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## Court House Bonds Approved

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Austin, 2-16-16.

Record for Lynn County Court House and Jail Bonds approved. The Bonds will be approved when presented in the proper prepared form and executed.

W. H. Harris

Assistant Attorney General.

July 31st last year the voters of Lynn county by a majority of 82 votes decided to issue bonds not to exceed \$60,000 to erect in the city of Tahoka a new court house and jail. The 19th day of last October, the record for the bonds was forwarded to the Attorney General's Department, and since that time the local and state authorities have been negotiating for their passage. Of course it was probably necessary red tape, for which our system of government is

famed, but to the anxious voters of Lynn county it seemed that the Attorney's General's Department offered every object to the approval of the bonds possible; but thru the perseverance of our County Attorney, C. H. Cain, the approval was at last secured. The bonds will be executed immediately, and put on the market, and the time another four months have passed away. The New Lynn County Court House and Jail will be under construction.

### COUNTY SINGING

To the Lynn County News:  
The County Singing Convention will meet the fourth Sunday in February with the Edith class. Everybody is invited to attend and bring their friends. The last meeting of the Convention, held with the Lynn Class was a great success, and we hope to have as good a convention at Edith. Don't forget the day, and come.  
E. R. Strong, Pres.

### O'DONNELL BUILDING

News comes from O'Donnell of more building in that section. Many houses have been built in and around this thriving little city. J. E. Eubanks and Son, general merchants, are adding a twenty foot addition to the rear of their store to care for their increased custom. Mr Taylor, connected with the Fuller Cotton Oil Co., in Tahoka the past season is erecting a handsome six room residence. Everywhere over the Plains, the carpenter is "king bee" and the ring of the hammer and the drone of the saw is heard from dawn till dark.

### NEW LUMBER YARD SELLS OUT

M. H. Cambell, local manager for the newly established firm, The Tahoka Lumber Co., was in our office the first of the week and informed us that his company had sold their large stock of lumber located north of the Bowers and Vinson yards, to the Higginbotham Harris Lumber Co., of this city. When asked if his firm was out for good, Mr. Campbell replied, "For the immediate future, yes; we may come back some day, however." The Tahoka Lumber Co., have a five year lease on the lots where their yard was located, and Mr. Campbell left the impression with us that this lease was not included in the transfer. Higginbotham-Harris are busy this week transferring this stock their yard in east Tahoka.

Doc Lovelace, Urbie Carrington, Clide Fox, P. G. Strong, Maddison Yates and James Cries attended a candy breaking at the Strong home in the Three Lakes Community Saturday night. Miss Mollie strong is a charming entertainer, and all of those present declared that they never enjoyed themselves better.

W. H. Mav purchased from A. L. Lockwood this week three coming two year old Hersford bulls at \$125 around. There registered males will be placed at the head of Mr. May's herd. Ranchmen and stock farmers all over the Plains are breeding up their stock. Lynn county is never behind.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of sending our heart felt thanks to the good people in and near Wilson for their kindness to our husband, father, and brother, during his death. And especially do we thank the members of the W. O. W. lodges for their kind services. Words cannot express our thankfulness. Mrs. Ed. Fertsch and children. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fertsch. Miss Tonie Fertsch. Chas. Fertsch. Lin. Fertsch.

FARM land to rent apply to J. F. Carter, Tahoka. 25tf

### WILSON LBR CO. INSOLVENT

At a meeting of creditors of the Wilson Lumber Co., Thursday, it appeared that the firm was hopelessly insolvent. The liabilities of the firm are estimated at about \$12,000, with resources amounting to only a small percent of that amount. The corporation was capitalized at \$10,000 and was supposed to be paid in. The firm will probably be thrown into the bankrupt court.

### CONCERNING OUR WATERLOO

In the report of the basket ball games Saturday a week ago, the Terry County Herald published quite an eulogy of the Brownfield girls who were successful in winning over Tahoka by a small margin, mentioning something about Tahoka's Waterloo, etc. The Brownfield girls deserve all the praise in this line, being the only team to defeat the Tahoka girls this season, and having suffered defeat at the hands of Tahoka's team once before and once since.

If Strickland had stopped here we would have congratulated him and his local team; but intoxicated by victory his normal fairmindedness forsook him and he seemed unable to desist from a little slander. We quote from his report: "The only hitch came just before the game when the Brownfield manager requested the Tahoka girls to moderate their by-words. A compromise was finally reached by which the aforesaid girls were allowed to Use the substitute 'by shucks' "

We have gone to the trouble to investigate the game, and the Tahoka girls were not accused of using profanity, even by Brownfield's manager. There were some weak-kneed sports in the crowd that advanced the usual fake charges of, some of the team not being school girls, some being teachers, and others being addicted to the use of bad language, in an effort to get one or more of our star players disqualified, and throw the game for Brownfield. However we are glad to state that our team stood every test and the game was called with our usual line up on the field. That our team returned with the crown of laurel instead of the crown of laurel was one of the fortunes of the sport, and our girls accepted their defeat philosophically, and incidentally took the third game out of the series last Saturday, leaving the score: three games played, Tahoka won two, Brownfield one.

## Guaranty State Bank

Now Open For Business

We have just completed the organization of our new Bank, and now take pleasure in extending to you such needful help as is consistent with safe and sound banking.

For the present we will be located in the Jones building, next door South of the Postoffice.

We will appreciate your business.

## Guaranty State Bank Of Tahoka

### POLL TAX RETURNS

The tabulation of the poll tax receipts and exemption certificates for Lynn county, for this year shows the following results:

Box No. 1, Tahoka.....	210
" " 2, Wilson.....	78
" " 3, Three Lakes.....	19
" " 4, Draw.....	69
" " 5, North Tahoka.....	55
" " 6, New Home.....	41
" " 7, O'Donnell.....	79
Exemptions.....	36
Total vote.....	597

Reports from Lubbock county 991 polls, which is the only adjoining county heard from.

There will probably be three hundred more voters in Lynn county than poll tax receipts issued.

### BRING US YOUR HIDES.

Highest market price paid in cash for green and dry hides at the Sanitary Market, north of Star Theater, Tahoka. 22 tf

### BROOM FACTORY BUSY

How many people know that Tahoka boasts a broom factory? That's all right, you are not by yourself.

E. C. Cash, called on this office last week and left a good sized order for printing for the Tahoka Broom factory, of which he is manager and proprietor. The factory is located on the old Weathers place, this side of J. H. Edwards new home.

Mr. Cash informs us that he has already used up his own crop, and a large shipment of corn purchased from Terry county parties, and has just completed arrangements for enough corn to run on till his new crop comes in. He has planted sufficient acreage to run his plant at the present capacity, about twenty dozen brooms per week.

How ever, he states that if business increases in the next three months as it has in the last three, his own crop will not run him thru.

### SNYDER CREAM LIGHT BREAD

Baked fresh every day especially for our trade. SANITARY MARKET. 21tf

### NOTICE

This Coupon is good for one 5c drink at our Soda Fountain. We are now ready to give you the good service as of old. Bring this coupon and take one on us. Thomas Bros. Drug Co. The Rexall Store. Only one coupon for each person.

### PLAINS FARMERS PLANT FOREST

(A. M. HOVE)

A veritable forest of trees has been purchased by the farmers on the plains for planting this year. It is shade trees for the farmstead and fruit trees for the family orchard.

But time slips by and soon the tree planting season for this year will be gone forever. It is yet time to order trees and get them started this year. It need not cost much money either.

Tree planting needs no long argument in its favor. Trees are ornamental and useful. They soon furnish shade and break the winds. In a few years the farm groves will change the appearance of the plains. The spring winds will cease to be full of sting.

Tree planting has in a few years' time changed the appearance of the northern prairies. What was the lonely forsaken home of the new settler, now sits snugly in a clump of trees. Back around the barn and feed lot, trees form a windbreak for the stock.

Trees cost little money. Few so poverty stricken that they can not buy a few trees. It just requires a little get-up to order the trees and later give them care and protection from live stock. The varieties to plant will depend on the taste of the planter. It is best, however, to get trees grown as near home as possible or grown under similar climatic conditions.

This is just a reminder that the tree planting time this year will soon be over. It is still time to act. The wife and the children will thrive better with a few trees around the farmstead. Plant trees.

while in Tahoka Saturday, J. D. Gilbert sent the News to his sister at Peacock, Texas.

### NEW TOWN AT GRASSLAND FIRST P. O. IN COUNTY

J. D. Gilbert, and D. D. Odom, who recently bought places near the old Grassland wells in the east part of Lynn county, were in Tahoka the last of last week and paid this office a pleasant call.

Mr. Gilbert tells us that a surveying corps was in their neighborhood Friday last and laid out a town at the old Grassland wells to be known by that name.

During the summer, the Post Syndicate, owners of the land thereabouts, will build a two stand cotton gin, general store, blacksmith shop, and school house, and application will be made for a post office.

It will be remembered by the early settlers in Lynn county that Grassland was the first postoffice in Lynn county, and was located on the old Grassland trail from Gail to Lubbock, over which the stage passed twice a week.

Mr. Gilbert, is very optimistic about this country, and tells us that that end of Lynn county is fast filling up with farmers. He is a booster alright, and if Grassland has many citizens of his calibre, it will not be long before Lynn county has another thriving little town within her borders.

### FORTY POUNDS BUTTER.

Nice Fresh Creamery Butter just received, at the SANITARY MARKET, 22 tf

Mrs. H. E. Odgen, left Monday for Dallas, St. Louis, and other market centers where she will purchase a line of spring and summer millinery. She will be located with the Fair in their new brick.

J. H. Nessel, of near Wilson, called on the News this week and pushed his paper up a year ahead.

## Tahoka Secures

### 50 bbl Flour Mill

Citizen Put Deed To Lot On Industrial Track In Bank—Machinery Bought And On The Way.

Last summer S. N. McDaniel, one of our progressive merchants, invited D. C. Gibson, of Amarillo to put in a flour mill at Tahoka. Mr. Gibson thought favorably of the invitation at the time, but no definite action was ever taken.

Last week Mr. Gibson was back in Tahoka to reopen the proposition.

Tuesday of this week Mr. Gibson wired Mr. McDaniel that he had bought a complete Flour Mill and had it ready for shipment, and stated that if the citizens of Tahoka would place a deed in the bank to be delivered to him when he placed the machinery on the ground in Tahoka, he would wire for the machinery to be shipped at once, and immediately begin the erection of a mill building.

When here last week, Mr. Gibson looked over a half a block belonging to Bob Chambers. This lot is on the industrial track in the Santa Fe yards, and is just across the street north of the Texas Oil Co. tanks. The proposition was put up to Mr. Chambers and he said the lot was worth \$550, but for that purpose he would take \$450.

Wednesday the following business men met in the rear of Knight and Brashear's store and discussed the proposition: H. M. Larkin, H. M. Anthony, M. M. Herring, G. W. Snider, Bob Chambers, W. B. Slaton, S. N. McDaniel, W. S. Swan, J. B. Stokes, D. A. Parkhurst. Messrs. Knight and Brashear were present also, and a representative of the News.

This meeting decided that the proposition was one that Tahoka could not afford to let pass, and instructed Mr. McDaniel to wire. Mr. Gibson, that the deed would be placed in the bank Thursday.

Mr. McDaniel, as chairman of the meeting, upon a motion appointed, M. M. Herring and W. L. Knight as a committee to wait on the citizens and see if they could raise the money. Mr. Herring informed us Thursday morning that the money was raised without the least bit of trouble, and that he was busy at that time making the deed. The wire from Mr. Gibson to ship the machinery has already gone forward, and a flour mill for Tahoka is a bona fide proposition, assured by the progressive spirit of our citizens.

Tahoka grows night and day. Come and make your home with us.

### FRESH LIGHT BREAD

Baked every day, for sale at all times at the Sanitary Market, east side Main St., Tahoka. 21tf

T. J. Price, stock farmer, of four miles north of Brownfield, Terry county, was a business visitor in Tahoka Wednesday. Mr. Price re-called to our mind a Terry and Lynn county boosting article he gave us to print some years ago, to which some of our contemporaries took exception at the time. "But" said he, "everything I said and the News published, about this country has come to pass already and they will have to own that we were only conservative, after all."

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FOR SALE OR TRADE - 4... 23-tf

FOR SALE or trade want all repairing outfit special haul. Phone 39. 23-3t

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WANTED TO BUY - Chickens, Turkeys, Produce, Bleached Bones, I want anything you have to sell. B. F. Montgomery, Tahoka, Texas. 24tt

Jim Powers of Powers Bros. Grocery and Hardware Co., Ross Edwards Gents Furnishings, W. L. Davis of Davis and Mason Furniture Co., with Sam Graves, Transfer all of Post City, were in Tahoka Wednesday. These gentlemen were over looking at our town in both a business and social way and spoke very highly of the substantial progress we are making and the evidences of business prosperity they found here. They returned home by way of Lamesa.

NOTICE OF ELECTION Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday in April, the same being the fourth day of said month, there will be held in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, an election for all City officers from mayor to constable. By order of J. E. Stokes, Mayor.

Two cars brought eleven Odd Fellows down from Slaton Monday evening who helped the boys here in team work. About midnight refreshments were served at the Stokes Hotel consisting of ham sandwiches, deviled eggs, pickles and coffee. The Slaton boys did some nice work which was highly appreciated by this lodge.

KINDERGARTEN I am teaching a kindergarten in the Christian church, south of square and take this method of teaching those who desire to send. Tuition \$1.50 per month. Satisfaction guaranteed. I invite those who contemplate sending to visit my school. Mrs. Annie Lee.

BLANTON DEFEATS WAGSTAFF With all boxes heard from Judge Thomas L. Blanton won in the county preferential primary Saturday over Hon. J. M. Wagstaff by a majority of ninety votes, and will, according to the agreement between the two candidates be the one from Taylor county to oppose Wm. R. Smith for Congress from the District of Texas. - Agriera Reporter.

The editor of the Slatonite was in Tahoka last Friday with G. L. Sledge, and it was indeed a surprise to see the progressive spirit that permeates our neighboring city. The old, dingy, dark, cramped frame buildings—souvenirs of the frontier days—are being replaced by beautiful brick structures, and a new city is arising from the ashes of the old town. One very striking feature about the town is the block just north of the square. A. D. Shook, owner of the block, cut it up into four small blocks and made a business street entirely around each quarter block. There are now brick buildings on three of the quarter blocks and Mr. Shook will build a hotel on the other quarter. The appearance of this novel re-arrangement of the business property of that part of the town is favorable to a stranger. - Slatonite

The latest fashion note says spring dresses will be three inches shorter than the winter dresses, according to Jim Lowry, of the Honey Grove Signal. He adds: "Be thankful your summer dresses that the styles do not call for men to wear blind bridles. There's going to be something to see this year." - Clarendon News.

A Home Bank.

The First National Bank

Of Tahoka. Capital \$50,000.00. We offer every service and consideration, consistent with good banking. Your business solicited. Surplus \$5,000.00

ANOTHER NEW BRICK Another new brick business house has been contracted for by Thomas Bros. and the foundation trenches are now being dug. This building will be 17x46 feet and is being built at the rear of their main building, and will face west on Sweet street. This new building has been leased to Keever Bros. for three years and will be used by them as a home for the Sanitary Meat market. Keever Bros. have already ordered a full equipment of fixtures that will arrive the first of April. When this firm of progressive butchers are installed in their new location, they

COURT PROCEEDINGS The Commissioners' Court met Monday of this week in regular session, with all the members present. The quarterly reports of the different officials were approved and up to Thursday noon the sum of \$199.15 had been allowed on scarp counties, a list of which follows. Also an order was made authorizing the county judge to place an advertisement in the Dallas News for the sale of the county house goods.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Quantity, Unit, Price. Lists various items like Libeado Hides, J. G. Scott, Walter May, L. D. Williams, J. E. Dun, J. W. Allen, J. W. Edwards, Lee Wood, J. M. T. Jellison, F. Geisenberger, J. F. Floyd, K. L. Entebbe, Levi Noble, J. M. Schoeller, W. D. Arvest, J. N. Beard, S. D. Stevens, J. A. Martin, O. M. Shook, J. H. Floyd, J. E. Everett, E. E. McMoris, J. B. Vaughn, F. Suttin, C. W. Brown, F. M. Taylor, O. R. Coyle, Boyd Fenton, S. A. Beck, A. P. Edwards, J. F. Thresher, N. H. White.

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Ladies Tailored--To--Measure Clothing. Also noby gents Line--See them. S. N. Weathers, The Tailor. Cleaning, Pressing, Rearing That Please

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Made to order and guaranteed. Repairing Neatly Done. Criples' Work A Specialty. Call On Us. Theison & Son. North of Fielder's Garage, Tahoka, Texas

FAMILYLITE advertisement. Features a lamp and a list of Texaco products: Texaco Motor Oil, Texaco Gasoline, Texaco Auto Grease, Texaco Turbine Oil, Texaco Liquid Wax Dressing for floors, Texaco Roofing and Many Others. THE TEXACO COMPANY, General Offices: Houston, Texas. Agents Everywhere.

For Home People. State of Texas } County of Tarrant } In the Court of Tarrant County, Texas. James McCard Co., Plaintiff vs. Jack Alley et al defendants. Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court of Tarrant County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1914, in favor of the said James McCard Co., plaintiff vs. Jack Alley, E. Payne, Riley, T. M. Bartley, No. 13240, on a contract of said court, I did, on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1914, at 10 o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Lynn, Texas, and belonging to the said T. M. Bartley, to wit: All of the west half of the West one fourth of survey No. 42, Cert. No. 462 Blk. No. 1, E. L. & R. R. Co., containing 80 acres of land, in Lynn County, Texas; 130 acres out of the N. W. 1/4 of 27 Blk. 8 Cert. 654 E. L. & R. R. Co. S. E. 1/4, sur. 462 Cert. 453 Blk. E. L. & R. R. Co. and the half and N.E. 1/4 sur. 433 Cert. 339, H. Gibson all in Lynn County, Texas. Also all of the following described lots situated, lying and being in North tahoka Addition to the original town of tahoka Lynn County, Texas, as shown by the plat of a town of record in Vol. 11 page 1 need records of Lynn County, Texas and being Lots 6 Blk. 13, Lots 7 and 1 in Block 32; Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 in Blk. 35; Lots 3, 4, 9, and 10 in Blk. 20; Lots 6 and 7 in Blk. 50, Lot 20 Blk. 45; Lot 8 Blk. 43 and Lots 4 and 4 Blk. 40 all in said town. And on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1915, being the seventh Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said T. M. Bartley in and to said property. Dated at tahoka, Texas, this 10th day of February A. D. 1915. F. E. Redwine, Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas. By s. W. Joplion, deputy.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR. To half pint of water add 1 oz. Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and 1/2 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up. You can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and using are in each box of Barbo Compound. It gradually darkens streaked, faded hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make hair soft and glossy. It will not color scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

State of Texas } County of Lynn } In the Court of Lynn County, Texas. G. C. Starkweather vs. Thomas P. Whitt et al. In the District Court of Lynn County, Texas.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Lynn County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 7th day of September, 1915, in case No. 206, on the docket of said court, in which G. C. Starkweather is plaintiff, and Oscar Donaldson and J. V. Hobbs are intervenors, and Thomas P. Whitt, J. L. Cooper, C. L. Cooper and M. F. Taylor are defendants, said judgment being in favor of the plaintiff G. C. Starkweather, and against all of said defendants, jointly and severally, for the sum of Seven Hundred, Thirty-Six and 38/100 (\$736.38) Dollars, and in favor of the intervenor Oscar Donaldson, and against the defendant, Thomas P. Whitt, for the sum of Seven Hundred, Thirty-Six and 38/100 (\$736.38) Dollars, and in favor of the intervenor J. V. Hobbs, and against the defendant Thomas P. Whitt, for the sum of Twenty-Two Hundred, and 14/100 (\$220.14) Dollars, and an order of sale has been delivered to me, as sheriff of said Lynn County, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1916, it being the 7th day of said month, before the court house door of said Lynn County, Texas, the town of Tahoka, Texas, the following described real estate, to-wit: All of section No. Three, in Block M-H, S. F. number 6489, surveyed by J. V. Hobbs and awarded to J. V. Hobbs by the Land Commission of the State of Texas, containing 40 acres of land, located in Lynn County, State of Texas, about six miles from the town of tahoka, and commonly known as the J. V. Hobbs tract. The above described property is sold on, on this the 1st day of February, A. D. 1916, as the property of Thomas P. Whitt, to satisfy the above described judgment and costs of suit. Given under my hand on this day of February, A. D. 1916. F. E. Redwine, Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } COUNTY OF LYNN. Startweather vs. Thomas P. Whitt et al. In the District Court of Lynn County, Texas.

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# New Goods -- New Home

I have just returned from market, where I purchased one of the Most Complete Lines of Spring and Summer Dry Goods Ever Shown in Tahoka. Already the first shipments have arrived, and each day brings others. We are not opening these goods up in our present location, but Will Open Them Next Week In Our New Two Story Brick On The Southwest Corner Of The Square.

Come in and inspect our new line of Spring and Summer Showings and Our New Home. We are justly proud of both, and promise you in the future the same courteous treatment of the past.

Call Phone Four **The Fair** On Quality Corner

## Exploits of Elaine

Josephine following her. She ran as far as she could, coming up to the glass wall that formed the inner end of the conservatory. Further retreat was impossible. She seized a little rustic chair and dashed it through the glass. Cautiously, she managed to make her way through the opening she had broken. Jennings had, by this time, picked himself out of the fountain and, dripping, joined Elaine and Aunt Josephine in the chase. Out in the garden at last, the gypsy dropped down behind a thick bush. At that moment a cab pulled up furiously before the house, and Kennedy leaped out and rushed in. The gypsy had gained just time enough. If she had gone on Kennedy might have seen her. The others were, apparently, looking for her in every direction except

the right one. She saw her chance. Stealthily she managed to slip out of the garden by the back way. As Kennedy dashed down the hall and into the library he met Elaine's maid, Marie, as pale as a ghost. "For heaven's sake, Marie," he panted, "where are they all?" "In the conservatory, sir," she pointed. "Didn't you hear the glass break?" "Glass?" he repeated, running ahead of her now. Kennedy came upon Elaine, Aunt Josephine and Jennings still vainly searching about, just as they lost track of the gypsy. "Where did she go—that way?" asked Jennings. "Hang the gypsy," interrupted Craig. "Let her go—you missed her anyway. But, Elaine—tell me—what happened?" Aunt Josephine reached down and picked up the handkerchief she had torn from Elaine's eyes. "She bound it over her eyes," she explained to Craig. Kennedy examined the handkerchief closely. Evidently he was looking for something concealed in it and did not find it. Perplexed, he looked first from Elaine then to Aunt Josephine.

"Are you looking for the gypsy's handkerchief?" Elaine asked finally, seeing his astonishment. Then she stooped and picked up another handkerchief from the floor. "Here it is. It didn't look very clean, so when she wasn't looking I dropped it and used my own." Kennedy was speechless with relief. He took the other handkerchief and rapidly ran his hand over it. At last he came to a little hard lump in the hem. He ripped it open. There was the little tube of radium! "You're lucky," he exclaimed. "If you had had that tube over your eyes it would have done its work in a few minutes. You might not feel it for some time, but you would have been blinded at least in a few days, if not hours." Both Elaine and Aunt Josephine were overcome as they thought of the peril from which Elaine had been so narrowly rescued. Even Kennedy could not restrain a shudder. For the moment he forgot even about Inez. Then, suddenly, he recollected. "Oh, by the way," he exclaimed. "I've had Walter take a woman over to the laboratory. He must be there by this time. I wish that you would

get your things on and go over with me. I think that you can help me get something out of her. She's as cool, calm and calculating as a sphinx. But I have a scheme that may lead us at last up to this devilish Chinaman." Elaine motioned to Marie and, when the maid returned, hurried into her coat and hat. It was only a few minutes after Kennedy had discovered that Elaine was safe that they started from the Dodge house.

Left alone with Inez, I began to follow out Kennedy's instructions. "Come," I menaced with the gun. "Get your hat on. I want you to go with me. One word on the way and I'll have you arrested at once. Otherwise, you may get a chance."

I did not know it at the time, but just as we were about to start and were moving toward the door, the gypsy, breathless and fagged, reached the hallway of the apartment. She was about to go in when she heard Inez and myself going out. She dropped back into the convenient shelter which Kennedy had used before, and when we came out we did not see anyone in the hall. As we disappeared, she emerged and cautiously followed us.

In spite of my fears Inez went with me to the laboratory. We entered, I, at least, not knowing that a pair of black eyes watched every movement. The fake gypsy saw us go in, then hastily came out of a doorway into which she had slipped and hurried downtown.

It was not long after I arrived, however, that Kennedy and Elaine joined me at the laboratory. Kennedy had evidently carefully prepared just what he intended to do. Quickly he forced Inez into the chair which he had already shown Elaine, and fastened the straps about her arms.

"Walter, will you and Elaine go into the next room," he asked as he finished securing the woman.

A moment later he followed carrying the dial of the sphygmograph. He fastened it to the concealed wires that connected with the arms of the chair, describing to us in a whisper the action of the strange little instrument which by blood pressure read not only the disease of the heart, but even the secret emotions.

He had purposely left the door between the front and back rooms ajar, but he did not intend that Inez should hear this explanation.

"We know that Wu Fang's headquarters are on Pell street," he concluded to us in his muffled tone. "The sphygmograph will tell us the number, if we ask her the right questions. She may keep silent, but she cannot conceal her feelings from this instrument."

Already, although we did not know it, the gypsy had gone straight to Wu Fang's apartment. Wu had been getting anxious about his scheme when his servant announced that Inez's maid was outside.

"Bring her in immediately," Wu thundered.

The maid came in, frightened, blurted out what had happened to her and what she had seen at the apartment of her mistress. Wu listened, his face expressing the raging fury he felt.

"Quick—my street clothes," he ordered of his servant, then, as he threw them on, added to the gypsy. "Wait here until I return."

It was only a few minutes after he had been warned by the gypsy that Wu himself glided into the hall leading to the main room of the laboratory. He listened a moment, then, hearing nothing, was about to open the door with his skeleton key. As he started to do so, his eyes fell on the fire escape outside.

He reconsidered. Perhaps it would be best to reconnoiter. Snakelike he wormed his way up the fire escape which led to the back room. There, as we grouped ourselves about the sphygmograph while Kennedy explained his plans, Wu's sinister face gazed in at us for a moment, then withdrew. Silently he made his way down again to the ground.

In the back room Kennedy took his place near the doorway, while Elaine and I bent over the dial.

"Now, Walter," he began in an assumed rhetorical tone, "you remember we traced that fellow, Wu Fang, to Pell street. Let me see. What was that number? One?"

He paused. I saw the needle jump slightly at the mention of Pell street,

then fall back at the number, "One."

"Two" went on Kennedy.

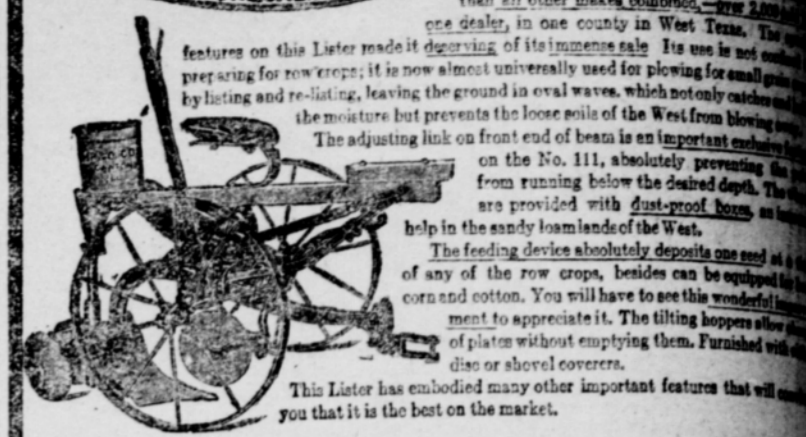
The needle scarcely oscillated.

"Three—four—five," came slowly.

Inez's face, though we could not see it, was tense and set. She seemed determined not to betray a thing. Yet the harder she tried to control the outward expression of her feelings the more she betrayed herself by the inward blood pressure which the uncanny little instrument before us recorded.

As Kennedy kept on counting the indicator slowly, but steadily, rose, registering her suppressed emotions. Elaine and I watched the dial, bending over it with intense interest.

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Outside in the hall, Wu had again come to the laboratory door. This time he drew out his key and softly opened it and entered. For a moment he stood confronting Inez, alone in the chair. Quickly he raised his finger to his lips, indicating silence.

Kennedy kept on counting. As he neared the right number Wu drew a revolver and raised it high over his head. Twice he shot into the air.

Suddenly, just before the shots, the dial had unaccountably jumped ten or a dozen points. What did it mean? I held it up and Kennedy looked at it in wonder. He was about to take a step toward the laboratory when the pistol shots rang out. The dial hand fell back to zero!

We rushed into the laboratory. Inez lay back in the chair, apparently dead. Not a soul was in sight, but the hall door was open.

"Come on," shouted Kennedy, hurrying into the hall, as I was about to stop before Inez.

I followed and Elaine came along after me, pausing at the door to watch us run down the hall.

Slowly a cabinet under the laboratory table back of her swung open, and the evil, murderous face of the Chinese master criminal appeared from the refuge to which he had dropped after the shots which he had fired to frighten Inez. Silently he crept toward Elaine, standing with her back to him.

With one powerful movement he swept Elaine back into the laboratory and to the floor and slammed the door, locking it. Another instant and he ran to Inez and unfastened her. She had merely fainted and was now coming to.

Down the hall we had discovered no one when suddenly we heard the stifled scream of Elaine. Back we rushed to the door. But it was locked and jammed.

Wu had finished releasing Inez by this time and, with her, rushed into the back room. As he did so Elaine managed to get to her feet and follow in time to see Wu smash the window to the fire-escape with a chair and half shove Inez through to safety.

He was about to follow when he spied the sphygmograph and seized it. That brought him face to face with Elaine. She snatched the record from him. With an oath he struggled with her for it.

By this time Kennedy and I had

forced the door and were in the laboratory.

Wu had bent Elaine back over the table and had drawn a long knife he poised it over her head, he was coming. Our shouts seemed to give Elaine redoubled strength. She sprang away just as Wu stabbed forward and the knife point was deflected the sphygmograph.

There was not an instant to spare and Wu fairly dived out of the door. As we rushed in Kennedy paused to reassure himself of safety, but I plunged after Wu, revolver drawn.

Wildly I shot down from the door at his retreating form. He almost reached the ground when I saw him stagger and fall the way. One of my shots had no effect, but I had used them all.

I started after him. But he slid the last two or three steps a heap on the ground, Inez caught in her arms. Half supporting, pulling, she managed to assist, dazed and wounded criminal to the curb was a closed car, the driver, waiting. She shoved him and tumbled in after him, the car moved swiftly away.

By this time I had reached ground and reloaded my gun ten along. I fired several shots, though I struck the car, I don't think I did any damage, for it continued its speed. The chase was over and I stopped, disgusted.

Back in the laboratory, as I looked through the window, I saw the strain had been too much for her. Now that it was over, she looked and Kennedy was just breathing around.

"Confound him," I exclaimed, wounded him, but the girl got away from us again."

"Oh," murmured Elaine, catching my words, "I was hoping I was hoping you would get it all this time."

For the moment, in his rushing Elaine still safe, Kennedy seemed to have forgotten all about words recalled him.

We gathered about Elaine looked at him and said, "Then you have forgotten Inez," she cried, seizing him in her own.

Kennedy merely smiled and his head gravely.