiding officer.

Precinct No. 9, W. O. W. Building, Lakeview; J. W. Watson, presiding officer.

Precinct No. 10, Erice School house, F. M. Sachse, presiding officer.

Precinct No. 11, Lodge School House, J. T. Dennis, presiding officer.

Precinct No. 15, Deep Lake School House, W. D. Bevers, presiding officer.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas, regulating general elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the statutes hereinabove referred to.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in The Memphis Democrat, a newspaper published in Hall County, Texas for five weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto, there shall be posted other copies of this order at three public places in the Road District No. 2, of Hall County, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

The County Judge is hereby directed to cause said notices to be published and posted, as hereinabove directed, and further orders are reserved until the returns of said election are made by the duly authorized election officers and received by this court.

Given under my hand, with the seal of the Commissioners Court aforesaid, this the 12th day of November, 1923. (SEAL) A. C. HOFFMAN, County Judge.

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**Local and Personal News**

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

G. M. Thompson made a business trip to Dallas Tuesday.

R. R. Ellis, of Grand Prairie, was in Memphis Tuesday. Mr. Ellis was in the Hardware business in Memphis several years ago.

Mrs. Jamison of Knox City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bryant.

Why not try some Chymes Brand California Fruit. It is the best put in can and is very cheap. Phone 113, Guinn & Tunnell.

See what Insurance World says about four-wheel brakes, on page five.

The "Microbe of Love" is ninety-nine and four-tenths per cent sure.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neel left Monday in response to a call from Rome, informing them of the death of Mr. Neel's sister, Mrs. L. W. Renshaw.

Odds and ends in piece goods at cost and below. Mrs. N. C. Herod.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bragg, of Memphis, a girl, Tuesday.

Try a sack of Aunt Jimima Flour for your Christmas cooking. It is the best to be had. Phone 113 Guinn & Tunnell.

E. T. Montgomery of Plaska was a Memphis visitor Wednesday.

Miss Want-a-man, who takes the part of one of the Spinster's in the "Microbe of Love," declares that if the worse comes to the worse, she has made up her mind to save up soap wrappers and order her a husband from Sears & Roebuck.

Won't you come and inspect our beautiful line? It will be a pleasure and education in what is novel, appropriate and first-class in Christmas Gifts. Everybody welcome to E. E. Martin's Drug Store.

See what Insurance World says about four-wheel brakes, on page five.

Removal Sale—My entire stock of sample hose, sweaters and underwear will all be sold at half price until January 1. Mrs. N. C. Herod.

Commissioner U. F. Coker of Turkey has been in Memphis this week attending Commissioners Court. He returned home Wednesday.

Dr. W. S. Goodin and Chas. Meacham of Lakeview were business visitors in Memphis Tuesday.

Phone us for service. We come any time in a rush. Phone 113, Guinn & Tunnell.

Commissioner Barton of Parrish has been in Memphis this week, attending Commissioners Court.

Tate's Blistol, the King of blisters. When using veterinary medicine, why not demand the best—that means Tate's remedies. On sale at Clark & Williams Drug Co.

H. D. Duke, who was injured last week when run over by a truck, is reported as doing nicely and on his way to recovery.

Get your fresh chocolates at the City Bakery.

The situations are amusing, the songs bright and catchy; stage effects good, due to the unlimited costuming in the "Microbe of Love."

We have sold our filling station on 7th and Main Street and all of our interests are now at the old stand on Main and 8th, or Church Street. Pressley & Gilmore.

Come in and see my fine line of handkerchiefs and hose for holiday trade. Mrs. N. C. Herod.

Lost—Watch chain with I. O. O. F. emblem attached. Finder, please return to this office for reward.

We have sold our filling station on 7th and Main Streets and all of our interests are now at the old stand on Main and 8th, or Church Street. Pressley & Gilmore.

We have all kinds of nuts. Get our prices and see the quality. Nothing better. Phone 113, Guinn & Tunnell.

At Dial's you will find fresh car Jonathan and Gano apples, at a price you can use, \$1.25, from Colorado.

See what Insurance World says about four-wheel brakes, on page five.

Bill Keene was operated on Sunday for appendicitis and is getting along nicely.

Commissioner C. J. Nash of Lakeview has been attending Commissioners Court this week.

Lost—In Memphis, between residences of Jim Nail and Fred Swift, Wednesday morning, an octagon-shaped, aluminum tea kettle. Finder, please return to this office.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hays of the Indian Creek community, a girl, Wednesday.

M. M. Lewis of Plaska was a Memphis visitor Monday.

For Rent—Store building on south side square, in Memphis. Will accommodate any business. E. Christensen.

At Dial's you will find fresh car Jonathan and Gano apples, at a price you can use, \$1.25, from Colorado.

Get your fresh chocolates at the City Bakery.

Music for the home talent play, "Microbe of Love," to be presented Tuesday night, will be furnished by the James Orchestra. Reserved seats are on sale at Clark & Williams Drug Company.

For Sale—National Cash Register,

Dayton computing scales, adding machine, typewriter, shelving, tables, counters. Inquire at Christensen's Shoe Shop.

Music for the home talent play, "Microbe of Love," to be presented Tuesday night, will be furnished by the James Orchestra. Reserved seats are on sale at Clark & Williams Drug Company.

An ideal holiday stock we present the season's opportunity for pleasure and economy in buying, delight and satisfaction in receiving, and it insures a Merry Christmas when you buy at the lowest possible price at R. E. Martin Drug Store.

There will be exclamations of "Oh! You Darling Beauties" when the little hand of cupid's make their appearance in the Bachelor's scene of the "Microbe of Love." A huge butterfly bow of tulle will be their chief ornament. And with their perfectly moulded little arms, tiny feet and bright eyes; with a pretty face surrounded with golden curls you will not wonder that even hard-hearted bachelors fall in love under their magic spell.

Tourists spent \$45,500,000 in the state of Colorado during the 1923 season.

How Would You Like to See What Irvin Nerhood (Pa.) Saw?

"One customer told me that after using one large package of Kai-Snap, he got FORTY-EIGHT dead rats. How many more dead he couldn't see, he doesn't know. Remember rats breed fast and destroy dollars' worth of property." 35c, 60c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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These are all new styles and in the assortment you will find just the very thing you need to wear during the holidays. The materials are costume velvet, tricosham, poiret twill, canton crepe and wool poplin. Sizes, 16 to 44. These are a special purchase lot of dresses and it will pay you to take advantage of this offer before the choice models are gone.



**Coats at \$14.50**

Materials of wool velour with beaver collars and nice trimming. These coats are well tailored and are regular \$22.50 values. The style of these coats is the very latest.



**Women's Purses**

The very best materials and all the new shades. The very latest styles. Priced at \$2.75 to \$7.50

**Gossard Corsets**

Broken sizes of good grade materials, including satins... \$1.50

**Gifts for Men**

- Belt and Buckle Set..... 98c
- Socks—good grade silk..... 75c
- Silk and Cotton, and silk and wool..... 35c to 85c

- EXTRA HEAVY OUTING AT..... 17c
- GOOD 36-INCH BROWN DOMESTIC AT..... 20c

**PRE-INVENTORY SALE!**

On December 26 we begin invoicing, in order to have it completed by January 1, and we intend to reduce our stock every dollar possible before Christmas. In order to do this, we have cut prices right down to bed rock. Our stock is complete, and we carry nothing but the best of everything in Dry Goods, Ready-to-Wear, Shoes, Clothing, Etc., and are in a position to take care of your wants in our line. Below we are quoting just a few of the many real bargains offered our customers during this Pre-Inventory Sale, beginning Wednesday:

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| <p><b>SERGE</b><br/>One lot of 36-inch, all-wool French and Storm Serge. Special per yard..... <b>95c</b></p> <p><b>OUTING</b><br/>North State Outings, extra heavy grade, special price per yard..... <b>17 1/2c</b></p> <p><b>SILKS</b><br/>One lot of Satins, in good staple colors, in this sale, special per yard..... <b>\$1.45</b></p> | <p><b>WOOL HOSE</b><br/>Big lot of Children's Wool Hose, in brown and green, sizes 6 to 10, at 19c to..... <b>29c</b></p> <p><b>CORSETS</b><br/>One lot of Corsets, new stock, back and front laced, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 grades..... <b>\$1.95</b></p> <p><b>MEN'S WOOL SHIRTS</b><br/>Genuine Government specification Wool Shirts for men, of standard make. Double elbow. Khaki color. Regular \$4.50 value, now only..... <b>\$3.25</b></p> | <p><b>MEN'S SUITS</b><br/>We have the best line of Men's and Young Men's Suits on the market. All the new patterns and styles, guaranteed throughout. On sale at special prices.</p> <p>We also have one lot of Men's Suits—about thirty-five suits—in odds and ends, only one or two alike. Former prices up to \$30.00, now only \$17.50 to..... <b>\$19.50</b></p> |
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### Neighborhood News

Openings of Interest and Personal Mention from Surrounding Communities as Gathered by Democrat Correspondents.

#### Hulver Hints

Wheeler visited his brother and family, of Quail, Saturday. and Lester Phillips, O. C. and Misses Lola Phillips and Miss Edwards shopped in Memphis Saturday.

Young folks enjoyed a social home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Saturday night. Loyd Phillips, Miss Lola and Phillips, visited A. J. Pace and Friday evening and attended supper at the Salisbury school.

Parent Teachers Association first meeting at the school Friday evening. After the session, an interesting program was enjoyed by all. Several members were enrolled. The officers were elected at an meeting: Mrs. O. A. David, president; Mrs. J. A. Edwards, vice; Mrs. Lee Wheeler, secretary. It was voted and carried by Bro. G. G. Smith and wife and Mrs. Sloan honorary.

#### Deep Lake Doings

Country has been visited by a snow storm, which is a little folks that Santa will soon follow. Sleet and snow will delay most of which would have finished this week.

T. V. Anthony and children shopping in Memphis Monday. Arthur Dunn and Mrs. Ryan and children were shopping Memphis Saturday.

A. A. Dodd was in Memphis Saturday. Butler was a Memphis visitor Saturday.

Joe Thomas and Earnest Blewett here from Tullia Sunday, that evening. Wincompleck and family and Mrs. Eddleman moved near last week.

George Blewett returned home from Sunday. and Mrs. Robert Freeland and Lee were in town Saturday.

Dennis Butler failed to get his last week. D. Bevers and son, Lester, were Memphis Saturday. N. Baker was in Memphis Saturday.

Minnie Lou Luttrell had a finger mangled at school last week. D. Bevers' house caught on Saturday, while the men in town. But the women soon out before much damage was done.

Attendance at school was small Saturday. The principal didn't have scholars at all. Hurray for the folks. His Henders and his brother and spent Sunday with J. H. Butler family.

#### Newlin News

The box supper and Auction Sale held at Gilpin school house Friday night, was enjoyed by all present. Prof. Archie Glascoe, the principal, made a short talk to the patrons, after which came the auctioning of boxes. A large crowd was present and the proceeds amounted to seventy-five dollars, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. T. J. Smith, Jr. and little daughter, Hilda, left Saturday morning for Amarillo, where they will spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. J. D. Ballard of Eli was in the Newlin community Friday and Saturday, soliciting subscriptions for The Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wallace of Wichita Falls, and their little niece, Lorraine Sims, came in Wednesday to spend the holidays with home-folk. Mozelle Harper is seriously ill this week, reports showing no improvement.

The Newlin Sunday school will have a Christmas tree for the community on December 24. Committees were appointed Sunday morning to decorate the tree and arrange a program, etc. Everybody is invited to come.

Rev. G. G. Smith, the new Methodist pastor, filled his appointment in Newlin Sunday morning, but did not return Sunday night on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie entertained with a singing Sunday night.

Plaska Pointers The "Little Savage," a play, will be presented at the High School Auditorium Saturday night.

Misses Vonnie Hicks and Lucille Jones attended the show at Lakeview Friday night.

M. V. Robinson went to Clarendon last Tuesday on business. J. S. McKee was in Memphis on business Friday.

Rev. Cal McGahie filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Saturday night.

Miss Sadie Lee Jones spent Tuesday night with Miss Vonnie Hicks.

Misses Florence and Izora Whitfield and Beatrice Gardenhire spent Sunday with Miss Margaret Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Galloway returned from California, after a short visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murdock were in Memphis Saturday.

R. D. Hatten and Otho Coburn were Quannah visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lucille Jones and Vonnie Hicks spent Sunday with friends in Memphis. There will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church at Plaska. Everybody is invited.

#### Elite Incidents

We are having some cold weather this week. There were fifty-eight at Sunday school Sunday.

Rev. Strong filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Rev. Lee Smith will preach here Saturday evening, and Sunday morning and evening.

C. E. Nall and family spent Sunday with Mrs. M. C. Glasco of Newlin. Grandma Nall has been very sick but is better at present.

The young folks were entertained with a party Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Finley. School is progressing nicely. The boys and girls have received their basket balls and are practicing this week.

There were several Eli people in Memphis Saturday. W. B. Uptergrove has moved to the Plains. J. G. Whitson and wife spent Tuesday night at C. E. Nall's.

#### Repair Furniture.

We do all kinds of Furniture Repairing, upholstering, old furniture worked over. We also make all kinds of tables, chairs, ward robes, chests, etc. Collect and deliver one mile. Satisfaction guaranteed. One block north and one west Woodbridge Lumber Co. House No. 711. P. O. Box 158.

#### FWELDER & FWELDER.

Notice. M. Simon will buy or take up vendor's lien notes, town or farm property. Inquire of Fitzgerald & Grundy, Attorneys, Memphis, Texas.

#### Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HALL. To those indebted to, or holding claims against, the estate of W. W. Nivens, deceased:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of W. W. Nivens, deceased, late of Hall County, Texas, by A. C. Hoffman, judge of the county court of said county, on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1923, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence, Parnell, Hall County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1923.

H. C. NIVENS, Administrator of the Estate of W. W. Nivens, Deceased.

Angelo Raggini, a clerk in the office of Mayor Hylan, of New York, was ambitious to become an opera star. He was supporting a mother and ten younger brothers and sisters out of his salary. His friends have taken stock in his future to the extent of \$10,000, through the sale of 400 certificates, at \$25 each. Trustees of the fund will forward to his school in Italy the necessary allotments of money as they are required.

#### BACHELORS STOP BATCHING IN "THE MICROBE OF LOVE"

B. & P. W. Clubs at Quannah Present "Microbe of Love" and Receive Ovation From Large Audience.

Playing before the largest crowd ever packed inside the Texan theatre, the "Microbe of Love," a comedy in three acts, staged under the auspices of the Business and Professional Women's club of Quannah, received tremendous ovation as the curtain fell on one of the best home talent interpretations ever given in Quannah. Under the able direction of Miss Wrenne Hopkins, of the Wayne P. Sewell Lyceum and Producing Co., the local amateurs were almost miraculously transformed into a well balanced cast within the short period of one week and with their costumes as appropriate, the choruses so well drilled and the characters so thoroughly familiar with their various parts, the audience rubbed its eyes to see if it were really Quannah people up there on the stage or some high salaried metropolitan troupe.

From the first curtain when the pinisters of Quannah met in staid and solemn conclave to stalk the elusive male to his lair and there seize same for husbands, until the final curtain when the sarcastic Billie Bachelor had surrendered to the charming graces of Madame Cupid, the audience was carried from one climax of humor to another with interpretation that is seldom equaled on any stage by home talent.—Quannah Times.

This unusual and attractive play will be staged in the new High School Auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the "1913" Study Club. Benefit Park Library fund. Everybody come!

Admission: Reserved seats, 75c; Adults, 55c; Children, 30c.

"I wonder what Grandfather Christopher would think of America today," said Christopher Columbus

IX. "If he could cross the Atlantic on the great Leviathan, see Panama and other wonders of the American continent he certainly would be thrilled." Christopher IX is a direct descendant of the ninth generation, known as the Duke of Vragua.

Decidedly the most succinct and true opinion that has been passed on Hendrik Van Loon's "Story of the Bible" is found in the Survey Graphic for November: "If the Bible had been no more than the story of the Bible it would hardly have survived long enough for Mr. Van Loon to deal with it. Perhaps the Pagan child will make the leap from Van Loon to Isaiah—but one doubts it. Certainly one who first approached the story of the nativity through these casual paragraphs would fall on Luke's narrative with surprise and delight. His drawings show Jesus with the halo, yet the text rationalizes or avoids the Miracles."

The word "Adirondacks" is an Indian word meaning "wood-eaters," a derisive term given a defeated Indian tribe who were driven to the mountains by the victorious Iroquois and forced to live there on berries and bark.

### The Palace Theatre Program.

December 14 to 21.

FRIDAY—Metro presents Viola Dana in "June Madness," with Chapter 7, "The Jungle Goddess."

SATURDAY—Wm. Fox presents William Russell in "Alias The Night Wind," with a Hal Roach comedy, "Our Gang."

MONDAY AND TUESDAY—Warner Bros. presents Marie Prevost with an all-star cast in "Beautiful and Damned," with final chapter, "In the Days of Daniel Boone."

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—First National presents Mable Norman in "Hail! The Woman," with an Imperial comedy, "The Two Johns."

### GIFTS SUITABLE FOR ALL

Our shelves are loaded with lovely and suitable Gifts. Be sure to look over our line in making Christmas purchases.

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#### How a Rat Nearly Destroyed Mrs. L. Bowen's (R. I.) House

"For months we wouldn't go into the cellar, fear, ing a big rat. One night it set our whole kitchen on fire by chewing matches. The next day, we got the ugly thing with Rat-Snap—just one cake. Rat-died up and leave no smell. Three sizes, 5c, 6c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by BALDWIN DRUG COMPANY

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- House Shoes
- Petticoats
- Blouses
- Silk Underwear
- Gloves
- Handkerchiefs
- Silk Hose
- Suit Cases
- Bath Sets
- Bloomers
- Dresses
- Towels
- Blouses
- Bed Spreads
- Toilet Articles

- Boudior Caps
- Purses
- Ear Drops
- Stationery
- Compacts
- Barretts
- Stamp Pieces
- Garters
- Blankets
- Sweaters

- Hats
- Caps
- Gloves
- Hose
- Shirts
- Hand Bags
- Florsheim Shoes
- Sweaters

#### FOR HIM

- Neckties
- Handkerchiefs
- House Shoes
- Cuff Links
- Clothes Brush
- Arm Bands
- Overcoats
- Suits
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**Because of continued bad weather the First Period**

**will be extended until December 4, at noon.**

**This allows Full Credit for your work until Christmas**

**Ten 10 Year Subs**

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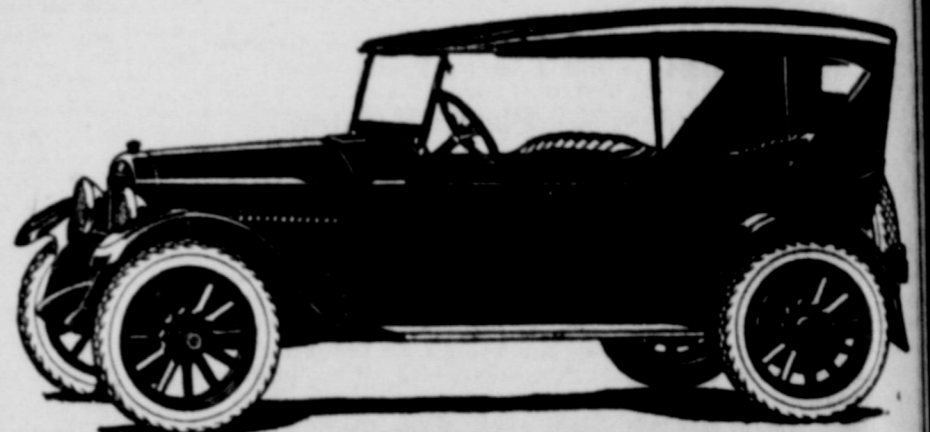
**Twenty 5 Year Subs**

WILL BRING YOU  
1,000,000 VOTES

IF TURNED IN BEFORE DECEMBER 24, AT NOON! GO AFTER THEM HARD! YOUR COMPETITORS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING IN ONE OR BOTH OF THESE CLUBS. BE SURE TO GET YOURS!

### FIRST GRAND PRIZE

\$1150.00  
Studebaker  
Light Six  
Automobile  
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from  
Raymond  
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### Second Prize



\$225  
Victrola  
Purchased  
from and on  
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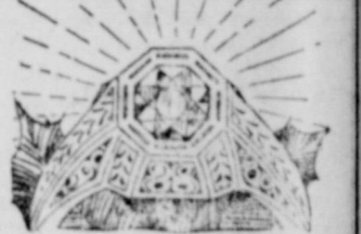
### FOURTH PRIZE

\$75 Diamond Ring  
Purchased From and  
on Display at  
R. H. Wherry

### FIFTH PRIZE

\$50 Diamond Ring  
Purchased From and  
on Display at  
Chas. Oren

### Third Prize



\$150 Diamond Ring Purchased  
From and on Display at  
CHAS. OREN

**\$350**

A special fund of \$350.00 has been reserved to provide additional prizes for any candidates who enter and remain actively in the campaign until its close, making the required daily reports of subscriptions and cash in accordance with the rules of the contest.

### SCHEDULE OF VOTES AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES TO

| FIRST PERIOD   |         | SECOND PERIOD  |        | THIRD PERIOD  |        |
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| Embraces the first two weeks, ending December 15, at noon. |         | From December 15, at noon to Monday, December 24, at noon. |        | From Dec. 24, at noon to Jan. 1, at noon, the close of the contest. |        |
| Amt.   | Votes   | Amt.   | Votes  | Amt.  | Votes  |
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warped and wild, along the north bank...

Uncle Nick was there—which meant...

He had been a great hunter and border...

Aunt Liza, the "other half" of Uncle...

In all matters pertaining to their few...

Uncle Nick was perched upon one...

The Reverend Caleb Hopkins arrived...

Zeke Pollock—likewise by ancient...

The preacher appeared to be considered...

Nick tossed up his chin, grunted...

He was raking over his scant stock...

grace. No speaker could have asked...

A good length of the candles in the...

The girl looked-up and smiled. He...

Through the mind of Jack Warhope...

Turning back to the table, he took...

and, snatching up a big cake that stood...

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ashamed of his ungainly clothes, of...

Of a truth, the comparison between...

The young woodsman, on the other...

With a jerky, elaborate bow to...

"I was just hunting for you, Miss...

The girl must have known the...

The woodsman stood looking after...

"There is that about a naked knife—...

"Say, ladies," he leered, his voice...

"As I look back over the years since...

"Dear me! but you are laconic this...

"She might as well have said it in...

The woodsman was saved. He...

"Ain't it a burnin' shame the way...

"Aw, shucks, Aunt Liza, you're jst...

"Nick! Nick!"—It would be utterly...

"Gimme some cake," he growled.

Miss Martin, trembling on the verge...

"Aw, h—ll, gimme some cake!"

The preacher's shoulders lifted...

"Friend," he called, still keeping his...

The smart-faced man stared insolently...

"Say, you pore devil of a gospel...

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"Say, You Pore Devil of a Gospel Slinger," He Snarled, "Who's Runnin' This Show?"

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**NEW COURT HOUSE NEARS COMPLETION**

(Continued from page one.)  
 tory has been arranged in the north-west corner. These dormitories will be furnished with single beds with Sealy mattresses, baths, shower baths, lavatories and toilets. A small sleeping room adjoins the main dormitory for the convenience of the sheriff or deputy who waits upon the jury.  
 The grand jury room is on the north side of the west half of the fourth floor, between the main corridor and the jury dormitory.  
 The southwest quarter of the last floor is divided into a number of small offices which will be occupied by County Surveyor, County Agent, janitor, etc.  
 The court house will be furnished with Flemish oak, and a heavy grade of linoleum will be used on the office floors. Settees and telephone booths have been arranged in convenient places in the corridors for the use of the public.  
 The corridors and stairways are laid with 6-inch red tile. The entire building is well heated and lighted throughout. A small fire-fighting apparatus is located on each floor.

**"BACHELORS FOREVER—NO PETTICOATS FOR ME"**

**Bachelors Seek Protection and Form Club in Effort to Escape Wiles of the Members of Spinsters' Club.**

The bachelors of Memphis having heard of the spinsters' scheme to lure them into matrimony, met last night and adopted the following motto: "BACHELORS FOREVER—NO PETTICOATS FOR ME"

The bachelors read in last week's paper how the spinsters are planning to rob them of their liberty, so they have also organized themselves into a "Club of Safety."

And they defy any bug on earth to bite them. They denounce in no uncertain terms this "Mysterious Woman with the Hand Box." The bachelors claim to be living peaceful and happy lives, and do not care to be disturbed by the fair sex. They declare that Dan Cupid is a mischievous little imp who does nothing but create trouble for everybody, and they absolutely refuse to be caught in such a trap. Especially by a "Woman with a Box of Bugs."

The official emblem of the club is a bag of asafetida worn around the neck of the members to ward off the feminine charms.

Because of the increase in Democrat subscribers, some of our readers will not receive the magazine section this week. We failed to put in our order for extra copies, hence the shortage.

**First Presbyterian Church.**

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Dr. M. McNeely, superintendent.  
 Junior C. E. at 2:00 p. m., Miss Boodie Montgomery, superintendent.  
 Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by the pastor.  
 Special music at both services.  
 Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:00 p. m.  
 At the Vesper Service Sunday, December 23, 4:30 p. m., the choir will sing a cantata, "The Christ Child," under the direction of Mrs. Elmer Shelly.  
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Come on time Sunday.  
 Sunday school 9:45.  
 Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.  
 B. Y. P. U. meet at 6:00 p. m.  
 W. M. U. meets Monday, 3 p. m.  
 Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.  
 Choir practice 7:00 p. m. Thursday.

You are welcome to any or all of these services.  
 —Chas. T. Whaley, Pastor.

New Jersey was once known as Nova Caesarea.

Greenwich observatory, known and used by the scientific world, is to be moved from Greenwich to Holmby Hill. Electrification of a railway line running near by necessitated the change. The observatory was

built in 1675 for the advancement of navigation and nautical astronomy. "Greenwich time" is the world's standard.

**CASH AND CARRY**

**PAUL'S MISSION**  
(Acts, 13:17-14)

Paul was born an heir to rights of Roman citizenship, among an enslaved people, of Jewish parents who had secured the family's freedom when the Roman garrison occupied the city of Tarsus in Cilicia. He was a blue blood Hebrew, a Pharisee of the strictest sect, while being raised in the lap of luxury, like a prince, he was taught that the Jews were God's chosen people and looked with proud disdain on other races. This man, when he was converted to believe in Jesus as Savior, left all to preach the gospel of Christ. He quit the company of leaders in the Jewish Sanhedrin Court, he laid aside all honors of high position and forsook the paths of wealth and ease, and toiled among the common people; part of the time, making tents of goat hair for a living. He was not ashamed now to work, nor was he ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but devoted his life to extolling and praising him whom he had persecuted. After his conversion on the road to Damascus, after his baptism, and after being instructed in the mysteries of the Gospel, by God himself in the Arabian wilderness, he came forth to persuade men to a better way of living. As he had persecuted and imprisoned, as he had consented to the stoning of Stephen, so he was persecuted, beaten with rods, put in prison, ship-wrecked, stoned and left to die. Yet, he never faltered, but continued steadfastly and courageously to the end of his career, proclaiming Jesus as Messiah and Savior to all who would believe. He faced kings, philosophers, soldiers, jailers, refined ladies, poor women and ragged outcasts, all with the same story of God's love for sinners. He won converts, established churches, and instructed the ministers, teaching the people to first give themselves to the Lord and then help support his cause. This man has left the imprint of his character on the lives of thousands since that day, and millions have been blessed by heeding his earnest words of exhortation. If you are not a follower of the Lord Jesus, what do you gain by hiding in the brush? Paul was not afraid to face wild beasts in the arena, are you afraid to face your friends? Come, take your stand with those not "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." There is work to do!

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Between 1914 and 1923 the number of Baptists in Russia has increased from 100,000 to 2,000,000, according to the president of the Baptist World Congress. The Soviet Government is pleased with the "democratic tendencies" of the Baptist Church.

A yellow potato and new varieties of pineapple were brought from Central Peru recently by a botanist for the Field Museum of Natural History at Chicago.

**A Woman Wrote The Canby News; Minn., December 10, as Follows:**

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