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## Church Aids Law

As an Institution It Has More Power in Community Than a Courthouse Says San Angelo Pastor.

Following are some excerpts from a discourse delivered by Rev. E. F. Lyon of the First Baptist Church at Harris Avenue Presbyterian Church San Angelo Tuesday night:

"The living church has more power in a community than a courthouse, in that those who live by its precepts do not need a courthouse, and were all men so directed there would be no need for courthouses, jails and other corrective institutions."

The Rev. Mr. Lyon took as his text Isaiah 26:9-10. The subject was: "The Church and Law Enforcement," or Blue Laws and Red Laws, Which?"

"The church is one institution in the world to conserve and disseminate the truth for each succeeding generation. It is ever to be a place of information and inspiration. When the time comes that the truth of God is written on tablets of flesh, which are the hearts of men, rather than upon tablets of stone, then it is that the Spirit will give life and the letter killeth not. The prophet of God holds a far more responsible position than the secular exponent of legislative enactments and with the Word of God in his hand, he is to form the life schedule from the cradle to the grave, placing a flag at every switch and every crossing to warn men of danger and death. It must be remembered that evil has no moral right any time or anywhere."

The two main thoughts considered in the discussion of the subject were: First, when the law of God is made effective; second, when the law of God is made ineffective. Under the first it was noted that God's laws were made effective when reverence for Him is created, worship is safeguarded. What ever tends to diminish the opportunity or desire for worship tends also to bring on a generation that know not the Lord God. Especial mention was made to Sabbath desecraters, those who for pleasure or for gain would themselves remain away from places of worship and induce or necessitate others doing the same are contributing just that much toward destroying the worship of God, he said.

"God is honored also in character building. Churches have training camps for the young and elderly and this sort of training is best and the surest antidote for crime."

The Rev. Mr. Lyon showed that the Sunday school is an aid to the law. Citation was given from the experience of a great judge in New York, who presided over a juvenile court in which he said out of the thousands of boys who had been brought before him for correction not one was a regular attendant of Sunday school.

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## Girls Club Organized

On Wednesday night a Girls Club was organized at the W. H. Bell home in North Robert Lee. The charter members of the organization were: Misses Jessie Box Bell, Mabel Tutb, Ulrich, Ila Ruth Turney, Mary Stubblefield, Iva Snead, and Nettie Bowen.

Officers elected at this initial meeting were: Miss Ila Ruth Turney, president; Miss Mary Stubblefield, secretary, and Miss Jessie Bell, reporter.

The next meeting will be at home of Miss Iva Snead, Wednesday night January 16th, at which time a name for the organization will be decided upon.

## Notice to Poultry Association Members

We have made arrangements with Cumbie Bros., to furnish coops and egg cases at Robert Lee and we will soon be ready to receive all your poultry and poultry products. Our manager intends to ship a car of hens and turkeys as soon as he can find a market. Will load at Bronte and San Angelo. The Association cannot handle produce for any but those who have signed or will sign poultry contracts. We are doing our best to establish an every day market for all kinds of poultry. We have plenty of blank contracts for all that want to sign and help find a market.

J. R. B. Overall, Director

W. J. Greer was in from his farm up the river Wednesday, and called in for the tracts we printed for him last week.

## Words of Gratitude

By the kindly consent of the editor, I wish to express my gratitude and thanks in this paper to the contributors on the new Ford car that was given me Christmas. I feel it not in my power to receive it in as noble a spirit as it was given, but I hope to show my appreciation in a small way in service. I am made more and more to believe that blessings come to the unjust as well as the just. I consider it a great blessing to be thrown among people with big hearts. We are worshipping a great God in a great cause, among great people and I call on every Christian to put forth a great effort this year worthy of God's blessings.

H. C. Draper.

Pastor of Robert Lee, Sanco, and Colorado Bend Baptist churches.

## Dr. Wardlow Coming

Dr. Wardlow, of the firm of Lewis & Wardlow, San Angelo, eye, ear, nose and throat specialists, will be at the City Drug Store, Robert Lee, Friday and Saturday, January 18th, and 19th.

Some men backslide so frequently that the route to the mourner's bench is always worn pretty slick

## Bronte Couple Married

Mr. Blain Ott and Miss Nina Brown, both of Bronte, were married at the Methodist parsonage here Tuesday. Rev. W. E. Hawkins performing the ceremony which made the twain one.

We do not know personally these young people yet we wish them all the peace, happiness and prosperity that human beings are capacitated to enjoy.

## M. G. Reed Pays Us a Visit

M. G. Reed, for many years a resident and enterprising business man of Coke county, but now of Abilene, was in to see us the early part of the week. He had his figures set forward on the Observer and of course we are happy to keep the paper going. Mr. Reed was at one time editor of the Observer.

## Attention, Farmers

The Percifull Gin will gin your cotton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Bring your cotton in on these days.

-Don't forget that J. T. Simmons is making mattresses at the Gene Gann residence in East Robert Lee. Give him your work; he needs it and will appreciate it.

Two names appear in our political announcement column this week. The write up of the candidates will appear next week.

Wayne Clift left this week for Abilene where he entered Draughton's Business College.

## Farm Agent Busy

C. E. Clarke Assumes Duties in Coke County - Assisting in Marketing and Terracing.

Charles Clarke, recently employed by the Coke county commissioners' court as farm agent for this county, arrived here over the week end and has assumed his duties. Mr. Clarke comes here from Llano county, where has been county agent for a number of years.

Beginning the first of this week the new agent is getting in touch with the various communities and leaders in this county in an effort to get all lined up for the raising of more poultry on Coke county farms, for better marketing, and for more terracing.

Farmers here have shown an active interest in terracing and the co-operative marketing of poultry and campaigns to this end will be actively engaged in by Mr. Clarke.

We are happy to have Mr. Clarke and his family with us and trust that his work as farm agent in our county will be both pleasant and profitable. And it will not be otherwise, if our farmers properly co-operate with him.

## At the Churches

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, January 12, at 8:30 p. m. Will Hawkins will preach on the street in front of the drug store at Robert Lee.

Saturday, 7:15 p. m. He will preach, the Lord willing, at Indian Creek schoolhouse.

Sunday, January 13, 10 a. m. The courthouse Bible Class will hold a rally in the court room. Rev. Hawkins will talk on "The Man Who Lost His Coat but Not His Character."

10 a. m. Sunday School at the church. Our aim is 100; 91 is the highest yet in attendance.

11 a. m. The pastor preaches on the subject of "Cornfield Honesty."

3 p. m. Will Hawkins preaches at Edith schoolhouse.

7:15 p. m. The pastor preaches at Robert Lee. Evangelistic services will be held every Sunday night in the month at Robert Lee.

Monday, January 14, 7:15 p. m. The pastor will teach the Sunday School lesson and will expect the teachers and officers to be present.

NOTICE - Tuesday, January 15. Rev. Hawkins has been asked to preach at Bronte Methodist church. He has accepted and he said he would look for more people to be present from Robert Lee than from Bronte. The following are appointed as an auto committee to help bring a crowd of people from Robert Lee to Bronte that night: W. H. Maxwell, Mrs. Dick Cousins, Bud Creech and Fred O. Green. Psalm 121:7 is the Golden Text for next Sunday. Bring your Bible and be present.

### ROBERT LEE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### Geniuses Who Were Once Dunces

Chicago—Dullness in childhood may be an indication of genius in later years. Many of the world's most famous men established reputations as dunces in their youth.

"Henry Ward Beecher was the last boy in his class from whom anything was expected," said D. P. Markey in an address here in the interest of more intensive educational effort in the Americanization movement of the fraternal societies. "Charles Darwin was singularly incapable in his youth of mastering any language. Napoleon graduated forty second in his class."

"The Duke of Wellington did nothing at Eton and was said by his mother to be 'only fit for powder.' Lowell was reprimanded for carelessness in his studies and suspended in his sophomore year. Lord Robert Clive, founder of the Empire of India, was dubbed by his teacher 'a dunce if not a reprobate.'"

"Stonewall Jackson was lowest in a class of twenty. Dryden was a habitual truant. Of Sir Walter Scott it was said, 'dunce he was and dunce he would remain.' Linnaeus, father of modern botany, was called 'unbandy at everything.' Newton was next to the bottom in his class. Huxley detested writing until he was twenty one."

### ONE AT LEAST



She—I suppose you've come very high indeed to accomplish during this New Year?  
He—Well, I hope to marry you.

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### World's Largest Sunday School Class

The largest Sunday School Class in the world is conducted by William Jennings Bryan in the open air of the Royal Palm Park, Miami, Florida. This park comprises about ten acres, near the center is a large band stand built of masonry about five feet above the ground. On each side are rooms not visible from the front but are entered from steps at the rear. The whole structure is arched over so that no sound escapes except from the front.

Mr. Bryan speaks from this stage. He has a strong, mellow voice, and may well be called the "silver-tongued orator." This Sunday School begins in December and ends in April. There is practically no rain through these months and with an ideal climate, has made Miami a great city for the wealthy of the northern states and Canada to spend the winter months. Four and five thousand is the estimated attendance of Mr. Bryan's Sunday School class. This vast audience is seated on long benches that extend to the back street and most of them are under the shade of coconut trees, the leaves of which are twelve to fifteen feet long. The trees are all loaded with cocoanuts in every stage of growth, from the blossom to the ripe nuts, which occasionally fall to the delight of the small boys. In all Mr. Bryan's Sunday School class is a show place and colored post cards of it are for sale with other views of Miami, but there is nothing said about larger crowds attending the baseball games in the park Sunday afternoon. At the far end of the park is the Presbyterian church where Mr. Bryan generally preaches. This building is not large, was built when Miami was a small place. An acre was donated, worth possibly a thousand dollars at that time, but has now become the most valuable spot in town. Since I have been here the back lot adjoining it sold for \$300,000. Across the street opposite is the largest theatre in town and I note that two ropes are stretched across the street tied to the corner park tree which is only a few yards from the front steps of the church. On a banner suspended from it, in large letters, appears this inscription: "Fringolites Fair," and it is only a little way to four more movie theatres. No where have I seen a church located in a spot with more allurements to detract from worship than this one. But every time I have attended every seat has been filled. — E. E. Risien, in San Saba Star.

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Geo Cowan and son, Frank, are prospecting on the Plains this week.

The Percufful Gin will gin your cotton, farmers, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Bring it in on these days.

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### BOY SCIENTIST STUDIES BEES

Interesting Story Told of Childhood of Prof. Frederigo Delpino of Naples.

An interesting story is told of the childhood of Prof. Frederigo Delpino of Naples. His earlier years were largely spent in his father's garden at Chiavari, where he grew fond of studying the habits of ants, bees and wasps, and discovered by his own observation the manner in which the great blue-black bee, *Xylocopa violacea*, constructs its nests.

Years afterward, when Delpino was employed in the customs service, a friend called his attention to the report of an English naturalist describing the manner in which the same bee pollinates the flower of an orchid.

The memory of his childhood's studies instantly came back, and he exclaimed that the insect performed a similar service for the flowers of the *Asclepias*. Hastening to Chiavari, he confirmed his statement, and the result was a paper on the subject which at once gave him a rank in the world of science.

### GERMINATE IN AFTER YEARS

Stories Concerning the Length of Vitality of Seeds Are Commonly Fabulous.

Stories concerning the length of vitality of seeds are commonly fabulous—as in the case of the alleged "mummy" wheat. A case is, however, reported in England in which the seed of gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) unquestionably germinated after lying dormant for 25 years.

A 40-acre tract of gorse and heather-covered land in Cumberland was drained, cleaned and plowed out in 1895. After having been kept in arable rotation for several years it was converted into pasture, where upon numerous gorse

seedlings appeared. These were carefully stubbed out.

The pasture remained free from gorse until last year, when it was plowed up and sown with oats. The crop was reaped and gorse seedlings were found all over the field.

Evidently the last plowing brought to the surface and called to life the seeds that had lain buried for a quarter of a century.

### "HUSBANDS I NEVER HAD"

Woman Writer Says They Have Caused a Good Deal of Concern to Her Relatives.

From my earliest teens the husbands I have never had have caused a good deal of concern to a good many persons. In those distant days feminine relatives would from time to time shake their heads over me and groan in unison, "I pity your husband!"

Those early insinuations of domestic incapacity were not then painful to me, for at that time I thought little about husbands, and cared less; but now that I have attained to tender years, I have suffered—and recently—an acute jab to my self-esteem—this at the hands of a personage no less important than our cook.

In the absence of the housekeeping member of the family, I had assumed authority, but my best efforts elicited merely the comment, "You don't care much for housekeeping, does you, miss? It's a good thing you ain't never had a husband!"

Somehow I feel it a little hard on my character, which, without undue conceit, I consider to have been on the whole inoffensive, that people should have pitied my husbands both before and after my not taking them!—Winifred Kirkland in Harper's Magazine.

## Hear Ye!!

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### A DANGEROUS STEP

In the city of St. Louis a few days ago a judge had to threaten to send several people to jail if they didn't quit applauding when a jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty." It is not the first time, for we read every now and then of enthusiastic outbursts when verdicts of acquittal are handed down.

There is a meaning behind all this, even though some citizens are unable to see it. It means that too many people are coming to look upon the law as their enemy instead of their protector, and that they are glad when the law loses instead of wins. In a way such belief is bad for the country. It tends to lead the thousands of foreign born citizens to believe that laws are made to taunt and oppress us, and that those who sit on juries and bring in verdicts of guilty are enemies of the common people. Of course we know that laws are intended to protect, but there seems to be such a growing tendency to believe otherwise that we feel it is the duty of every good citizen to teach growing boys proper respect for our state and national statutes. So-called schools of Americanization in our larger cities, too, intended to make good citizens of the foreign born, ought to dwell on this subject stronger than on anything else.

There is little hope ahead for a people who grow to disrespect their country's laws. It brings revolution and bloodshed in the end. America is too firmly rooted and too solidly set in ways that are right to tolerate even the slightest attempt to scoff at her laws. And it is time we were making this fact more generally understood.

### THE OUTLOOK

The arrival of the year 1924 brings many signs of hopefulness for the entire world and reading, as we have, everything in the nature of forecasts we have found in print, we cannot help expressing the belief that the coming twelve months will find us much farther on the road that leads to world-wide peace and permanent prosperity.

Austrian officials send word that they are entering the year "with confidence;" Hungary's condition will be bettered now that she has managed to float a much-needed loan; the outlook for Germany is brighter than it has been since the close of the war by reason of the appointment of American experts to examine into her affairs and determine how much she is able to pay in reparations. The entire situation in Europe, in fact, gives much promise and offers the hope that by the time another twelve months rolls around some important changes shall have taken place which will benefit all man-

The rates for announcements will be as follows: For district offices, \$15 00; for county offices, \$10 00; for precinct offices, \$7 50.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries of 1924:

For District Judge of the 51st Judicial District:

C. E. DUBOIS

For County Treasurer:

MRS MATTIE DANIEL

kind.

Three great national elections will be held this year—in the United States, in France and in Italy. Russia still remains much the same mystery that has marked her for years, and so secretly are her affairs still being conducted that no one cares to venture a prediction as to what the future holds in store for her. Throughout this country, all over this state, even here in Robert Lee we find conditions very good, or at least not so bad as some of our pessimistic friends try to lead us to believe. We could go farther and fare worse. And with more hope and less "grouch" we are going to get through this year even better than we did in 1923, no matter if it is the year of false political prophets and chronic calamity howlers.

### TRY THIS TO WIN

If this was a new and doubtful experiment we wouldn't urge merchants of Robert Lee to try it. But it is so old, has been employed so many years and always with success, that we want to urge its adoption here. Here is the plan: If you are selling goods, no matter what kind, or selling service of any nature, figure up your total business for last year. Then set aside a per cent—say four, six, or even eight per cent, of the total gross business you did and spend it for newspaper advertising this year. Every big store and every manufacturing concern does that, and it never fails to bring them bigger business than they did the previous year. If it works for the big ones it's bound to work for the little ones. Set aside a reasonable per cent of last year's gross business and then spread it out judiciously in advertising throughout the entire year. Pass up catch penny schemes and stick ALL your appropriation into the kind of advertising that goes direct into the home—your home town paper. Try it.—and you'll learn the one big lesson of business success.

### Bilious Headache

When you have a severe headache, a disordered stomach and constipation, take three of Chamberlain's tablets. They will correct the disorders of the liver and bowels, effectually curing the headache. adv.

### POSTED

All persons are warned not to Haul wood, Hunt, Fish, gather pecans, drive stock or otherwise trespass in the Walling, Little Snyder and Yellow Wolf pastures west of town. If caught you will be prosecuted.

FRED ROE.  
Robert Lee, Tex., May 1, 1923

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### Constipation

Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly once each day, to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipes of your home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed. adv.

Rev. W. E. Hawkins and J. J. Yarbrough from Robert Lee circuit and Rev. W. E. Anderson and W. L. Butler of Bronte circuit attended the Pastors' Conference at Brownwood Monday. They went in Bro. Hawkins' car which was driven by Dr. Easton and wife.

H. C. Allen, Sheriff and Tax Collector, announces that the time for paying license on automobiles in Coke county has been extended from the 1st, to the 31st, of January. After that date 25 per cent penalty will be added for those who have not registered.

George Peay was in from his farm up on Pecan Thursday and made our face shine like a new dollar when he had his figures on the Observer put a year ahead. He says the grasshoppers destroyed his crop last year and if they come again he hopes they will take their spite out on someone else.

Don't forget to bring your cotton to the Percifull Gin on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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**LOCAL NEWS.**

School opened again Monday and is moving along nicely.

**NOTICE**—Plenty of wood for sale. Phone J. C. Slaughter.

John Walker, a prosperous citizen of Silver community, was among visitors to the county seat Tuesday.

Farmers, fix in your minds the ginning days of the Perch full Gin—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Sam King, who for many years has been a tiller of the soil near Edith, was in our midst Saturday.

—Just come on in and get you winter's supply of that good old Flake White Flour at Cumbie Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown returned Wednesday night from Dallas where they attended an insurance convention.

—No more wood hauling from Harris Bros., pasture without a written order dated the day that you get it.

William, Picas, and Chris Milican, of Pecan neighborhood, were transacting business in Robert Lee Thursday.

—Wear the best shoes. And that is what you will do if you get a pair of the Robert Johnson & Rand Shoes at Cumbie Bros.

J B B. Overall who was in from his farm near Sance Tuesday says that cotton picking on his place will soon be over.

Judge E. J. Stockton was elected chairman of the circuit board of stewards at a meeting of the board Wednesday night.

Talk about hats all you please but you'll find none better than the John D Stetson which is in stock at Cumbie Bros

Judge Adams returned last week from a visit to his sister, Mrs. B. W. Lee, and other relatives at Brooksmith, Texas.

A fresh stock of oak timber has just arrived and we would be delighted to have you come and see it whether you buy or not. W. K. Simpson & Co.

J. A. Burgess and J. F. Blair, of the Edith settlement, called to see us Saturday. Mr. Burgess began the New Year right by subscribing for the Observer.

—We are now receiving a car load of lumber and shingles. See us and get our prices before you buy.

W. K. Simpson & Co.

C. L. Wyrick, of San Angelo, representing the Bibles, Hurlburt's Story of the Bible and other publications of the Universal Book and Bible House of Philadelphia, was here this week.

—There is no better meal on the market than Cream Meal. We will be glad to sell you a sack just any day.

Cumbie Bros.

The following Robert Lee citizens had business in San Angelo Monday: Mesdames Allen, Jumble, McCatchen, Coulson, Arnold, Vidal, Mae Coulson, and Messrs. J. G. Berryman and Gerald Allen.

Rev. H. C. Draper and wife, motored up to the home of Wm. Jameson at Silver Tuesday night to visit Mrs. Jameson who was suffering from a severe attack of indigestion.

Misses Jelle Box Box Bell, Mabel Tebb, Ma Beth Turney, and Nettie Brown motored to Sance Tuesday night to see Mr. and Mrs. E. C. White who were visiting there from Lubbock. Mrs. White was formerly Miss Mary Palmer and lived at Robert Lee for several years, her mother, at one time, being county treasurer here.

**A MEETING QUEER**

By DOROTHY R. SCOVILLE

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SHE didn't have a job and there wasn't one in sight. Room rent due in two days, and her typewriter needed a new ribbon. The blue eyes were a bit discouraged and the mouth had lost its smile. Everything seemed so hopeless. The gray day just matched Kay Lane's mood. She was sitting on a bench near the river's edge. A high hedge screened her from passersby and the traffic on the bridge. She sat staring at the swirling dead leaves and the muddy water of the river. Suddenly a shadow fell across the leaves. A slender, youngish man with confused brown eyes stood by the bench, awaying uncertainly, and with a hand tightly clasped over the bench back.

"Do you mind if I—sit here?" he questioned weakly.

Before she could reply he sat down on the bench beside her with limp heaviness.

"Excuse me for intruding," he murmured. "I didn't think there would be anyone here."

"You should be home in bed. You are ill." She said this impatiently, frowning at him.

"Yes, I agree with you." He gave a little grin. "But I don't own a home or a bed at present."

"Oh," she said. "I'm sorry I can't help you," she reflected, after a pause.

"Please—I'm not a beggar—yet," he said quickly.

"Then what are you?" She faced him squarely.

"A wanderer," he said simply. "Recently arrived on the freighter San Pedro from South America. Acquired malaria while there, and some one acquired all but a few pesetas of my money when I arrived here. Jobs don't seem to be very numerous, either."

"Are you a job hunter, too?" she asked, with a little laugh. "We seem to have that much in common, anyway."

"I may get a ship to the West Indies tomorrow, though," he said.

"And I may get my story accepted tomorrow," she said.

"And if we don't?" he questioned cynically.

"Don't think of it!" she begged. The street lights twinkled on. The darkness was creeping in.

"I must be going now," she said, "and I wish you luck, wanderer." She held out her hand to her shabby bench companion.

"But won't you tell me your name, and may I not write to you if I do go away?" he pleaded. "A friend helps a lot," he added wistfully.

She looked at him with a steady keenness. Then she nodded assent. Hastily she produced a fountain pen and from a notebook tore a scribbled name and address.

The next day a certain story was accepted for the munificent sum of \$65.

The youngish man in blue dungarees on the deck of a squat tramp steamer plowing out of the harbor looked wistfully back at the fading city. "Nice girl," he sighed. And at every port he mailed a letter.

A month later Kay Lane stories were appearing in nearly all the magazines. Success comes quickly when it does come.

She moved to a better neighborhood and acquired a little three-room apartment—a quiet little place on the third floor. Across from her apartment was an empty one, whose tenants were a writer who was away gathering material for his stories, and an actor, who was also away much of the time on tour.

Then one day the apartment across the hall was opened. One of its occupants had evidently returned, for there was a banging of doors and heavy walking.

That evening as she was trying to catch an elusive word needed in a story she was working on she was startled by a harsh voice in the neighboring apartment crying out in agony:

"Help! Oh, help us! For the love of heaven, help us!" She sat frozen for a moment. Then there came a shrill scream of terror. A man's voice said brutally, "Shut up!"

She sang open the door and looked across at the door of the other apartment. She was about to turn into her room, when again came that unnatural cry.

"I'll choke you if you screech like that again!" threatened the man's voice.

"Why?" she exclaimed. There was a moment of surprised silence. "Wanderer!"

"You said—" Again that terrifying scream. "Confound that parrot!" he exclaimed angrily. "You said your story, didn't you?"

"But you—I thought you were really a wanderer. Instead, I find you a writer with a perfectly nice apartment," she accused him.

"Just like you," he laughed. "But I honestly was out of a job that day I met you. And this apartment is only half mine. A friend shares it, but he's away now. The day I met you he had just left on a short trip and expected to be back before me, so I was locked out of my own apartment. The landlady didn't recognize me and wouldn't let me in with her pass key."

"I've been having luck lately, so that accounts for my change of address," she smiled. "But it's all so queer and unconventional," she added.

"A meeting queer is often dear," he quoted with a gay smile.

**PROMPT "YES" UPSETS PLANS**

**Bashful Youth Totally at Loss to Express His Thanks When Invitation Is Accepted.**

Gubbins is a bashful youth of eighteen. Anxious to invite a certain girl to a dance he didn't know what method of procedure to follow. He appealed to a friend and confidently explained his difficulty. The friend came nobly to the rescue. "I'll tell you what," said he. "I'll write out some questions and answers you can make when you ring her up on the 'phone. Why, man, it's easy as pie." Obliging he did so and Gubbins returned home and to the telephone, says the New York Sun and Globe.

"Maisie," said he when the young woman was at the other end of the wire, "will—will you—er—go with me—to—to—the dance—at—the Country club next Saturday night?" "Why, Bill Gubbins," said the girl, "I'd be delighted."

"Er—er," mumbled the bashful youth. "Er—" Then, completely overcome, hung up.

His friend had provided him with a list of arguments and replies, but had failed to provide for an immediate acceptance.

**KING AND ROYAL WEDDINGS**

**George Can Say "No" Only Under Certain Conditions, but Parliament Is Supreme.**

Statute law gives King George larger powers than any other head of a family in supervising matrimony.

Under the terms of the royal marriages act of 1772 no descendant of George II except the issue of princesses marrying into foreign families is capable of contracting matrimony without the consent of the reigning sovereign, subject to an important saving clause which the wisdom of parliament dictated.

A member of the royal family may marry in spite of the sovereign's veto if he or she has reached the age of twenty-five and has given twelve months' notice to the privy council. Where these conditions are fulfilled the marriage is valid unless both houses of parliament declare their disapproval.—London Tit-Bits.

**ALL NOT GOLD THAT GLITTERS**

In the cheaper jewelers' shops one often sees a trinket advertised as eighteen-karat Oroide gold. This is simply a compound of copper and a very little gold.

The person who buys such an article under the impression that Oroide is the place where the gold came from has no redress whatever when he is disillusioned, because the article is exactly what it is described to be. Then there is Mannheim gold which has no trace of this precious metal in its composition; while Mosaic gold is another metal of the same sort.

Nuremberg gold now beginning to make its appearance in this country, looks very like the genuine article. It does not tarnish, and is the same color throughout, but it only has two per cent of real gold in it, the rest being copper and aluminum. The sovereign contains eleven parts of gold to one of copper, while the coins of the United States have nine parts gold to one copper.—London Answers.

There's this much to be said in favor of a dog—he doesn't pretend to be anything.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

**FIRST GUARANTY STATE BANK**

At Robert Lee, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1923 published in The Observer a newspaper printed and published at Robert Lee, State of Texas on the 11th day of Jan. 1923.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$90,027.66
Overdrafts.....	146.77
Bonds and Stocks.....	50,722.32
Real estate (banking house).....	4,500.00
Other real estate.....	6,213.91
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,500.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand.....	260,731.19
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	1,834.19
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	748.59
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$419,424.63</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in.....	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	11,000.00
Reserved for Taxes.....	753.14
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	371,066.49
Time Certificates of Deposits.....	6,800.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$419,424.63</b>

State of Texas, County of Coke—

We, D. R. Campbell, as Vice-President, and Paul J. Brown, as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. R. Campbell, Vice-President.

PAUL J. BROWN, Cashier.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 5th day of Jan. A. D. 1924.

J. A. Chitt, Notary Public, Coke County, Texas

Correct—Attest: John Saul, M. B. Sheppard, Fred Roe, Directors.

**POET'S CORNER**

Coke county is the home of some poets as you will see when you read the poems below. We do not know the names of the writers but they are welcome to our columns.

**PHILOSOPHY**

The sun went down;  
The night grew cold;  
The white stars paled;  
The moon grew old

Through dark tree  
The wild wind moaned,  
And through deep valleys  
It wailed and groaned.

Cold in my attic  
I was, and still,  
While the wind crept in  
And out at will.

My life was broken,  
My dreams were dead;  
And in their place  
Were ashes instead.

But man must hope  
And then despair,  
Then hope again  
When life grows fair.

So arise my soul  
While youth is sweet,  
And grasp the gifts  
Poured at thy feet.  
—Anonymous.

**HARD-BOILED**

I am a stupid student,  
I ain't no hand to learn;  
But I ain't goin' to worry none—  
I just don't give a darn.

The world has all us frowned on me;  
Just why I can't dissarn;  
But I ain't seeekin' fer no reason—  
I just don't give a darn.

My heart's long since quit runnin',  
A busted up consarn;  
But I ain't weepin' foolish tears,  
Fer I don't give a darn.  
—Anonymous.

**N. DOW CHAPMAN**  
INCOME TAX CONSULTANT

I will be in Robert Lee at the First State Bank on

January 18th, 1924

—Remember when you want groceries that Robert Hardware Company has a full line of just such groceries as you need and want. Come on in and let us sell you something. You will find a hearty welcome at our store.

Mrs. G. H. Cornell, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mrs. C. C. Inge, of Dallas, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pnett, motored up from Dallas New Year's Day to visit their parents and other relatives here. They returned home Friday, January 4th.

S. C. Gartman and wife, who are holding positions in the San Jon, New Mexico High School, visited relatives and friends at Sance during the holidays. Both Mr. Gartman and his wife are graduates of Simmons College and are making good in their chosen profession of teaching.

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