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## MASONS TO AID PRESBYTERIANS

Cornerstone New Church To Be Laid With Appropriate Ceremony This Afternoon at 3 O'clock

**DR. CHANDLER WILL SPEAK**  
President Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, To Deliver Address At Palace Theater Preceding

With the impressive Masonic ceremonial, the cornerstone of the First Presbyterian church will be laid today following an address by Dr. S. E. Chandler, president of Daniel Baker College, Brownwood.

J. W. Rector, District Deputy Grand Marshal for the 7th Masonic District of Texas will be present from McCaulley to take charge of the Masonic ceremonial.

The exercises will be held in the Palace Theatre beginning at 3 o'clock

Included in the list of articles to be placed in the cornerstone will be a bible, the church roll, containing the list of names of the members, together with the names of all the officials of the church, building committee, various church organizations, ladies societies, etc., a copy of the Sweetwater Reporter of the current issue and a history of the church.

The following program will be given:

1. Doxology.
2. Invocation.
3. Song by Congregation—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."
4. Address by Dr. S. E. Chandler, President of Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, Texas.
5. Song by Congregation—"The Church's Foundation."
6. Laying of Cornerstone of the Church by Masonic Order on church grounds under its own directory.
7. Closing Remarks and Benediction by pastor, Rev. D. B. Hestir.

**History of Church**  
The history of the Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater dates as far back as 1880, when the Rev. O. F. Rogers held occasional preaching services in the school building. The first organization was effected in 1885 under Dallas Presbytery with eleven members, two of whom, Mrs. B. Bardwell and Mrs. J. H. Bardwell, are still members of the present congregation.

1889 Rev. J. A. Creighton held regular monthly services for the church for some time. The next pastor was Rev. J. H. Zivley who began efforts for a house of worship. In 1891 the T. & P. Railroad gave the congregation a building lot and on July 4th of that year the corner stone was laid by the Masonic Lodge, with addresses by Rev. J. H. Zivley and Judge F. A. Fisher.

A Sunday school was organized by a union of the Cumberland Presbyterians who at that time had no church building. Dr. R. E. Moody was elected superintendent and Rev. J. L. Elliott, the Cumberland pastor, preached on alternate Sundays with the U. S. pastor until the Cumberlands built a church.

Following Rev. J. H. Zivley as pastors were Rev. H. M. Smith, Rev. J. L. McAdams, Rev. C. C. Anderson, Rev. R. M. Hammond, Rev. C. A. Engle, Rev. E. W. McLaurin and the present pastor, Rev. D. B. Hestir. It is a remarkable fact that some of the above returned for a second pastorate. Rev. J. H. Zivley, Rev. J. L. McAdams, Rev. C. C. Anderson and Rev. R. M. Hammond.

**Women Organize**  
The first woman's organization was the Ladies' Aid Society in 1890, with the following members: Mrs. J. S. Douthit, Mrs. M. L. Burke, Mrs. J. P. Freeman, Mrs. J. R. Fusselman, Mrs. F. Hicklin and Miss Tenney Lea. The specific purpose of this organization was to begin raising funds for a building.

In 1902 the present organization was perfected with seven members, Mrs. William Wight, president; Mrs. S. C. Glass, vice president; Mrs. Annie Burts, secretary; Mrs. J. P. Freeman, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes, and Mrs. Will Berry, Mrs. J. S. Douthit.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized in 1892 by Rev. J. L. Elliott, and as mentioned above they held their services in the U. S. Presbyterian building until their building was completed in 1899, and dedicated in 1902 by Dr. Jerry Ward. The following ministers served as

## Alaskan Railroad To Be Next Great National Scandal

By The United Press.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Congressional investigation of the Alaskan railroad may be demanded as the result of data obtained by labor leaders who last summer made a secret trip to Alaska to study the government railroad there, it was intimated by Timothy Healey, president of the Firemen's and Oilers' Union in a speech at Cleveland today.

He said the "Alaskan railroad steal will be the next great American scandal."

He refused to explain his statement and other labor leaders proved equally reticent.

D. M. Sutherland, delegate to Congress from Alaska, said he had an inkling of what was coming and intimated that it "might cause a lot of trouble."

**Weather**

West Texas Sunday unsettled, probably rain or snow in the northern portion.

## FELL FROM MILL; SERIOUSLY HURT

Employee United States Gypsum Co., Taken to Hospital Suffering From Severe Injuries

**CAUGHT ON BEAM ENROUTE**  
Presence of Mind Probably Prevented Death—Second Serious Accident in Building Plant

Sheer courage combined with presence of mind probably saved the life of Earl Elliott, U. S. Gypsum Co. employe, shortly after noon Saturday when he caught and hung tenaciously on an iron cross beam after having fallen 20 feet from the top of a four-story building.

He was rushed in an ambulance to the City Hospital where he was treated by Dr. A. H. Fortner.

He was badly bruised under the right arm, received a laceration on the scalp and possibly a fractured rib. His injuries, however, are not expected to prove fatal, according to the physician's report.

Elliott was handling checker plates on the top floor of the main building when he overbalanced and went hurtling toward earth. He was almost knocked unconscious when his head struck on a timber beam as he passed through the third floor. He fell across an iron beam near the second floor and hung on, although being badly bruised by the sudden contact with the beam. He was reported as resting well late Saturday night.

Elliott is the second workman that has fallen off the gypsum plant building since the construction work began. V. A. Spawls died as the result of a fall January 26.

## DEAN RESIGNS

Ranger Man Off State Prison Board As Result Business Affairs—Successor Not Yet Appointed

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 9.—The vacancy in the State Prison Commission caused by the resignation of S. J. Dean one week ago has not been filled as yet.

According to a statement by Dean, who was appointed by Governor Neff three years ago, he resigned owing to business affairs at his home in Ranger requiring his attention. He said he tendered his resignation a month ago.

Governor Neff is in Chicago and not expected back before Monday.

## CLAIM PROOF OF PERFDY SHOWN

Denver Publisher Testifies in Teapot Dome Naval Oil Reserve Lease Scandal—Corruption

**SENATE TO VOTE MONDAY**  
Robinson Resolution Asking Resignation Secretary of Navy Denby Debated on Floor

By The United Press.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The Senate late today agreed to vote Monday on the resolution demanding the resignation of Secretary of the Navy Denby.

The committee investigating today listened to evidence which Senator Lenroot regards as the most important and conclusive of any yet heard.

This evidence, it was intimated, pointed most conclusively to corruption in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to Harry F. Sinclair by Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior.

The testimony considered so important was given by Frederick G. Bonfils, publisher of the Denver Post which shows how Sinclair was willing to pay millions to prevent publicity or any other agency which interfered with his negotiations for the Teapot Dome.

The decision to take a vote Monday was reached when it became apparent that a vote could not be reached today owing to the debate. Senator Shortridge of California is opposed to the Robinson resolution asking for the resignation of Denby. He talked.

Senator Jones of Washington introduced a substitute somewhat milder in its words calling on Denby to withdraw.

**Details Told**

By The United Press.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Harry F. Sinclair was enabled to get his lease of the Teapot Dome from former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall by means of a conspiracy with the Pioneer Oil Co., the Senate investigating committee was told today.

The conspiracy was charged in a complaint prepared by Leo Stack of Denver charging that the Pioneer Oil Co., "entered into a conspiracy" with Sinclair to abandon its just rights to the Teapot Dome and claimed that it permitted Sinclair to go ahead with his lease negotiations with Fall.

The complaint was read to the committee at the request of Senator Walsh by his secretary.

Stack complained that the Pioneer Oil Co., "doublecrossed" him and asked the court to award him five million dollars damages.

Walsh contended that Stack's claim was unjust and that he really had no "just right" to the leases.

## PARDON NEGROES

Houston Objects to Pardoning 54 Negroes Sentenced in 1917 For Rioting—Petition Congress

By The United Press.  
HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 9.—Houston rose in arms today to prevent the pardoning of 54 negroes now in Leavenworth penitentiary for their participation in the 1917 rioting when 7 were killed and a number of others injured.

A called meeting of all executives and all members of the Houston Chamber of Commerce for Tuesday is expected to lay plans to fight the efforts to free the negroes.

Representative Dan Garrett, Senators Sheppard and Mayfield wired local authorities that they will do all in their power to prevent the pardoning of the 54 negroes. The War Department and other Government agencies have been petitioned, according to reports received here today.

**Issue Permits**  
City Secretary Henry Bartlett Saturday issued building permits to the following parties: J. J. Robbins, residence, \$2,200, block 108 on Elm street, L. R. Thanisch, contractor; Henry Walphatte, building, \$1,850, on North 1st street, Gus Marlin, contractor.

Mrs. M. E. Warren and daughter have returned from a four weeks visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

## FORD OFFER FOR SHOALS TOO LOW

Minority Report House Committee Decries Gift Enormous Government Properties to Magnate

**"WOULD CREATE A SCANDAL"**  
Represented That Project Has Cost Government \$125,000,000—Ford Offer Only Five Million

By The United Press.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals would amount to a "gift of enormous properties and industrial advantages to a private citizen," according to the minority view of the House Military Affairs Committee.

The report submitted to the House today was signed by representatives Morin and Ransley, Pennsylvania, Frothington, Massachusetts, and Wainwright of New York.

"No government can single out for special favors any individual or group of individuals without committing a great wrong, doing an injustice and creating a scandal," according to the report. It was deemed "unwise and unjust" for the Government to accept Henry Ford's offer.

It was said that Muscle Shoals represented a cost of 125 million to the tax payers. In return they said Ford's "proposes to pay the Government 5 million."

Contrasted to the offer made by the Alabama Power Co., the House minority claimed the government would be 75 million dollars richer in 100 years by rejecting the Ford offer and accepting the other.

The report said Ford would become "monopolist unique in history" if the grant is made him.

## LEASE OFFICES

Postal Telegraph Company To Open Here May 1—Lease Space in Bradford Building

J. A. Hargrove, division supt. of the Postal Telegraph Co., who was in Sweetwater this week in connection with establishing a transcontinental line from Fort Worth to Los Angeles, Friday signed a two-year lease with Roe Bradford for office space in the west end of the building occupied by the McGinty Grocery Co.

The lease was made with an option for renewal and becomes effective May 1.

The Postal Co., was recently granted a franchise to operate its lines through here with the provision that they establish an office in this city.

It was understood that the Postal Co. is more concerned regarding long distance telephone and telegraph messages.

How long the office will be maintained in Sweetwater depends largely, it was stated, on local business accorded.

## WAS IMPRESSED

Austin Postmaster Visits Sweetwater—Amazed at Growth

George H. Sparenberg, postmaster at Austin, but formerly of Big Spring and with property interests in Sweetwater, visited Postmaster M. B. Howard here Saturday.

Mr. Sparenberg was very much impressed with the progress this town is making and at the amount of building under way. There was no doubt in his mind about the future of Sweetwater, judging by the way he expressed his opinion of the situation.

## ACQUIT VIERECK

Jury Out Nearly 24 Hours in Case Growing Out of Sealy Street Battle, September, 1922

By The United Press.  
BELTON, Feb. 9.—Hawley Viereck, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Thompson Bell in a street battle at Sealy Street, September, 1922, was acquitted by a jury in District Court here late today.

The jury received the case at 10 o'clock Friday night.

Witnesses on the stand denied the Bell and Schaffer families had had trouble which might have led to the shooting.

## Arrest Bride of Coca Cola King With Two Men

By The United Press.  
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 9.—A woman said by Chief of Police Beavers to be Mrs. Asa G. Candler, young wife of the aged multimillionaire Coca Cola manufacturer and two men were arrested in an apartment late today.

They were released on bond of \$100 each and the trial set for Tuesday morning in municipal court.

The bond was furnished by W. J. Stoddard, prominent young business man, who, with W. G. Keeling, was arrested at the time.

The three were charged with violation of a city ordinance which defines a disorderly house.

Chief of Police Beavers said the woman admitted she was the seven months old bride of Asa G. Candler after she had been identified by an acquaintance.

A. G. Candler said he did not know where his wife was and refused to make any statement. So did his brothers, Judge and Bishop Candler, and A. G. Candler's attorneys. Efforts to locate Mrs. Candler or Stoddard proved fruitless.

## MARSHAL FINED

Deputy U. S. Marshall at Wichita Falls Adjudged in Contempt of Court—Shortage Liquor

By The United Press.  
DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 9.—John Faye, Deputy U. S. Marshal at Wichita Falls, was fined \$25 and costs for contempt of court in connection with a shortage of a quantity of alcohol in his custody and A. R. Eldridge retiring U. S. Marshal, was found guilty by Judge W. H. Atwell in the U. S. District Court here today.

Robert Goodfellow, special officer at Wichita Falls, and R. D. Guinn, Justice of the Peace, testified at the hearing.

Goodfellow said he took a drink of what he supposed to be grain alcohol in Faye's office Christmas Day.

A plea for suspension of the court finding against Faye was made by Attorney Simpson of Fort Worth.

## BUYING U S BONDS

State May Invest \$5,000,000 Surplus Funds in United States Short Time Certificates

By The United Press.  
AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 9.—State Treasurer Terrell will purchase next Monday an additional \$500,000 of U. S. short time certificates in connection with the plan of the State Depository to invest surplus money in the State's various special funds.

Friday \$1,000,000 was thus invested.

Total investments of State surplus funds may reach \$5,000,000.

## TO DEMONSTRATE

Food Specialist A. & M. College to Hold Two Meetings in County Coming Week—Here Thursday

Mrs. Edith Andrews, food specialist of A and M. College Extension Service, will conduct two demonstrations in Nolan County this week, according to word received by Miss Mable Spann, county home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Andrews will give a demonstration at Dora Wednesday, February 13, and another in Sweetwater Thursday, February 14. Women of the county are urged to attend the meeting nearest them.

The demonstration at Dora will be given at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Wallace and will consist of desserts and cakes.

At Sweetwater Thursday, the demonstration will be held at the store of the West Texas Electric Co., beginning at 2 o'clock and Miss Spann urges that all ladies be present promptly at that hour.

Desserts will be the subject of the demonstration here. Among those demonstrated will be fruit, both raw and cooked, whips, custards, pudding, junket, gelatine, short cakes, apple triangles, molasses prize and drop cookies.

All ladies are invited to attend.

The Misses Bernie Nolin and Evelyn Lohman have gone to Abilene to take a business college course.

## BAYONETS KEEP TOWN PEACEFUL

Herrin, Ill., Has One Dead Man, A Deputy Sheriff Near Death and Sheriff Charged With Murder

**LIQUOR RAIDS ARE CAUSE**  
Prohibition Enforcement Agent Accused Sheriff of Failing to Observe Law—Troops Enroute

By The United Press.  
HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 9.—Bloody Williamson County is keeping peace at the point of the bayonet with three companies of State Militia patrolling the dimly lighted streets, ready for action in the event of further outbreaks between the Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of the Flaming Circle, a rival organization.

Dry raids precipitated the outbreak.

With a prominent citizen dead, a deputy sheriff near death and the sheriff of the county charged with murder, Herrin welcomed the troops as the only hope of peace.

George Galligan, sheriff of the county was arrested by S. Glenn Young, prohibition enforcement agent of the county, and is being held in jail here on a charge of killing Caesar Cagle, Young's first lieutenant. Young was attacked by a masked mob last night, beaten and then slain by a rifle bullet.

Galligan was accused of being the leader of the mob. John Layman, deputy sheriff also accused of being implicated in the attack was later wounded in a gun battle. He was taken to a hospital where his chances for recovery are said to be slim.

The second outbreak of violence occurred when a group of Layman's friends called at the hospital to ascertain his condition. Young and his group came to arrest them. Shots were exchanged but no one seriously wounded.

The warfare was precipitated when Young took over prohibition enforcement and claimed the sheriff was failing his duty.

A special train left Springfield bearing 200 additional troops for Williamson County at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon under command of Adjutant Carlos D. Black.

**Troops Enroute**  
HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 9.—Five companies of Illinois National guards, numbering 200 men, were ordered to Herrin today to halt the threat of another bloody massacre in Williamson County resulting in the war between the Ku Klux Klan organization and anti-klansters.

Caesar Cagle, chief of police and klanster, was shot down on the street shortly after John Layman, bitter enemy of the klan, was shot and fatally wounded in alleged blind tiger raids by the klan body.

Sheriff George Galligan, who led the protest against the Ku Klux Klan activities by issuing a call for the State troops, appeared at a klan meeting last night with Layman, his most trusted deputy. Shortly after their arrival the door of the hall opened and three policemen entered with shotguns drawn; an uproar started with half dozen shots being fired.

When the smoke cleared it was found that John Layman had been shot through the back.

**Arrest Sheriff**  
CARBONDALE, Ill., Feb. 9.—Sheriff George Galligan of Williamson County was arrested here today on a warrant charging first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Caesar Cagle, klan leader, in Herrin last night.

## AUTO KILLS BOY

Son of Vernon Banker Dies When Car Returning From Quannah Overturns—Others Are Injured

By The United Press.  
VERNON, Texas, Feb. 9.—Frank Massey, 17, son of a prominent Vernon banker, died here today of injuries received when the automobile in which he and five other high-school boys and girls were returning from Quannah, overturned on the highway last night.

Young Massey was driving the car when it plunged from the road.

Others in the car suffered from minor injuries.

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**NEW CHURCH**  
Once more within the year it is the privilege of citizens of this town to take part in ceremonies incidental to laying the cornerstone for a new church. This afternoon the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church here will take this important step toward providing themselves with a new church home. It is an occasion that members of other congregations of the city may well take part in for the importance of the event is by no means confined to the members of this denomination. There is too much civic significance attached to the completion of a new house of worship in a town, regardless of the denomination. And we are citizens of Sweetwater as well as church members.

**SCOUTING**  
This coming week is Boy Scout week, and it will be observed all over this nation as the anniversary of the founding of the movement, which has perhaps done more for the boys of the nation than any one other thing. It will be observed in Sweetwater appropriately at the various churches today. This town has encouraged the movement and through its efforts a four-county council has been organized for the purpose of furthering the work in this section. Unless a town takes care of its boys it won't be much town. The same thing applies to girls as well. It is to be hoped some of the boys of this town, at least, will be better than some of us men.

**THIRTY YEARS**  
Thirty years ago a cowpuncher was trailing a herd of cattle to rail-head through the Panha vile. It came night and as he lay on his back, looked at the stars, and dreamed of the future he wished for a thousand dollars that he might invest it. Land at that time could be bought in Plainview, Lubbock, Tulia and other Panhandle points for \$10 per acre. The Santa Fe cut-off and the Orient were as yet undreamed of and the possibilities of Sweetwater beyond the ken of man.

"I was only getting a dollar a day at that time and nothing for nights," said the cowpuncher, who had to wait for later years to make his investments.

Thirty years from now the investment possibilities of this section will be very close to folks of that day. We are so close to them we cannot see them—that is all!

**Get Numbers**  
A new supply of highway license numbers for automobiles has been received by the county tax collector's office. The numbers were exhausted for a time.

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**Fred Pipkin Signs Fat Contract With Marlin Ball Club**

Fred Pipkin, who with Earl Fleharty and Pop Boy Smith, has kept Sweetwater on the baseball map during the "lean" years following the utter demise of the gone-but-not-forgotten Swatters, received his 1924 contract from the Marlin club of the revamped Texas Association Saturday.

The contract, which was duly signed and returned, contained figures that, in the parlance of baseball slang, are termed "juicy."

"It is one of the best contracts I've ever negotiated," Fred said. "And I hope to have equally as good a season in 1924 as I experienced last year."

With Marlin last season Pipkin enjoyed one of his good years, the kind that carried him to the American Association in 1921. He took part in every game his club played and was the only regular on the team that finished the season with a batting average within the so-called charmed circle. Fred batted .301 in 140 games.

His worth was further demonstrated by his ability to perform at any position with varying skill. He appeared behind the bat in 16 games, at first base in 92 contests and played the outfield on 22 occasions.

Pipkin expects to take a course of baths at Marlin prior to the opening of the training season grind. He will leave here about March 1.

**HAD COUSIN HERE**  
Movie Actress Slain in New York Relative N. K. Freeman

Miss Louise Lawson, motion picture actress, slain in her New York home by robbers late Friday, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lawson of Walnut Springs, was a cousin of N. P. Freeman of Sweetwater, employe of the oil mill for the past five years.

Miss Lawson was 24 years old and had been on the stage nearly three years, her father said.

She was born at Alvarado and spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Walnut Springs. She had a number of valuable diamonds which probably led to the murder and robbery, Lawson said.

The family received a letter from the girl last Wednesday.

**TALKS MARTIAL LAW**  
Series Liquor Raids Net 89 Men and Women in Corsicana

By The United Press.  
CORNICANA, Texas, Feb. 9.—Judge Scarborough today said that martial law may be advisable in Navarro County following a series of raids resulting in the arrest of 89 men and women in the last two days.

A number of these were released on payment of fines. Liquor, narcotics, and gambling devices were seized. The grand jury will convene Monday.

**PLEADED INSANITY**  
Jury Says Assistant Cashier Not Guilty Embezzlement Bank

By The United Press.  
TYLER, Texas, Feb. 9.—Charles Thresto, charged with embezzlement in connection with an alleged shortage of \$72,000 from the First National Bank of Palestine was acquitted by a jury here late today after five

minutes of deliberation. Thresto was assistant cashier. He admitted making false entries but pleaded insanity.

Buy a package at the Gleaner's Valentine Tea. **STLde**  
**HEFLIN AFTER CRAEGER**

**Reads Charges Into Record Concerning Rio Grande Valley**  
By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Senator Heflin of Alabama today read into the Senate records evidence which he said involved R. B. Craeger, Republican Committeeman from Texas, in Rio Grande Valley frauds.

The evidence was in the shape of letters to Senator Wadsworth, Copeland, Harrison and Heflin himself relating losses suffered by writers in Rio Grande Valley land deals.

**PIANIST COMING**

**Paderewski To Play in First Baptist Church at Abilene Saturday, February 23, One of Greatest**

ABILENE, Texas, Feb. 10.—Paderewski, the greatest pianist of the day and world-famed political figure, will make his first appearance in West Texas, on the evening of Saturday, February 23, in Abilene. The faculty of Simmons College will sponsor a concert by the famous "poet of the piano," to be given in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of this city. Tickets for the super-musical attraction went on sale this week, but so great had been the demand for reservations of seats in Abilene and surrounding territory, that some seven hundred tickets were checked off on the first day of the sale. Seating capacity of the church is 1,400.

The return of Ignace Jan Paderewski to the concert field last fall, after an absence of five years, during which time he took a big hand in world politics; as premier of his beloved Poland, was the crowning sensation of the musical world. His half century devoted to art had given him a hold on the public that was only intensified with the renewal of his

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**ELECT OFFICERS**

**Dora Home Demonstration Club Enters Third Year of Activity—To Join Federation**

The Dora Home Demonstration Club elected officers for the ensuing year at their meeting held Friday at the Dora tearage.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sy Dennis; vice president, Mrs. Tom Bloxon; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Jones; parliamentarian, Mrs. J. W. Whittaker.

The club voted to join the County Federation of Women's Clubs. Following the business session there was a demonstration of hot cakes and waffles by Mrs. Cy Dennis and Mrs. W. A. Elliott.

**YES SIR**

It pays to pay the difference to the plumber who is careful about the kind of work he does, and the quality of material he uses. When I do the plumbing it is done as it should be done—every joint is tight, is sanitary and of the latest style. Fittings and fixtures are in keeping with the high grade of work I do.

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The Dora Home Demonstration Club is entering upon its third year of work. At a recent meeting 17 members were present with five visitors.

All Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Masons are requested to meet at Masonic Hall, 2 p. m., today account Corner-Ceremonial, First Presbyterian Church.  
M. C. MANROE, W. M.  
GEO. McKnight, Sec.

**Notice of Worship**  
Members of the Church of Christ meeting at the courthouse will meet today at 3 o'clock in the room of the Justice of the Peace. Everybody welcome to attend these services.  
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*No other meat market between Fort Worth and El Paso provides its own cold storage to say nothing of a freezing room. It is just one of the ways in which we are continually striving to better our service to our patrons.*

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# Wade Market

DELIVERIES PROMPT

*Always ask your grocer or meat dealer for Wilson's Hams and Bacon. Better—cost no more.*

### Special Music

The special music numbers at the Methodist Church, today will be a beautiful anthem at the morning service and a number by Harry LaMaire.

The evening service will be preceded by a thirty-minute song service, with orchestra accompaniment.

### Mary Martha Class Party

The members of the Mary-Martha Sunday school class of which Mrs. N. L. Hall is the teacher, held their social and business meeting Wednesday afternoon in the basement auditorium of the Methodist Church, with Mrs. O. L. Dodson hostess.

Mrs. John Aycock, class president, occupied the chair and read the scripture lesson from the sixth chapter of Chronicles. Mrs. Herman Burge led the lesson after a short prayer by Mrs. Hall. This class is composed of young married women, with perhaps one exception. They were organized about two years ago with five members. They are engaged in a lively contest with the Wesley Bible Class, which is composed of the older women.

During the social hour, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. John and Mrs. Ted Hall and Mrs. L. Roden will be a trio of hostesses at the next meeting, March 5, at the home of Mrs. John Hall.

### S. S. Class Enjoy Meeting

Mrs. H. C. Anderson, class president, was hostess Wednesday afternoon at the monthly social and business meeting of the Wesley Bible Class, at her home on Walnut street.

A large number of members answered to roll call and a most pleasant hour was spent discussing the class business with Mrs. Anderson presiding.

Mrs. W. L. Kinsey led the devotional part of the meeting and Mrs. W. W. Beall led the prayer. The several class contests in progress in the Sunday school came in for comment. Two new members were enrolled, Mrs. D. C. Cage and Mrs. Laney.

At the conclusion of the party Mrs. Anderson served pie and coffee. Mrs. W. W. Beall will be hostess March fifth.

### Young People Enjoy Party

About twenty-five members of the Junior and Senior classes were delightfully entertained Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. McDonald, when their niece Miss Adoline McQueen gave a party.

Candy making and games of all kinds, including Bunco and Music filled the evening with pleasure. The party concluded with the serving of refreshments plates. Mrs. McQueen assisted her daughter in entertaining and serving her guests.

### Beautiful Bridge Party

Mrs. M. C. Manroe and Mrs. Gus Farrar were joint hostesses Thursday afternoon when they entertained half a hundred of their friends with a beautiful Valentine Bridge party.

The floral decorations of the home were beautiful and favored the red of the Valentine season. Rich red roses and red carnations and ferns were chosen for the library and living rooms and beautiful pink geraniums in profusion were used in the dining room windows in pots and baskets, with a chrysal vase of red roses on the dining table. Potted ferns were placed about at points of advantage.

Eleven tables were placed for the players and four games were played with enthusiasm. Mrs. Ray Hickman made highest score and was rewarded with a lovely red crystal vase. The lower score prize, a red chrysal compote, was the conclusion given Mrs. John Perry.

The score pads and tallies were prettily hand painted and were also Valentine reminders.

The guest favors were Valentine lollipops and pedestals and were pronounced very clever. A most delightful two course luncheon was served at the conclusion of the games.

Mrs. Manroe and Mrs. Farrar were assisted in receiving and entertaining their guests by Mrs. A. J. Wimberly and Mrs. James Henry Beall, Jr. and Mrs. George Stiles.

### Library Benefit

A program of readings will be given Monday evening between the picture program Monday evening at the Library Benefit, to be given at the Lone Star Theater.

The program follows:  
"Victory for the Dentist"—Naomi Watson.  
"Lizzie at the Skating Rink"—Doris Samms.  
"Trials of the School Girl"—Lanette Godfrey.  
"A Cullud Lady on the Phone"—Mary Elizabeth Ford.

Miss Beulah Davis came in from her school in the Bolin Community to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis.

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**LAY CORNER STONE**  
(Continued from page one)

pastors: Rev. Piercy, Rev. A. B. Johnson, Rev. Kirby, Rev. Bryant, Rev. J. M. Youree and Rev. George W. Beck. The usual church activities were carried on by this congregation. When the union of the Cumberland and U. S. A. Presbyterian churches took place in 1906 this congregation entered the union and so continued until 1920.

In 1918 this congregation and the U. S. Presbyterian congregation federated for a period of two years, retaining Rev. C. A. Engle as pastor. At the end of that time by a vote of the joint membership they affiliated with the U. S. Assembly, under the name of The Presbyterian Church.

**Elect Clark**

D. A. Clark was elected superintendent of the Sunday school and continues in that office at the present time with the following officers and teachers: C. E. Mays, assistant superintendent; Oscar Pate, secretary and treasurer; E. E. Shaw, assistant secretary and treasurer. The enrollment numbers 128 with eleven teachers. Judge J. H. Beall, C. E. Mays, Mrs. Rufus Wright, Mrs. R. L. Shaffer, S. I. Edwards, J. A. McCurdy, J. H. Beall Jr., Mrs. Ed Mays, Mrs. Will Hubbard, superintendent of the primary department with two teachers, Mrs. R. S. Malone and Mrs. A. R. Cannon.

When the churches united the Woman's Auxiliary was reorganized. Mrs. D. A. Myers was elected president; Mrs. C. H. Engle, vice president and Mrs. Fred Shugart, secretary. This organization continues active at the present time with Mrs. S. I. Edwards president; Mrs. William Wight, vice president; Mrs. Jay Ingram, secretary; Mrs. Gus Farrar, treasurer; Mrs. Royal Headrick, mission treasurer; Mrs. Oscar Pate, treasurer of building fund. The officers elected for the ensuing year beginning April 1, are: Mrs. Otis Neely, president; Mrs. S. I. Edwards, vice president; Mrs. D. B. Hestir, secretary; Mrs. Farrar, re-elected treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Wiggins, mission treasurer; Mrs. Jay Ingram, treasurer building fund.

For the two years past under the leadership of Mrs. R. K. McAdams, who recently resigned, as president, the Woman's Auxiliary raised a very substantial sum towards the building fund besides the usual contributions to the various benevolences of the church.

**Organize C. E.**

In 1918 the first Christian Endeavor Society was organized, including a Senior and Junior society. The latter continued for four years as a valuable asset to the church.

In 1923 an intermediate society was organized with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Norwood and Mrs. R. S. Malone in charge. Miss Lena Shaffer is president, Sie Edwards vice president, Ralph Shaffer secretary, L. E. Patterson recording secretary, Eva Queen treasurer.

At the present date, Feb. 10, 1924, Rev. D. B. Hestir is pastor of the church, with an enrollment of 166 members. The session is composed of Judge J. H. Beall, R. K. McAdams, Rufus Wright, D. A. Clark, S. I. Edwards, I. E. Wallis, J. P. H. McMullan, B. L. McDonald, R. L. Shaffer, Dee Trammell.

The board of deacons, W. C. Calvert, C. E. Mays, J. E. Barrick, E. F. Patterson, Oscar Pate, G. W. Parker.

B. C. McCall, E. E. Shaw, C. A. Rosebrough, J. A. McCurdy, J. H. Bardwell Sr.

During the summer of 1923 plans and specifications were secured toward the erection of a new church building and a building committee was appointed, composed of Rufus Wight, chairman; S. I. Edwards, treasurer; J. A. McCurdy and Oscar Pate, also a finance committee with R. K. McAdams, chairman, D. A. Clark and C. E. Mays.

In December the contract was let to L. S. Hyre, and work was begun immediately on the site occupied by the old building.

**DAVIS APPEALS**

**Stephens County Man Sentenced to Seven Years For Assault**

By The United Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 9.—Appeal has been filed in the Court of Criminal Appeals in the case of Carter Davis of Stephens County, sentenced for 7 years for assault with intent to murder upon Cuba Davis.

He was convicted on two other charges growing out of the same case. One was reversed and the other affirmed. In these cases he was charged with attempting to murder his two sisters-in-laws.

**Mission Study**

The Presbyterian Mission Study class will meet with Mrs. Gus Farrar Monday afternoon at 3:30.

The Gleaners will present a beautiful program followed by a dainty refreshment course at the home of Mrs. John R. Cox Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. 82c

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**AMUSEMENTS**

Those who go to the theater to see stars and those who attend to see a great story, will find both at the A and R Palace Theater Wednesday and Thursday when Fred Niblo's "Strangers of the Night" opens.

All-star casts are sometimes discovered to be no-star casts but Fred

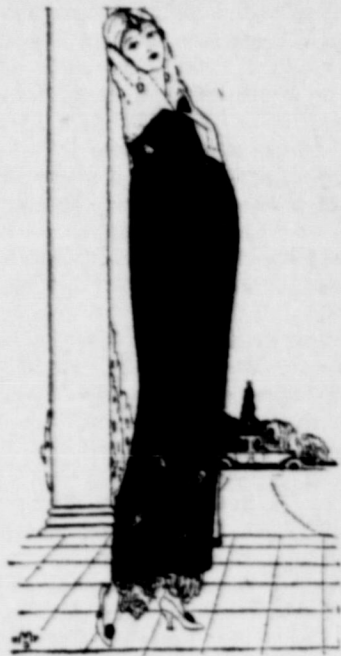
Niblo assembled a group of players who were individually famous when he began production on "Strangers of the Night," for Louis B. Mayer and Metro.

For the role of "Captain Applejack," made famous in Walter Hackett's stage play from which "Strangers of the Night" was adapted, he selected Matt Moore. Miss Enid Bennett, remembered as Maid Marion in "Robin Hood," appears in the role of a demure little British girl, while Barbara La Marr is the spectacularly beautiful Russian adventuress. Robert McKim is again a screen villain, while uch favorites as Otto

Hofman, Emily Fitzroy, Thomas Ricketts and Mathilde Brundage are exceptionally well cast.

"Strangers of the Night" is a mystery romance of adventure and love, told graphically against background of rare beauty. It opens in a mansion on the Cornish coasts of England and leads from a drawing room to a pirate cruise and back before the unexpected climax is reached.

"Strangers of the Night" is Fred Niblo's second independent production for Louis B. Mayer and Metro, following "The Famous Mrs. Fair," "The Three Musketeers," "Blood and Sand," and "The Mark of Zorro."



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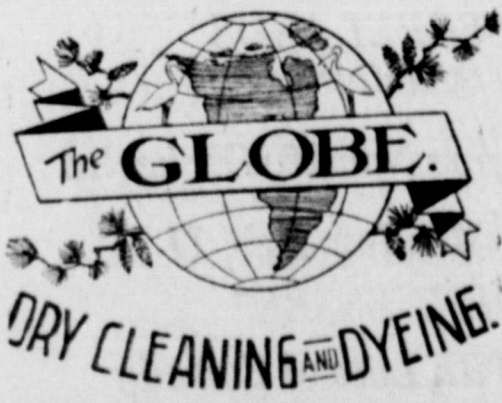
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### Priscilla Club

Mrs. Luther Watson was hostess Thursday afternoon at a pleasant meeting of the Priscilla Club. They enjoyed an hour of needle work and talked over new plans.

Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. I. S. Focht and Mrs. Will Morton shared the pleasure of the meeting with the members. Refreshments were served. Mrs. S. Z. Williams will be hostess of the March meeting.

### More Books For Library

A valuable gift was made Friday when Judge and Mrs. W. W. Beall presented the Public Library a set of ten volumes of "The Writings of Thomas Jefferson," and a set of twenty five volumes of "Masterpieces of Eloquence," dating from Homer in the 10th century before Christ to William Jennings Bryan.

Mrs. Brooks Browning presented the library eight books of fiction, on Friday. This brings the number of books in the library up to 1582, or 18 less than 1600. There will be a shipment of new books reach the library early in the week.

### To Study Psalm

The B. Y. P. U. will study the 18th Psalm at their Bible meeting tonight to be followed by an interesting and instructive program. The public is invited to come and bring a Bible.

The program begins at 6:30, with the following numbers:

- Bible study meeting. Psalm 19, "How to Live Right,"
- Hymn No. 45.
- Prayer—Rev. Philip Little.
- Hymn No. 29.
- Introduction—Gay Nell Reavis.
- The Book of Nature—Mary Weatherford.
- The Book of Scripture—Ara George
- Converting the Soul—Bethel Donley.
- Growing Wisdom—Mrs. Owens.
- God's Book a Guide Book—Mr. Owens.
- Conquering the Secret and Insidious Sins—Montie Johnson.
- Hymn No. 2.
- Conclusion—President.

### Valentine Tea.

The members of the Gleaner's Missionary Society will entertain with a Valentine Tea, Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the home of Mrs. John Cox, on E. N. 3rd St. and invite all their friends in the city to attend. The small door fee which will be charged will go into their treasury to be used in their local church work.

An entertaining program from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock, and refreshments will be included.

A package sale will also be given and each patron may be assured that each package will be worth the money.

### Wednesday Bridge Club

Among the pleasant social affairs of this week was the meeting of the Wednesday Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Calvert.

She extended her hospitality to cover two extra tables, making six in all and four games were enjoyed. Unique little candy baskets centered each table holding dainty candies. Mrs. George Gray and Mrs. Will Corbett tied for high scores.

A chicken salad course was served. Besides club members the following played substitute hands: Mrs. Geo. Willis, Mrs. A. Levy, Mrs. J. H. Doshier, Mrs. W. F. Poffenbach, Mrs. Geo. Gray, Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. Dalton Moore, Mrs. M. C. Manroe, Mrs. T. S. Montgomery, Mrs. Tom Plack, Mrs. Graham Robertson, Mrs. Buchner Alien, and Miss Janice Dulaney.

### Delegate Returns

Mrs. Henry Hill returned Thursday from San Angelo, where she was the guest of Mrs. Frank Miller and Mrs. Frank Waddell, while attending the district convocation of the Episcopal Church. She was a delegate from the local church to the convocation. The special features of the meeting was the memorial service Sunday morning, when Bishop Kongsolving of Waco delivered the sermon honoring the memory of the late Bishop Edward A. Temple, and the visit of Miss Mable Lee Cooper of New York City of the Department of Religious Education. A luncheon was served each day to the visitors. The Eastern Star one day, and the Presbyterian ladies another day. Captain and Mrs. G. C. Webb entertained them with a reception at their home Tuesday evening.

### Commissioners' Court Meets

The regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court will be held Monday when officers' reports will be read, appointments of election officers and road overseers and other routine business will be handled.

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PRISONER TRANSFERRED

Special to The Reporter. BALLINGER, Texas, Feb. 9.—Deputy United States Marshal Baylor Crawford has transferred John Thomas from this city to San Angelo to answer a charge of using the mails to defraud. Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho apprehended Thomas. It was expected the prisoner would make bond and be released pending action of the Federal grand jury.

BIG POULTRY SHIPMENT

Special to The Reporter. BRONTE, Texas, Feb. 9.—Tuesday was poultry shipping day for the Farm Bureau Poultry Assn., of Coke County and it was truly a red letter day for chicken raisers here. A partly loaded car was shipped in from elsewhere Tuesday. It readily filled and before the day ended there was a surplus of 2999 pounds of chicken flesh that had to be shipped out by express. Rosser & Smith handled the shipment for the association.

AMUSEMENTS

"Pure Grit" the Universal Western feature starring Roy Stewart which comes Monday and Tuesday to the A and R Queen Theater, presents the most cowardly men in the world.

Two men had escaped from a penitentiary. To all appearances they were pals, mutually of course, for their own protection. Their interests were a common bond of companionship, their destination the same, Mexico.

But their natures were different, one was the natural criminal, the other a victim of circumstances. The victim of circumstances made the great mistake of placing trust in his fugitive companion. He displayed a letter which was to identify him with his sister, a school teacher in the Texas wilderness, whom he had not seen since they were both children.

That trust broke the bond of companionship and revealed the cowardly and criminal nature of the man in whom the trust was placed. Watching his chance, he deliberately shot his companion for the letter.

But in Texas there are rangers who have a peculiar faculty of uncovering just such crimes. The fact that a ranger was in love with the school teacher who was in due time presented with the letter from the long lost brother, lessened to a considerable degree the criminal's chance of carrying out his scheme.

"Pure Grit" is a film version of William MacLeod Raine's famous Western novel, "The Texas Ranger," directed by Nat Ross. In the cast are Esther Ralston, Jack Mower, Jere Austin and Verne Winter.

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A. & M. College Chemist Warns Users of Fertilizer to Use Only Standard Formulas Named

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Feb. 9.—Anticipating the use of thirty per cent more fertilizer in Texas this year than in any previous year, Dr. G. S. Fraps, chief of the division of chemistry of the experiment station of the A. & M. College and State chemist, has issued a recommendation to farmers that they buy only the standard fertilizer formulas. While there are 167 different kinds of fertilizer mixtures registered for sale in Texas, Dr. Fraps recommends only the eleven standard formulas. "This great number is not at all necessary," he said, "and their use merely causes fertilizers to cost more. The use of the standard formulas will result in reducing the cost of plant food, simplify recommendations for use of fertilizers and reduce the purchasing and handling of unnecessary weight found in the lower grade fertilizers. Fertilizer means plant food, phosphoric acid, nitrogen and potash in such forms that the plants can take them up readily. It is not possible to buy these elements pure but it must be bought along with other materials which are necessary as carriers of the plant food. There are various combinations but for simplification and economy they have been standardized for Texas conditions on a basis of the soil, crop and other conditions. The names of these are expressed in figures which show the proportionate amounts of the three plant foods and thus are easy remembered, and understood. Of the three figures in each fertilizer designation, the first indicates the amount of phosphoric acid, second nitrogen and third potash. For instance a 12-4-4 fertilizer is one containing 12 per cent available phosphoric acid, 4 per cent nitrogen and 4 per cent potash. The analysis printed on the bag or tag should correspond to one of these figures if the goods are standard formulas. Information for selection of the proper formulas may be obtained by writing the college."

Texas Tech Committee Visit Famous Technical College in New England in Course of Trip

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 8.—The region about Boston is headquarters for technological education. It ought to be because the people up here have the four great requisites for developing school of technology. They have the brains, they have the money, they have the industries, and, perhaps most important of all, they have had the time for bringing these three great elements together in the best discoverable fashion.

During the week the members of the Texas Tech. committee were in Boston and vicinity, they visited the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (better known at a distance as the Boston Tech.), the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the textile schools of Lowell, New Bedford and Fall River. They also visited the establishment of the Scao-Loweck Company, the largest manufacturers of textile machinery in the world. They were entertained for luncheon by this company and saw the latest development of their product.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the Leviathan among schools of technology. It occupies 50 acres just across the Charles River from Boston and has recently purchased 30 acres more. The school has only recently moved into its new quarters. Every cubic foot of its

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
February 10, the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

10 a. m.—Sunday school.

11 a. m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon, "The Message to St. John the Baptist."

5 p. m.—The Litany and a Meditation.

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# Diamonds of Malopo

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### SYNOPSIS

**CHAPTER I.**—Winton Garrett, twenty-five and just out of college, came by appointment to 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 rubber plantations 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.

**CHAPTER II.**—Winton, en route to his mine, finds the town of Taungu 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 arrest him. Winton 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 re-organization and takes control. He asks Sheila to marry him. She laughs hysterically and refuses him.

**CHAPTER VI.**—Winton hires Seaton as compound manager and develops Big Malopo. Judge Davis, a philosophical old hypocrite of unknown past, suffers him the syndicate's co-operation. Otherwise, he says, "we'll smash you, you d-d young fool."

**CHAPTER VII.**—Winton, infuriated by a scurrilous newspaper article about Sheila and himself, knocks Sam down and publicly threatens Judge Davis. He finds Sheila about to elope with De Witt, to save her father. He horsewhips De Witt. Sheila again refuses to marry him and says she is going away, never to see him or her father again.

**CHAPTER VIII.**—Winton hires Sam as night watchman. Van Vorst's gang steals the De Witt diamond. Winton pursues Van Vorst, who escapes with the big stone.

one with the least speck of black blood in her, is always a native in their eyes. Is it not so in your own land?"

"Yes," answered Winton.

"My father became a native chief, as many white men have done in South Africa. Unlike them, he married only one wife. That woman became my mother. I was brought up in her kraal. My earliest recollections are of the tribesmen going out to war. I have seen captives slaughtered, and warriors stabbed through the body with spears, and barbarous, bloody sacrifices. That was in the days when the interior of Bechuanaland was an unknown land. Do you wonder that I could never feel at home among white people, though three-fourths of my blood is white?"

"My father became chief of this tribe. The natives would not let him lead them in battle. They set too



"My father became a native chief"

high a value on his counsel. And he governed them wisely. There is no man from one end of the country to the other who does not know King Seaton.

"When I was six years old my father thought that the danger of pursuit was over. He planned to take me away, so that I might be brought up among his people. He thought I would forget my birth. He thought that he

would give me what he considered to be my rightful heritage. He stole away by night, abandoning my mother. The tribe would not have let him go.

"But he found that it was not easy to sink his identity. He changed his name, but in vain. Wherever he went natives recognized him and told their masters. He had to flee constantly. Mr. De Witt knew his secret. He wanted to make use of him in some dishonest work for which only my father could help him. My father yielded to his threats, and thereafter De Witt hounded him.

"At last my father went back to his tribe, to find that my mother had succeeded to the leadership. He was already an outcast among the whites; now he became an outcast among the blacks also. The tribe respected him, but they feared him, they thought he was a government agent; they never trusted him. He had become the loneliest man in the whole world.

"And as for me, the memory of those early years was stamped indelibly upon my mind. I looked at men and things from the native's point of view. I too, was known as one of native blood. People pitied me, detested me, but none held out a helping hand, and never, until you honored me in the coach had any man recognized that I might have the instincts of the white woman—some of them. Perhaps, if you had known you would have felt the same as they did."

"No, Sheila," answered Winton.

"I wanted you not to know. Has it ever occurred to you that a simple word from a stranger may change the entire course of our lives? You helped me when I had come to despair. Your kindness meant more to me than you can possibly recognize. For I will speak plainly to you now that at last you understand the fatuity of your course.

"When Mr. De Witt became infatuated with me I knew that he had a wife downcountry whom he had abandoned. And he knew that I knew it. He did not deceive me. It had never entered his mind that I could expect him to marry a woman with native blood. He had sworn to me that if I went away with him his persecution of my father should stop. There was nothing in his conduct toward me that might not have been done by any man in Malopo. No blame would have attached itself to him in Malopo's eyes.

"I told him that I was willing to sacrifice myself for my father's sake. Why not? I am a native woman; why should I obey the law of the whites when I am a thing shunned and despised?"

"Sheila!" cried Winton hoarsely.

"Yes, despised," she repeated, flinging out the words defiantly. "As you despise me now."

"You are wrong, Sheila. You have suffered, not through people's contempt, but because the world is thoughtless."

She laughed contemptuously.

"Never mind the world," she answered. "Listen to one thing, and be proud of it if you care to be. Before I met you, when life seemed hopeless, I had resolved to yield to De Witt to save my father's life, which is in his power. You saved me. I was going with him that night, but I know that there was murder in my heart. I was going to kill him. You showed me the better way; I taught me to honor myself, even at the cost of my father's life if need be."

"Sheila, I honor you for what you have told me," said Winton. "I understand what you have suffered. I do not pity you. I admire your courage." "Yes?" she answered, with an ironic inflection in her voice. "Perhaps you will tell me that you still love me?" "I love you, Sheila, as I have done from the first!" he cried.

"And would still ask me to be your wife?" she persisted relentlessly.

Winton was silent. He knew now that the inexorable law of the race is founded, not on prejudice, but upon some interior prompting that may be called divine. In spite of the spell that the girl exercised over him he shrank from the idea. And the thought of his own ostracism that must follow had the least part in his abhorrence.

Sheila laughed, and Winton cried out, stung to the quick:

"I am ready to marry you, Sheila. And I will take you away from Malopo; I will take you to America, where none will ever guess at the truth."

"You propose too high an honor for me," answered the girl indignantly. But then, her bitter mood softened by the vehemence of his words, she went to him and put her hands on his shoulders with the old gesture. Her face was very tender.

"No, my dear," she answered. "I have made you suffer in my outraged pride; I have brought sorrow upon you in return for the kindness you have shown me. But I would never do you this wrong."

"Sheila, it is no wrong!"

"The race bar—"

"Means nothing. You have inherited none of the qualities of—of your mother."

"Are we responsible only to ourselves then?" asked the girl, seeming to shrink for the first time under her ordeal. "Or are we, each one of us, custodians of the race? You, at least, have your duty to the generation that is to follow yours."

"In the years to come you will thank me, if you cannot now. Good-by; and believe that, if my heart were not warped and twisted, it would be yours, though I could never be."

Of a sudden the sun's rim burst above the valley, turning it into a glow of gold. The lengthy shadows of the mountains swept it from end to end. In the huts beneath there was a stirring. Women, their straight bodies as graceful as Greek statues, carrying

water pails came from wind gourd upon their heads in classic guise, began to walk in single file along the path down to the spring. Winton saw a group of warriors standing, and looking up at them.

"I have one more word to say," Sheila added. "The tribesmen are disgusted about their lands, as you must know. There have been rumors of a rebellion. They are well founded. The meeting last night was to discuss the chances of an uprising. I know no more. But warn Malopo. This is the last service that I can do for those who are no longer my people."

She turned and began to descend the slope. Winton stood watching her until she had mingled with the throng of savages below. Then only did he seem to wake from the dream that had taken possession of him since the moment of their encounter in the desert.

He shuddered and, sick and broken, tore himself with almost a physical effort and set his face toward the desert.

Only that obscure race duty which is never awakened in the vast majority of men prevented him from obeying his impulse to follow her into the native village and do what Seaton had done. In spite of Sheila's vehemence Winton believed that he could overcome her scruples. He felt that she loved him, or rather, that there was, beneath her moods, beneath her hardness, a spring of love, loyal and inexhaustible.

Presently Winton perceived the Hottentot whom he had encountered in the desert. The man came up to him and indicated by signs that it was his mission to guide him out of the mountains.

Winton followed him, not along the route by which they had come, but along a defile in the hills, which led, apparently, in the opposite direction, though, after many twistings, it finally turned southward.

The desert appeared again. Winton could see the vast, dead waste, which was so appropriate to his heart, extended, flat and like a frozen sea, toward the horizon. An indeterminate green line showed where the fertile valley ended. A ridge of cactus trees, which stood out upon the very verge of the sand, formed a sort of palliade.

The land was ablaze with sunlight. Winton stopped at the edge of the desert and looked back. The mountains, concealing Sheila, holding her against him secretly, had drawn together. Nothing living seemed to stir among those clefts and peaks.

Yet, as Winton's eyes wandered upward they fixed themselves upon one living thing, on the very summit of the highest peak of all, which overhung the plain. It was the nude form of a black sentinel, armed with spear and ox-hide target.

With the superb gesture of a discomfited man he hurled the spear, straight as an arrow, toward the sun. It seemed to hang poised a moment in the void, and plunged downward, burying itself to the middle of the shaft in the sand at Winton's feet.

### CHAPTER X

#### The Judge Wins the Race.

A horse was tied to a cactus tree in a small dry gully that ran along the edge of the desert. The native held the stirrup for Winton, who climbed painfully into the saddle, and they set off together.

The sun rose higher, sending down its scorching rays upon the sand, from which the reflected heat-waves beat upward, swathing the rider as if in a steaming shroud. Winton could hardly keep his seat. He felt dizzy and weak from the blow, from the long night ride, and from the shock of Sheila's revelation.

They had traveled perhaps a third of the distance to Malopo when he reined in his horse and slid from the saddle into the sand. He could go no further. And he lay down, staring up at the sky without any especial interest in anything.

He watched the Hottentot turn and come back toward him. The man's flicking interrogations had no meaning for him. The Hottentot drew off a few paces and seemed to be meditating.

Then he knelt down beside Winton and went through his pockets. He took his watch and purse, opened the latter, found several sovereigns in it, and transferred them to his own pocket. He stood over Winton swinging his knobkerrie meditatively.

Winton watched him, still without the least interest in what he was going to do. The native was evidently pondering whether to bring the knob of the heavy stick down upon his skull, and end his life, or to leave him to die in the desert. Presently prudence conquered. With a succession of grunts and clicks he mounted the horse, thrust his feet far into the stirrups, and set out across the desert.

Winton, lying on the sand, watched him until he was swallowed up in the dancing heat-waves. Once he reappeared, a gigantic figure, outlined in mirage upon the sky above the horizon. Then he vanished, and in place of him appeared the corrugated iron roofs of a town.

Winton struggled into a sitting posture. Surely that was Malopo, and surely it was very near. He saw the busy market square, and the great white-capped ox-wagons, drawn by their spans of long horns, moving through the dust whirled.

He must reach Malopo. It could not be many miles away. And the awful thirst that was consuming him brought him to his feet and sent him staggering toward the pictured town.

He stumbled through the dust, his eyes taking in the scene avidly. He was searching for the location of the

Continental across the busy square. All his material aims had dwindled to a pitcher of cold water and a dark place in which to sleep.

Suddenly he stopped in consternation. Across the scene he saw a train moving. Puffs of white smoke came from the engine. The train stopped, the engine detached, went on alone puffing into the void, and disappeared. Then Winton recognized this vision. It was not Malopo, but Taungu.

And even as he looked it vanished and the scorched desert lay before him. And far away, against the horizon, he saw the tiny speck that was the Hottentot on his horse, riding away.

Winton looked wildly about him. Far away were the outlines of the hills that sheltered Sheila. A desperate longing came over him to return, seek her, gain her, and dwell there an outlaw, as Seaton had done. He turned.

Then, far across the sands, there sprang suddenly into view a lake, set among green pastures, with trees about it, and a farmhouse. A cool refreshment from the water seemed to reach him across the desert. He began to stagger toward this new vision, with his arms outstretched.

Although his brain told him that this, too, was a mirage, he could not but follow the lure.

And, believing against belief that he might actually be nearing it, he fought his way onward, as if the desert were a physical enemy to be overcome, stumbling and falling, and rising again. His tongue clove to the roof of his mouth, and the blood in his veins seemed to have turned to vitriol.

He was down again and could not rise. He looked up at the vision on the horizon and shook his fist furiously. He knew that he was beaten, that death awaited him; but he would die fighting. Everything that had happened to him since he reached Malopo seemed like this: illusion, golden prospects, prospects in love, in business, toward which he had groped in blind trustfulness, while in reality staggering through an arid desert of failure.

He sank down, but in his delirium he was still running across the sands, seeking an unattainable haven; then absolute unconsciousness enveloped him.

It seemed centuries later when he opened his eyes, to discover himself in his own room in the cottage upon the claim.

He thought he was dreaming; and when at last he convinced himself of the reality of the four walls he imagined that he had dreamed everything, from the assault to Sheila.

Then the honest face of Sam appeared before him, like a dusky half-moon; and Winton had never seen Sam with so much pleasure in his life before.

"What's happened?" he asked.

"It's all right—it's all right, Mr. Garrett," said Sam, putting a cup of water to his lips. Winton drank gratefully and, too weak to make inquiries, went to sleep again.

Later in the day he awoke, feeling more like himself. Sam was still at his bedside, in exactly the same position that he had occupied before.

"Sam, tell me what's happened," said Winton in perplexity. "Did I dream about the burglary?"

"No, indeed, Mr. Garrett. But that's all over and done with. If you'll go to sleep, sir—"

"Did I ride out into the desert?"

"Well—yes, Mr. Garrett. But you're back home now, and that's all—"

"Tell me how I got here at once, Sam."

"Well, Mr. Garrett," said Sam reluctantly. "I happened to find you in the desert—"

"How far out?"

"About ten miles, sir. You were lost and you'd fainted, and your head was cracked open. You wanted to fight me, sir. I had quite a little difficulty getting you home, sir. And you fell off the horse twice. You gave me this, Mr. Garrett," he continued, pointing to one optic, which Winton noticed was discolored. "But that's all over and—"

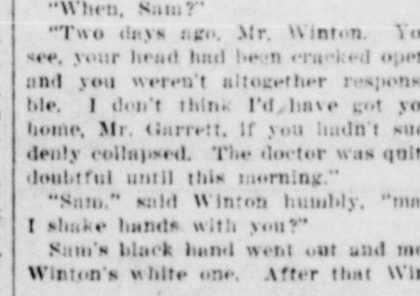
"When, Sam?"

"Two days ago, Mr. Winton. You see, your head had been cracked open and you weren't altogether responsible. I don't think I'd have got you home, Mr. Garrett, if you hadn't suddenly collapsed. The doctor was quite doubtful until this morning."

"Sam," said Winton humbly, "may I shake hands with you?"

Sam's black hand went out and met Winton's white one. After that Win-

ton lay very still, thinking of Sheila



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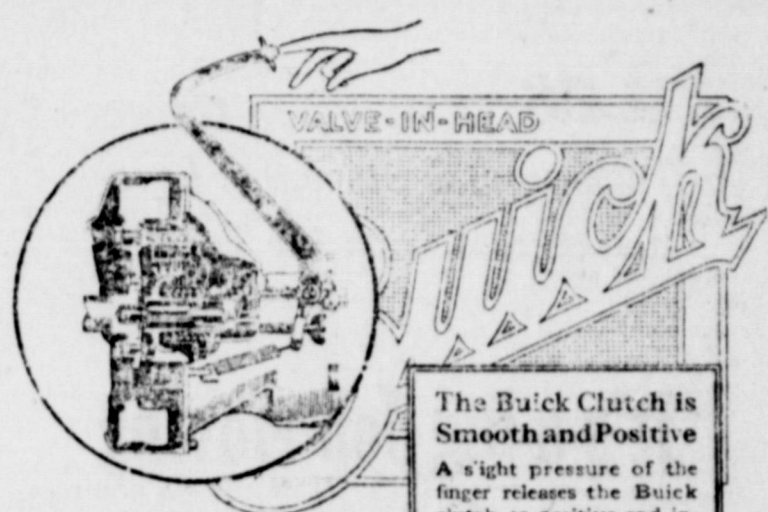
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