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Council at Work On Ordinance

Mayor Stokes informed a representative of the News Wednesday, that the Alderman were at work on the drafting of the Articles of Incorporation for the town of Tahoka. Mr. Stokes said that the council had expected to have the articles ready for publication this week, but owing to the slow headway possible it would be next week before the articles would appear. The articles must be published ten days before they go into effect.

As to the financial situation confronting the city, it is learned from an unimpeachable source that it will be next fall before any taxes can be collected, as the assessment cannot be made till after the first of January 1916, and collected as are the county and state taxes. The city will probably seek to float a loan for the necessary running expenses.

GIN NEARING COMPLETION

Tom Tidwell, manager of the Snyder Oil Mill Co.'s gin located in east Tahoka, is rushing the installation of machinery and hopes to have the plant ready to turn the power on by the first of September.

This plant is what is known as a 570 Munger outfit—five 70 saw stands. The plant is new thruout with the exception of the boiler and engine.

Dirt was broken this week at O'Donnell for the erection of a gin at that place by the Snyder Oil Mill people. The gin will be an exact duplicate of the one at Tahoka with the exception that it will be a 470 Munger two story outfit instead of a 570. It is rumored that J. S. Welcher of Ok'ahoma, but formerly an old Tahoka gin man, will be in charge of the O'Donnell plant.

Land, Live Stock, Town Lots
—If you want to sell or trade, list with Paul Miller. 51

Draw M.E. Church Dedicated Sunday

O'Donnell, Tex.
Aug. 25, 1915.

Lynn County News,
Tahoka, Tex.,
Dear Editor:

The dedication of our new Methodist church at Eraw last Sunday at 11 o'clock, was quite an event in that community and for the Methodists of the whole country.

The dedication sermon was preached by the Presiding Elder Rev. W. H. Terry of Big Springs, after which the house was solemnly set apart according to the beautiful ritual of the church.

The sermon was from Matt 5, 13: "Ye are the salt of the earth." And was analytical, logical and intensely evangelical; showing that in the Business, Social and Political world the germs of sin are as prevalent as germs of decay are in the vegetable and animal or material

How Will Lynn Handle Cotton?

Market reports record a drop of approximately a dollar a bale in the price of cotton attributed to England declaring it to be contraband. Authorities on the cotton market question state that this order will probably cause no further decline.

However, the same authority declares that the prices will volplane to the very bottom if the entire crop of cotton is dumped on the market as fast as it is gathered. To the end of making this glutting of the market unnecessary, the Federal government has come to the rescue with an order to place \$30,000,000 with banks in the cotton states to be loaned on warehoused and insured cotton. It is stated that the Reserve banks will be furnished this money without interest, thereby making it possible to extend greater accommodations to the cotton producer.

It is conservatively estimated that Lynn county will produce between 10,000 and 12,000 bales of cotton this season. At the average price paid here last year this will represent a total of more than \$300,000. There are instances in the county where men hauled their cotton 25 miles to a warehouse, borrowed money on it and made as much as \$10 a bale by holding till the market had absorbed the immense volume thrown on it during the ginning season. Cut these figures in half and if the farmers of Lynn county warehoused their cotton it would mean a saving of at least \$50,000 to them, the interest on which would build a warehouse suitable to take care of the major portion of their crop until such a time as the market was right to turn loose.

Here is a condition that calls for the organization of Lynn county farmers. Whether they will organize and save this sum or not remains to be seen.

world. And as salt is the universal preventative and preservative of decay and decomposition in the material world, even so is the church, the redeemed, saved body of believers, the preventive and saving agency of God against sin in the Business, Social and Political world.

After the sermon, a sumptuous dinner was spread for the four or five hundred people on the ground.

Rev. Leveridge, the Financial Agent of Seth Ward College at Plainview, preached a very helpful and inspiring sermon on "How to have a Revival," at 2:30 p. m. after which the large crowd dispersed to their homes.

The local pastor, Rev. W. R. Kirkpatrick, and his people are engaged in special revival services this week. It is earnestly believed that there will be many in this and all succeeding meetings brought to Christ in this Temple of the Lord, made possible by the efforts and sacrifice of this loyal people and their friends.

May this not be the last such temple erected in our good commonwealth, and may the noble work of this people inspire others to like efforts for the honor of God and the extension of His Kingdom among men.

W. R. KIRKPATRICK, P. C.

PARKHURST GETS A MAN

Having secured the assistance of Mr. Neil of San Angelo, I am now in a position to do your painting and papering promptly. 1tf D. A. Parkhurst, Tahoka.

Lynn County Will Exhibit at Pandandle State Fair

P. H. Landerger, Pres. of the Panhandle State Fair, Representative Cudginton, from the Amarillo district, and J. W. Cheeny, with the Daily Panhandle, of Amarillo, were in Tahoka Wednesday morning in the interest of the Panhandle State Fair at Amarillo, September 21st to 25th inclusive. The party were returning to Amarillo from a tour of Terry, Gains, Dawson and Lynn counties, in Mr. Landerger's auto, piloted by his chauffeur.

Mr. Cheeny informed a representative of the News that the party had signed up with all the four counties mentioned for exhibit space at the Fair. He stated that there were nine autos besides the one they were in touring this part of the State in behalf of the Fair. The owners of the machines donated the use of them and the men in the parties gave their time while the corporation bore only the bare traveling expenses of the parties. The Panhandle State Fair is a distinctly West Texas institution and is maintained with the view of this section having a common point at which to assemble their products for the inspection of the thousands in other parts of the nation who are interested in this the most fertile country discovered since the valley of the Nile.

Mr. Farmer, Poultry Raiser and Stock Farmer, Lynn county's showing at this fair will depend largely upon you. Will you go thru your crops, look over your fowls, and send an

exhibit. Of course the booth contracted for by the citizens will only accommodate the agricultural exhibits, but there are some nice premiums offered in other departments, and Lynn county should land a few if she will enter.

We are authorized by Uncle Tom Brown, to make the statement that he and his son Charley will furnish one-third of the exhibit, from their farm east of Tahoka, if the county will make up the other two-thirds. Their crop is one of the best in the county and comprises some of all the staple products grown in this section.

Dissatisfied—List it wit Paul Miller, he will sell it pronto. 51

The family of Tom Tidwell of near Iredell, Texas, arrived in Tahoka Sunday about noon in Mr. Tidwell's car. He went to Slaton to meet them. Mr. Tidwell is Manager of the Snyder oil mill gin at Tahoka. His family will be quite an addition to the social circles of Tahoka.

Fresh Chocolate Candies on Ice at Thomas Bros. 49 52

C. H. Cain attended the dedication services at Draw Sunday.

Money to loan on patented or School land. Paul Miller. 51

NOTICE!
Everybody knowing themselves indebted to Parkhursts Broken \$ Store please call and settle on or before September 15th, 1915, as we want to close our books on that day. 2po-1f

A Few Bargains

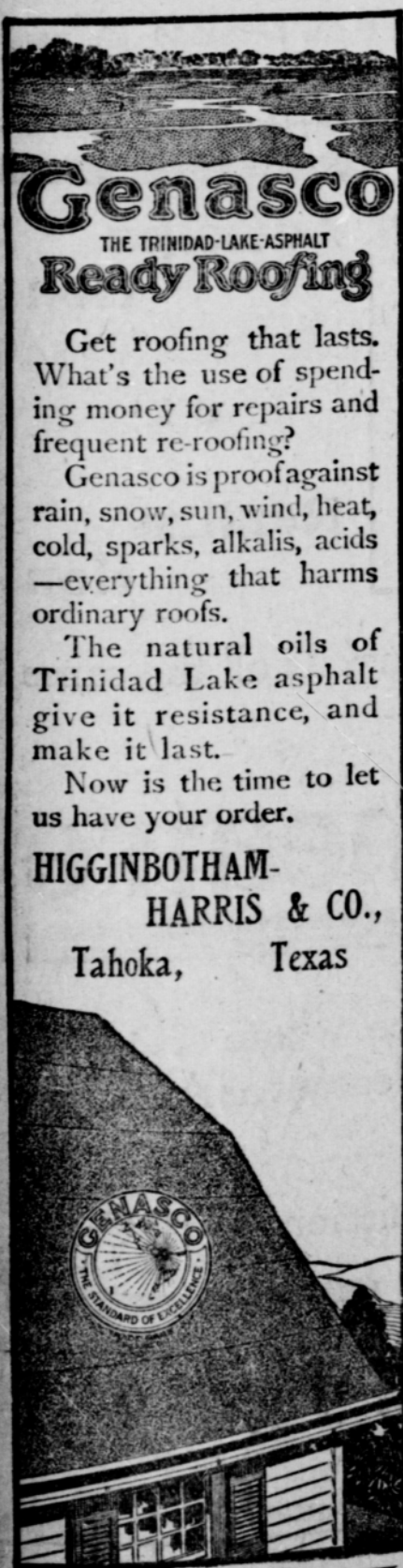
All of our Summer Dress Goods at Cost—Lots of nice gingham at 7c, Figured voiles and crepes that were 25c at 18c.

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J. B. Pickle a real estate man of Snyder, was here Monday, and being an ex-printer, of course called at the News office. He was highly complimentary to the News, Tahoka, Lynn county and the Plains in general.

If you want to buy or trade for town lots, land or live stock, see me. I will get what you want if it can be had—P. Miller

LISTEN—
Fresh eggs 12c. at Larkin's this week. 52 tf

J. B. Hatchett, whose post-office is Flora, Andrews county, but, who resides in Gains county, left on the Monday afternoon train for Lamesa, on his way home after visiting his twin brother, Rev. H. S. Hatchett of the Lynn neighborhood.

WANTED—100 head of bred sows and gilts Address Box 271, Tahoka. 48 tf

C. H. Doak of O'Donnell, was in Tahoka Monday. Charley said they were needing rain in his neighborhood. We understand that the rain Monday night extended sixteen or eighteen miles south of O'Donnell, which received about an inch rain.

For up-to-date construction and quick work—any and all kinds of building: See S. S. Ramsey; who knows how. Prices moderate. 52tf

Kill Prairie Dogs with Carbide—Thomas Bros Drug Co. 49 4

Keever Bros., last week moved their market into the building on the west side of Main street vacated by the Ed. Meyers furniture store.

FIRE INSURANCE.

See McMill Clayton for fire insurance in old line companies.

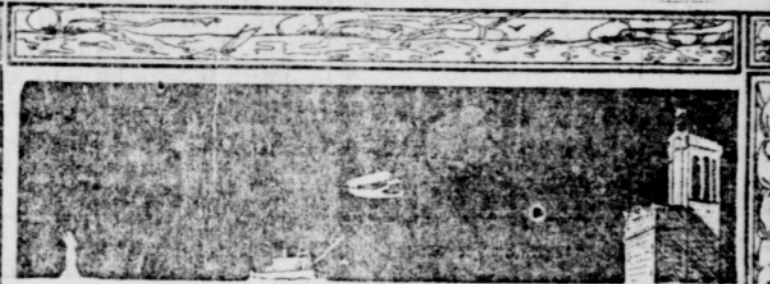
Fruit jar rubbers at Thomas Bros. Drug Store. 52 2f

We wish to call attention to an error in Dr J. H. McCoy's professional card as it appeared in last week's paper. We had his office phone No. 22, when it is No. 23 in fact.

Will teach class in piano, at school building, beginning with school opening. Your patronage appreciated. 52 3th
Mae Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris of Blooming Grove, spent last week in Tahoka visiting their daughter Mrs. Clifford Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harris to Lamesa Saturday where they are visiting their son Ed. this week. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas returned home Monday. Mr. Harris has been visiting this country about ten years and says he likes it better every visit.

It is a dead-end cinch that the British government will get the Mexican's Angora, to use a slang phrase. Orders have been placed at Vera Cruz by that government for 15,000 Mexican goats for food purposes in the British army. This is the first time the goat has ever been used for export.



New York was treated to an interesting sight the other day when Sperry, in his stabilized flying boat, swooped across the bay and circled around a big harbor dredge.

To our people in the windows of our New York office, this performance had an interest aside from the spectacular. Sperry was using Texaco Motor Oil; the dredge was using Texaco Crater Compound—and to complete the circle, the very building in which our offices are situated gave another instance of Texaco service.

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Dink Fenn and wife of Scott, New Mexico, arrived in their car last Friday at the home of Mrs. Fenn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Phillips, who live on the Lumaden place. Mr. and Mrs. Fenn are here to receive a car of lumber to be used in erecting buildings on their place in New Mexico. They will remain about a week.

FOR SALE—4 room bungalow across from the park in North Tahoka. Small cash payment Terms for balance.—P. Miller.2

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M. M. Anthony, Henry Raimier, Dr. King, J. S. Well, Lee Strong and H. M. Anthony are delegates this week to the farmers institute at Amarillo.

FOR SALE—A boy's or man's size bicycle. Phone 1, Tahoka. tf

Crop conditions in Lynn county are ideal. The crops have never suffered a day for lack of moisture and there has been plenty of warm weather to keep them humping all the time. The result is that the grain is abundant and heavy.

To be sure, there are some sections that were hailed out, but, one example, that of W. J. Crouch west of Tahoka, we have examined, and his planting after the hail in the latter part of June is looking fine, and above knee high.

Farmers are very optimistic and are looking forward to the purchase of an auto or the salting down of a goodly chunk of denerso after the harvest is thru.

Fresh barrel Carbon just received—Thomas Bros. Drug Co.

Henry Lindley, known to many Tahoka sends us a card asking to have his News address changed from May to Brownwood, Texas.

Window glass—Thomas Bros. Drug Co. 52 2t

Dr. J. M. Childress of Boyd, Wise county, came down Monday from Slaton to visit his old friend Prof. Zornes, who was unfortunately in Abilene at the time of the doctor's visit. The Doctor was accompanied to Tahoka by J. T. Pinkton of the Post City Post. Dr. Childress, wife and two children, have put in a month or two touring the Plains in their car; going as far north as the north line of Potter county; east to Crosbyton; west to the breaks of New Mexico, and south to Tahoka. The two gentlemen paid the News office a pleasant call and while here made the remark that "If I could turn loose at home, I would not even go back—I would just stay right here."

Left at Thomas Bros. Drug Store a lady's skirt. Owner can have same by paying for local.

Last week Walter Vinson sold his tailoring outfit to Terrell St. Clair. Walter will leave the sixth for Waco to enter Baylor college where he will study for the ministry. Thursday of this week, J. F. Stevens assumed charge of the tailoring establishment for St. Clair.

ORDER FOR SPECIAL ROAD BOND ELECTION

The State of Texas }
County of Lynn }
Whereas on the 12th day of August A. D. 1915 a regular term of the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, Texas, said Court made, passed and entered an order for an election to be held in the various voting precincts in Lynn county, Texas, on the 18th day of September A. D. 1915 to determine whether or not the property tax paying voters of Lynn County, Texas, are in favor of Lynn County, Texas, issuing bonds in the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of building, constructing and maintaining public roads in Lynn County, Texas, said bonds to run Forty years from date of issuance with an option of paying the same off in Twenty years from the date of said bonds, and said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum.

Now therefore, pursuant to said order issued by the Commissioners' Court of said county notice is hereby given that a special bond election will be held at each of the voting precincts in Lynn County, Texas, on the 18th day of September 1915, for the purpose of determining whether a two thirds majority of the property taxpaying voters of Lynn County, Texas, voting at said election are in favor of Lynn County issuing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars in bonds which shall bear interest at the rate of Five per cent per annum, interest payable annually and said bonds to be payable Forty years from date of issue with an option of paying the same in twenty years from date of issue and said bonds to be issued for the purpose of building, constructing and maintaining public roads in Lynn County, Texas.

J. L. STOKES,
County Judge, Lynn County, Texas.

Fruit jar rubbers at Thomas Bros. Drug Store. 52 2t

The peanut is coming into its own, and will no longer be inseparably linked to the street vendor and the circus lot.

The bureau of domestic economy of the University of Texas published a bulletin giving receipts for numerous ways of preparing the peanut as an article of diet. This bulletin is expected to promote the peanut to the pea and bean class as an article of diet.

A peanut butter sandwich has three times the food value as a soggy egg sandwich for the schoolchild's lunch. Compared with beefsteak the peanut is valued six times richer in nutritive qualities.

Housewives desiring to secure this receipt book for the preparation of peanuts, in biscuits, soups, dressings and deserts, may obtain same free by request to the Extension Department of the University of Texas, at Austin.

Window glass—Thomas Bros. Drug Co. 52 2t

Rev. J. T. Nicholson began a revival meeting at Wilson last Friday at which he reports good attendance and a deep spiritual manifestation. The Wilson Baptists are going to build a \$1500 church this fall, of which amount they have already \$950.00 subscribed. The meeting will continue over Sunday with dinner on the ground, and everyone invited to be present.

If you need a hay press, phone me at A R. McGonagill's—C. L. Cyrus. 48 ff

C. W. Furr, Bob Smith and Dan Billings, of Kirkland, were in Tanoka the first of the week on a prospecting tour. They expressed themselves as well pleased with this part of the country. Their quest was small ranch property, about four or five section places. We understand that Smith will probably locate here.

September seventh, at the Water Supply Demonstration at Sweetwater, the cowmen of the free grass era of Texas will hold a reunion. Nearly three hundred have promised to attend. The bunch will be entertained at a typical cow camp established some two miles outside of the city limits, and will dine from an old time chuck wagon. Governor Furgeson will be the guest of the cowmen.

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Potash, Perlmutter and Others

III.—"R. S. V. P."

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It was the 10th of the month, and Abe Potash of Potash & Perlmutter was going through the firm mail with an exploratory thumb and finger, looking for checks.

"Well, Mawruss," he said to his partner, Morris Perlmutter, "all them high tone customers of yours, they don't take it so particular that they should pay on the day, Mawruss. If they was only so prompt with checks as they was to claim deductions, Mawruss, you and me would have no worries. I think some of 'em finds a shortage in the shipment before they open the packing case that the goods come in. Take your friend, Hyman Maimin of Syracuse—nothing suits him. He always kicks that the goods ain't made up right or we ain't sent him enough fancies or something like that. Five or six letters he writes us, Mawruss, when he gets the goods, but when he got to pay for 'em, Mawruss, that's something else again. You might think postage stamps was solitaire diamonds and that he dassent use 'em!"

"Quit your kicking," Perlmutter broke in. "This is only the 10th of the month."

"I know it," said Abe. "We should have had a check by the 10th of last month, but"—here Abe's eye lit upon an envelope directed in the handwriting of Hyman Maimin—"I guess there was some good reason for the delay," he went on evenly. "Anyhow here's a letter from him now."

He tore open the envelope and hurriedly removed the inclosed letter. Then he took the envelope, blew it wide open and shook it up and down, but no check fell out.

"Did y'ever see the like?" he exclaimed. "Sends us a letter and no check!"

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Buster Cagle, instructor of the Tahoka Borne Band, has sold a set of band instruments to the Brownfield boys, so he took two car loads of the Tahoka Band boys over to Brownfield yesterday evening to demonstrate the instruments and the progress our boys have made. The boys report a jolly trip and they were the recipients of several nice compliments from the Brownfield citizens.

E. L. Howard informed the News Tuesday morning that he had sold the Star Theatre at Lamesa to Jas. Morrow, the man he bought it from, and has come back to Tahoka to stay. He's as welcome as the flowers in May.

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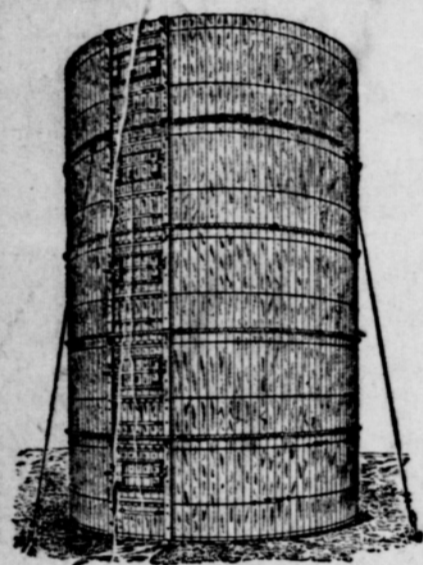
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Potash, Perlmutter and Others

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"And another thing," Morris concluded. "See that you don't hold nothing out on us by way of commission." Mrs. Perlmutter smiled serenely. "I won't," she said in dulcet tones.

It was the fourth day after Potash & Perlmutter's receipt of the wedding invitation. When Morris Perlmutter entered the private office he found Abe Potash in the absorbed perusal of the Daily Cloak and Suit Record. Abe looked up and saluted his partner with a malignant grin.

"Well, Mawruss," he said, "I suppose you sent that present to Hyman Maimin?"

"I sent it off long since already," Morris replied. "I hope it was a nice one, Mawruss." Abe went on. "I hope it was a real nice one. I'm sorry now, Mawruss, we didn't spend \$50. That would have made it an even seven hundred, instead of only six hundred and seventy-five, that Hyman Maimin owes us."

"What d'ye mean?" cried Morris. "I don't mean nothing, Mawruss--nothing at all," Abe said, with ironical emphasis. He handed the paper to Morris. "Here, look for yourself."

A petition in bankruptcy was filed late yesterday afternoon against Hyman Maimin, 83 West Tonawanda street, Syracuse. It is claimed that he transferred assets to the amount of \$8,000 last week. Mr. Maimin says that he has been doing business at a heavy loss of late, but that he hopes to be able to resume. A settlement of 30 cents is proposed.

Morris sat down in a revolving chair, too crushed for comment, and drummed with a lead pencil on the desk.

"I wonder if he done up his intended father-in-law, too?" he said at length. "No fear of that, Mawruss," Abe replied. "He ain't no sucker like us, Mawruss. I bet you his father-in-law--what's his name?"

"The Advance Credit Clothing company," Morris suggested.

"Sure," Abe went on. "I bet you this clothing concern says to him: 'If you want to marry my daughter you gotter go into bankruptcy first. Then, when you're all cleaned up, I'll give you a couple of thousand dollars to start as a new beginner in another line.' Ain't it?"

Morris nodded gloomily. "No, Mawruss," Abe continued. "I bet you his father-in-law is a big crook like himself."

He rose to his feet and opened the large green and red covered book furnished by the commercial agency to which they subscribed.

"I'm going to do now, Mawruss, what you should have done before you sent that present," he said. "I'm going to look up this here Advance Credit Clothing company. I bet you he ain't even in the book--what?"

Before Morris could reply the letter carrier entered with the morning mail. While Abe continued to run his thumb down the columns of the commercial agency book, Morris began to open the envelopes. Both their heads were bent over their tasks, when an exclamation arose simultaneously from each.

"Now, what d'ye think of that?" said Abe.

"Did y' ever see anything like it?" Morris cried.

"What is it?" Abe asked.

For answer, Morris thrust a letter into his partner's hand. It was headed "The Advance Credit Clothing Company--Marcus Bramson, Proprietor" and read as follows:

Messrs. Potash & Perlmutter:
Gents--Your shipment of the 5th is to hand, and in reply would say that we are returning it via Blue line on account Miss Tillie Bramson's engagement is broken. We understand that low life H. Maimin got into you for \$50. Believe me, he done us for more than that. Our Mr. Bramson will be in New York shortly and will call to look at your line. Hoping we will be able to do business with you, Yours truly,
THE ADVANCE CREDIT CLOTHING COMPANY. Per T. B.

"So he's going to send back the present!" Abe said. "That man Marcus

Bramson, proprietor, has a big heart. Mawruss. He's a man with fine feelings and a fine disposition, Mawruss. He's got a fine rating, too, Mawruss--seventy-five to a hundred thousand, first credit!" He closed the book almost lovingly. "D'ye think they would give the money back for that present, Mawruss?"

"I don't know," said Morris. "Minnie bought it, and she told me it was a big bargain. It was a sale, she said, but I guess they'll take it back."

"What did it look like?" Abe said. "I didn't see it," Morris replied. "They sent it direct from the store, but I took Minnie's word for it. She said it was fine value."

"And Minnie," Abe concluded, "is a fine, up to date woman!"

Two days later Abe Potash spotted the name of Marcus Bramson in the "Arrival of Buyers" column of a morning newspaper.

"Mawruss," he cried, "he's come!"

"Who's come?" Morris asked. "Marcus Bramson," Abe replied, reaching for his hat. "I'm going over to the Blagier House now to meet him. You wait here till I come back. I bet you we sell him a big bill of goods."

As Abe went out of the store by the front door an expressman, bearing a square wooden box, entered the rear alley. He brought the package straight to Miss Cohen, who signed a receipt and summoned Mr. Perlmutter. Morris proceeded to pry off the cover.

"This is something what Mrs. Perlmutter bought for Hyman Maimin's wedding present," he explained. "I ain't never seen it yet."

"Oh, Mr. Perlmutter," Miss Cohen exclaimed, clasping her hands, "what a beautiful bonbon dish! What a lovely wedding present!"

Morris looked at the bonbon dish, and beads of perspiration started on his forehead.

"Ain't Mrs. Perlmutter got good taste!" Miss Cohen went on enthusiastically.

Morris said nothing, but picked up the silver dish. Examining the polished center carefully, he discerned the indistinct initials "M. P." almost but not quite effaced by buffing. Undoubtedly it was the same bonbon dish.

He gathered up the tissue paper and carefully arranged it in the box as a bed for the silver dish. Then he put the cover on and nailed it down.

"Ain't you going to let Mr. Potash see it?" Miss Cohen asked. "He ain't never seen it before neither, has he?"

Morris frowned. "I think he has," he replied. "Anyhow, I'm going to send it right uptown by messenger boy."

"Do you think they'll exchange it?" Miss Cohen inquired.

"Oh, I guess it will be put back in stock all right!" said Morris, turning away.

The next morning when Morris entered the store Abe was busy figuring on the back of a torn envelope.

"Hello, Mawruss!" he cried, looking up. "Ain't it a beautiful weather?"

Morris agreed that it was. "That Mr. Bramson," Abe went on, "that's one fine gentleman, Mawruss. He ain't what you'd call a close buyer neither, Mawruss."

"No?" Morris commented. "The way I figure it," Abe continued, "reckoning on what we lost by Hyman Maimin, if he settles for 30 cents, and what we make out of Mr. Bramson's first order, we come out even to the dollar."

"So?" Morris murmured. "All excepting that wedding present, Mawruss," said Abe. "By the way, Mawruss, ain't that wedding present come back yet?"

"Why, sure," said Morris. "It come back yesterday when you were out."

"Why ain't you showed it to me? Ain't I got no right to see it, Mawruss?"

"Of course you got a right to see it," Morris assented, "but I thought I'd get it right uptown to Minnie and have it exchanged."

"And did she exchange it?" Abe asked.

"Well, it's like this," Morris explained: "Minnie liked it so well that she decided on keeping it. So I'll give the firm my personal check for \$25."

Abe puffed hard on his cigar. "You're a pretty generous feller, Mawruss," he commented, "to give Minnie a present like that for nothing at all, ain't it?"

"Oh, no, I ain't, Abe!" Morris replied. "I ain't giving it to her for nothing at all. I'm taking it out of her housekeeping money, Abe, \$5 a month."

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