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# **PREPARING** ROAD BOND SAL

"Abstract" Must be Forwarded to Attorney General For Approval Before Sale

GIVES ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS

Preparation Required Seventeen Major Steps-Begins With Petition For Election

Preparation of the \$600,00 road bond issue of Nolan County for sale on December 20, when it will be offered at a sealed bid sale to bond buyers, has occupied a good share of the recent attention of County Judge A. S. Mauzey, County Clerk Gus Farrar and Treasurer W. T. Hightower.

All of this is of course an incidental part of the red tape necessary before any roads can be built.

Before the bonds can be sold they must be approved by the Attorney Gen eral, which means not only the bonds themselves but the whole proceedings by which they were issued.

A sort of abstract showing each step is forwarded to him and then bond buy ers, in addition to the opinion of the attorney general of the state, which can be wrong sometimes, want this abstract approved by a firm of attorneys who specialize in this sort of work Nolan County is sending this abstract to Wood and Oakley of Chicago. They charge \$400 for reading the abstract and approving it. But bond buyers do not want to take any chances with having somebody take a shot at the legality of the said bonds especially after the money has been spent on the roads And without this opinion from an approved firm of bond attorneys it is very doubtful if buyers would be willing to plank down the cold cash.

In the preparation of this "abstract" there are 17 major steps requiring many closely written pages of legal visiting realtives at Abilene over the foolscap. The abstract begins with the petition to the Commissioners Court for the election with the signa-

missioners Court for the election, and the election notice itself. The election notice as published in the Sweetwater Reporter is pasted in, and also an affidavit from the editor swearing to the number of times and dates it was published.

Then follows the official ballot, the election returns as canvassed, the affidavit of County Judge Mauzey as to the election judges. Two orders of Commissioners Court canvassing the returns and authorizing the issuance of the bonds are followed by the affidavit of the assessor and collector as Station Friday night, after spending to the taxable values of the county and the week at A. & M. College, bringing of the road district No. 1,

as to no election contest and from the Some of the designs were used in the County Judge and the County Clerk construction of poultry houses used in follow. The last is the financial state. the egg laying contest at A. & M. Colment of the county, as published last lege. week in the Reporter.

ent Teachers Association will meet ence in the handling of the poultry and the Southwest as a better place in charge. at 3 o'clock

will meet Tuesday afternoon from 2 to placed on exhibition at the Poultry 3 in the basement auditorium of the Methodist Church.

Local Theatre Damaged by Fire Presents Pleasing Appearance With Improvements Noted

People who attended the opening of the new Queen Theatre received a dis- of cities in Eastland County who are day and Saturday. tinct surprise when they entered the offering 10 and 20 acre tracts of land remodeled show house.

Centered mirrors of the screens in the foyer greeted its patrons, and the told of a man going to a Plains town, 13-6, and the "Preying" Abilene Eagles north of Roscoe. new indirect lighting system made a at the end of a branch line of railroad clawed the Amarillo eleven 48-0. decided impression on the theatre goers and onlookers who filled the

theatre Saturday morning. scheme, blended by the soft glow from big money to local intrests," Mr. Calthe flood lights along the walls, and vert said. contrasted by the green and gold hang

ings, not only pleases but weclomes. The house played to large audiences throughout the day and Saturday even Special to Reporter. ing "stood 'em up" as the show man

tion as operator at the T-P depot,

WOMAN ROBBED BANK

By The United Press.

FOSTORIO, Ohio, Dec. 8 .- A woman robber today held up two girl clerks in the Ohio Savings and Loan Bank here and escaped with \$10,000.

She appeared to be between 35 and 40, according to the girls and was neatly dressed. Ordering them to "shell out." she then commanded them to face the wall and not look around for 40 minutes. Then she walked out,

W. H. Horn, Night Watchman, Discov ered Shot Through Head by Newspaper Agent

By The United Press.

FERRIS, Tex. Dec. 8 .- W. H. Horn, 50 night watchman, was found dead in the office of the mayor here early today by L. S. Flippen newspaper agent.

Horn had been shot through the head.

Later it was discovered that robbers had made an unsuccessful attempt to break open the safe of the Farmer's and Merchants Bank. It was believed the bandits had shot

Horn before making any attempt to rob the bank Horn made his headquarters at the

mayor's office during the night beween rounds as a watchman.

There will be a debate Monday night at W. O. W. Hall between two representatives from the Woodmen Circle ject is Resolved. "Fire is more destructive than water." Miss Dorothy Fultz and Mr. Lambert. affirmative: Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. -George Parker are

W. C. Calvert Returns from College Station With Sketches and Blue Prints Model Houses

BUILD ONE AT SHOW

Local Lumbermen to Construct One From Plans For Exhibition at Poultry Show Here Next Week

W. C. Calvert returned from College with him a number of blue prints and Certificates from the District Clerk sketches for model poultry houses.

These model houses vary from 25 to 100 hen capacity and are designed clared. The ladies of the High School Par so a sto give the maximum conveni-Tuesday afternoon at the High School at a minimum of expense for construc

From these blue prints a model poul The Daughters of the Confederacy try house will be built and will be show to be held here next week be ginning Dec. 19. Local lumber dealers will furnish the material, together with a chart showing just how much of this amterial is needed and its cost. After the show the house will be sold.

Mr. Calvert has plenty of these blue prints, or can get them for any one who is interested in construction.

Sweetwater as an ideal location for emphasized by Mr. Calvert. He told near the city to poultrymen on the

and putting in a \$10,000 poltry plant.

ACQUIT LONG

AMARILLO, Dec. 8 .- Henry Long, charged with the murder of John Wallace, a boarder in his home, was ac- team next week but they may kick Carl Crews of Baird has taken a post quitted by a jury here after 30 minutes over the much abused "dope" bucket deliberation.

# REBELS MOVE TO BEASTLY MURDER SEIZE OIL FIELD BY CRAZED MAN

Federal Troops and Supporters of De La Huerta Engaged in Battle At Jalapa Saturday

OBREGON SEEMS CONFIDENT

Reassuring Statements Issued From Mexico City-Border is Quiet-Train Service Continues

By The United Press.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8 .- Rebels and Federal troops clashed today at Jalapa ,the capital of Vera Cruz as the insurgents under the command of Gen. Sanchez moved apparently toward the oil field of Tampico. Three columns of federal troops met them there, and the battle was under way Saturday.

In a statement issued here today by the Federal government it was declar ed that military leaders from all over the country are coming forward and offering their support to the Obregon government. Confidence was expressed that the government could handle the situation.

(It was evident however that all dispatches from Mexico City are care fully censored).

## QUIET AT MATAMOPAS

BROWNSVILLE, Dec, 3 .- The low r Mexican border is quiet tonight. Matamoras is strongly pro-Obregon and is more interested in the opening of a new race track Sunday than in the revolution. No troop movements have been reported from border towns and train service is continuing uninter rupted. The town is under the watchnegative Mrs. Andrews and Mary ful eye of the military however, martial law having been declared yesterday as a precaution.

> It was reported that Calles has suspended his campaign for the prestdency and is heading the federal troops against the rebels, who are sup porting the cause of De La Huerta for eats of an light pound girl that has president. General angel Flores is been named Margaret Jane. that he was supporting Obregon in his crisis. Flores is also a candidate for the presidency.

St. Louis Banker Says Texas Cottor Crop Worth More Than Entire Wheat Crop of U. S.

DALLAS, Dec. 8 .- The Texas cotton crop this year is worth more than the entire wheat crop of the United States according to John G. Lonsdale, president of the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis who with 12 other bankers of St. Louis visited Dallas Saturdays on a tour of the Southwest.

"Workers are beginning to look to which to live, which will tend to speed up development here. An industrial era in Texas is just in its beginning."

Eagles Overwhelm Golden Sandstorm -Waco, Wichita Falls, Beaumont, Yorktown Are Contenders

Five high school elevens, Waco, Abilene, Wichita Falls Beaumont and Yorktown, now remain in the "scrim-

Yorktown was to have played San "Sweetwater with is incomparable Antonio Main Avenue High, which was railroad facilities should get right in eliminated by Beaumont, but deep mud The ivory and warm brown color behind this poultry business. It means prevented them from reaching Alamo

The two favorites are Waco, the 1922 champions, and Abilene, runner up to Waco last year.

Waco will no doubt defeat Beaumont this week and Abilene is expected to win over Wichita Falls. Yorktown will be matched with some eliminated and work into the finals.

MARTYR TO MOTHER LOVE Had Feared Fate For Years But Did

Nude Headless Body of Crazed Wife of

Wealthy Real Estate Operator

Found in Shallow Grave

Not Wish to Deprive Children of Home And Comfort

By The United Press. MILWAUKEE, Wis, Dec. 8 .-Smothered, then decapitated with a butcher knife, Mrs. Ora Belle Tompkins, 42, wife of a wealthy real estate operator was sacrificed as a martyr to mother love when her husband, Ray Tompkins smothered her life out in a manner more horrible than could be conceived seemingly by the most disordered imagination

For years Mrs. Tompkins had known her husband was a suspected paranoic and she lived in daily fear of meeting the horrible fate which was meted out to her Thursday.

Her nude, headless body was found in a shallow grave overlooking Lake

Michigan about. 13 miles. from. Milwaukee. Tompkins confessed to having murdered he rThursday morning and burying her Thursday afternoon. Discovery was made Saturday after a long search.

Mrs. Tompkins was torn between a desire for safety and love for her children. Mother love prevailed , and rather than deprive her children of the home to which they had been accustomed she remained with her hus band. Finally, driven to desperation, she had determined to leave on Friday. She was murdered Thursday in a most beastly manner.

Ladies of the First Christian Church wil meet Monday afternoon at 3 at the church for Bible Study.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Carr of Ranger are spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carr.

First Charge in County of Driving Car While Drunk Preferred Against Jim Hoskins

Jim Hoskins was placed in the county jail Saturday, charged with driving a car while intoxicated. He was ar rested by Chief Johnson and Deputy Sheriff Musgrove.

Hoskins, who lives in the Blackland community, is out on bond from Hop kins County, it is reported.

A law passed by the last legislature "You Texas people should be pros makes driving a car while intoxicated perous if any one is," Lonsdale de la felony with a penitnuary sentence hitched to its violation. This is the first arrest by local officers on this

> WEATHER West Texas Sunday unsettled in north portion, generally fair.

Funeral Held Saturday From Home Mrs. Simon O'Keef, a Daughter-Was Pioneer Here

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Mary C. Linn, aged 77 years, from the residence of her commercial poultry raising was again mage" for State Righ School Cham- daughter Mrs. Simon O'Keefe on Pine pionship, following the games of Fri Street, Dr. L. G. Morony conducted services. Interment followed in the Waco defeated Granger 74-0 Friday. City Cemetery and was witnessed by Beaumont eliminated Corpus Christi a large number of relatives and neighcondition that they improve it. He 6-0, Wichita Falls defeated Texarkana bors from her old home ten miles

> Mrs. Linn died Friday night follow ing a two weeks illness with pneumonit, caused from exposure received on the night of November 25th when the home of her daughter, Mrs, J. T. McBlothlin was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Linn and husband came to this country about 42 years ago when Nolan County was first organized and Sweetwater was only a small village She has lived in and around Sweet-

Her husband, Capt. J. Z. Linn died about 12 years ago and she has lived

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SHOT TWO WAITERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- Early morning revelers in a Chicago cabaret were thrown into a panic when a gunman shot and killed two waiters and wounded another and was himself wounded by a police serg-

The gunman began shooting when waiters refused to bring him a bowls of cracked ice.

There were about 500 patrons in the cafe when the shooting began, None of them lost any time getting

Two Mothers And Five Children Burn ed to Death-Bodies Found

Near Door By The United Press.

WALLACEBURG, Ont., Dec. 8,-Trapped in the kitchen of their farm home, two mothers and five children were burned to death here

All of the bodies were in the kitchen and near the door, showing that the victims had made a desperate attempt to escape from the flames just before the roof fell

Mrs. Harry Babcock and her four children and Mrs. Ramsey and her haby son were the victims. Mrs. Ramsey was a sister of Mrs. Babcock.

DIES UNDER TRUCK

Attempting to Push Machine From Mud Slipped Under Wheels

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 8,-Hubert Mor gan, 24, single, motor freight operator of Eldorado died from a broker back left arm and 'several fractured ribs, sustained on the pike six miles north of Eldorado. He slipped under the wheels of a Ford ton motor truck, which he, with Grover Spurgers, was attempting to push out of the mud. onto the new highway.

Stanley Baldwin Expected to Resign Next Tuesday While Half Dozen Men Have a Chance

UNPRECEDENTED

British Political History Has No Paraltel-Utter Defeat of Conservatives-No Majority

By The United Press.

LONDON, Dec. 8,-Half a dozen Britons are waiting the outcome of teeming political conferences that may make any one of them Premier of the British Isles a sthe result of the unexpected debalce of the Conservative

Lloyd George is being given credit for the defeat.

Tuesday and it is expected that the from the plant. Premier will hand his resignation to

King George then. There does not seem to be much prospect of a coalition between the ment out there. Conservatives and the Liberals. Every newspaper that has backed the Conservative Party is excoriating Baldwin, ministers of the city are taking turns charging him with mashing the party.

TO CONSULT COLLEAGUES

By The United Press.

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- Premier Stanley Baldwin will consult his colleagues of Town Crowded Saturday With Merry the Conservative party to determine when he shall present his resignation as chief of the government.

The reorganization of the Baldwin Cabinet is practically certain. The exact time they will step out is how- that local merchants have had since ever uncertain.

It was indicated by late returns that the new parliament will be composed as follows.

Conservatives 259, Liberals 148, Lab

orites 193. All others 2; total 602. Some Conservatives are advocating an attempt to carry on without a majority arranging with the Liberals for a program wherein each side would refrain from introducing contentious Most of the stores have their holiday legislation.

The situation is unprecedented in how a solution can be reached.

# PROGRESS RAPID

Pneumatic Hammers Resound on Steel "I" Beams Rivited Into Place For Plant Buildings

EXPECT MARCH 1 PRODUCTION

Sheetrock Mill Will Not Get Into Opera tion Before June 1, It is Thought -Build Houses

The rat-tat-tat of a pneumatic rivet ing hammer, called an "airgun" by the en who use it is resounding over the territory immediately east of Sweetwater as the big steel "I" beams are hoisted into place for the framework of the numerous buildings for the Unit ed States Gypsum Co.

Unless one has driven out there recently, it is a little difficult to get a conception of the size of this enterprise that is beginning to add so much

to the commercial life of the town. Approximately 120 men are at work now and more are being added daily. Freight jams back east are delaying material somewhat, but there is enough on hand and put together so that the observer now has some idea of

what the plant will look like. The steel framework for the mill wherein are boused four big kettles is nearly up and the roof will be in place soon. This is four stories in height. The roof and floors will be of concrete and the sides will be sheathed with corrugated iron. Just east of this the gypsite storage shed is nearing completion. The foundation concrete for the crushing mill to crush the gyprock is nearly completed near ly north of this. West of the main mill, the "I" beams for the warehouse are going into place and west of the warehouse, the foundations have been dug for the sheetrock mill, which will be 400 feet in length. The block mill. another huge building will be located west of the board mill. It has not

been started yet. Three of the four bollers for the pow er house have arrived and the foundations for them are being built. The power plant will have a rated capacity of 650 horsepower, which will be prob ably greatly overloaded.

The railroad trestle to the rock quarry is well under way and so is the bridge over the Sweetwater Creek farther east.

When the mill is in operation, gypsite will go into the storage bins and will be elevated in screw conveyors to the upper bins where it will be fed into the kettles and the heat applied. The gyprock will first be crush ed before it is heated in the kettles. Then more screw conveyors will march it into the warehouse where it will be sacked as plaster, or to the boardmill, to be turned out as Sheetrock, or further on to the block mill where the building blocks are turned

Production is expected to begin about March 1 with the boardmill in operation possibly by June 1. From The Baldwin Cabinet wil Imeet next 15 to 25 cars a day will be turned out

New houses are going up every day near the plant to house the workmen. There is beginning to be quite a settle

Church services Sunday by Rev. Hen son of the Methodist Church. The holding religious services each Sunday afternoon.

Jingle of Cash Register Very Much In Evidence

Saturday proved itself one of the best days from a business standpoint the days of 1919 and in some instances probably better than it was then

There was an unusually large crowd in town to begin with and at a late hour Saturday night many of them were still here. And all of them had money and they proceeded to spend it.

The first of the Christmas shopping began to make its influence felt in addition to the regular needs of folks. offerings well displayed and while there is a good deal of "shopping" gothe history of British politics. Neith ing on now, there is ample buying too.

er of the three parties represented has Were a bank call to be issued now, a majority. Political leaders and the there is not much question but what public generally is at a loss to know bank deposits would show new high

## DOUTHIT, MAYS & PERKINS

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to you clean, soft and

Successful dyeing of

articles is a certainty

when you leave them

anteed workmanship.

### SALE POSTPONED

The Hereford calf to be sold by the sold Saturday but Mr. Sorenson, who donated the calf, offered to keep it

al Bank here is cooperating.

By The United Press.

CALVES FROM MIDLAND

Des Moines is expected to visit Mid

land shortly for the purpose of expedi-

C at Midland thru the Midland Nation

HORSES SHOW

THE STORE With The

Whitten's Shop

CHRISTMAS

SPIRIT

Pennsylvania S. P. C. A.

Today there are more horses on the MIDLAND, Dec. 8 .- Unusual activity streets of Philadelphia than there were ladies of the Christian Church will be here is under way in the shipment of five years ago. There are now 28,000 ing northeast corner square. calves from breeder to feeder. The horses here.

Iowa Live Stock Exchange of Des The increase in the number of hors with the regular Hereford sale con- Moines is backing a movement for a es is due to the discovery that horse ducted here. It was advised to be very extensive shipment of calves from drawn vehicels are more economical Midland and extreme West Texas to for short hauls within the city limits lowa feeders and Leon Goodman of involving many stops.

> ting the movement. W. R. Chancellor Unit Director of the West Texas C of an bazaar,

### BANKERS COMING SOUTH

STAMFORD, Dec. 8 .- Efforts are being made by by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to interest the com PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8 .- The horse mittee of St. Louis Bankers who are less Age has not yet been reached, ac planning to tour Texas to include a cording to William T. Phillips of the part of West Texas in their itinerary. A communication has been sent by dent of the National Bank of Com- 5,000 bales, which means much prosendeavor to include some West Texas section cities and towns in the itinerary of the St. Louis bankers. About 100 St.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Brown received a marriage license Sat ton territory of America. urday from Gus Farrar, County Clerk

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

See the Xmas Bazaar in Snell build

### BANDSMAN HERE

Arthur J. Gensler, leader of the famous Red Hussar Rand of Waco stop ped over in Sweetwater Saturday while enroute to the Coast where his band is scheduled to appear. He said be Beautiful Xmas gifts at Presbyteri had to come around to the Reporter office to say what a nice town be thought Sweetwater was.

### RAISES COTTON

Hale County Profits by Large Cotton

PLAINVIEW, Dec. 8 .- Plainview has the West Texas Chamber of Com- the other gins of Hale County bringmerce to Hon, John G. Lonsdale, Presi ing the total for the county to about merce at St. Louis, requesting that he perity for the cotton farmers of this

It is estimated that the cotton and but that West Texas when properly by the state of Teaxs. settled by energetic cotton farmers will soon be the greatest cotton growing section of the South, as there is more good land to the section in West Ernest Harris and Miss Jeffy Nolan Texas than any other part of the cot-

# ORIENT MAN HURT

Motor Car Jumps Track at Colorado stomach, tonsils or adenoids, River Bridge Near Bronte

SAN ANGEL, Dec. 8 .- Joe Powers an employe in the car department of the Orient Railroad here, residing at 201 East Sixteenth street, sustained a broken collar bone and internal injuries when a motor car on which he was riding jumped the track near Bronte. length of time and do not get any bet-The accident happened at one end of ter do not fall to call, as improper the Colorado River bridge, the ma- measures rather than disease are very chine leaving the trestle.

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Mrs. M. Robertson to R. F. Golden \$1000 N 1-2 lot 14 and lot 15 blk 28

City of Sweetwater to G. W. McDon

Mrs. M. E. Archer to W W. Pickett \$2000 being N pt. Sec. 207, blk 64 H & T. C. Ry land.

Pius Pausewang et al to E. W Haynes W 1-2 sec 7 blk 23 T-P land. W. C. Roane to H. A. Cothron \$150 lots 1, 2, and 3 blk 57 Highland Add,

Sweetwater Light, Ice and Water Co to City \$10,000 various tracts of

W. P. Wise to A. C. Porter \$4800 NW

W. T. Lewis to G. W. Koerth \$2500 part NE 1-4 sec 49 blk 22 Fred W. Turner to Mrs. Hugo

Add, to Sweetwater. M. J. Watts to L. H. Sanders \$200 1-2 intrest in lots 3 and 4 blk 2 C. P

\$1000 part lot 1 blk 114 O T. Sw. Jack Yarbrough Sheriff to W. H. Brasher \$3000 lots 1, 2, blk 2, Eastern

W. G. Llykes to G. W. Parks \$8732 part of Secs. 41 and 32 blk 23. W. D. Sayle to Sidney C. Mason \$2214

ot 8 blk 36 Sweetwater. J. W. Young to W. T. Yancy \$7700 N E 1-4 and N 3-4 of NW 1-4 Sec. 37

C. W. Capp to J. W. Young \$21,375 273 acre out of E pt. Sec. 49, blk 24.

W. G. Wilson et al to J. H. Lamkin 515 lot 16 blk 21 Blackwell.

J. W. Martin to Roy Mathis \$25 lot 2 blk 69 Highland Add.

G. D. Weaver to D. T. McDonald \$1640 lots 1, 2, 3, blk 34 Orient Add. to P. Nemir to C. T. Johnson \$8000

Former Williams to J. H. Meyer \$125 of Sec. 63 blk 23. lots 4. 5, 6 blk 9 Bradford Add. to

NW 1-4 Sec. 23, blk 23,

lot 17 blk 47 H. C. Hughes Subd. S. \$3500 S 1-2 lot 4 blk 85 O. T. Sw.

J. C. Henson to C. E Long \$600 part part Sec. 173 blk 1-A.

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FOR POULTRY

BALLINGER, Dec. 8 .- According to 6 blk 1 South Side Add to Sweetwater. information at West Texas C of C Hunter Jordan to B. L. White \$250 | C. A. McCorkle to G. W. Whitaker headquarters Ballinger is after a bet | W. O. W. Hold Annual Election Offiter poultry organization to help the R .A. Stinebaugh to J. G. Keel \$500 farmers an dpoultry growers get more

Improved

ELECT OFFICERS

cers at Friday Night Meeting

The following officers were elected

at the meeting Friday night of the W. O. W. Circle: Miss Tressie Goldsticker of Stamford, District Deputy, assist-

Advisor, Mrs. Ebie Thompson; Clerk,

Mrs. Hattle Fultz; Banker, Mrs. Beulah Hampden; Chaplain, Mrs. Myrtie

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### WHY NOT?

City of Abilene.

"Why" the Texas and Pacific railroad did not build a modern passenger Airplane flying low over Sweetwater will be placed on the block owned by station in Abilene in keering with the Saturday brought reminders of the the city in the heart of the retail dist other imporvements made by this pro days in France to some of the Sweet rict. The remaining bonds will be sold gressive railroad system, is one that water boys who were there. Only in at a later date. meets with popular accord from the such cases they were hunting shelter thousands in this section that are pa from a rain of machine gun bullets or trons of this great system. Judge Stin wondering where that bomb was going son in his pleasing forcible manner to drop. paid a high compliment to the Texas and Pacific and the advancement it has accommodations to what it should be. um of Snappy Duds for Gents. Judge Stinson said "I don't see why "That mought be," responded Gap the Texas and Pacific Railroad does Johnson, of Rumpus Ridge, and then round bales counted as half bales. not build a passenger station in Abi- ag'in, I mought want to-change it lene in keeping with the town and some time. You never can tell." needs of its patrons. The present depot was adequate when it was built Enjoy the year that's going by. but it has long since proven very in- No matter how time seems to fly, adequate.-Abilene Reporter,

In one respect the T-P has dealt Our days and nights with politics. more kindly with Sweetwater for the outgrown depot here is being enlarged. The trouble with the T-P is a good deal like that of most of us-it has several places to put each surplus dolar-Such as heavier raif rock ballast grade reduction, heavier motive power and new terminal trackage-so as to provide faster schedules and better freight service. Most passengers would prefer this to temporary depot inconveniences. And here is betting \*that some day the T-P will rebuild some of its depot, too, A road showing the enterprie of the T-P wont hent tate about improving depots when it es put a-purpose to ketch us fellers

# VENUS

evening heaven is the planet Venus tic about which is now Evening Star. Incident- Wife: It disbanded. No woman ally Venus is the third brightest object would consent to play second fiddle. in the heavens, next to the sun and moon and is among the nearest of the planets to the earth. It is visible long manager for the Rock Island Plow Co. before the sunset glow has faded from said that more argricultural implethe western horizon and is indeed an ments were expected to be sold this inspiring sight to those accastomed to coming season than ever before in notice such things. Saturday it was even brighter than the golden circlet of the nascent moon.

Astronomers tells us that a day on Venus is the same length as its year, that is it revolves once on its axis while it is revolving once around the sun. It turns the same face always to the sun, and is cooked on one side and frozen on the other. In that respect it is similar to the moon, which always turns the same face to the earth.

Some of these fine days the earth will do the same thing with respect to the sun. It is due to gravity attraction. The sun and moon pull on the earth. This pull is not noticed on the land but is noticed at sea in the shape of tides. The earth turns under these tides and every day the continents are whacked by this large mass of water. This brake will slow up the old earth about a second a century or something like that. About the time we learn to take politics out of govern ment, personalities out of civic affairs and a few things like that, day and night will be a continuing process on respective portions of this earth's area

The Baptist Missionary Society, South side circle will meet with Mrs. W. A. Ponder. West side circle will meet with Mrs. C. S. Boyles and East side circle with Mrs. L. B Roberts.

# Brevities

Judge M. E. Rosser of Snyder was greeting old friends in Sweetwater the Treasurer. Entered as second sclass latter part of the week. West Texas mail matter at the postoffice at could use a few more men like the

> Dr. G. Burton Fain of Blackwell was in town Friday. The doctor is carrying around a lot less avoirdupois these days. He had an operation on his leg last summer that cost him 50 pounds seems not to have thinned the ranks of flesh in addition to the cash. But perhaps doctors get "cut" rates from at all. In ordinary years the travel betheir brethren.

Rev. W. E. Anderson, Methodist minister of Bronte, visited his sister, Classified advertising rates are 1c Mrs. J. T. Browning the latter part of

Cards of thanks, resolutions of respect case wherein about fifty users of water of the half million dollars worth of and in memorium 5c per line, Display of the Brazos watershed are defend-bonds recently voted by the city of advertising rates on appeication to the ants, including Sweetwater and the Lubbock comprising the \$75,000 for the say the case presents some very inter- ret and company of Dallas at par and esting rami cations. The suit was accrued interest and \$1,600 bonus or at any person, firm or corporation which started by a miller below Breckenridge \$101.28. against some oil companies ,and at | Sanguinet Statts and Hedrick, architheir insistence, everybody also was tects of Fort Worth, have been awardbrought into it. It will come up for ed the architects contract on the city a hearing soon,

trial of the city of Sweetwater vs. E. the contract on the Tech College by Judge Stinson's recent talk to the J. Hamner is expected daily from the the directors at Houston, Kiwanis Club on "Why" include some Civil Court of Appeals, Motions for The Chamber of Commerce, Red timely and well needed "why's" for the the new trial were filed by both par- Cross and public library will be housties in the case,

"Once you wear this I. X. L. shirt. made in the past few years then he Mr. Johnson, you will always wear it." compared the present depot and its said a clerk in the Broadway Empori-

For next year we shall have to mix

daily revolutions of the earth? Bright Boy: The Bolsheviks, ma'am

Fair store in Tumlinville!" declared and other plant life. Tobe Sagg, of Sandy Mush.

What's the matter? Inquired Jig Fiddlin. Did you get insulted or some

You betcha! I went there tuther day, set down on a box and fell thru, They keep them there thin-shelled box from 'way out yander, and I'm yur to say, by thunder, I'm plumb through,

Hubby: What became of that female Not the least beautiful object in the orchestra that you were so enthusias-

N. A. McLemore of Dallas, sales

316 Oak St.

J. M. Charlton came in Saturday from the Pecos country where he had been on a hunting expedition. He said he saw nine deer at one time but wasn't able to hit any of them, even when he closed his eyes and pull ed the trigger. He met the group of local nimrods who left here Thursday and said that a deer had kicked M. C. Manroe on the foot.

A record breaking tourist year is also expected. The approach of winter gins to thin out with the approach of cool weather. But not so this year.

# FIRST BONDS SOLD

Lubbock to Have New City Hall Costing \$75,000.00

Attorneys investigating the water LUBBOCK, Dec. 8 .- The first issue Santa Fe railroad here, Abilene, and city hall and \$50000 for the light exnumerous other cities and corporations tension have been sold to Breg Gar-

hall work on which will get under way with the least possible dealy. This is A ruling on the motion for a new the firm that was recently awarded

> ed in the city hall with ahe city officers and fire station. The building

### LESS COTTON GINNED

Over Hundred Thousand Bales Short of Last Year, Report Shows

By The United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Cotton ginned to Dec. 1 from the crop of 1923 to taled 9,243,917 bales including 228,967

This compares with 9,319,601 bales ginned to Dec 1 last year.

## COLORS.

The latest hospitals are doing away with white, especially in the operating room. White, it's discovered, causes headache, nervousness, indigestion and other ailments. So Teacher: Freddy, what causes the it's eliminated, and more restful grays and tans are used instead.

Why don't they use green? It's the most restful color. That's why "I'm going to quit trading at the Tote nature uses it so much in trees, grass



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-Tricycles for little folks -Community Plate

-Cut Glass -Bavarian China -Razors, Pocket Knives -Needed Tools

-Electrical Waffle Iron

-and many, many others A BICYCLE FOR THAT BOY—

From the signs we know that some of the boys are going to look back with rare pleasure to Christmas this year. Think what a bicycle would have meant to you at this age -But there are not going to be enough to go 'round unless you buy now! Don't wait or both you and the boy will be dissapointed.



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Wade Market

The proposed soldier bonus could a pound. be entirely taken care of by a tax ache. What it really wants is re- coated.

peal of the tariff on sugar and substitution of a flat sales tax of 2 cents

Some very novel schemes are adof 2 cents a pound on sugar. So vanced these days, to make taxation claims the United States Sugar As- as painless a form of extraction as sociation. It furnishes enough fig- possible. The child doesn't holler ures to give a bookkeeper a head. as much when the pill is sugar-



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year, will not lay many more, regard- forcing an over-head labor expense. less of how well fed or how favorable

It is true that hens on an average this condition

Feeding for egg production is really al into a finished product.

The hen is the transformer or factory. The hen or factory, however, cannot run on nothing; but uses some energy to drive the machinery, some to act as lubricant and some to replace riety and kind of feed must be consid looked it. worn tissues or new parts. All of this must come out of the feed, and is known as the maintenance ration, She must have this before she can begin to form eggs.

In feeding hens it is well to remem ber that some of the coarser elements of some feeds are indigestible. Practically the entire fiber content is indigestible, and a waste, except for fertilizers. A surplus of fiber, taxes to over-load the liver and derange the feeds may be fed.

digestive system. From this it will be seen that in a well balanced ration the fiber content must be considered, even though it cannot be used in the formation of eggs.

It is necessary to feed a balanced ration, because the egg is made up of certain proportions. She cannot adjust the compositions of the feed to the composition of the egg. If she is fed enough water and fat to make an egg; but not enough protein and mineral matter, all she can do is to wait until she gets the necessary protein and mineral matter, Sometimes she is froced to wait a long time Many Tex-(Extension Service A, & M. College) as hen is waiting for those two very Feeding poultry for egg production things today. If your hens are not lay s both a science and an art. Com- ing possibly it is because they are mon sense must be used in addition to waiting for something. A good poula balanced ration. All of these will tryman is as dreful to guard against however, not make hens lay unless hens standing idle for lack of materithey have been bred for that purpose. al as a good superintendent of a fac-A hen bred to lay eighty eggs in a tory running short of material, thus

In feeding for egg production, althe invironments may be. A flock that ways remember that it takes a hen has been bred for egg production and of good flesh to be a laying hen, and care fully culled, for the purpose of it means liberal feeding to have the eliminating all weak, inferior and poor fowls in good condition. A hen in poor condition cannot produce eggs Some feeds are better adapted for egg are not laying half as many eggs as production. This is only another they should. Proper feeding would reason why profitable egg production do much to bring about a change of requires the feeding of a balanced ration. When feeding for egg produc- By The United Press. tion, ke generally consider a ration drates and fat as protein, a balanced

> necessarily bring a good egg producthere was a "funny side" to the war. tion. Such factors as, palatability, va- but that historians generally had over-

bone, meat, bugs and insects.

portant part in feeding hens for egg headed German shouted, "Here, Jim" production. \* Exercise induces increas- "Hey Bill!" It was Benny Snyder, the fowls healthy. In the winter when na Snyder had been well known. He had ficient in fiber content has a tendency straw litter, in which all the grain land to fight for Germany before Amer protect the emblem from misuse,

> Careful experiments have proved showered him with cigarettes. that for best results, is it advisable to A sergeant of the same regiment War veterans, employing the emblem feed both whole and ground grains. was among the evacuated wounded tak to obtain funds As a rule fowls will produce eggs more en ashore at Dover from a hospital economically or at least cost per doz- ship. The cockney English private at ly within the organization. The embon, when at least 25 per cent of their the foot of his stretcher dropped the lem is protected by copyright laws and feed is fed in the shape of ground liter, stared at him with open mouth by a special act of Congress,

ant essential for laying hens. They many persons in common will provide a green pasture. Oats getting experience in receiving. He Quinn. make a desirable green food, where it was exposed and under orders not to In addition to the use of the emblem will not winter kill. Rye is to be re- reply. Over the protests of the send service work of the organization and the State, Beets, turnips, all kinds of vegetables, silage cabbage, clover etc. all are desirable green feeds for fowls Oyster shell, grit and charcoal should always be kept before the fowls Fresh water should always be avail-

The following rations have bee used with good results. The local cost and availability of the various feeds should determine he ration selected:

Ration No. 1.-160 pounds corn meal, 65 pounds meat scraps, 10 lbs. wheat bran, 10 pounds wheat shorts, 10 pounds cracked corn 10 pounds wheat, 10 pounds oats.

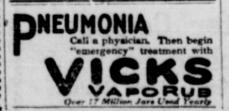
Ration No. 2.-125 pounds wheat bran, 75 pounds wheat shorts, 75 lbs. corn meal. 120 pounds cotton seed meal 10 pounds kaffir, 10 pounds wheat, 10 pounds oats,

Ration No. 3-10 pounds corn meal, 10 pounds wheat bran, 7 1-2 pounds meat scraps, 10 pounds wheat shorts, 10 pounds ground oats, 20 pounds cracked corn 10 ounds wheat, -0 lbs oats, 10 pounds barley.

# TRAGEDY.

When you think you have troubles remember Mary Dermody, crippled domestic, of Laurel Hill, N. Y. She has lost \$535, her life savings which she had been 20 years ac cumulating with a view to obtainng admission to an old ladies' home. The money was tied in a handkershief and pinned inside her dress. Pin came loose

Mary's money would have been safe in a bank. But that doesn't essen the tragedy.



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'Vets" Declare "Funny Side" of The War Was Overlooked By Historians

a process of transforming raw materi- that has 4.5 times as much carbohy- led four horsemen stalked across Flan heel tourists had been collecting souders during the World War, but veterans who gathered here for the recent A nutritive ration alone does not Armistice Day exercises protested that

> When Company B. 119th Infantry This animal protein is found in milk from this town, came out of action cottage cheese, beef scraps, green cut after the breaking of the Hindenburg line it passed a corral filled with thous Exercise and activity play an im- ands of German prisoners. One shock-'ed digestion and aids in keeping the doughboy's erstwhile fellow townsman. turally the fowls do not get as much disappeared. "Ain't this a h-l of a ica entered the war. His enemy-friends

The wounded man responded to a rap-Green cut bone, when it can be fed, ed fire of questions with the informait is too expensive, because it contains When he had gotten the exact location to 12. too much water. Three ounces per he declared, "I thought it. I thought These men, representing 60 units of

ordered it flashed. "Tell him to reply phans will be discussed,

and show his stuff," the general order-"No, don't sign it." In a moment the reply came "You're a d-d fool," The great man sputtered,

"Tell him to come out of that," he said. "Funniest thing I ever saw was hundreds of Germans holding up their pants with shoe-strings and the like" KINGSTON, N. C., Dec. 8.-The fab- said a high private veteran. "The Tarvenic belts."

American Legion Finds it Necessary To Take Drastic Measures To Protect Ensignia

By The United Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.-Along with exercise as during the other seasons, fix to be in?" he asked. He explain- the American Legion has found it nethe digestive system. A ration de is recommended a deep, loose and dry ed that he had gone back to the father cessary to take drastic measures to

> Much of the misuse of the emblem has arisen from men posing as World

improper use of the emblem is most before becoming tainted, makes a de- tion that he was from the States, from frequently revealed will discuss furthsirable food for laying hens, but when the south, from North Carolina. The er protection of the emblem at a conit costs almost as much as beer scraps Britisher begged that he be explicit. ference to be held here December 10

hen a week is about the proper a- I knew the type," The Britisher had the organization, are the chief adminis been in the section five years. They trative officials in the various states Green food is another very import- were personal strangers but knew and foreign countries. The meeting should have all they will consume. In Two signal operators practicing with tional adjutant, and John R. Quinn, na-Texas, especially in the Southern part day reflectors within rifle range of the tional commander will deliver an adit is possible to have a green pasture enemy aroused the interest of a genderess of welcome. It will be the first for the hens the year round. When eral officer who had an eye for details. gathering of department heads under it gets dry, irrigating a small patch One was "sending." The other was the administration of Commander

er the general dictated a message and the program for care of World War or



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### LIBRARY BENEFIT MONDAY

The program at the Lone Star Thea tre library benefit Monday evening will be given by Mary Louise Toler Woodrow Sheridan and Leona Ruth Butler. vent The Girls Quartett of Mrs. Carl Rag land's class will sing. It is composed of the following young ladies, Misses Verna Sheppard, Ina Lee Ely, Leah St. Andrew." Davis and Ava Lee Scott.

### SWEETWATER DELPHIAN

Th members of the Sweetwater Del phian Chapter held their meeting in the Court House auditorium and enjoyed a splendid program on Social Life of Mesopotamia. Mrs. Joe Boothe day mroning from College Station conducted the lesson and round table where she attended the annual district discussions which opened the meeting conference of Home Demonstartion on the following subjects: Family workers, Life and Dwellings of Mesopotamia,

Mrs. W. K. Beall told of the social standards, as measured by Hammurabi Code. Mrs. J. T. Hughes talked of the Roby and Rotan. literature and learing of the country. Clothing and ornaments was discussed by Mrs. Walter Boothe, Architecture and decoration was the subject of Mrs. John Hubbard's talk. Trades and professions formed the material for an interesting talk by Miss Lelia Poe. The program closed with another interesting round table on the Religion o fthe Mesopotamians.

## BRIDGE CLUB MET

Mrs. J. M. Shade was hostess Wedhesday at a meeting of the 1922 Bridge Club for their regular series of games. A number of enthusiastic games were enjoyed and when all scores were counted it was found that Mrs. A. J. Wimberly had won first prize and Mrs. John Hubbard had scored second. Both were suitably rewarded. When the cards were laid aside the hostess serv ed a delightful luncheon course to the following guests and club members:

Mrs. John Perry, Mrs. Jim Dulaney, Mrs. Dalton Moore, Mrs. Graham Robertson. Mrs. Louis Hardy, Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. R. M. Simmons Mrs. John Hubbard, Mrs. Tom Hughes Mrs. Alvin Gray, Mrs. Ed Mays, Mrs. Joe Boothe Mrs. Tom Moore, Mrs. J. D Dulaney Misses Catherine Schell. Janice Dulaney and Mae Snell.

# EAST WARD

The following program will be given by the Parent Teachers Association at the East Ward Thursday afternoon at 3. This wil lbe the last meeting in 1923 and all parents are especially urged to attend.

The meeting will be opened with prayer by Mrs. R. A. Stewart, song by pupils of Miss Rimmers room, Gymnasium drill by Miss Skyes class, "Why teach a child to play" by Miss Rimmer and a round table discussion on "What work and play do for children" led by Mrs. J. M. Charlton,

Mrs. George Truitt and little daughter returned this morning to their home at Brownwood accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. S. Kendrick who will spend several days there.

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### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be preaching at the Pres Christian Endeavor at 4 p. m.

Rev. D. B. Hestir, Pastor,

The Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliing will be the questionaires which ed. were recently given out,

### ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL

December 9, Second Sunday in Ad

Sunday School at 10 a. m. 11 a. m. celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon "The Call of

5 p. m. Litany and a meditation on Religious Doubt. All cordially invited by John L. Showell, minister in charge,

# FROM COLLEGE STATION

Miss Mable Spann returned Satur

Rev. R. A. Stewart is holding confer ence with the Methodist churches of

### PLAN CHRISTMAS

The ladies of the American Auxiliwas host for a Theatre Party, when byterian Church Sunday at 11 a. m. ary held a very interesting meeting the ladies of the Self Culture Club and at 7 p. m. J. A. McCurdy will Friday at the home of Mrs. Benton sing at the morning services. There Warren on Oak St. and formulated will be Surday School at 9:45 a. m. and their Christmas plans and heard reports of the various committees.

> Among other things planned were the Christmas boxes which they will send to the disabled soldiers at the ary will meet Monday afternoon at Keerville Tubercular Hospital and a 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. K. cash donation to the State Hospital M. Hodges. The lesson for the meet- committee to be used wherever need-

> > A special box of good cheer will be sent to their latest adopted disabled soldier William Heighland at Keerville They will also send a hox to Adolphus McBride at Houston who has been on their adopted list over three years. A Christmas box will be sent to Mrs. T. G. Waldrum and two children at Bonham, whose husband was one of their adopted boys and died over a

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# Give Her A New Hat

It is a gift that will surely please. Now in stock here, a dainty selection of hats in golds, silvers and satins with Shop early and have the choice of the stock.

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In the book line we have them from the children's A B C books to the latest fiction-all kinds of good books for boys and girls, metal Chrismas seals—Chrstmas Cards and folders, a big line to select from-stationery-Chinese baskets-Christmas Candles -Kodaks - Bibles-Manicure sets - perfume - Fountain pens-Pen and Pencil sets-fancy boxes of candy and cigars-toys and various other things, too numerous to mention. Come in and see them, while our stock is complete.

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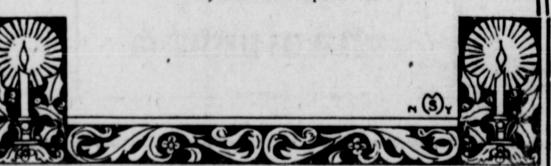
We list for just a few items as suggestions:

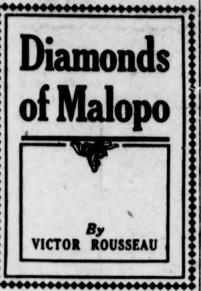
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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Winton Garrett, twenty-five and just out of college, calls by appointment on Archie Garrett, his New York cousin and executor, to receive his inheritance of \$100,000. Archie, honest, an easy mark and a fool for luck, assures Winton that he is practically a millionaire, as he has invested all but \$10,000 in a rubber plantation in either the East or West Indies and in a controlling interest in the Big Malopo diamond mine, somewhere or other in South Africa, sold him as a special favor by a Dutch promoter named De Witt.

dred pounds each, and you own eighty of them. And now I remember the name of the place, Win. It's called Malopo, and it's in the desert some-

"Thank you, Archie," said Winton coldly. "I begin at last to gather the extent of your activities as my trustee. Where are the deeds and certificates of these two enterprises?"

"In the Second National," said Archie. "And now, Winton, what are you thinking of doing? If I were you, my boy, I'd put in the next year living quietly on the uninvested portion of your inheritance. At the end of that time you'll have at least one half-yearly dividend from the mine. De Witt spoke of forty per cent, but he admitted that, with the market as it is now, it may be preferable to withhold a few of the larger stones, which would ton, trying to be diplomatic, "Has bring down the dividend to about twenty-five per cent every six months. And in a year's time they'll be tapping a few of the larger trees-rubber, I'm speaking of."

"I suppose I'd better go out and look one of these valuable properties over," said Winton. "I might save something."

His sarcasm was apparently lost on Archie. "I think you might," he agreed.

"I've been thinking that a little holiday-

"No, Archie," said Winton firmly. "Your financial genius is best adapted to New York. I might want somebody with faith in the enterprises to sell the shares for me."

REGISTERED HEA good idea, too," said Now, which is it to be, rubber or diamonds? Rubber's the rage, of course, and, after all, diamonds stay diamonds, while rubber doesn't stay rubber. It requires a very intricate process, I understand. If I were you, Win, I'd go to the Indies."

"That decides me," answered Winton. "The Indies, eh? We'll look up the

"No, Malopo," said Winton. Archie took up his cup of coffee,

drained it, set it down, and rose with offended dignity.

"I understand your insinuation, Winton," he said bitterly. "You are trying to express the fact that you discredit my business judgment. Because I have preferred to invest your capital in two conservative business enterprises instead of handing it to you to squander, you asperse my honesty and my intelligence-"

"Not your honesty, Archie," protested Winton.

"My honesty and my intelligence." repeated Archie firmly. "I'm very annoyed, Winton. It's thing that hurts. I'm going to give you a tip. As you go through the world you'll find it doesn't pay to blurt out your mind. Try to have a little reticence and keep your thoughts to yourself. Now, you can find your way to the Second National bank yourself, and fix things up with the manager, and get your certificates and papers. And you needn't come to see me again until you say you're sorry. Till then I wash my hands of you. Have the goodness to pay the waiter!"

CHAPTER II

Sheila Seaton.

Taungs-one hundred miles from nowhere sizzled at eight o'clock in the morning, though it had shivered an market square was filling up. Auctionhour before in the rarefied air of the desert. The little station on the long donkeys and broken carts, which railroad-line that runs from Cape Town northward into the heart of heathen- dlers, old clothes men, hawkers of "icedom looked forlorn indeed, set down in the middle of the scorching sands, bottles' suspended in the sun, to lose coated, like a mangy dog, with patches of stubbly grass that would not show the crowd of bidders. Occasionally a green until the annual rains.

lected his baggage, and watched the engine go snorting down to the water thumping at his steed's flanks, came tank. He looked about him with the loping by, riding toward the west. curiosity of one new to the life of Many of the ox wagons were already Bechuanaland, which had seemed compounded, during the northward journey, of ragged negroes, farmers with skinny oxen, heat, flies, sand, and throngs and found the coach office,

swarming piccaninnies. He say an array of single-story brick houses, with corrugated iron roofs that plicants, among them his traveling gave the sun glare for glare. There companions of the two days and nights were also buts of wattle and daub. and tents pitched on lots in the heart

filled with cumbrous, wiffte-topped wagons, before which many pairs of oxen chewed and winked away the flies, still harnessed on either side of wagon tongue. Every house seemed a store, and every store appeared to be dedicated to the sale of old clothes and junk; in front of them sangs of natives in loin-cloths, with tattered, filthy blankets about their shoulders, were chaffering in a dozen different dialects with the proprietors.

Taungs looked the dirtiest, meanest place that Winton had ever seen. He wished that it were possible to take it up with the implement of the same name and bury it. He was sure that it wou'd not be terribly missed. He was glasi that he was to take the morning star across the desert for Malopo. He asped earnestly that Malopo looked better than Taungs.

A drunken native, wearing a loincloth and a naval officer's second-hand coat, which he had just purchased, and carrying a knobkerrie, which is the lo cal equivalent of the shillslah, lurched by. A white man on the platform, taking a dielike to him, kicked him into the road and sauntered on. Winton's heart warmed toward his Caucasian

brother. He accosted him. Will you kindly tell me where the seach office is?" he asked.

"Just arrived up-country and bound for Malepo," answered the white man not in question, but as the result of his analysis of Winton.

He took him by the arm and pointed up the principal street.

"You'll find Zelden's hotel right at the end," he said. "You can't miss it. It's by the garbage heap. He wants a pound a day, but you can beat him down to five pounds a week. Better get your board by the week." "Why?" inuired Winton.

"Because you won't start for Malopo under a week, unless you hoof it or go by aryoplane."

"Travel pretty brisk?" asked Win-"Look here, young feller, if your hair was a little shorter I'd ask you when you came off the breakwater. Where have you been living if you don't know

that men are rushing to Malopo from all parts of the country?" "I only landed last week," said Win-



there been a there?"

"Big strike, Mr. Van Winkle? Oh, no! Just a middling one. Only a hundred thousand pounds' worth of stones taken out since Saturday, excluding the ninety-five-carat De Witt pebble That's nothing to men like us, eh? We don't trouble about little things like that."

Winton gulped, but managed to re tain an aspect of tolerable indifference. 'Did the De Witt stone happen to come out of the Big Malopo claim?" he inquired.

"Look here, young man, you know more than you're pretending." answered the other in disgust. "Think you're smart, don't you? I don't know what your game is, but take a word of advice and don't play innocent in Malopo, because it don't go down!"

He left Winton in disgust and sauntered back, only pausing to kick the native, who had the misfortune to in-

tercept him, back into the road again. Winton saw the situation, as he thought, precisely. If his claim had actually proved valuable, De Witt, who had unloaded the shares upon the unsuspecting Archie, must be kicking himself savagely at that moment. He resolved to be very cautious and to say nothing to anybody about his business.

He learned the location of the coach

office from the station agent, and strolled across the market square toward it, stepping among the recumbent oxen. Now he began to perceive signs of prodigious activity in Taungs. The eers were putting up thin, miserable brought incredible prices. Indian pedcold" drinks poured out from canvas heat by evaporation, swarmed among man on horseback, in flannel shirt and Winton got down from the train, col- wide-brimmed hat of felt, his worldly goods packed in his saddle-bags, and upon their way, making their first

march before the heat of neon Winton pushed his way through the near the northeastern corner of the square, surrounded by a crowd of ap-

spent in the train. The coach, a huge affair, containing of the town. The market square was seats for sixteen, with an immense

leather boot at the back for baggage. stood at the side of the office; in the rear a half-dozen mules, which had been led from their stables, were taking their last roll in the dust and scattering clouds upon the bystanders.

Winton heard a passenger offer twenty pounds for a ticket to a little oneeyed man, who rejected his proposal scornfully. The fare was ten pounds; the little man had bought some seats on speculation, and was receiving offers with astonishing disdain and arrogance.

"Twenty pounds!" he repeated sarcastically, spitting into the dust. "Gemmen here offers twenty pounds for a seat as far as Malopo. Come, gemmen, shame him! Only one stage a day, and all the seats booked weeks ahead. Who says fifty?"

"Fifty!" cried a stalwart old prospector at Winton's side. "Sixty!" shouted another.

"Sixty! Who'll raise sixty? Seventy? Thank you, sir. Eighty? Seventyfive?" He was holding out the ticket to Winton, who shook his head indignantly.

Just then his eyes lit upon a pair who attracted and arrested his attention immediately. One was an old man, apparently in his late sixtles, with his occupation as prospector stamped all over him, in the hungry eyes, sunwrinkled and staring, his calloused hands; the other was a girl, darkhaired, about three-and-twenty, and of

singular and rather exotic beauty, who stood beside him, her arm drawn through his own.

It was not so much the contrast between the two that struck Winton as the reversal of their natural roles, in that the girl seemed to be the leading spirit. There was something indicative of protectiveness in her finely modeled face, her gesture. The man, on the other hand, looked like one broken by misfortune; his hands shook, as with a palsy, and he glanced up into the face of his taller daughter from time to time with appealing helpless-

"It's fortunate that I got a ticket for you, father, when I left Malopo," said the girl.

She had evidently come into Taungs to meet her father. Winton wondered who she was, and what she was doing alone in Malopo, unless her father lived there habitually.

"Eighty!" shouted the ticket-holder. "Eighty-five?" Winton realized that the man was addressing him again. He had declined to pay seventy-five with indignation. But now, before he quite realized what he was doing, he nodded. All the while he was watching the girl and the old man.

"I'm bld eighty-five. Who says ninety? Eighty-seven ten, then. For the last time, gemmen! Going at eighty-five, which is a sin and a scandal-going-going-gone! It's yours.

So Winton found himself the possessor of a ticket to Malopo, for which he had paid the equivalent of four hundred dollars and a trifle more out of his swiftly diminishing capital of ten thousand. And he found himself wondering why the sight of the old man and the girl had caused him to change trap.

He discovered that the coach would not start for nearly an hour, and, suspecting that Malopo prices would be considerably in advance of those in Taungs, hurried into the first store he saw which did not seem to have a native clientele. There he threw himself upon the mercy of the proprietor who equipped him with a sensible outfit consisting of a small tin trunk-the white ants would eat through his leather suit-case in one night, Winton was told -and a correct up-country costume. Winton sent for his baggage, which the proprietor obligingly agreed to store for him, and presently strolled in sensible khaki, with a wide-brimmed felt hat rising into a peak, and high boots. He took his seat among the miscellaneous crowd of passengers, and, while the mob outside cried fantastic offers for seats through the window, the mules, now ten in number, started.

On the box sat the Hottentot driver, cracking his twenty-foot whip of hippopotamus hide, and flicking the slackest mules with a dexterity that was never at fault. On rolled the coach through the infested streets, into the clean desert, making in the direction of a ridge of pale-blue mountains westward.

It swayed and creaked upon its way, the baggage thumping in the boot, the mules dancing over the sand, the passengers good-humoredly jostling one another at every movement. It began to pass the travelers of the morningmen riding thirsty Basuto ponies, carts with thin donkeys, crawling at a snail's pace between heaven and sand; daring and resolute pedestrians walking beside donkeys, their only friends, laden with baggage and water-bags.

Winton turned his attention to his fellow passengers. Besides the old man and the girl there were a number of prospectors and mining men, evidently old residents of the country, to judge from their tanned faces and the brick-red arms disclosed under the uprolled shirt sleeves. There were two or three clerks or storekeepers, and one man seated in a corner, with his hat over his eyes, whose insolent demeanor and flashy clothes arrested Winton's attention.

Winton sat rather uncomfortably against the strap that ran across the width of the coach in the center, dividing it anto two portions, and furnishing an inconvenient, swinging support for two rows of passengers, back to back. There was another row at either end of the coach; thus there were four lines of seats, the occupants of the first and second, and those of the third and fourth facing each other.

Opposite Winton sat the girl and her

father. The old man, who had taken several pulls at a flask in his pocket. was lying back half asleep. As Winton watched him, he saw his eyes open, travel from face to face, and suddenly ax themselves upon some occupant of the farthest row with a look of terror and abasement.

Involuntarily Winton turned, to perceive that the man with his hat over his eyes had pushed it up and was watching the older one with a smile of amusement. Winton thought his face was one of the most sinister that he had ever seen. He was about forty years of age, and not ill-looking; but the smile on his countenance was a wolfish snarl. There was greed there, and cruelty, and utter heartlessness.

Yawning, the man rose, and, without a word of apology, strode over the strap, pushing between the seated passengers. He went over to the girl. Be side her was an inoffensive little clerk. He jerked him by the arm.

"I'll change places with you," he said peremptorfly.

The little clerk rose obediently and nade his way across the strap, the other passengers, who had not dared to resent the first disturbance, remonstrating vehemently as they dislodged themselves to allow him passage.

"Well, Shella, my dear," said the newcomer, grinning into the girl's face, "glad to see you. I'd been wondering how you could stay away from your old friend De Witt so long."

He was referring evidently to him-

self. Winton started at the name. He had an introduction to De Witt in his pocket, but now he hardly felt like presenting tt. De Witt sat down beside the girl. There was nothing in the man's words

that need be especially offensive in a free-and-easy community, but the familiarity of the coarse tones, which made the girl wince, stung Winton to fury. "Well, who'd have thought to see you

here, Daddy Seaton?" the man continued. "Come to try your luck on the fields? It's never too late to strike it rich. You and I have been old friends, daddy, since those days down at Sand River." The old man, who had been watching

the other like a fascinated rabbit, put out one hand with an involuntary gesture which seemed to be warding off a blow.

"I-didn't know you were here, Mr. De Witt," he gulped.

"Or you would have given Malopo a wide berth. eh?" laughed the other. Well, never mind, daddy. Friends like you and me stand together through thick and thin-eh, Sheila?"

Winton saw the appealing look in the giri's eyes. But he restrained himself. There was nothing he could do; he had no knowledge as to the relationship, if any, existing between the girl and De Witt. And while he was trying to keep his anger under control, the coach stopped at the first post.

The passengers were glad to stretch their legs after the ten-mile drive. The mules, unharnessed, rolled in the dust delightedly, while their ten successors came dancing through the corral. They were inspanned, the driver cracked his whip, and once more the coach was off and away, and the post only a fleck

It was insufferably hot. The whirling dust found its way through the crevices of the window-panes and coated the interior of the coach with white, plastering the sweat-stained faces of the travelers. Daddy Seaton still crouched in his corner, watching De Witt in fascinated terror. De Witt's mood appeared to have changed when he resumed his seat beside Shella. With hardly a word to her he settled himself to sleep, as did the majority of the passengers. His body, swaying with the swaying coach, gravitated now toward her and now toward the man next to him, who was himself asleep, his head resting against the glass of the window; finally, however, De Witt's head fell sideways upon the girl's shoulder, and the man lay with his shoulders supported against her body.

Winton saw the same appealing look in her eyes. And this time he was about to intervene, when Sheila ventured to protest by a slight movement which sent De Witt's head back gently against the padded back of the coach.

De Witt opened his eyes, looked round, grinned, and settled himself again deliberately in the same position. Next moment Winton was standing in front of him, white with possion.

"Have the goodness to take your head off that lady's shoulder!" he demanded.

He was aware of a slight commotion among the other passengers, such as is described in published accounts of speeches by the parenthetical word "sensation," But the effect of his words upon De Witt was electrical. The man sat bolt-upright, stared at him, snorted, and then deliberately shot out his foot, the heavy boot striking Winton in the pit of the stomach and causing him to double up with pain.

It was only for a moment. Winton leaped at him, tore him from his place and sent him spinning backward against the window with a well-planted blow in the face.

Instantly the coach was in an uproar Hands were outstretched to pull Winton away. But Winton, mad with rage and pain, was ignorant of them and of Daddy Seaton's high, quavering cry of alarm. As De Witt recovered himself, he followed his blow with an other, which landed squarely on the man's lip. The blood spurted as from an artery, and De Witt reeled and fell backward as the door gave. In his fall he clutched at Winton and dragged him from the vehicle.

A few seconds later Winton found himself facing De Witt upon the sand. The coach had stopped some hundred vards distant, and its occupants were running back toward the pair.

In a flash Winton realized two things: first, that his enemy was not a coward, at least when infuriated second, that he was a man of great muscular strength. De Witt ran at him, bellowing like a bull, while the blood from his cut lip streamed down over his chin.

Winton was no mean boxer, but the trained man is not always profited by his lore in a rough-and-tumble. There followed a confusion of short blows which never got home; then De Witt had him by the throat, but lost his hold. Winton grew calmer. The others were almost upon them, and he meant to punish De Witt before they were separated. He watched for his opportunity, and as De Witt, flinching under a short and comparatively harmless jab at his face, opened a space between his body and his extended arms, Winton shot his right upward with the full force of his body behind it.

It was a deadly blow at close range, permitting the extension of the striker's arm to the full, with no possibility of an ounce of the driving-power being lost. It caught De Witt upon the point of the jaw, and the man dropped where he stood. A moment later Winton stood, quite collected, in the hands of the other passengers, who, seeing that the fight was over, turned their attention to the man on the ground.

De Witt was unconscious and breath ing heavily. Somebody ran back for water. Another man produced a flask of brandy and got some of the contents between De Witt's teeth. Presently De Witt began to splutter. He sat up. sew and recognized Winton, and his

eyes filled with deadly hatred. "T'll get even with you for this," he

But there was no more fight in him. Solicitously attended by the little clerk whom he had ousted from his seat so uncermoniously, De Witt staggered



back to the coach, resuming his old place in the corner, with his hat pulled over his discoloring forehead.

He fooked so abject and crestfallen. with his swollen lip and bruised jaw Winton almost felt pity for him. But it was certain that De Witt deserved no pity. The man was a bully and a cad and had got his deserts.

After the coach had started, Sheila Seaton bent forward and spoke to Win-

"I don't know how to thank you," she said, with a catch of her breath. "Nobody else would have dared to do what you have done."

"I think most men would have done said Winton. "You don't know who he is. He is

Judge Davis' man. Nobody would dare to thwart Judge Davis. The judge stands behind Mr. De Witt in everything."

"Who is Judge Davis?" "The president of the Diamond Fields Syndicate. And the landdrost." "What's that?" Winton asked.

"The resident magistrate and judge. You see, Malopo is really a native pro tectorate, and there isn't any legislature or law, so Judge Davis can do anything he pleases. You are a stranger, aren't you? But you don't speak like an Englishman."

"I'm an American, and I know nothing of this country," answered Winton, "I only landed a week ago. I came out to"-he checked himself-"to take up a claim in Malopo."

They were bending close toward each other. The creaking of the coach made their words inaudible to the others, who, having discussed the amazing incident to their satisfaction. nad settled down to sleep through the glare and heat and dust. Winton cast a glance toward Daddy Seaten. The old man, having assuaged his thirst with plentiful gulps of whisky, was Yast asleep in his corner.

"You have made a terrible blunder," said the girl earnestly. "You had better take the next coach back. Really, you had better, because nobody can fight the judge, and Mr. De Witt is his right-hand man."

"We'll see," said Winton grimly. "In the mean time, won't you tell me why -why he thinks he can insult you?" She smiled wearily. "In a frontler settlement women do not expect courtesies," she answered.

"On the contrary," answered Winton "I don't believe these men"-he looke round the coach-"would not projeyou in an emergency, unless-

He hesitated. He was getting in deep water. The question was personal.

And Winton was beginning to sus that the same fate which had bre old Seaton had somehow changed course of the girl's life, though she not spiritless like her father. T was about her an indefinable alcofness, as if

upon herself, as if some tragedy had robbed her of her right to happiness And she had submitted to De Witt's

grossness as if it had been inevitable. The girl bent forward earnestly. "I see you don't understand," she said. "In our frontier towns there are only two classes of women, those that are ladies and those that are-not. I amnot. These men could tell you-'

"If De Witt thinks he has any hold over your father-" Winton began. The girl placed her hand on his "My father's life is in his sleeve. hands," she said solemnly. "He killed a man."

She looked at him in fear, and then as if resolving to trust him, continued: "He comes of a good English family, and-you'll hardly believe it-he was once an officer in the army. He got into trouble and was dismissed. Then he settled down in the Colony. And then-this happened, and it broke him and ruined his life. When I can first remember him, we were wanderers all over the country. Father never stayed anywhere for more than six months. He had no friends of his own class. He became coarse in his speech like an uneducated man. And in time I discovered that he lived in terror of Mr. De Witt.

"Five years ago we were living in Johannesburg. Father is an expert native linguist, and he was compound manager of a mine there. We had a little home, and we were happy, and I thought our troubles were at an end. Then Mr. De Witt met father and forced him to do some crooked work for him in connection with some of his mining interests. After that we started on our travels again.

"We went to Malopo with the first rush of prospectors and stayed there a Then Judge Davis was apyear. pointed landdrost by the government, and went there to form the syndicate. We had known that Mr. De Witt was connected with him, and he appeared soon after. Father urged me to leave. But I was tired of wandering, I had a position in a hotel, and I thought father was safe after so long a time. Father went away without telling me, and afterward I got a letter from him in Rhodesia. Then Mr. De Witt went to the United States, and I wrote to father to return.

"For a long time he would not but at last he believed that Mr. De Witt was gone for good, and he arranged to come back to Malopo. Then, three weeks ago, Mr. De Witt returned. He knew me, and he-took a fancy to me. He promised me father should not be molested. I went to Taungs yesterday to meet father, and-you know the rest."

She shivered at the remembrances that came crowding in upon her. Winton remained silent for a few moments, But an instinct made him turn his head, and, looking across the coach, he saw De Witt watching him and Sheila: and the hate and rage upon his face showed him that the fight of that day had been only the first round in their conflict

"I thank you" very much for your confidence," he said to Sheila. "I hope

to be your friend in Malopo." She shook her head in warning, and, leaning back, closed her eyes. And they traveled on through the heat and dust, stopping only at the coach-stables, and eating indifferent meals of canned foods at wayside stores. All day the coach rolled through the desert toward the distant hills that never seemed any nearer. Winton slept by snatches through a night that seemed unending. awakening at every bump and stopping, until they came into Malopo in the cold dawn.

# CHAPTER III

Ned Burns-Watchman. The coach deposited its half-frozen passengers in front of the office in the market square.

"Miss Seaton, I'm going to help you and your father with your baggage." said Winton. "And I hope to be of service in any way that is possible." He handed her his card. Then he

became aware that De Witt was stand-

ing close at his side and looking over his shoulder. He turned angrily, and the man moved away. Had he read the name on it? It did not matter; but Winton would have preferred to maintain the advantage of being unknown, in view of the situation. He arranged to have his trunk

held until he had found lodgings, and

then, returning, found that Shella and her father had quietly disappeared. The busy day had begun. The slanting beams of the rising sun struck like shafts of gold upon the post office, across the square, in which the encamped transport riders were preparing breakfast at numerous fires built in the tiny spaces between the wagons with their spans of longhorns. Dust whirls were dancing everywhere, breaking against the buildings and enveloping those who happened to be passing. The stores were opened, carts were driving back from the market, hawkers and peddlers were afoot with their

Malopo was about as large as Taungs, but, being a boom town, and not a railroad one, had a cleaner and more prosperous aspect, though the old-clothes shops were almost as plentiful. Many of the brick houses were of two stories, and here and there was a business building of three or even four. Beyond the market square Winton could see a little, new suburb of neat cottages, with the beginning of gardens, beside a rivulet, dry now, but converted into a torrent during the short rainy season. Large cisterns, holding and storing the single month's rainfall during the remainder of the year, squatted upon the roofs.

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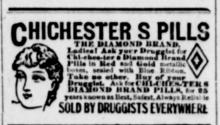
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 8 .- Spring is here, and its effects are sometimes astonishing. A man surprised the peo FOR SALE-Beautiful Rhode Island ple waiting for trains at the Central red chickens, lumber and coal and a Argentine Railway Retiro station by

Perhaps the fact that a few police men and porters pursued him had some FOR RENT-Desirable apartment, LOST-Black suitcase marked "R. H. thing to do with the hurriedness of his 1tp gait, but in spite of his rapidity, not

Despite his protests, a burly policeman wrapped him in his coat, and an old lady contributed her black cloak to cover the wild man, who said that his name was Adam.

Trains were fifteen minutes late.

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| 32x4               | 19.40  |                              |        |
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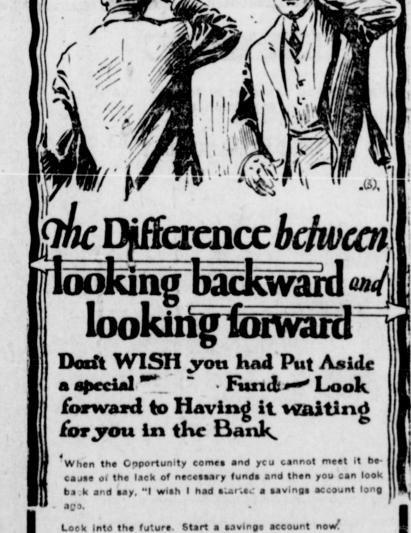
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Taxes last year took an average of \$64 from every man, woman and child in our country. So figures divisions of church work held at the

Board. That'd be \$320 for a man mostly in hearing committee reports and wife with three children. The and making plans for next year's work. politicians wouldn't dare hand us a straight bill for so much, so they cleverly arrange a lot of indirect tax- Dr. Gray, for the waco Children's She united with the Missionary Bapation that is passed on to us in the

One reason taxes are so high:

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