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End Greatest Year History Sweetwater

Memorable Banquet Held at Hotel Wright Friday Night Attended Largest Crowd Since Jubilee—Guests From Out of Town Add to Significance of Scene

HIGH POINTS IN YEAR SUMMED UP

Tech Contest, Gypsum Plant, Road Bond Issue, Filtration Plant And Other Activities of Past and Planned for Future Told at Huge Gathering

Commemorating the most prosperous and progressive year in the history of Sweetwater and planning to better the record for the coming year, nearly two hundred people filled the dining-room of the Hotel Wright Friday night—the largest gathering there since the Tech Jubilee banquet and possibly one of the largest local gatherings for such an occasion ever held.

With R. M. Chitwood presiding as toastmaster, and each of the speakers responding with short, snappy, straight to the point talks, the long program proved most enjoyable, combining to make of the affair a most memorable one.

There were many out-of-town guests present who added to the interest and variety of the occasion. Those who responded were as follows: Mayor Joe H. Boothe: "The past year has marked a most important milestone in the history of Sweetwater." The speaker dwelt upon the value of the Board of City Development plan, wherein all were taxed alike for the progress of the city and thanked appreciably, the members of the board, of the Luncheon Club, and of the Ladies Auxiliary for the work accomplished during the past year.

Rufus Wright, president of the Board of City Development: "Sweetwater is at the threshold of the sixth year of the organization of the Board of City Development and never has the city faced a year of such possibilities as in 1924." He referred to the Tech contest, the gypsum plant and the road bond issue as the three principal activities of the past year and predicted great results if everyone worked as untiringly in 1924.

Mrs. Willard Gibson, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of City Development, told how that organization has grown until it has 106 members. Organized late in the year, nevertheless it has accomplished many things and has many important things under way for the new year, including the tree planting campaign, city park and school ground improvements, etc.

L. J. Geer, retiring president of the Luncheon Club, spoke briefly of the work of that organization the past year.

Get To Work

J. H. Beall Jr., recently elected president of the Luncheon Club said that he had been personally acquainted with Sweetwater all his life and was in a very good position to note the change and improvements in recent years—a steady and substantial growth. "We cannot all be directors of the Board of City Development but everyone can be a member of either the Luncheon Club or the Ladies Auxiliary and get in the harness and work for Sweetwater and be proud of its progress."

John Focht, county engineer, said he hoped he would have as many friends and their confidence when he got through with his part of the good road program here. He told of the close watch the State and Federal authorities keep on the work, location of roads, etc., and how it was not always possible to proceed with the work in a manner to please everyone—and run the road right by everybody's front door.

Dr. P. C. Coleman, president of the Colorado Chamber of Commerce and perhaps one of the best known men in West Texas, told how he came to this country 41 years ago and very nearly settled in Sweetwater but did not owing to unpleasant association with Sweetwater, Tennessee, his home

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FARMER JIM TO TRY A COMEBACK

Announces Will Be Candidate For Governor—If Name Barred Will Offer That of His Wife

THINKS SERVICES NEEDED

Promises to Cut Fifteen Million From Appropriations, Get Prison System out of Debt, Etc.

By The United Press.
TEMPLE, Texas, Jan. 19.—James E. Ferguson late today announced to be a candidate for Democratic Governor of Texas.

In making the announcement Ferguson said that if his name was lost off the ticket on account of his impeachment in 1917 or for any other reason his wife's name would be offered.

The action of impeachment in 1917 was invalid, Ferguson claims, because he had already resigned from the Governorship when the verdict was returned. He declared his announcement for office was prompted by a desire for vindication and because the people needed his services.

If elected Ferguson promises to reduce biennial appropriations by \$15,000,000; to free the prison system of debt; reduce taxes to continue aid to rural schools. The main plank in his platform is to be the anti-mask law which will compel secret societies to file a list of members with properly constituted authorities. He added that he would veto all liquor legislation.

RAILING FAILED CHILDREN HURT

Hundred Kiddies Fall 20 Feet From Balcony Brooklyn Armory While Watching Track Meet

MANY BADLY HURT IN FALL

Forty Doctors, Ambulances and Firemen Answer Call and Aid in Rescue From Tangled Heap

By The United Press.
13th Regiment Armory Brooklyn, Jan. 19.—Between 80 and 100 school children were carried over the balcony's edge to the armory floor, 20 feet below when a section of the railing collapsed during the high school track and field championship here today.

Forty children, ranging in ages from 12 to 16 years, were seriously hurt, 20 of them being unconscious while the first estimates showed a total of 80 injured.

Emergency calls brought 40 doctors and 14 ambulances while firemen aided adult spectators in rescuing the small victims from a tangled shrieking heap below the balcony.

A spectacular 440-yard dash was in progress when the railing gave way. Some 6,000 spectators intent on running around the balcony surged against the railing as the runners swept down to a finish. A terrifying crash broke the exhortations of happy boys cheering their school mates.

The Presbyterian ladies will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Barrick.

BURGLARS BUSY

Dowell & Lovett's Dry Goods Store at Roby Loses Goods Valued at \$500—Truck Used

Burglars Friday night entered the Dowell & Lovett's Dry Goods Store at Roby and made away with goods valued at between \$400 and \$600, according to word received by the local police department early Saturday morning.

The burglars backed an automobile to the rear of the building and easily effected an entrance. The robbery occurred between midnight Friday and 2 a. m. All officers in surrounding towns have been notified and an early arrest is expected.

THIRD WELL IN

Santa Rita No. 2 Drilled in Saturday Night as Big Lake—200 Barrel Producer

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Jan. 19.—Santa Rita No. 2, third well to be drilled in the Big Lake field, came in at 7 o'clock tonight with an initial flow of 200 barrels at a depth of 3,027 feet. No water was encountered and the oil is high grade.

Santa Rita No. 3 drilled in last week, is standing within 30 feet of the top in oil. It will be shot Monday or Tuesday. A load of nitro-glycerine is en route from Breckenridge.

The discovery well, Santa Rita No. 1, has increased its daily flow to more than 200 barrels. It has produced a high grade oil steadily since it was drilled in May 28, 1923.

FREIGHT WRECK

All Traffic on T-P Delayed When 12 Cars Go in Ditch Near Coahoma Late Friday Night

All eastbound Texas & Pacific trains were delayed several hours Saturday as a result of a freight train wreck which occurred two miles east of Coahoma.

According to meager reports received at the local offices, twelve cars went into the ditch.

Westbound Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 2 received passengers from the eastbound Sunshine Special, held up beyond the wreck, and arrived in Sweetwater at 12:40 p. m. Saturday. Passengers on trains bound west were in turn transferred to the Sunshine Special, which returned to El Paso.

Late reports indicated that the wreckage would be cleared sufficiently to permit the regular schedule to be resumed by midnight Saturday. No one was injured.

ARREST SUSPECT

D. D. Dixon and Wife With Sheriff Yarbrough in Ranger to Identify Prisoner Held There

Sheriff Jack Yarbrough was notified Friday night by Ranger, Texas, officers that Monroe Stewart, suspected of complicity in the robbery of the Santa Fe ticket office here January 31, had been arrested and was being held there.

Ticket Agent D. D. Dixon and his wife, left with Sheriff Yarbrough for Ranger Saturday morning to identify the suspect.

Stewart had been under the surveillance of local officers for some time and his arrest was expected.

No late developments have transpired in the Tom Hughes case who was recently arrested at Cisco and brought here. He has not made bond as yet and is being held in jail.

Weather

West Texas: Sunday fair and colder in southeast; not so cold in Panhandle.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Baptist Missionary Ladies Will Be Awarded Diplomas at Services Tonight, Mrs. Sandefer to Speak

Special services will be held at the First Baptist Church tonight beginning at 7:30 at which time diplomas and seals will be awarded to the ladies of the Missionary Society.

The address of the evening will be given by Mrs. J. D. Sandefer of Abilene, wife of the president of Simmons College. The diplomas and seals will be presented by Rev. L. G. Morony. An additional feature will be a solo by Mrs. R. M. Chitwood.

The diplomas are in recognition of successfully passing examination on methods outlined in the first mission study manual and approximately 25 ladies will receive them. Seals are given for each additional manual mastered and about 75 will be awarded to ladies of the Baptist Missionary Society.

SENT TO GATESVILLE

Two Boys Out on Parole Convicted and Sent Up

Claude Reeves and Wesley Clark, local boys, were Friday sentenced to five years each in the State Reformatory at Gatesville.

They were convicted of several small thefts in early December and were out on probation. Recent thefts resulted in the sentence.

They will probably be taken to Gatesville Monday.

American Warships Ordered to Mexico

Squadron Including Cruiser Omaha and Six Destroyers Speeding From Colon to Vera Cruz to Protect American Lives and American Interests

TEXAS PERMITS TROOP MOVEMENT

Secretary Hughes Advises Acting Governor Davidson of Extreme Urgency of Situation—Necessary For Protection of Americans in Mexico

Under pressure from the State Department at Washington, Acting Governor T. W. Davidson Saturday reversed his decision of Friday and notified Secretary Hughes that Texas would permit the passage of Mexican troops from Sonora via Columbus, Ariz., and Douglas, New Mexico, to El Paso. The troops are expected in El Paso Sunday over the El Paso Southwestern and will be taken to Juarez immediately. The movement is over strong protest from citizens at Columbus, victims of Villa in 1916, and other cities along the border.

The United States Government has ordered seven warships to proceed at once from Colon, Panama to Vera Cruz to protect American lives and property. The Cruiser Richmond, ordered to aid the Cruiser Tacoma, aground off Vera Cruz, has been ordered to Tampico to insist that the Huertistas do not interfere with American shipping during their blockade.

Cruisers to Vera Cruz

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—The United States Government ordered seven warships to Vera Cruz to protect American lives and interests that may be imperilled by Huerta rebels.

The announcement was made officially today by the Department of State and Secretary of the Navy Denby and the warships are now speeding from Colon, Panama, where they were detached from the fleet on duty there.

The decision to send American warships was arrived at following a Cabinet meeting and the orders sent secretly last night or this morning.

It is understood the cruiser Richmond, scheduled to assist the Tacoma, aground at Blanquilla reef, is under orders to proceed to Tampico to protect American interests there.

The attitude of the Government was outlined as follows:

The United States does not wish to become unnecessarily involved in Mexico. However, it must and is determined to take all necessary steps to protect American lives and interests. It is hoped that it will not be necessary for the United States forces to proceed to Tampico but they will be comparatively near should this step be necessary. It is hoped that Huerta will lift the blockade of Tampico before this step becomes necessary.

Text Hughes' Note

By The United Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 19.—The text of the note from Secretary Hughes to Acting Governor Davidson, causing him to reverse his decision was given as follows:

"I beg to inform you that the Federal Government has given careful consideration to your statement that it would be unwise to grant permission to move Mexican troops over the United States requested in my wire of Jan. 16. However the desire of the State of Texas to co-operate has been noted and in view of the present emergency and necessity for protection of American lives and property, it will be greatly appreciated if permission be given 2,000 Federal troops to enter the United States and proceed as far east as El Paso."

Gov. Davidson replied acquiescing, adding that it was assumed the United States Government would require all necessary precaution to safeguard American interests.

Leave Colon

By The United Press.

COLON, Panama, Jan. 19.—The cruiser Omaha and destroyers Corry, Hull, McDonough, Farenholt, Sumner and Shirik and supply ship Prometheus, with airplane equipment, left here this afternoon under full steam for Vera Cruz, three and one-half days distance away. It is understood that a part of the squadron will proceed on to Tampico. A force of 1070 men is carried.

Sailors Enroute

By The United Press.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 19.—A carload of Mexican sailors en route from Nogales to New Orleans passed through here today to go on board a Mexican gunboat being repaired at New Orleans.

Get Airplanes

By The United Press.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19.—Fifteen airplanes, a quantity of mustard and tear gas bombs and 15 American aviators arrived here today to aid the Obregon forces.

SNYDER IS DARK AS PLANT BURNS

Snyder Utilities Burns Saturday Morning With Loss Estimated at \$50,000

TO BORROW A GENERATOR

Machine Loaned by West Texas Electric Co. Here To Be Hitched Up With Gin—May Resume Soon

Special to the Reporter.
SNYDER, Jan. 19.—This city is without light or power as the result of a fire which early Saturday morning destroyed the plant of the Snyder Utility Company, valued at nearly \$100,000.

The fire originated from an overheated stove in a workroom adjoining the plant. It was discovered about 4 o'clock and was at that time beyond control.

A cold storage plant included with the electric plant was also destroyed along with 1,000 dressed turkeys housed therein.

The plant was about five hundred horsepower capacity, being operated with oil engines. The engines can be salvaged wholly or in part, it is thought, but generators, transformers and wiring is a total loss.

L. J. Greer, manager of the West Texas Electric Co., announced Saturday night that his company would lend a spare generator to the Snyder Utilities, which was destroyed by fire yesterday.

This machinery, now at Big Spring, will probably be transferred to Snyder Monday and with the aid of power to be derived from one of the Snyder gins the Utilities hope to be able to operate again by next Saturday.

CARRY AMENDMENT

Abilene Votes to Increase Tax For Schools

Special to the Reporter.
ABILENE, Texas, Jan. 20.—The Charter Amendment election voted on here Saturday to raise the school tax from 50 cents to 80 cents carried by 149 majority.

Much local publicity had been given the election.

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THROUGH TEXAS

Without being in possession of all the facts in connection with the passage of Mexican troops through Texas, citizens of this section will be prone to sharply criticize the action of the state department at Washington in overruling Acting Governor Davidson's refusal.

Troop movement through Texas will be certain to invite reprisals from the rebel forces should the opportunity ever present itself. That is one aspect of the situation that Texas and other border states will not view with any degree of complacency.

One thing is very certain, and that is the Administration at Washington is staking all upon the victory of Obregon, and already having become involved through the sale of arms, was to a certain extent forced into permitting troop movement. A large percentage of Mexican revolutionaries, if not all, have been successful in recent years, and there is nothing to guarantee that this one will not be. In that event, what will be the position of the United States with regards to Mexico, with Huerta in charge? Not very reassuring, to say the least.

American oil interests, endangered at Tampico, and various other interests of course are having their influence with the administration.

And at that, passage of Mexican troops over the United States soil, might be preferable to invasion of Mexico by American troops. That sort of thing is costly.

Annual Report

Elsewhere in this paper there is an account of one of the most significant meetings held in this city in recent years and a running up of the most prosperous year in its history—when more downright accomplishment toward making this a greater city, and a better one in which to live has been done.

Failing in one objective striving hardest for—the Tech College—others of equal significance in the city's progress have been achieved and this town faces 1924 with a future brighter with promise than any year in a long time.

This town worked harder in 1923 than its citizens have worked in a

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long, long time. And it worked with definite plans in sight, carefully thought out and with unalloyed effort.

The same untiring effort in 1924 with the same co-operative spirit and careful planning, will produce results as great if not greater than 1923. The Tech College is located and so is the plant of the United States Gypsum Company. Nolan County roads are in shape for improvements, the hospital is working and the filtration plant soon will be.

But there are other and as important things awaiting us in this year that is coming.

LET'S GO!

ELECT OFFICERS

De Moya Choose Officials For Coming Year Friday Night

Election of officers featured the regular semi-monthly meeting of the De Moya Friday night at the Masonic Hall.

The following officers were elected:

Charles Beall, master counselor; Wm. Ponder, senior counselor; Rapley Farris, junior counselor; Le Roy McGinn, scribe and Clifton Allen, treasurer. Eighteen other members will later be appointed to offices by the master counselor.

LETTER TO CHRIST

Dallas Man Writes Unusual Epistle—Daughter Ill

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 19.—Most unusual of all letters that have passed through the Dallas postoffice was one received recently. It was addressed to "Mr. Jesus Christ, Chicago, Ill."

Investigating postal authorities found that a "Holiness Worshiper," living in a small community near Dallas, had mailed the letter.

For some weeks the man's daughter had been seriously ill. Steadily he had prayed for recovery but in vain. When his daughter failed no better he wrote the letter, setting forth his circumstances. He could give no reason for the Chicago address.

TO CLEAN UP

Plan Drastic Dope Raid In Houston By Officers

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 19.—Houston soon will be the scene of a most drastic clean up "dope" raid.

J. E. Wells and J. H. Fleming, recently appointed narcotic agents for Houston, have established headquarters here and are laying plans for

the campaign.

Every establishment under suspicion of selling narcotics illegally will be investigated and their owner charged with violating narcotic laws if found to be trafficking in "dope."

The attack will center on dope smugglers, it was learned. The federal agents plan to close every avenue of dope smuggling into Houston from the ship channel, Galveston and the Mexican border.

BURY OVER LINE

Amarilloans Taken Over Line To Randall County

AMARILLO, Texas, Jan. 19.—They never come home to be buried in Amarillo.

Potter County, in which Amarillo is located, is believed to be the only community in Texas without a cemetery within its borders.

Except for the possibility of a remote burial plot, Amarillo and Potter county have never had a cemetery within their limits.

The cemetery used by Amarillo citizens is called Llano Cemetery and lies just across the line in Randall County.

It is literally true that there are no dead ones in Amarillo.

G. E. Ramsey has returned from a trip to his ranch in New Mexico.

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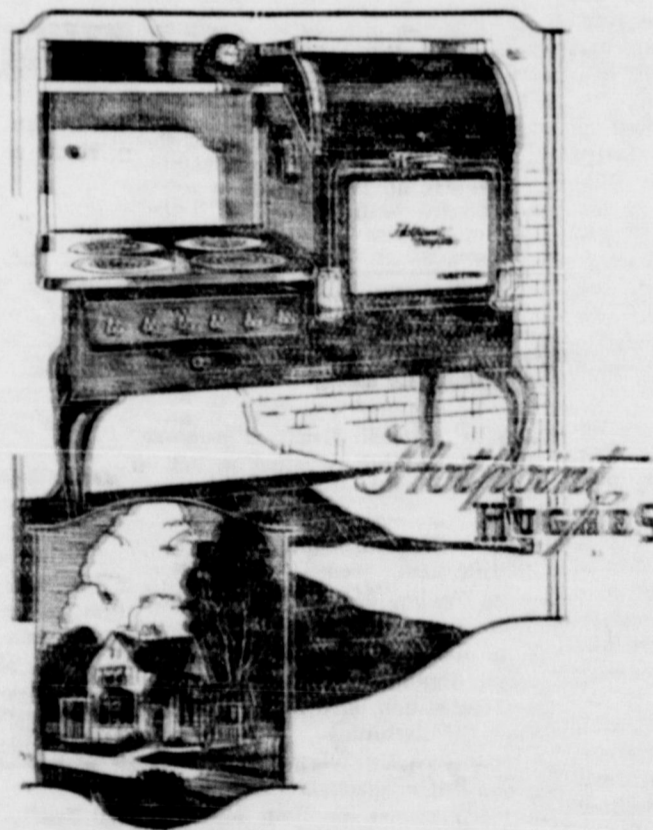
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Sweetwater Delphian Chapter
The Sweetwater Delphian Chapter met Thursday afternoon in the auditorium of the courthouse and enjoyed one of the most interesting lessons they have had since their organization. Mrs. A. S. Kendrick presided

and Mrs. Walter Boothe had charge of the program, on which Rev. J. T. McKissick, Rev. Hestir and Rev. J. R. Henson gave the different divisions of Hebrew history. The subject was "Palestine and a History of the Hebrew Nation." Rev.

McKissick told of the "History of the Hebrew Nation from the Beginning and down to Abraham's Journey into Caanan;" Rev. Hestir told the story of "The Hebrew's Sojourn in Egypt, the Exodus, and Their Journey Through the Wilderness and Final Return to the Land of Canaan;" Dr. Morony was unable to attend and Dr. McKissick concluded the program with a full account of "Hebrew Nation From the Return to Caanan to the Captivity and the Destruction of Jerusalem."

Bridge Party

Mrs. Carl Williams was hostess at a most enjoyable bridge party Thursday afternoon when the 1922 bridge club came together for their regular series of games.

There was one table placed for mah jongg, in addition to the three tables for the bridge players, and five games were on the program.

Mrs. Robert Calvert won high score and was rewarded with a gold pencil, while Mrs. Alvin Gray was consoled with a stamp holder. Mrs. J. H. Doscher, Mrs. Robert Calvert, Mrs. Jay Ingram, Mrs. George and Alvin Gray, Misses Shi Beck and Earnestine Bolen played substitute hands. Mrs. Williams' niece, Mrs. H. H. Harding, of Hollywood, Cal., was also a special guest.

At the conclusion of the game the hostess served a delightful luncheon on the card tables. Mrs. Jim Dulaney will be hostess Jan. 29th.

Pleasant Forty two Party

Mrs. O. F. Leerstang entertained about twenty-five friends Wednesday evening with a forty-two party, honoring Miss Jewel Owen.

The three tables placed for the games were filled with enthusiastic players throughout the evening, with the highest score going to the honoree, Miss Owen, and her partner, Kit Harris. Music on both piano and victrola were other pleasures provided by the thoughtful hostess.

Cake and fruit punch formed a pleasing refreshment course.

Social and Calendar Club

The Missionary Societies of the Methodist Church will join in a social and Calendar Club meeting Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. A. Ritter, 506 Locust St.

Mrs. F. G. Robertson has arranged a pleasing program, which will be divided into two parts, the devotional and the social. During the social hour Mrs. J. S. Schooler will sing and Leona Butler and Juanita Holland will entertain with readings.

A refreshment course will be served. Every Methodist woman and girl in Sweetwater is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Self Culture Club

The Self Culture Club held a most interesting business meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. Hubert Toler when the accumulation of local and federated business was disposed of with Mrs. F. G. Robertson in the chair.

Reports of all outstanding committees were heard and accepted. Mrs. S. W. Browning, chairman of motion pictures, talked with interest on the improvement in the pictures shown in Sweetwater during the past year and of how much the club members appreciate the efforts of the local managers to obtain the highest grade pictures for their patrons. She recommended that the managers be asked to show an education picture for entertainment of the school children at least one afternoon each week. Mrs. Robert Withers moved that Mrs. Browning's report be accepted and her recommendation be adopted.

Miss Mable Swift, Extension worker from A. & M. College, was present and gave a talk on the importance of the Home Demonstration Work in Texas and Nolan County in particular. She urged a County Federation of Women's Clubs and a motion was made that the Self Culture Club call the clubs of the city and county together for the purpose of organization of a County Federation at an early date.

Mrs. Withers, corresponding secretary, read a letter from district and state chairmen on legislation in which she urged all club women to pay their poll taxes and to use their vote and influence for better legislation in State and Nation.

Mrs. E. P. Reese, Miss Spann, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Will Morton were reappointed by the chair as a committee to assist, legislation chairman, Mrs. W. W. Beall, in any work they may decide to undertake.

The secretary was instructed to send a note of condolence to Mrs. A. W. Canfil at Lockney, where she has gone to attend the funeral of her father.

Mrs. C. W. Bryan was elected to club membership.

After the business was concluded a recess was declared by the chair, during which the new members were introduced and welcomed into the club. A parliamentary drill followed conducted by Mrs. F. G. Robertson.

Mrs. J. T. McKissick, Mrs. R. A. Carter, Mrs. Ney Sheridan and Miss Mable Swift of A. & M., enjoyed Mrs. Toler's hospitality with the club.

An attractive refreshment course was the concluding pleasure.

Library Benefit

The special numbers of the given Monday evening at the Lion's Star Theater, library benefit, will be given by little Misses Leona Ruth Butler and Juanita Holland. Voice numbers will be given by Miss Bernice Witherspoon of Roscoe, who is a pupil of Mrs. Carl Ragland.

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BANQUET

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State. He spoke of the work being done by the progressive citizens of Colorado, as in Sweetwater, who are members of the civic organizations.

"I cannot understand why some people will not come in on improvement programs. If the work done by the Sweetwater Board of City Development and our own Chamber of Commerce had not been done toward making of these cities better places wherein to live, then I would not care to live in either," he said.

Fair Urged

Judge A. S. Mauzey emphasized the need of greater co-operation between farm and city especially with regard to the need of a fair for Nolan County.

W. C. Calvert said he was proud of the progress being made in Nolan County—told of the better rural schools being built in the county, told of the need for a fair here, called attention to the care needed by trees in the city to preserve them from disease and insect ravages, spoke of the many farms being terraced in the county.

Miss Spann, home demonstration agent, introduced Miss Helen Swift of A. & M. College, in charge of extension work in this section and Miss Swift dwelt at some length on the work being done in the county by Miss Spann. In 214 days spent in the field during the past year, nearly \$25,000 worth of meat and foodstuffs were canned and preserved and \$5,000 worth of garden truck raised under her supervision and instruction. All cotton without diversification means disaster to farm women, the speaker said, and urged a fair for this county.

R. M. Simmons, head of the largest oil mill in many, many miles and H. D. Humphreys, head of the largest gypsum mill in the Southwest, were introduced and responded briefly.

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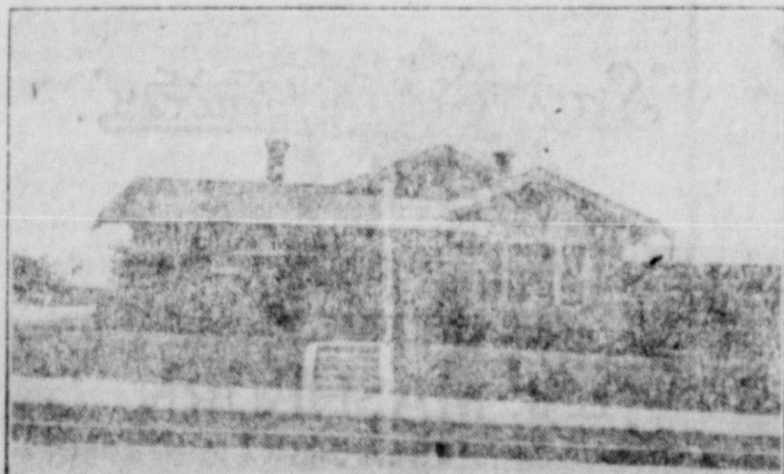
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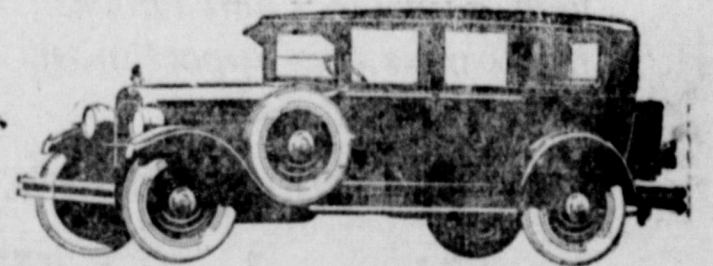
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Grogan Wells Sanatorium has a whole big lot to offer that you cannot find elsewhere. Grogan Wells has eleven years of successes and faithful service to prove our contentions. We could go on and on telling you about our work but suffice to say you can come and take the treatments baths, etc., for a period of one week and if at the end of that time you are not better and satisfied in every particular, we will refund every penny you may have paid for the treatment.

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Others who have dispaired in their efforts to get well are getting well here every day. Take advantage of our offer. No necessity to wait so long, though, for the sooner you start the easier you will be restored. Each week we will publish by consent, testimonials of those who desire others to know the good they have received here.

Read what Mr. McSpadden has to say of the work we did for his wife. He had called many others who could offer no encouragement. Many of you know these good people. Mrs. McSpadden is now sound and well and telling her many friends where they, too, may recover their health.

Rotan, Texas, Jan. 7, 1924.

On November 8, 1923, my wife was taken with a terrible pain in her back. The suffering increased and the pain went to her head. She suffered continuously, and we became so alarmed that we not only called our home physician, but others from neighboring towns were called in consultation, and they told us that in all probability her right eye would burst out. She secured no relief, whatever, except while under the influence of morphine. On the Sunday following she had a slight stroke of apoplexy. Her children were all called home for we felt that there was little hope for her recovery as she was totally unconscious and could secure no rest.

On the fourth day following the stroke one of our neighbors, whose son had suffered from an attack of appendicitis, and had been restored to health by Dr. Canfil, came to see us and insisted that we call him before we despaired. This was at midnight, Dec. 5, 1923, but my son-in-law jumped in his car and immediately rushed to Sweetwater to consult with Dr. Canfil.

Dr. Canfil came immediately, and my wife improved even from the first treatment, and Dr. Canfil was called again that night and the following morning, and the three treatments sufficed to restore consciousness, and she was brought to Grogan Wells Sanatorium Dec 7. Her blood pressure was 215. After thirty days' treatment she is entirely free from pain, and feels better than she has for years. Her blood pressure has been reduced to 154, and we have returned home happy in the thought that her life was saved through his skill.

Anyone so desiring may feel free to write us for any further information that they wish in regard to this case. While at the Sanatorium, we received every courteous service and attention. Not only did my wife improve, but practically every case that is retained in the institution is being restored to health. If those who are suffering and in ill health could only realize how soon they could be restored they would rush to Grogan Wells on every train.

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5. San Angelo Convention. In May of this year a large delegation of Sweetwater citizens, under the direction of the board made a journey to San Angelo to take part in the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The Sweetwater Booster Band accompanied the delegation at the expense of the board, and Sweetwater was neither unseen nor unheard by the thousands that attended the convention.

6. Band. For a number of years the Board of City Development and the City Commission have joined in sponsoring and supporting a municipal band and the Sweetwater Booster Band has been at all times one to be proud of. The personnel of bands like the personnel of other organizations, however, come and go, and the Booster Band that led our parades so well in San Angelo last year has given place to a band made of some forty odd of Sweetwater's liveliest boys. They are beginners as yet, but they are working like troopers and it is the hope of the board to take a Boy's Band to Brownwood this spring that will make the thirty or forty hands gathered there "sit up and take notice."

7. Tech College Campaign. The one project that occupied the greater part of our time and attention during the first half of the year, was the Tech College campaign. Never be-

fore in the history of the United States has there arisen an occasion when thirty-six live, progressive communities were found competing for an educational institution, and never before has any section of the United States received the priceless amount of free publicity that has come to West Texas out of this campaign. Sweetwater was one of the first to enter the lists for the school, and she fought with no other intention than to win. Falling in the last heat to win the college, she was among the first to wire her congratulations to the successful community. Regardless of where the college went, however, Sweetwater has the assurance that she played a leading part in making this college possible for West Texas, and is sincere in wishing for it every success that is possible. The outstanding feature in our campaign were the initial rally held in Sweetwater before the bill was passed, the March second "Jubilee," held in Sweetwater soon after the passage of the bill, which was a marked success from beginning to end, and which was worth much to Sweetwater, and the entertainment of the locating board when they arrived in Sweetwater on their tour of inspection. All through the campaign the people of Sweetwater responded without hesitation to every call made upon them and can justly be proud of the effort they made.

8. Industrial. Sweetwater has always been sure that sooner or later her central location, her railroad facilities, her climate and her water would attract worthwhile industries, and in the million dollar plant of the United States Gypsum Company now under construction this hope is beginning to be realized. The board has worked on this project for three years, almost losing hope at times when it seemed that the project would never take definite form, but keeping the prospect always before them. When the construction engineer arrived in August the board thought that its work was over, but it seems that it was only beginning for no sooner had work begun than injunction proceedings stopped the prospects for water and it was necessary for the board to call to its assistance Sweetwater's progressive citizens and build a pipe line at the expense of twenty thousand dollars. All our faith in the project has been substantiated, however, and Sweetwater has already been repaid many times over for the effort and the money she has put in the securing of this great industry.

9. Road Bonds. For several years past the Board of City Development has had in a prominent place on its program of activities the permanent improvement of Nolan County highways. Three times in the past, this proposition has been taken up actively and a good deal of preliminary work done. Each time, however, it has seemed best to refrain from placing a large bond issue before the people. During the fall of 1923 it was again taken up by the Board of City Development, and, after a careful survey of the county, a carefully planned campaign was waged which, with the assistance of the County Judge and Commission, the Luncheon Club, the Woman's Auxiliary, and wide-awake citizens all over the county,

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11. While this report covers but briefly the activities of the board for the whole of 1923, it might be well to add that the present personnel of the board has only held office since June. At that time a most comprehensive program of activities was adopted and one of the first things on that program was a resolution setting forth the need in Sweetwater for a Woman's Civic Organization and offering the services of the board in bringing about such an organization. Steps were immediately taken which resulted in a Women's Auxiliary to the Board of City Development. This organization has fairly leaped into usefulness and has stepped liberally into its rightful place as one of the most important factors in the well-rounded development of Sweetwater.

Hundreds of matters of less importance have passed through the office of the board during the past year. With the help of The Sweetwater Reporter and newspapers and periodicals all over the country, much valuable publicity has been received. Several thousand letters have been mailed from the office and every assistance possible has been rendered newcomers in finding suitable places in which to live. As indicative of the spirit of oneness and co-operation that has prevailed in Sweetwater during 1923, it is worthy of note that in putting over the various projects as outlined above more than \$30,000 has been contributed by the citizenship at large. It is hardly conceivable that 1924 will make such large demands in a financial way, but it is true of community development as of other things, that results are dependent entirely on what is put into it in time, money and effort, and if demands come they will be met in the future as they have been met in the past.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-four holds wonderful possibilities for development. The future has never looked brighter. Let us then redouble our united efforts and take full advantage of all the future holds for Sweetwater.

BECOMES PREACHER

Bar Tender Attends College Studies For Ministry

By The United Press.
HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 19.—Eleven years ago Aimer Kelly was tending bar on Main street here. He and his father owned a saloon.

He wore a white apron and responded readily to the words "Draw one, or two."

Now Kelly preaches frequently at the Trinity Baptist Church and recently delivered a sermon at a revival here.

Quitting the saloon in 1912 Kelly went to Rusk Academy, the Bryan Baptist Academy and then back to Rusk Academy to prepare himself for the life of a minister which he desired to follow.

He is now a junior at Baylor University and pastor of the Bosqueville and Erath Baptist churches.

At the close of a recent sermon he was surrounded by admirers eager to congratulate him.

"Elmer, where have you been?" said one. "The last time I saw you, we drank together across the mahogany."

The ladies of the West Ward Parent-Teacher Association will hold a package sale Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the school building, benefit of their piano fund. Every mother on the west side is invited to attend.

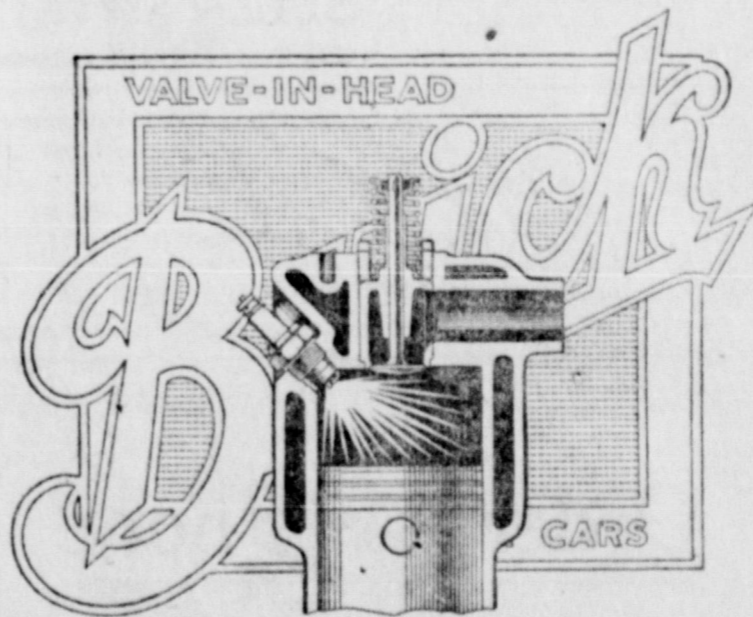
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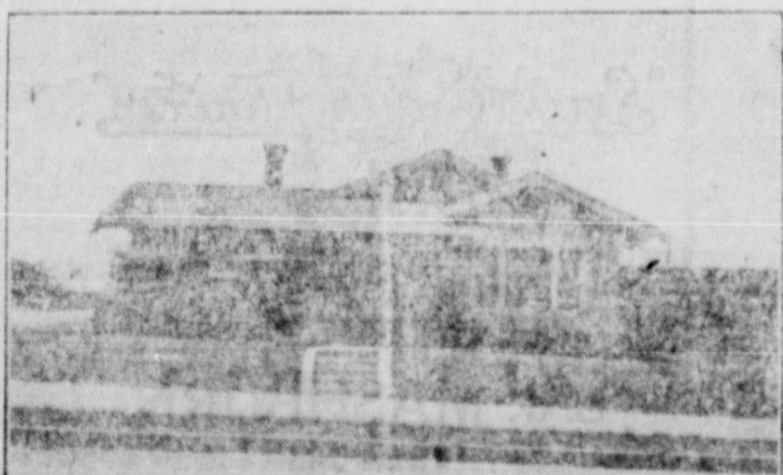
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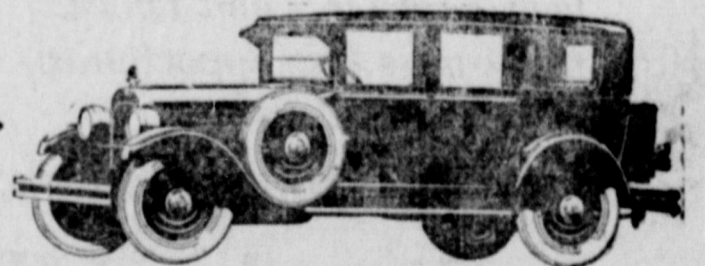
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Even at this low price you will find nothing lacking, nothing more to be desired in this custom-type seven-passenger enclosed car. Equipment includes floor exhaust heater, bumpers front and rear, nicked radiator, and cowl and head lamps; dome and rear quarter lights; satin nickel hardware, motometer, trunk and rack, rear view mirror, windshield wiper and visor, soft roof construction, extra wheel.

MAKE READY--

The yule tide has ebbed and flown and we are again facing the prosaic duties of another year. When the sun has passed behind the clouds, and everything goes wrong, when the whole world seems topsy turvy, what do you do? When those you love are held down by ill health do you take the blues and give up in despair?

You are not the only human soul on trial. Every blessed one of us have our own battles. The proper thing to do is to look the whole situation over with your best intelligence and choose the best place to get well.

Grogan Wells Sanatorium has a whole big lot to offer that you cannot find elsewhere. Grogan Wells has eleven years of successes and faithful service to prove our contentions. We could go on and on telling you about our work but suffice to say you can come and take the treatments baths, etc., for a period of one week and if at the end of that time you are not better and satisfied in every particular, we will refund every penny you may have paid for the treatment.

WE RETAIN ONLY THOSE CASES WHICH WE CAN RESTORE TO HEALTH

Others who have despaired in their efforts to get well are getting well here every day. Take advantage of our offer. No necessity to wait so long, though, for the sooner you start the easier you will be restored. Each week we will publish by consent, testimonials of those who desire others to know the good they have received here.

Read what Mr. McSpadden has to say of the work we did for his wife. He had called many others who could offer no encouragement. Many of you know these good people. Mrs. McSpadden is now sound and well and telling her many friends where they, too, may recover their health.

Rotan, Texas, Jan. 7, 1924.

On November 8, 1923, my wife was taken with a terrible pain in her back. The suffering increased and the pain went to her head. She suffered continuously, and we became so alarmed that we not only called our home physician, but others from neighboring towns were called in consultation, and they told us that in all probability her right eye would burst out. She secured no relief, whatever, except while under the influence of morphine. On the Sunday following she had a slight stroke of apoplexy. Her children were all called home for we felt that there was little hope for her recovery as she was totally unconscious and could secure no rest.

On the fourth day following the stroke one of our neighbors, whose son had suffered from an attack of appendicitis, and had been restored to health by Dr. Canfil, came to see us and insisted that we call him before we despaired. This was at midnight, Dec. 5, 1923, but my son-in-law jumped in his car and immediately rushed to Sweetwater to consult with Dr. Canfil.

Dr. Canfil came immediately, and my wife improved even from the first treatment, and Dr. Canfil was called again that night and the following morning, and the three treatments sufficed to restore consciousness, and she was brought to Grogan Wells Sanatorium Dec 7. Her blood pressure was 215. After thirty days' treatment she is entirely free from pain, and feels better than she has for years. Her blood pressure has been reduced to 154, and we have returned home happy in the thought that her life was saved through his skill.

Anyone so desiring may feel free to write us for any further information that they wish in regard to this case. While at the Sanatorium, we received every courteous service and attention. Not only did my wife improve, but practically every case that is retained in the institution is being restored to health. If those who are suffering and in ill health could only realize how soon they could be restored they would rush to Grogan Wells on every train.

(Signed) R. A. McSPADDEN.

Our business is bigger than ever before. Will you be one of the many to "MAKE READY" for a GREATER 1924?

GROGAN WELLS SANATORIUM
Sweetwater, Texas

BANQUET

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in seeing that Sweetwater's interests have been well represented in each hearing. Twice during the year it has been necessary to send delegations to Washington in the interest of railroad matters which affected us closely.

5. San Angelo Convention. In May of this year a large delegation of Sweetwater citizens, under the direction of the board made a journey to San Angelo to take part in the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The Sweetwater Booster Band accompanied the delegation at the expense of the board, and Sweetwater was neither unseen nor unheard by the thousands that attended the convention.

6. Band. For a number of years the Board of City Development and the City Commission have joined in sponsoring and supporting a municipal band and the Sweetwater Booster Band has been at all times one to be proud of. The personnel of bands like the personnel of other organizations, however, come and go, and the Booster Band that led our parades so well in San Angelo last year has given place to a band made of some forty odd of Sweetwater's liveliest boys. They are beginners as yet, but they are working like troopers and it is the hope of the board to take a Boy's Band to Brownwood this spring that will make the thirty or forty bands gathered there "sit up and take notice."

7. Tech College Campaign. The one project that occupied the greater part of our time and attention during the first half of the year, was the Tech College campaign. Never be-

fore in the history of the United States has there arisen an occasion when thirty-six live, progressive communities were found competing for an educational institution, and never before has any section of the United States received the priceless amount of free publicity that has come to West Texas out of this campaign. Sweetwater was one of the first to enter the lists for the school, and she fought with no other intention than to win. Failing in the last heat to win the college, she was among the first to wire her congratulations to the successful community. Regardless of where the college went, however, Sweetwater has the assurance that she played a leading part in making this college possible for West Texas, and is sincere in wishing for it every success that is possible. The outstanding features in our campaign were the initial rally held in Sweetwater before the bill was passed, the March second "Jubilee," held in Sweetwater soon after the passage of the bill, which was a marked success from beginning to end, and which was worth much to Sweetwater, and the entertainment of the locating board when they arrived in Sweetwater on their tour of inspection. All through the campaign the people of Sweetwater responded without hesitation to every call made upon them and can justly be proud of the effort they made.

8. Industrial. Sweetwater has always been sure that sooner or later her central location, her railroad facilities, her climate and her water would attract worthwhile industries, and in the million dollar plant of the United States Gypsum Company now under construction this hope is beginning to be realized. The board has worked on this project for three years, almost losing hope at times when it seemed that the project would never take definite form, but keeping the prospect always before them. When the construction engineer arrived in August the board thought that its work was over, but it seems that it was only beginning for no sooner had work begun than injunction proceedings stopped the prospects for water and it was necessary for the board to call to its assistance Sweetwater's progressive citizens and build a pipeline at the expense of twenty thousand dollars. All our faith in the project has been substantiated, however, and Sweetwater has already been repaid many times over for the effort and the money she has put in the securing of this great industry.

9. Read Bonds. For several years past the Board of City Development has had in a prominent place on its program of activities the permanent improvement of Nolan County highways. Three times in the past, this proposition has been taken up actively and a good deal of preliminary work done. Each time, however, it has seemed best to refrain from placing a large bond issue before the people. During the fall of 1923 it was again taken up by the Board of City Development, and, after a careful survey of the county, a carefully planned campaign was waged which, with the assistance of the County Judge and Commission, the Luncheon Club, the Women's Auxiliary, and wide-awake citizens all over the county,

ended successfully in the voting of six hundred thousand dollars in bonds. This assures Nolan County of approximately one and one-half million dollars worth of new road in the next two or three years. Preliminary work by the County Engineer has already started.

10. Building and Loan Association. The most recent activity of the Board of City Development has been in the organization of a Building and Loan Association. There has been a crying need for such an organization in Sweetwater for many years past and in view of the wonderful success that has crowned the efforts of Building and Loan Associations in other communities our wonder is that this action was not taken sooner. The association has completed its organization and with the backing of a large group of Sweetwater's most substantial citizens is now ready to begin operation. In order that this association may not be held down by overhead expenses during the first year of its activities, all its officers, are serving without pay, and all clerical work pertaining to it will be carried on through the office of the board. While the growth of building and loan associations is unusually slow and their real value becomes more and more apparent as time goes on, still those sponsoring the Sweetwater Building and Loan Association believe that in the very near future it will be showing visible results of its usefulness to the community.

11. While this report covers but briefly the activities of the board for the whole of 1923, it might be well to add that the present personnel of the board has only held office since June. At that time a most comprehensive program of activities was adopted and one of the first things on that program was a resolution setting forth the need in Sweetwater for a Woman's Civic Organization and offering the services of the board in bringing about such an organization. Steps were immediately taken which resulted in a Women's Auxiliary to the Board of City Development. This organization has fairly leaped into usefulness and has stepped liberally into its rightful place as one of the most important factors in the well-rounded development of Sweetwater.

Hundreds of matters of less importance have passed through the office of the board during the past year. With the help of The Sweetwater Reporter and newspapers and periodicals all over the country, much valuable publicity has been received. Several thousand letters have been mailed from the office and every assistance possible has been rendered newcomers in finding suitable places in which to live. As indicative of the spirit of oneness and co-operation that has prevailed in Sweetwater during 1923, it is worthy of note that in putting over the various projects as outlined above more than \$30,000 has been contributed by the citizenship at large. It is hardly conceivable that 1924 will make such large demands in a financial way, but it is true of community development as of other things, that results are dependent entirely on what is put into it in time, money and effort, and if demands come they will be met in the future as they have been met in the past.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-four holds wonderful possibilities for development. The future has never looked brighter. Let us then redouble our united efforts and take full advantage of all the future holds for Sweetwater.

BECOMES PREACHER

Bar Tender Attends College Studies For Ministry

By The United Press.
HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 12.—Eleven years ago Almer Kelly was tending bar on Main street here. He and his father owned a saloon.

He wore a white apron and responded readily to the words "Draw one, or two."

Now Kelly preaches frequently at the Trinity Baptist Church and recently delivered a sermon at a revival here.

Quitting the saloon in 1912 Kelly went to Rusk Academy, the Bryan Baptist Academy and then back to Rusk Academy to prepare himself for the life of a minister which he desired to follow.

He is now a junior at Baylor University and pastor of the Bosqueville and Frath Baptist churches.

At the close of a recent sermon he was surrounded by admirers eager to congratulate him.

"Elmer, where have you been?" said one. "The last time I saw you, we drank together across the mahogany."

The ladies of the West Ward Parent-Teacher Association will hold a package sale Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the school building, benefit of their piano fund. Every mother on the west side is invited to attend.

If Rheumatic Begin on Salts

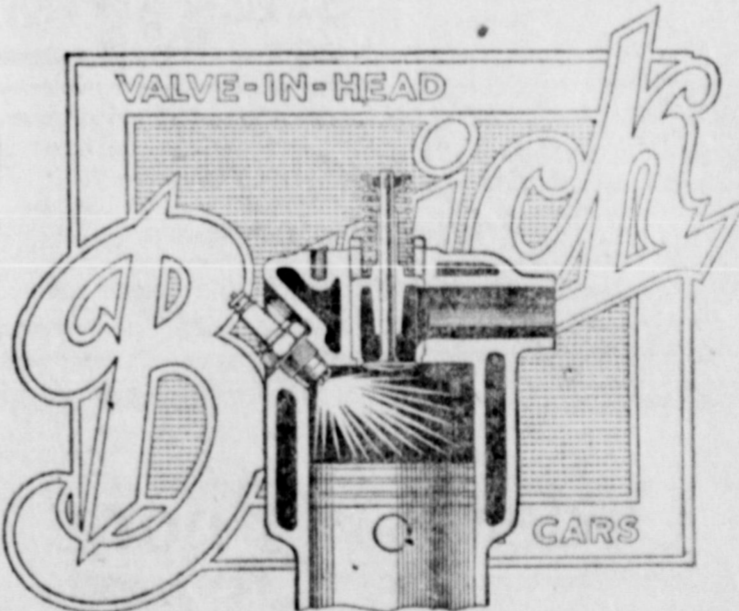
Says We Must Keep Feet Dry, Avoid Exposure, Eat No Sweets.

Stay off the damp ground, avoid exposure, keep feet dry, eat no sweets of any kind for a while, drink lots of water and above all take a spoonful of Iod Salts occasionally to help keep down uric and toxic acids.

Rheumatism is caused by poison toxins, called acids, which are generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine. The pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this poison, which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pain, called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Iod Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is helpful to neutralize uric acid, remove body waste also to stimulate the kidneys, thus helping to rid the blood of these rheumatic poisons.

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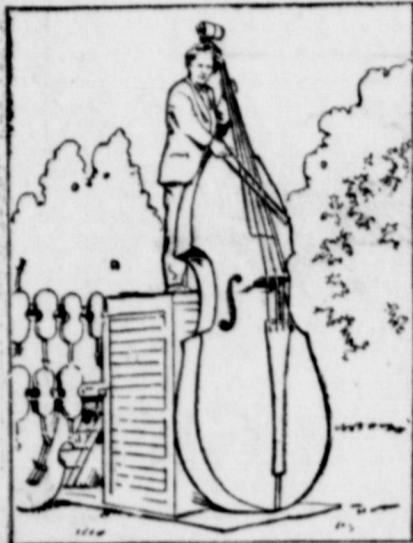
AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

Radio Brings College Study to Students at Home

Actual college study by radio has been started in Oregon by the state university. Certificates are issued to those who listen to a series of twelve lectures. Questions regarding the course are answered by mail. While lectures by professors are a popular feature of the programs of most of the large broadcasting stations, this is said to be the earliest effort to give a real course by wireless.

Bass Viol so Large Player Stands on Pedestal

Measuring 14 feet from tip to base, a bass viol has been made by a western man, who claims it is the largest in the world. In order to play it, the musician must stand on a pedestal five feet high. The same maker constructed another of the big fiddles which measured 10 feet. Formerly the largest known instrument of this kind, 11 feet, 7 inches tall, was



located in New York. It required two players, one to stop the strings and the other to handle the bow.

Despite the great cost of radium, it is estimated that 50 per cent of the treatments given with it have been free.

NEW MAGAZINE

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velop the immediate sections in which they circulate—but who have heretofore not been afforded a medium of keeping their subscribers in actual touch with the developments that are taking place in neighboring sections.

The Western Weekly will fill this need. Stories of the achievements of Sweetwater appearing in the Western Weekly will be read by the subscribers of the Amarillo News, the Abilene Reporter and the San Angelo Standard. The accomplishments of Amarillo, Abilene, Sweetwater and the towns in the territory served by these newspapers will be portrayed in the Western Weekly and read by the subscribers of the Reporter. Through this exchange of ideas—and spurred by the achievements of these other cities—Sweetwater should be better enabled to solve the problems that daily confront her.

While secretaries of the fairs of Abilene, Amarillo and San Angelo were gathered Monday in Fort Worth organizing a circuit for this section, the publishers of the newspapers in these cities were meeting in Fort Worth planning joint publicity for the three fairs in the Western Weekly. This is but one instance where co-operative effort through the Western Weekly will give aid to the enterprises of this section.

Many New Features

A number of special features will be found in the magazine. The cover will be in four colors and will compare favorably with the best cover designs created in America. Among the regular weekly contributors to the magazine will be Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner of Claude, Texas, whose writing is already well known to the people of Texas and who is admired by every woman who has had the pleasure of making her acquaintance.

Dr. J. E. Nunn, a member of the board of regents of the Texas Technological College, a former college president and one of the best known Baptist laymen in the state, will contribute his Sunday school lesson. His interpretation of the Scriptures has been one of the regular Sunday features of the Amarillo News for years.

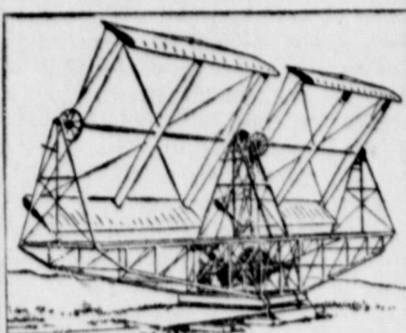
James W. Dean of New York will write a weekly stage review of the big events among the Broadway shows. He will also contribute a book review with more or less regularity. Marion Hale of New York will write a weekly fashion letter and Jack Jungmeyer of Los Angeles has been secured to send a weekly movie letter. Rascom Timmons of Washington will send a weekly letter of the activities of Texas Congressmen in Washington. Mr. Timmons was formerly connected with several West Texas daily and weekly newspapers and knows the things West Texas people are interested in knowing of their Congressmen.

Brown Business Manager

Irl W. Brown, formerly of the advertising staff of the Standard will be the business manager of the news publication. He has opened up an office in the Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, and will handle the advertising of the magazine from there.

The magazine will be set into type in the office of the Abilene Reporter for the first period, then it will be rotated to other newspaper offices.

The advertising rate will be \$1.40 an inch for display advertising and 5 cents a word for classified. Ad-



Airplane With Moving Wings to Rise From Housetop

Intended for rising out of narrowly limited spaces or from the roofs of ordinary buildings, an airplane which has wings that resemble paddle wheels is being built by an inventor. These, with forward motion, will carry the machine up, down, ahead, or backward, according to the designer, who expects his craft to even stand still in mid-air without changing the direction of the wings' rotation. It gets its power from an airplane engine, which drives the propeller by means of chains.

Photo Test for Efficiency Reveals Lost Motion

How efficiency of workers is reduced by lost motions is being shown through detailed photographic studies. Observation of bricklayers of ordinary training, who are said to use the same methods that have prevailed for 7,000 years, and of that most ancient of craftsmen, the berry picker, are said to give no indication that the best way to do these tasks is to follow instinct. The layer of brick can be trained to do three times as much work with the same effort, according to the tests. Similarly, the berry picker can increase his harvest fifteenfold, it is said.

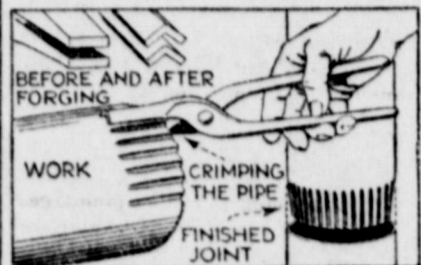
Turned Posts for Homemade Furniture

The appearance of homemade tables and other furniture can be improved considerably if round legs are used instead of square ones, which immediately give the job away, no matter how well done. It

is not necessary, in most cases, to go to the trouble of having legs made especially for this purpose, or to ransack the market for them, as ordinary stair balusters, which are available in a variety of sizes and forms can be procured from any dealer in lumber and millwork. These balusters make as neat table, pedestal, and chair legs as can be desired and cost very little.

Crimping Tool for Pipe

Anyone who has attempted to join two lengths of galvanized-iron pipe, when the end of one length is not crimped, will appreciate the homemade crimping tool shown in the illustration. A pair of ordinary long-handled flat-nosed pliers was heated and the jaws forged to a V-shape.



as shown in the detail. In use the crimp is simply pressed over the metal around the end of the pipe, which reduces the diameter, so that it can be pushed into the end of the other length of pipe.

Gas Formed in Grain Cargo Raises Sunken Ship

Gas, generated by saturation of grain by water, recently raised a ship that had lain deck downward on the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea since 1916, when it struck a floating mine. As the vessel reached the surface, the gas, rushing through openings in the deck, exploded. Grain was blown high into the air and scattered over the sea, while the boat filled with water and sank again.

The average annual gasoline consumption for each passenger automobile in the United States is estimated at 360 gallons.

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MART HOTEL—W. H. Burke, Dallas; C. Nolan, Abilene; Waldrip, Abilene; Hamilton Wright, Fort Worth; J. E. Hartley, Lubbock; R. M. McQuaid, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. J. W. Womack, Moran; J. D. Frazer, Fort Worth; R. M. Backam, Coleman.

The Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church for their monthly missionary program. Mrs. R. C. Crane will direct the program on Mexico.

Epworth League Program

The following program will be rendered Sunday, January 20:

Subject: Topics From the Apostle's Creed.

Scripture lesson: Deut. 32:6-9; Matt. 6:1-4.

Leader—Wylie Emory.

A talk on the creed—Wylie Emory.

Three things are affirmed of God in the creed.

1. God is Father—Pauline Weatherly.

2. God is Almighty—Bessie Johnson.

3. The Almighty God is creator of Heaven and Earth—Althea Brooks.

What is the true relation of God's children to their Heavenly Father?—Leader.

1. Jesus's life was one of perfect obedience—Sarah Steele.

2. Jesus's life was one of fellowship with his father—Joseph Robinson.

Quarete: Ina Lee Ely, Verna Sheppard, Ana Lee Scott, and Leah Davis.

Prayer—Bert Mason.

Hymn—Selected.

League benediction.

MRS. GOLDSTICKER HERE

Woodmen Circle Plan Home For Aged and Orphans

Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker, of Stamford, who is one of the district managers in this State for the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle, is here in the interest of that society.

Mrs. Goldsticker reports that at a recent meeting of the board of directors at Omaha, Nebraska, many progressive steps were taken looking

toward the progress of the society. Particular attention was given to the preparation of the plans for the Home for Aged Members and Orphan Children, which will be erected some time in the future. Mrs. Goldsticker reports that the site for the home has not yet been decided upon, but, inasmuch as 40,000 of the members of the order are located in this State, she feels that the home should be located in Texas.

Paying Death Claims!

A check for one thousand dollars, dated January 19, made payable to Mrs. I. J. Gillis at Hamlin, was mailed her on that date in full settlement of the claim ensuing from the death of her husband.

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Hotel Arrivals

WRIGHT HOTEL—O. L. Gates, Dallas; C. C. Crisler, Chicago; D. B. Lewis, Dallas; G. H. Hall, Kansas City; W. L. Bruding, St. Louis; H. C. Ammons, St. Louis; W. Jackson, Dallas; A. B. Cook, Dallas; T. Stewart, Fort Worth; S. M. Sexman, Dallas; P. Watson, Philadelphia; P. Watson, Abilene; A. M. Smith, Houston; F. E. S. Grimes, Dallas; G. Lawler, Dallas; L. A. Garrett, Wichita Falls; R. E. Merritt, Dallas; D. Jareff, Dallas; W. P. Watt, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. E. Spencer, Cisco; L. M. Surlis and wife, Lubbock; W. E. Spuren, Lubbock; J. T. Ricketts, Dallas; L. M. McCormick and wife, Dallas; Mrs. T. W. Carlisle, O'Brien; H. M. Smith, and wife, Abilene; J. R. Benson, Dallas; J. P. Brenna, Houston; O. K. Bond and wife, Fort Worth; J. R. Moore, Greenville; A. Klostermeyer, St. Louis; Ellis Douthitt, Fort Worth; J. C. Collins, New Orleans; W. E. Tolbert, Terrell; N. A. Cram, Dallas; J. H. Rasco, Fort Worth; J. Fulton and wife, Theater; Mr. Wonn, Temple; R. R. Cloval, Rotan.

TEXAS HOTEL—C. V. Blankenship and wife, Phoenix, Ariz.; John Wright, Cal.; A. Ortes, San Angelo; Riddle Bros., Reading, Pa.; P. Har-

vey and wife, Kentucky; A. M. Josey, Sylvester; J. E. Roberts, Sylvester; J. A. Waters, Houston; Bob Ripley, Snyder; A. R. Keys, Slaton; V. Yale, Kansas City.

PULLMAN HOTEL—A. C. Billingsley, Dallas; J. Brown, Fort Worth; R. Davis, Big Spring; H. V. Whitney, Big Spring; S. R. Johnson, Big Spring; J. Kiefer, Big Spring; J. Busby, Fort Worth; Rev. G. E. Gray and wife, Goldwalth; E. L. Hudnell, Tucson, Ariz.; A. C. Heath, Brown-

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Diamonds of Malopo

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

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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 lack, 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 in the South Africa, sold him as a special favor by a Dutch promoter named De Witt.

CHAPTER II—Winton, en route to his mine, finds the town of Taines wildly excited over a big strike at Malopo, including the 95-carat "De Witt diamond." Two coach passengers are a disreputable old prospector, Daddy Seaton, and his daughter Sheila. On the journey a passenger, who turns out to be De Witt himself, insults Sheila. Winton fights De Witt and knocks him out. Sheila tells him to turn back. She says that her father is a broken English army officer, who has killed a man and is therefore in De Witt's power, that De Witt is all-powerful, being backed by Judge Davis, president of the diamond syndicate and also the resident magistrate and judge of the native protectorate.

CHAPTER III—Winton finds Malopo in a turmoil, both over the strike and the theft of the De Witt diamond. Winton foolishly discloses his identity to Sam Simpson, a Jamaican negro, sub-editor of the local newspaper. He more wisely confides in Ned Burns, watchman at the Big Malopo, who tells him that the syndicate has planned to take control of the mine the next morning.

CHAPTER IV—Winton finds that Sheila is cashier at the restaurant. He offers his friendship. She rebuffs him. Van Vorst, a notorious diamond thief, one of De Witt's men, slips the stolen De Witt diamond into Winton's pocket and two policemen club Winton and arrest him. He escapes them and when at his last gasp Sheila takes him into her house, bathes his wounds and saves him from his pursuers.

CHAPTER V—The next morning Sheila offers Winton help in escaping from Malopo. He convinces her with difficulty that he did not steal the De Witt diamond and that he is president of the Big Malopo company. Bruised and blood-stained he runs across town, breaks by force into the company meeting and aided by a popular demonstration proves his identity, blocks the reorganization and takes control. He asks Sheila to marry him. She laughs hysterically and refuses him.

The judge released Winton's hands and looked at him with an expression of the deepest sorrow.

"My very dear friend," he answered, "listen to the experience of a man of the world. Suspicion is a dreadful thing. It poisons the heart at the source. It dries up the noble fountain of charity. You know what St. Paul said about charity? And it does not pay from a practical point of view," he went on in a natural tone.

Winton had begun to see that the judge's tremolo, in general, was used for moralizing; his second note, so to say, was eminently level, shrewd, and man-of-the-world.

"Believe in the goodness of every man, Mr. Garrett," quavered the judge, "and you will reap what you have sown." Then, sharply, "You are mistaken. I suppose Van Vorst, whom we mean to get by hook or crook some day, found himself hard pressed, and tried to divert suspicion from himself by casting it upon you, a stranger. And now, young man, will you accept Mr. De Witt's fraternal approaches?"

"I'm ready," answered Winton, "provided I encounter no further hostility from Mr. De Witt. And now that the syndicate has acknowledged my rights there need be none."

"The Diamond Fields Syndicate would not now take your property as a gift, Mr. Garrett," answered the judge decisively. "We were prepared to burden ourselves with the responsibility of it only in order to prevent a financial crisis upon the fields. Shares were going up to five times their value, and we wanted to smother the boom, which was artificial and would, in the end, have proved injurious. The finding of one large stone signifies nothing. The public is beginning to realize this, too, for the rush is slackening. Mr. Garrett, how are you going to raise enough capital to work the property, unless you discover some large stones immediately? I presume that you are not a man of unlimited means?"

"I'll face that problem when I have to," said Winton.

"You will have to very soon," answered the judge. "You have enough working capital for less than three months at the outside, and the shareholders will not permit the development of the Big Malopo to be hampered by lack of means, when the syndicate stands ready to back you. I should myself issue a court order for a receivership if I were confident that you contemplated holding up the work here. Malopo's interests are now yours, and yours are Malopo's. Having constituted yourself pursuer, in spite of your inexperience, you will find yourself compelled, at a very early date, to call upon the stockholders to put up further capital."

Winton reflected. He saw Judge Davis' point. His duty to the stockholders would compel him to keep adequate funds in the bank; under the laws controlling a cost claim company any necessary subscriptions could be

called for, but four-fifths would have to come out of his own pocket.

"What is your proposition, Judge Davis?" asked Winton, after pondering over the situation for a few moments, and coming to realize that the judge held the trump after all.

"My dear friend," answered Davis, "I have found, in the experience of a long life, that our material and moral ends are curiously and providentially interwoven. It is not from any material considerations that I wish to give you a piece of advice, though I confess that a suspicious man might misread my motive. You have cast doubt upon the good faith of the syndicate in the doubts that you have cast upon Mr. De Witt's good faith. Believe that we all, as fellow citizens of Malopo, are interested in the promotion of fraternal feelings."

"Yes, but your proposition, Judge?" asked Winton, beginning to feel revolted by the old man's hypocrisy.

He came to the conclusion that this quality, which was so gross that Davis must have known it to be patent to everybody, had become so much a part of his nature that he could not help assuming it.

But Winton was quite startled by the swiftness of the judge's lapse into the business man.

"My very dear friend, Mr. De Witt's offer of fraternity is contingent upon your accepting the syndicate's co-operation," he said. "You will want capital. The syndicate will assist you without exacting onerous terms, and without demanding a controlling interest. It will not look with complaisance upon any attempt on your part to bring foreign interests into Malopo. It feels itself bound to take that attitude on account of its duty to Malopo. Otherwise—"

"Yes?" inquired Winton, feeling that the lid had at length been taken off.

"You will have to reckon on the hostility of the syndicate," purred the judge. "It has immense resources, Mr. Garrett, and powerful friends in the Colony legislature, who could make it very hard for any external interests that did get a footing on the fields."

"I see," said Winton. He liked the judge much better unmasked; at least, he disliked him considerably less.

"You threaten, then, that if I seek outside capital, the syndicate will use every means of thwarting the development of the claim?" he asked.

"Yes, my friend. Not in our individual capacities, but purely in the business sense."

"Suppose I came to you for a loan offering the security of the diamond?"

The judge waved the suggestion aside as incredibly trifling.

"The diamond means nothing at all to us," he answered.

"It has a monetary value."

"We are not in need of small profits, Mr. Garrett."

"Pardon me, but if you are so prosperous and influential, what is the purpose of your resolve to get the control of the Big Malopo by means outside the ordinary run of business?"

The judge smiled, looked thoughtful, and then, to Winton's surprise, showed a third phase of his nature—absolute frankness.

"The purpose of our resolve?" he asked. "I suppose to gain power, Mr. Garrett. To please the stockholders and to gain power. There, sir, we touch upon the fringe of philosophy. What is the driving motive of human life? Each of us has some secret, ruling passion that he holds secure from the eyes of his fellow men."

His voice shook as he spoke, but this time it was not the quaver of hypocrisy. Judge Davis seemed on the verge of some intimate disclosure. Then the mood passed, the eyes grew hard again.

"The syndicate will assist you to the full extent of the company's needs, in so far as these have a legitimate existence," he said. "It will guarantee its co-operation. But it must be assured that no competitive interest shall be brought into Malopo, or admitted from Malopo. Therefore the terms are these: you will transfer thirty-three shares to me in blank, on which the syndicate will advance you four-fifths of their par value for three months. At the end of that term, if the money is repaid, you resume possession of your shares. If, on the other hand, the claim has not proved remunerative, the syndicate will reimburse to you personally all portion of this money spent on development, and the shares will become its property. In the latter event you will hold forty-seven shares, which will make the independent shareholders the decisive voters, and all interests will be protected. In the former event you will continue to hold your eighty shares. And I think, Mr. Garrett, that no fairer offer could be made. It gives you an opportunity to make a success of the company, and if you fail, protects us against external interests taking up the control of our detriment."

Winton thought furiously over the proposal. If he agreed, he would still hold forty-seven shares at worst, while the syndicate and its men would hold an equivalent amount. The balance of power would lie with the independent shareholders; but these, of course, were in Davis' power. If the claim proved to be what he and Ned Burns believed it was, the repayment within the period would be a mere trifle.

But why should he consider the proposal when he could realize working capital on the sale of the diamond?

"It seems to me," said Winton, "that I am not compelled to face the problem you raise. The diamond can be legitimately sold in the interests of the company. When the time comes for considering your proposition I may come to you, or I may go elsewhere, according to where I can get the best terms—in the interests of the company."

Judge Davis whistled softly and

gathered in the reins; then he turned to Winton.

"My dear friend," he said, "in these days capital cannot be raised, except in America, upon a diamond claim that has only produced a single diamond. As for the sale of the De Witt stone—"

"Hardly an appropriate name," said Winton hotly.

"The Garrett stone, I mean," purred Judge Davis. "Of course so long as you retain your controlling interest, you are at liberty to sell it. You misunderstand me, my young friend. I did not come here to discuss your ability to avoid fraternal co-operation with us, but to offer you the choice between that co-operation, with fraternity, and the syndicate's hostility—of course in a purely business sense. Till your decision is made, that fraternity must be withheld. Give faith and trust, dear sir, and they shall return to you a hundredfold. Give enmity, and—we'll smash you, you damned young fool, and you'll richly deserve it."

CHAPTER VII

For Sheila's Sake.

"What's your opinion, Ned?" asked Winton, two or three evenings later.

Much had transpired during the brief interval. The gangs of natives had arrived at the compound and started operations, under the immediate charge of Seaton, who had turned up sober at the appointed time. The old man worked diligently and showed that he knew his business. He had not touched a drop of liquor. But Sheila had not accompanied him to the cottage, and Winton had asked no questions.

What surprised Winton was the fact that the natives seemed to regard old Seaton with an exaggerated deference which they did not extend to him. Old Seaton, staggering under his load of liquor, was very different from Seaton, standing erect in the center of the compound, shouting commands to his obsequious workers, who flew to obey him.

"You couldn't have got a better man than old 'King' Seaton, if he'll stay sober," said Ned. "But it's hard on his girl—"

"Why do you call him that?" asked Winton, interrupting because he could not endure any reference to Sheila.

There was something in his tone that checked Burns on the threshold of his disclosures.

"Why, I supposed you knew, Mr. Garrett. The old man used to be a sort of chief among these Kafirs. Lived among 'em for years, they say. I suppose there ain't much to that story, though," he added reflectively.

Winton realized that there was probably more behind the story than Ned wished to disclose. And it came to him with a sudden shock that Ned knew of his episode in Sheila's house on the night of the chase, and was unwilling, on that account, to be as frank as he might have been.

On the night of the natives' arrival, when there was confusion and something of an uproar over the allocation of quarters, Winton was a little surprised to perceive the Hottentot Bot-tlejohn in conversation with his compound manager. There was a rule forbidding the presence of strange natives in the compounds. Winton did not feel in a position to be a stickler for the present, but the manner in which the Hottentot passed him without recognition struck him as odd.

Blue ground had been struck, the matrix of the diamond. The news spread all along the reef, and crowds flocked out from Malopo to see. Ned was hopeful that the main pipe would be found on the Malopo claim. Everything depended on its location. As the Big Malopo was in the center of the fields, Winton shared Ned's enthusiasm.

The capital of the claim had been largely exhausted in the outlay for machinery, construction material, and laborers. Davis had given Winton three months, but Winton realized that he would have to choose between two things. He could work in a small way, discharging the greater part of his men, and hope to meet expenses by the finding of stones; or he must throw himself heart and soul into the development of the claim, and call for more capital in a month's time. Of this he himself would have to furnish 80 per cent, unless he accepted Davis' proposal.

Outside capital could not be raised quickly. There was the big diamond. He had it valued by a local man. It was not of a pure white, but, being free from flaws, would fetch a considerable sum in the market. The expert announced that in his opinion any of the jobbers would be willing to advance fifteen thousand on it.

Another fifteen thousand would go far toward solving the difficulty of obtaining immediate capital for development, and would make it unnecessary for Winton to call on the shareholders for an assessment—and subscribe five times as much himself as the rest put together. The great problem, whether the claim was the mouth of a volcanic pipe, filled with diamonds, or merely a diamond ground, having its origin elsewhere, could only be solved by working. This meant a large expenditure. Winton took his troubles to Burns, telling him of the judge's offer.

"I've seen the other shareholders," he said, "and I'm satisfied that they are all in the syndicate's pocket. They are all tenants, or bound in one way or another. If I accept Davis' proposition it may mean parting with my majority share, in which case De Witt will come back as pursuer and you'll lose your job."

"Let's see what the Book has to say," suggested Burns. He opened his Bible and began to read:

(To be continued)

FROM AGES GONE

Museum of Natural History Discovers Flowers That May Have Bloomed Millions of Years Ago

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Traces of flowers that may have bloomed millions of years ago have been discovered in the petrified forest of the Southern Black Hills in South Dakota, according to D. C. Davis, director of the Field Museum of Natural History. The age of the formation in which they are found, as estimated on a basis of active disintegration, exceeds a hundred million years.

One of these flowers has been reconstructed here in the museum in cooperation with their discovered, Professor Wieland of Yale, an authority on these plants.

"These flowers belong to an extinct group of 'non-flowering' plants, an apparent contradiction in terms," said Mr. Davis. Their nearest living relations are the so-called sago-palms, the plants that furnish the 'palm leaves' used by the frolics. The sago-palms of Cycads are flowerless plants in the same sense as pine trees are flowerless. Their extinct relatives however, bore perfect flowers in great number, large, very elaborate and strikingly unlike any other flowers known. So abundant were these plants in their time that the era when they flourished is called the Age Cycads.

"This flower greeted the eyes of its antediluvian contemporaries, the long-necked Brontosaurus and the horned Triceratops, both of them and all their kind, according to geological science, turned to dust or stone long before Noah gathered his zoo for the ark."

FLAG CAMPAIGN

General Display of American Flags Launched by Junior Naval League To Stimulate Patriotism

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The United States Junior Naval League has started a campaign for the general display of the American flag throughout the country. This project embraces also a campaign of liberal education in loyalty in the mills and factories of the land, and the placing of the flag on every industrial building.

Everything possible should be done, the League declares, to stimulate the latent patriotism of the men and women employed in these mills; the flag should be visible to them at all times, so that they may receive inspiration from it.

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Contract has been closed by W. K. Miller of the Whitehouse Grocery with Guy Morris and John Meyers for a large building on the lot south of the First Christian church and adjoining the new garage building for Hubert Toler.

The new building will be used by Mr Miller to house his automobile paint business which he will operate as soon as the building is ready for him which will possibly be 60 days.

Mr. Miller has secured the West Texas franchise for the Gene Morris system of automobile painting, where one day delivery is given and at popular prices.

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Every character participating in the ceremony was as one lady put it, "too sweet for mere words." Each one received a goodly round of applause and the audience, smaller than was expected, on account of counter attractions, went home light-hearted and happy.

The following songs drew merited applause: "I Can Not Sing the Old Song," by Grandmother Thumb (Daphna De Buck); "Silver Threads Among the Gold," by Grandfather Thumb (Otto Carter Jr.); "When You and I Were Young Maggie," by Grandfather Midget (John Barry Hubbard); "I Love You Truly," by Mary Jane Dulaney; "Oh, Promise Me," by Alice Charlton; "When You Look Into the Heart of a Rose," by Mary Jane Humphries; "Old Maid's Song," by Lucile Seifert, Pauline Collins and Pauline Gibson; "I'd Love to Live in Loveland," by Margaret Cochran and A. B. Chambers.

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The proceeds of the venture, 40 per cent of which goes to the primary classes of the East Ward school, will be used to purchase frames for pictures and to obtain primary equipment needed.

Miss Rimmer announced Saturday that the Parent-Teachers of the East Ward school are endeavoring to win the money prizes offered by Hubbards store and requested that every-

one interested assist them. The prize, if won, will be used for sidewalk paving.

CHURCH SERVICES

Regular services of the Presbyterian church will be held at the Palace Theater today. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and the Christian Endeavor will meet at 4 p. m.

The offering will be given to the church building fund.

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