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SEARCH ABROAD COURT AFFIRMS FOR OIL ACTIVITY ROWAN SENTENCE

Senate Asks Department of State About Sinclair and Doheny Interests in Europe and Mexico

AFTER DAUGHERTY NOW OTHER DECISIONS AFFIRMED

Resolution Calling For Investigation War Fraud Activity Department of Justice is Passed

By The United Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The Senate today broadened the oil investigation to cover the international dealings of big American oil interests. The resolution of Senator Dill, Washington, was adopted calling on the State Department for information concerning the international activities of American oil men. It is aimed particularly at Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of the Teapot Dome who is alleged recently closed lease contracts in Persia and is negotiating with German and Russian interests. E. L. Doheny is included in connection with his huge holdings in Mexico. Simultaneously, Senator Wheeler of Montana, Democrat, introduced a resolution calling for investigation of the acts of Attorney General Daugherty in connection with oil leases of naval oil reserves, prosecution of war frauds and other matters. This was a substitute resolution for the one originally introduced by Senator Wheeler asking that Attorney General Daugherty resign.

Denies Laxness

By The United Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—"No person involved in war frauds has escaped criminal prosecution through an agreement with the Department of Justice," Attorney General Daugherty asserted today in reply to a Senate resolution demanding information on this point. "On the contrary, in each instance where the department has negotiated a settlement of civil liabilities, persons have been specifically warned that no settlement could or would involve any possible settlement of any criminal liability involved or contemplated."

TALKS TURKEY

Farm and Ranch Expert Writes Interestingly On The Care of Fowls; 12 Hens to One Tom

By MRS. T. A. GARRETT (In Farm & Ranch)

Ten to twelve turkey hens can safely be mated to one tom. Some advocate fifteen hens to each tom. However, if more than fifteen are kept, it is necessary to keep two or more toms. Never let two toms run with the flock at the same time, as they will fight and the stronger does most of the mating. Confine one tom one day and allow the other to run with the flock, and then reverse the toms the next day. It has been our practice to keep as near standard as possible, size being the first requirement, shape next, and color last. The defects in the female we try to overcome with the male, which must be good in all essentials. Turkey fanciers should bear in mind the fact that the larger part of our turkeys go to flocks bred for markets. And in order to furnish satisfactory breeders we must aim to have birds of large size and those that mature early. My breeds are fed oats, and a small amount of corn during cold weather. They have free access to growing oats and are fed one gallon of commercial egg mash to each ten hens once a day. I also keep oyster shell for them. One of the main things with your breeding flock is not to overfeed, as turkey that are very fat produce eggs low in fertility. I pen my hens during the laying season, placing ten hens to the pen. I allow the hens to have their own way about their nest, I sometimes place boxes or barrels in the brush or fence corners. In each nest I place some straw and a china nest egg. The hens generally nest in these boxes. I remove the eggs each day, write pen numbers and date on each egg, and when I am ready to set them, I set each pen separately. In this way I am able to have unrelated stock. I never use the turkey hen to incubate the eggs. Although turkeys seem to be expressly designed to

HOME SEEKERS JUBILEE

10,000 Expected at Canyon Celebration

CANYON, Texas, Feb. 13.—A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here has taken up plans for this city's first annual Home-seekers' day celebration, to be held here Feb. 18 with an expected attendance of 10,000. A free barbecue, music all day by the West Texas State Teachers College band, political, industrial and educational speakers, carnival features, novel prize contest, a \$50 car race, souvenirs for all comers, automobile tours for home-seekers and the usual trades day features will be included in the program.

HAMLIN PROSPECTS

Land Rising in Price as 20,000 Bale Crop Marketed

HAMLIN, Texas, Feb. 13.—There is a general wave of prosperity over this section. The people are optimistic and are looking ahead with hearts of hope. During the past year approximately 20,000 bales of cotton have been harvested in the Hamlin territory, and money is flowing freely. The farming people are buying heavily but are not practicing extravagance. Farm land is rising in price rapidly. Five years ago land that could be bought for \$30 an acre is now selling at from \$50 to \$60 an acre. This increase in price is due in a large part to the two prosperous years that the people here have enjoyed. In this section the boll weevil has not come, and this fact is spreading rapidly over other sections, which is inducing many farmers to turn their faces to the West.

J. A. Blythe of Fisher County, who was operated on Sunday for a ruptured appendix at the Sweetwater sanitarium is resting as well today as could be expected, though he is still in a serious condition.



THE BIGGEST HEN IN SWEETWATER

The new 10,000-egg incubator recently installed in Sweetwater by the purebred Poultry Breeders of Nolan County. The machine is now in operation and young chicks will be due on the first hatch February 21.

FIFTY GERMANS SANTA FE BOILER BURNED IN RIOTS EXPLODES; 2 DEAD

Trapped in City Hall During Bitter Fighting Between Separatists and Loyalists in Bavaria

TROOPS ARE SENT TO SCENE

Interallied Control Commission Dispatches Two Regiments of Infantry—Declare State of Siege

By The United Press. BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Bloody fighting broke out between Separatists and loyal Germans in Bavaria, the Palatinate and Thuringians today. Herr Schwab, Separatist leader, was lynched by a mob of infuriated Germans loyal to the Reich. Twenty of his followers were burned to death in the city hall where they had taken refuge by maddened mobs of infuriated citizens hunting down Separatists. Dispatches said that a total of 49 are known to be dead.

Send Infantry

By The United Press. COBLENZ, Germany, Feb. 13.—The Interallied Control Commission has sent two companies of infantry to restore order at Thimmasen. A state of siege has been declared in the city and vicinity.

IS ON BOARD

Local Banker Included in Personnel New Texas Corporation

The organization announcement of the Investment Securities Company of Texas, with headquarters in the Southwestern Life Building, Dallas, appears elsewhere in these columns today. Included in the list of members of the Advisory Board is R. K. McAdams, president of the First National Bank of Sweetwater.

GET DURANT MAN

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Elects New Secretary

LUBBOCK, Texas, Feb. 13.—At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, A. B. Davis, former secretary of the Durant, Oklahoma, Chamber of Commerce, was elected secretary of the local chamber of commerce to succeed Curtis A. Keen who has resigned to go into other business. Mr. Davis has served as secretary of the Durant Chamber of Commerce for seven years, and during that time was directly responsible for the accomplishment of a number of gigantic development projects.

SETTLE IN MITCHELL

Many New Farmers Attracted By Good Land Priced Low

COLORADO, Texas, Feb. 13.—Mitchell County is attracting an especially fine lot of new citizens as home builders. The majority of those now buying farms are successful farmers from Central Texas who have funds to pay for their land, and then some to tide them over a series of years. They are familiar with conditions in this section and are a type of citizens that will make good. They are leaving the older settled sections because land values have advanced to such a high point that it is difficult to make farming as profitable as it is in West Texas.

PLANT BLACKBERRIES

West Texas C. of C. Distributes Plants Free in Mitchell

COLORADO, Texas, Feb. 13.—Through the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the Colorado Chamber of Commerce is receiving a full crate of blackberries from Florida for distribution among the farmers of Mitchell County who desire to raise these plants. The plants are of approved varieties and especially adapted to this section. The plants will be distributed without cost, the only condition being that they be properly set out and cared for. Interested farmers or citizens in towns of the county should get in touch with the Chamber of Commerce or H. L. Atkins, county agent.

FOR FIDDLERS

Daughters Confederacy To Have Old Time Reunion Mar. 3.

The Sweetwater Daughters of the Confederacy are planning to have an old time fiddlers' reunion in Sweetwater March 3, and are very anxious to get in touch with any and all fiddlers. "Absolutely no violinists will be admitted," Mrs. R. C. Ledford stated. Mrs. Ledford is chairman of the committee in charge with Mrs. J. O. Aiken, Mrs. Walter Boothe, Mrs. J. D. Dulahey, Mrs. A. S. Kendrick.

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Fire Department Respond to Alarm At Oil Mill Wednesday

The fire department responded to an alarm from the plant of the Sweetwater Oil Mill Wednesday in connection with a fire in some waste oil and grass. There was no damage. An appeal to the curious spectators who always rush to fires, to give fire men an opportunity to get through, was issued by fire department officials. Delay to firemen, many of whom must make the trip in cars, might prove serious in quenching the blaze promptly, it was pointed out, and the co-operation of the public is asked.

SALE DENIED

Lone Star Will Continue Under Present Management

Rumors current on the streets for the past several days concerning a reported sale of the Lone Star Theater here by Harley Sadler are denied in an announcement appearing in another column of today's issue. A continually improving program of pictures and vaudeville is announced for the patrons of the Lone Star. The Copeland Brothers Stock Co., has won much approval this week.

SENATE STARTS ASSAIL HARDING ANOTHER PROBE NEWSPAPER SALE

Senator Heflins Resolution Calling For Investigation Rio Grande Valley Land Sales Passes

MUST SUBMIT EVIDENCE PAID TOO MUCH MONEY, TOO

Attorney General and Postmaster General Authorized to Submit Any Documents on Case

By The United Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The Senate today adopted the Heflins resolution calling for an investigation of alleged land frauds in the Rio Grande Valley. The committee in charge of the investigation is authorized to require Attorney General Daugherty and Postmaster General H. S. New to lay before it all evidence touching upon any alleged fraudulent conduct on the part of the Alamo Land and Sugar Co., and its president, R. B. Craeger and all other land companies operating in the Rio Grande Valley. R. B. Craeger is prominent in Texas and National Republican politics.

New Houses

The City Waterworks Wednesday morning tapped their 35th new water service for the year 1924. During January 26 new ones were cut in and the average of one a day looks like it will be kept up in February.

Statement False

By The United Press. CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 13.—"I have read the statement of Frank A. Vanderlip regarding the purchase of the Marion Star. It is not only misleading—it is absolutely false."

Coolidge Angers Democrats With Lincoln Speech

By The United Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—President Coolidge, in his first speech of the coming campaign for the presidential nomination on the Republican ticket has added fat to the political fires. He came back to Washington from New York where last night he addressed a Republican gathering on the occasion of the Lincoln birthday dinner and found that his speech had solidified his support among conservatives who were encouraged by its aggressive bold appeal to the people. The scorn and anger of the Democrats were redoubled however and the Progressives irritated.

FINED FOR SPEEDING

Verdict of Guilty Returned By Jury In City Court Wednesday

Jury in the case of Ernest Leestang, arrested Sunday on a charge of exceeding the speed limit, returned a verdict of guilty in City Court Wednesday morning. A fine of \$5 and costs was assessed. Notice of appeal to the County Court was served by attorney for the defendant, J. C. Babb.

TO BUILD BRIDGE

Santa Fe Spending Huge Sum On Canadian River

AMARILLO, Texas, Feb. 13.—Plans for the Santa Fe system's million-dollar bridge across the Canadian River at Canadian, Texas, are now being checked over at the railway's offices here. The bridge will consist of twelve 115-foot spans, in addition to four spans already in place. It is estimated that the concrete piers must be sunk and that 300 men will be employed for nearly a year.

WEATHER

West Texas—Tonight and Thursday fair with little change in temperature.

NEW SCHEDULE

Among the many new advertising schedules The Reporter is receiving these days is that of Chesterfield Cigarettes, whose announcement appears elsewhere in today's issue.

CONTRACT LET BY LUBBOCK FOR \$85,000

To Include Library, Chamber of Commerce, Other Activities

LUBBOCK, Texas, Feb. 13.—With more than twenty companies represented with bids for the construction of the city hall for Lubbock, the general contract has been let to Ramsey Brothers of El Paso. Young and Pratt, who have just established a plumbing business in Lubbock, were awarded the contract to install the plumbing and heating fixtures in the new hall and the Higbee Electric Company of Dallas, was awarded the contract to do the wiring. W. C. Hedrick, of the firm of Sanguinet-Staats & Hedrick, architects, who were employed by the city to make plans for the city hall, and who are also associate architects for the Texas Technological college, worked with the city council and advisory board helping to dispose of the work in reading and disposing of the bids. Mr. Hedrick announced that the total cost of the building will be about eighty or eighty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Hedrick stated that the city hall will be built along the most modern lines, and will give Lubbock the most complete and modern combined city hall and fire stations in Texas. He stated that the building will be unique in that it is designed to take care of such civic organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, the public library, boy and girl scouts, etc.

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MINOR SHUTT.....Editor

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News Department 46

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
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Daily, 1 Month..... .50
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Classified advertising rates are 1c per word per insertion; minimum charge for first insertion 30c. Local readers 10c per line per insertion. Cards of thanks, resolutions of respect and in memoriam 5c per line. Display advertising rates on application to the Oak Street office.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in any of The Reporter's publications, will be cheerfully corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

DISPUTING WITHOUT PROTECTION

There has been so much spectacular conflict in the world for the possession of oil that public attention has missed a no less interesting conflict among the scientists and professors as to what oil really is. A difference of opinion still exists on the point of its origin, even as to whether it is of animal, vegetable or mineral derivation. Dr. E. E. Spielman, recently writing on the subject, tells of assembling no less than one hundred papers, printed in scientific journals between 1912 and 1922 on the origin of petroleum. The doctor, incidentally, hesitates to give a verdict. Discussing the theory that oil is of organic origin, the scientific correspondent of the London Times refers to the fact that as long as 1794 Haquet wrote that the greater part if not the whole of the oil in the Galician fields had come from the decomposition of marine animals. In recent laboratory tests liquids resembling petroleum have been obtained by distillation of menhaden oil. Menhaden are a very small, silvery, herring-like fish. At the present time conditions have been observed which suggest that petroleum is still being formed by decomposition. On the Sardinian and Swedish coasts it has been found in seaweeds rotting in the sun, and merely under atmospheric pressure. Organic matter, largely algae, in the Black Sea and in the Gulf of Mexico, has been observed forming huge layers of rotting organic substance. In geological times similar conditions must have been produced on a large scale and frequently. It is pointed out that in California are Eocene beds containing broad expanses of marine shells more than 4,000 feet thick, comprising organic matter sufficient for the origin of oil in these beds.

The remains of these marine organisms have accumulated at the bottom of saline or brackish seas and lagoons and have been subjected to decomposition by aerobic bacteria with the formation of gases and soluble substances. The fats have been transformed to soluble glycerine and fatty acids, and the presence of the salt has modified the ordinary course of decay in the direction of the formation of petroleum. The presence of phosphorus sulphur and nitrogen and the peculiar optical activity of petroleum can all be explained by this theory of origin. If the decomposition took place in a fine mud which became clay the oil would remain there; if in sand, it would migrate. The varied composition of petroleum is to be referred to the varying nature of the parent substance, to the effect of earth pressure in geological times and to the changes produced in the course of migration.

References to petroleum are to be traced back into far ancient times. Herodotus described the oil pits near Babylon, and petroleum is supposed to have been not only known, but coveted from that day to this. Probably no other product has received much more attention or called into being a greater army of experts—engineers, chemists, geologists and the like. Petroleum is sought everywhere, in barren uplands and topic forests. Its distribution in geological formations is known with comparative accuracy, the chemical and physical properties of the forms in which it occurs having been investigated with minute thoroughness.

If the scientists do not hasten to a conclusion in this matter the world's present supply of oil will be gone while they are still managing their joint debate. A few generations hence men will not be so much inter-

ested in the result of this technical discussion as in the failure of the scientists to devise means to prevent a few monopolists, subsidized secretaries of the interior, interlocking directors, political henchmen and a swarm of able lawyers from squandering instead of conserving humanity's oil supply. It is difficult for these wastrels to make a decent accounting to those now living they will make a much poorer case for themselves with posterity. But what do the exploiters of earth's resources care for posterity? It is enough for them to know. "These things will last my time."

Brevities

A radical is a man who wishes he had what the conservative has.

At present there is but one Latin country in armed rebellion against Uncle Sam.

Arbitration is what you believe in if you think you can't lick the other fellow.

If you wish to know a man's income, ask him where the surtax should begin.

As we understand it, the money speculators in Germany are living on the fat of the land.

The best way to preserve your faith in your fellow man is to insist that he sign on the dotted line.

Don't despair. The most celebrated wit is stupid much more frequently than he is brilliant.

Habit is what makes a smoker reach under the covers to strike a match on his foot.

Money isn't everything unless you are having an argument with a dry agent.

Still, it must be admitted that skill is required to write 100,000 words that "sex."

Another proof of determination and persistence is a diamond on the third finger of the left hand.

S. E. J. Cox got a cute little Kansas haircut Monday and now all he has to do is make little 'uns out o' big 'uns for the next eight years.

Ho, hum, oil seems to be a bad thing to monkey with; both easier and crude.

Horace Heath knows all about the cause of that sewer cap explosion near the City Hall, but, then Horace is a firm believer in the old adage that "still waters run deep." Hence the silence.

A little boy was seen weeping bitterly the other day. When asked the cause he said that Frank Murchinson was wearing his hat.

There are times when a telephone is a plum nuisance—Joë Boothe.

Dr. Lindley Here

Dr. C. D. Lindley is moving to Sweetwater from Archer City. He is already in the city and will have his office in the Aycock building where he will do a general practice. His wife and the remainder of his family will reach the city Tuesday. They are traveling through in their car.

Missionary Society Met

The members of the Methodist Missionary Society held their Bible study meeting at the church with Mrs. W. W. Beall leader, with a lesson from the Major Prophets. Mrs. A. S. Kendrick as superintendent of study course, presided over a short business session. The adoption of one Near East orphan, decided upon at the last meeting was discussed and the first five dollars will be sent off at once. Mrs. N. L. Hall closed the meeting with prayer.

Little Martha Jane Bryant of Stamford has arrived to visit her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Hudson.

Lawyer
Luella Bldg.
IRESS PROSSER
Sweetwater, Texas

HAULING

Any Time -- Any Place
Phone 556

Presbyterian Auxiliary
Mrs. Si Edwards entertained the ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary, Monday afternoon at her home on Locust Street, with Mrs. B. B. Hester leading the missionary lesson from their new study, "White Fields of Japan."

Mrs. Wight, Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Otis Neely took parts on the program and Mrs. Link sang a little Japanese song, with Mrs. Edwards at the piano. Mrs. K. M. Hodges will be hostess next Monday.

Refreshments were the concluding pleasure.

Christian Aid Society

The Christian Church Aid Society met Monday afternoon in the church parlor for a Bible lesson directed by Dr. McKissick from the 17th Chapter of Matthew.

During the business part of the meeting following the ladies voted to adopt one of the Near East orphans for one year.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Milton Pate enrolled as new members and received a cordial welcome.

Episcopal Auxiliary

Mrs. Henry Hill's home was the meeting place Monday for the ladies of the Episcopal Auxiliary. The chief feature of the meeting was the reports given by Mrs. R. C. Ledford and Mrs. Hill, who were delegates at the convocation at San Angelo. The ladies decided to resume holding their weekly candy sales if the weather permits and will hold their first one Saturday afternoon at the City National Bank corner.

They discussed beautifying their church grounds and some inside improvements. Mrs. Ripley enrolled a new member. A sandwich course with coffee was served. Mrs. H. D. Humphries will be hostess Monday afternoon.

Baptist Missionary Society

The ladies of the First Baptist Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in circles for their various missionary study courses.

East circle: At the home of Mrs. L. Faber. Mrs. L. E. Roberts presiding officers and Mrs. R. S. Embry directing the lesson from "In Royal Service."

South Circle: At the home of Mrs. W. H. Jobe, with Mrs. Lee presiding and Mrs. W. K. eBall directing the lesson from "The Wandering Jew in Brazil."

Sweetwater Mattress Factory

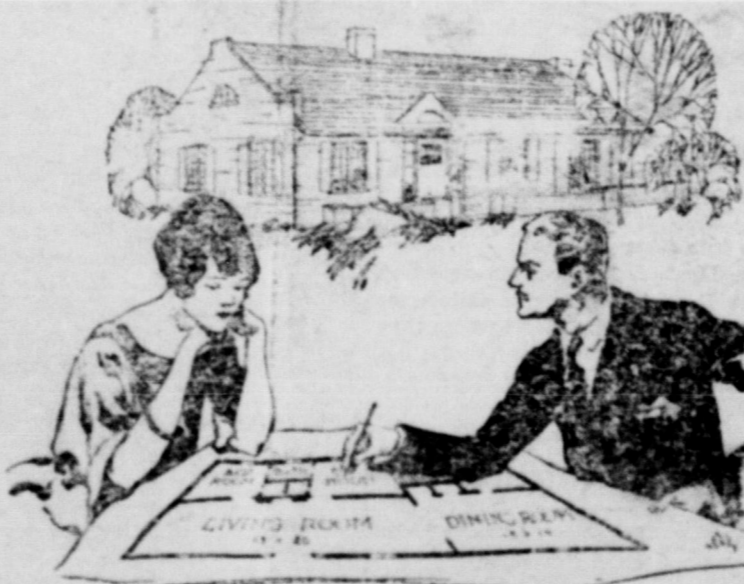
South Third at Galveston
PHONE 79

COOKS---

There are cooks and cooks and good cooks insist upon good materials to work with and poor cooks must have them. They all need our grocery service.

Pace Bros.

Phone 369
Formerly White House Grocery



Let us Help You
PLAN—BUILD—FINANCE
Your New Home
GRAY COMPANY

lesson from "The Wandering Jew in Brazil."

West Circle: At the home of Mrs. E. H. Rudd, Mrs. O. L. Stamps presided and Mrs. Tom Farris directed the lesson from "The Wandering Jew in Brazil."

Refreshments were served by all three hostesses during the social hour following the lesson. On next Monday the society will unite in a missionary program in charge of Mrs. Tom Farris.

Local Boy Shines On Tennis Courts College Campus

Harris Toler, local boy who is attending Texas Christian University, is gaining a reputation on the tennis courts, according to an article appearing in "The Skiff," official organ of the college.

In dealing with T. C. U.'s tennis possibilities for the coming season the article says, in part:

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SHOE STORE.

the home of

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Our Coffe Shop is operated on a sensible basis, Reasonable Prices and Fair Portions. The volume of business we are now doing enables us to sell you a \$5.00 Coupon Book for \$4.25

WRIGHT COFFEE SHOP

Cliff Baldwin, Steward

Work Shirts

65c to \$2.50

WHITTENS

SHOP

ELLIOTT AUDIT CO.

Public Accountants
Income Tax Consultants

"Elliott Audit Company will have their representative in Sweetwater on February 12th to 15th inclusive and will maintain offices in the Bradford Building over the City National Bank, to assist taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Freeman-DeVaux Building
Breckenridge, Texas
Park Office Bldg.
Abilene, Texas

"That Man Mayfield" Says—

TURN IN YOUR TICKETS!

The turn in of tickets yesterday gives a boost to some of the contestants.

East Ward School	\$126.06
Methodist Church	112.58
Christian Church	72.36
Julia Haney	57.55
King Irwin Glass	48.90
Alvis Ragan	26.92
Roy G. Edwards	25.78

Get your tickets in now and show your full standing, then secure as many other tickets as possible, for the time is short.

HUBBARDS

"All ten of the freshmen line-up the other double teams sit up and take notice, once defeating the varsity team. If the other fellows do not hit on some coupling soon, there will be little opposition for the Boone-Toler combination, which spends two hours every day in practice."

AUTO LIABILITY? PROPERTY AND COLLISION INSURANCE?

"Better have it and not need it Than need it and not have it."

Roy C. Scudday

General Insurance
Phone 286

Domino COAL

When you think coal, think HEAT. More heat when you buy SWASTIKA. For sale in Sweetwater ONLY by

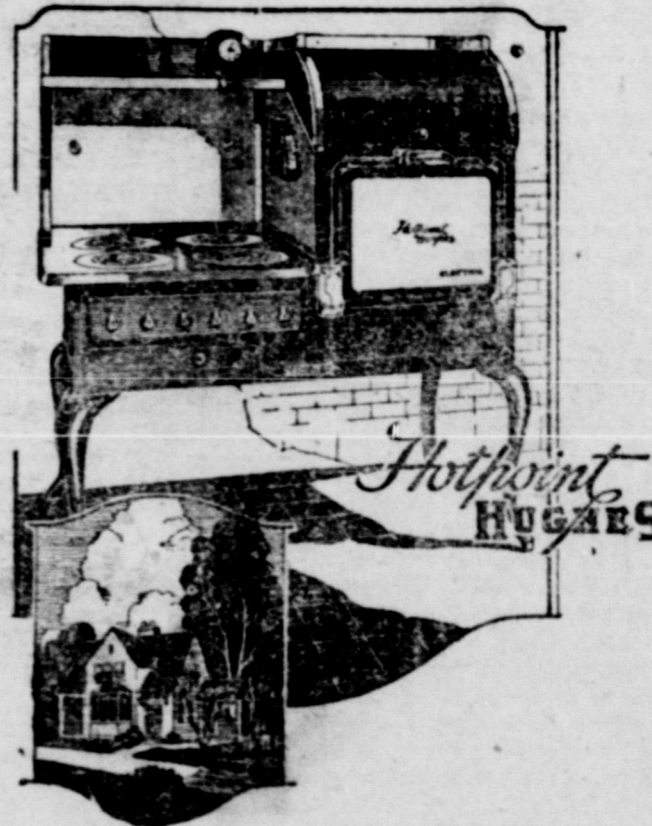
SIMPSON FUEL COMPANY

Phone 239

(Use the Phone.)

The only place in Sweetwater where you can buy SWASTIKA and DOMINO is the SIMPSON FUEL COMPANY. Best Grade Alabama Blacksmith Coal.

All ladies are most cordially invited to use the facilities of this office while attending the demonstration of desserts conducted by Mrs. Andrews on Thursday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock.



CONVENIENCE

Even if the cost of operation of the Hughes Hot Point Electric Range were very much higher than stoves using other fuel, the many items of convenience, lack of smoke, odor, surplus kitchen heat, cleanliness of kitchen utensels would commend it to most women. But the low cooking rate of this company permits a cost of operation that is no higher than any other fuel—all things considered.

West Texas Electric Co.

SHERIFF'S SALE
 THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 County of Nolan.
 Whereas, on the 3rd day of October, A. D., 1923, in a certain cause, num-

bered T-154 on the docket of the District Court of said county, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and J. J. Smith is defendant, the said State of Texas recovered judgment in the

amount of forty-six and 97-100 (\$46.97) dollars for taxes, penalties and costs with interest computed thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum, together with the foreclosure of plaintiff's delinquent tax lien upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the defendant, because of the non-payment of the taxes due thereon;

And whereas, on the 14th day of January A. D., 1924, by virtue of the said judgment and mandates thereof, the Clerk of the District Court of said county did cause to be issued an Order of Sale, commanding me as Sheriff of said County to seize, levy upon and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property as the property of the above defendant, to satisfy the said judgment.

Wherefore, by virtue of the said Order of Sale and the mandates thereof, I did on the 28th day of January, A. D. 1924, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendant, the following property, to-wit:

Lots 17 and 18 in Block No. 68 of the Orient Addition to the town of Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month of March, A. D. 1924, the same being the 4th day of said month proceed to sell said property at the Court House door of said county, in the city of Sweetwater, Texas between the hours of 2 o'clock p. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder for cash all right, title and interest of the above defendant, in and to the above described property; subject, however, to the rights of the defendant to redeem same in the time and manner provided by law, and subject to the further rights of the defendant to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole. And in event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the State.

JACK YARBROUGH,
 Sheriff Nolan County, Texas.
 By **J. W. BUTLER,** Deputy.
 Sweetwater, Texas, January 28, A. D. 1924. Jan. 30—Feb. 6-13

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

In Delinquent Tax Suits
 THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 And County of Nolan.

To J. W. Wright, E. S. Perkins, Will McGinnis and Earl McGinnis, and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the land or lots hereinafter described, the same being delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Nolan for taxes, and the same lying and being situated in the County of Nolan, and State of Texas, to-wit:

All of lots No. 1 and 4 in block No. 44, of Southern Addition to the town of Roscoe, Nolan County, Texas, which said property is delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Nolan for taxes for the years 1909, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1922, aggregating the sum of \$44.71, including interest, penalties and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said lands and lots, and the same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the same in favor of the State of Texas and County of Nolan, to secure the payment thereof.

And you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Nolan County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House of said County in the City of Sweetwater on the 1st Monday in March, A. D. 1924, the same being the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1924, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against you and the said land and lots sold under foreclosure of said lien to satisfy said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, and all court costs, all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 6th day of February, 1924, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. T-199, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and J. P. Clark, J. W. Wright, E. S. Perkins, Will McGinnis and Earl McGinnis and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

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court costs, all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 6th day of February, 1924, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. T-199, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and J. P. Clark, J. W. Wright, E. S. Perkins, Will McGinnis and Earl McGinnis and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City of Sweetwater, in the County of Nolan, this 6th day of February, A. D., 1924. (Seal) **DAN CHILDRESS,** Clerk District Court, Nolan County, Texas. Feb 6-13-20

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

In Delinquent Tax Suits
 THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 And County of Nolan.

To J. F. Brown and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the land or lots hereinafter described, the same being delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Nolan for taxes, and the same lying and being situated in the County of Nolan, and State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot No. 2, in Block No. 44, of the Southern Addition to the City of Roscoe, Nolan County, Texas, which said property is delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Nolan for taxes for the years 1909, 1916, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1922 aggregating the sum of \$27.97, including interest, penalties and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said land and lots, and the same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the same in favor of the State of Texas and County of Nolan, to secure the payment thereof.

And you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Nolan County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House of said County in the City of Sweetwater, on the 1st Monday in March, A. D. 1924, the same being the 3rd day of March, A. D., 1924, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against you and the said land and lots sold under foreclosure of said lien to satisfy said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, and all court costs, all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 6th day of February, 1924, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. T-198, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and J. F. Brown and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

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Serosis Club Met
 The members of the Serosis Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Shade, at the home of Mrs. J. D. Dunaney, when they enjoyed a program on "The Virginian," by Owen Wister. The sub topic was "The Western Ranch Enters Literature Through the Virginian," which by many critics is considered the finest western story ever written.

Mrs. Poffenbach directed the program, which was given in the following order:

Roll call: Response, "Is 'The Virginian' an American Classic?" Map study—Dialects. Preserved in American Literature—Mrs. Joe Boothe Story Told in Dialect, "Emily" from "The Virginian"—Mrs. Tom Hughes. Round table discussion, review, chapter headings in "The Virginian." Are they suggestive?—Club.

Reading, "The critics on 'The Virginian'—Mrs. A. S. Kendrick. Mrs. Tom Hughes presided over the business part of the meeting during which the year book committee gave their report, which was accepted and a choice made by the club on their study course for 1924-25. This will be a course in American literature, as constructed by the Texas University extension department.

Mrs. E. L. Frost, Mrs. R. C. Ledford and Mrs. F. M. Poffenbach compose the committee. At the conclusion of the program a delightful social hour was enjoyed, during which Mrs. Shade served an ice course with cake and coffee. Mrs. Joe Boothe will be next hostess at her home on Locust Street.

Gleaner's Missionary Society
 Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Fred Scudday were joint hostesses Monday afternoon at a meeting of Gleaner's Missionary Society. The Bible study was dispensed with and the afternoon allotted to business and social hour. The Valentine Tea to be given Wednesday was discussed and all arrangements worked out in every detail. Mrs. G. E. Ramsey closed the meeting with prayer.

Moonlight Picnic
 Mrs. R. C. Crane, chaperoned a party of about a dozen members out fifteen miles south of town for a moonlight picnic supper Tuesday evening.

Box Supper a Success
 The box supper given Monday evening by the Woodmen Circle ladies at the I. O. O. F. hall was a social and financial success. Everybody responded nicely and there was plenty of lunch boxes for sale. Proceeds raised their flower and fruit fund for the sick up to \$17.

When the boxes were sold the lunch was spread on tables which reached across the hall and was enjoyed by about 175 members and their families. Quite a number of outside friends were present also. A splendid program of songs readings, violin and piano music and short talks formed a pleasing and entertaining program.

Want Hospital
SNYDER, Texas, Feb. 13.—Petitions are being circulated and will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at an early date asking for an election to determine whether or not Scurry County shall issue \$50,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of building a county hospital. An election was held for this purpose some months ago and the proposition carried by a large vote, but the bonds afterward declared illegal because of technicalities not having been complied with in the order for the election. It is anticipated that the issue will carry again by a large vote.

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(Continued from page 1.)
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Political Announcements

The following announce their candidacy for the various offices named below, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For Tax Collector:
JIM BUTLER
MISS WILLIE ELLIOTT Re-election

For Tax Assessor
H. P. HARKINS re-election
For Public Weigher
LLOYD ROGERS, re-election

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
A. S. MAUZEY re-election

FOR COMMISSIONER—Precinct 1
W. H. THOMPSON, re-election.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
G. W. KOERTH

FOR SHERIFF
Jack YARBROUGH re-election.

COUNTY CLERK
Gus FARRAR, re-election.

SUPERINTENDENT
Public Instruction
Miss Minnie FOWLER, re-election.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY
R. D. COX, JR., re-election.

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE,
Precinct 1
I. W. BRASHEAR, re-election.

For District Clerk
DAN CHILDRESS, Re-Election

For County Treasurer
W. T. HIGHTOWER, Re-Election
G. C. FARRIS.

FOR STATE SENATE
Harry Tom-King, Abilene, Texas.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mrs. E. T. Anthony et al to R. B. Montgomery \$6000, part sec 70 blk 24.
Mrs. N. M. Anthony et al to W. A. Bauman \$3000, part sec 70 blk 24.
Mrs. E. Anthony to W. A. Bauman cor D, same property.
M. E. Perrott to P. E. Harkins \$3155, part lots 5, 6, blk 1 original town Roscoe.
Butchins Hicks to J. D. Childers Jr. 1.00 S E 1-4 sec 95, blk 21.
Clyde B. Payne to Chas Jones

\$1180, lots 14, 15, Musgrove 2nd add to Sweetwater.

R. J. Revel to Guy E. Morris \$2250 lot 1 blk 7 eastern add to Sweetwater.

Mrs. J. L. Boothe to J. A. Daniels \$4681.50 part S E 1-4 sec 76 blk 22.

T. J. Childers to W. J. Farley \$6400 S 1-2 sec 145 blk 1A.

Mrs. N. P. Lanus to C. C. Brannon \$1000, W 1-2 Sec 20 blk 23.

W. R. Hope to H. Stevenson \$8850, part section 25, blk 22.

L. G. Headrick to Ben F. Wade \$2502, 41.7 A of S W 1-4 sec 46, blk 22, T. & P. Land.

F. W. Ater to J. S. Schooler \$4000, lot 4, blk 2, S. A. Cole add.

G. W. Rathjens to Geo. Elliott \$65, lot 9 blk 1 first add Pyramid.

L. O. Dudgeon to C. C. Reed 800 lots 10, 11, 12, blk 88 Orient add to Sweetwater.

A. B. Herring to Ora Malabre \$500 lot 1, blk 4, Whitworth add to Sweetwater.

Carrye Trammell to E. S. Gordon \$1050 lot 10 blk 4, eastern add to Sweetwater.

J. E. Norton to J. T. Ball Q C D sections 8, 9, 10, 11, blk 2.

Walter Carter trustee to J. T. Ball \$4000, sections 8, 9, 10, 11, blk 2.

M. B. Brown to C. A. Worthy \$160 170 A. out of S W cor Sec 49, blk 24, T. & P. Land.

Joe Hanna Rice et vir C. & L. T. Jones \$125, lots 14, 15, blk 7, Mineral Wells add.

Mrs. W. E. Smith to J. J. Robbins Q C D lots 9, 10, 11, 12, blk 108 Orient add to Sweetwater.

D. F. Kerby to Hattie Gray \$1800 30 A sur 45 blk 23.

R. R. Wallace to Mary E. Perrott \$2500 part blk 1, Roscoe.

W. A. Clark to J. P. Clark \$6500, 100 A. out of sec 58 and 63, blk 23.

J. P. Clark to W. A. Clark \$9250, 100 A. out of Sur 51 blk 23.

T. M. Newman et al to N. W. Anthony \$900 lot 3, blk 1, Newman's 2nd add to Sweetwater.

PLUM CREEK NEWS

Miss Minnie Fowler and an inspector visited our school Friday.

The young people of the community enjoyed an entertainment Saturday night given by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Williams.

Jane McReynolds and Ellen Boyd spent Saturday night with Juanita Lynch.

John Boyd's baby is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Nora Nation spent the weekend with Miss Ella Boyd. She returned to Sweetwater Saturday afternoon where she is nursing a case of

measles at the McDonald residence.

Mrs. M. E. Black and Mrs. W. H. Boyd are visiting Mrs. G. W. Boyd and family this week.

Merle Land took dinner with Ione Boyd Sunday.

A few of the young people of this community went to Bitter Creek Sunday evening and heard a good sermon delivered by Bro. Dallas of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyd spent Sunday with Mr. Boyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boyd.

Will Scott spent the week-end with friends and relatives of this community.

Mahala Land spent Saturday night with Lillian Grace and they took dinner with Ozella Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Favers and children are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. H. G. Scott.

Superintendent Coming

District Superintendent Erick of Pilot Point will visit the Nazarene Church here Thursday night, which is included in his district. A large attendance at this church Thursday night is anticipated.

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Diamonds of Malopo

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

SYNOPSIS

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

CHAPTER II.—Winton, en route to his mine, finds the town of Malopo, including the \$5-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 broken. English army officer, who has killed a man and is therefore in De Witt's power, that De Witt is all-powerful, means 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 party, 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. He escapes them and when at his last gasp Sheila takes him into her house, she binds 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 after a popular demonstration proves his identity, blocks the reorganization, 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, convinces him to let him the syndicate's co-operation. Otherwise, he says, "we'll smash you, you 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 steals the De Witt diamond. Winton pursues Van Vorst, who escapes with the big stone.

CHAPTER IX.—Winton is rescued by Sheila, on her way to a native village. There she kisses an old woman, only partly white, and says, "This is my mother. He again asks her to marry him. She refuses him, because of the race bar. Heart sick, he sets out for Malopo with a native guide.

CHAPTER X.—Winton succumbs. His guide robs and deserts him. Sam rescues him. Burns' brain is affected, he cannot tell what happened. The crowd enters in the mine return no stones. Winton is forced to borrow money from the syndicate, agreeing to pay in a month or lose the mine.

CHAPTER XI.—The syndicate makes further plans to oust Winton. His men search the native workers and secure many large diamonds. Seaton appears, confesses the plot and says he's come to take his medicine.

CHAPTER XII.—Seaton is tried for diamond buying from the natives before Judge Crawford, who has succeeded Judge Davis. The crowd regards De Witt as the real criminal and believe Davis to be behind De Witt. Seaton confesses everything. He tells how he shot the man and how De Witt, knowing about it, forced him to do all kinds of crooked work. De Witt, thinking Davis has abandoned him, his fate voluntarily testifies that Davis is the man whom Seaton mistakenly thought he had killed and that Sheila is Davis' daughter. Davis drops in a faint. De Witt flees from Malopo. Seaton is acquitted.

A new suit and clean linen had given him not merely a respectable appearance, but something of the air that he had had in his early days, and, as Brown had surmised, this was likely to have its effect upon the jury.

What seemed to interest the spectators most was the resolute manner in which he returned the look of De Witt, who, seated though he was among the witnesses, was in reality, as all knew, the defendant. He was represented by a lawyer, and was the central figure in the courtroom, except, perhaps, Judge Davis.

The multiplying and shifting rumors, which had been flying through Malopo, had settled down to the belief that something dramatic and sensational was to be looked for, involving both De Witt and Davis.

The judge was seated in the gallery, where places had been reserved for a few of the chief men of the town. He was a noticeable figure among the other occupants, as he bent forward from his place in the front row, looking down on the spectators. His keen, judicial face was as impassive as a mask. Opposite him, on the floor of the courtroom, sat Judge Crawford

in Davis' accustomed seat above the clerk.

Crawford was a short, sandy-haired man, a jurist of reputation, with an uncompromising manner. He looked like business, and he meant it.

Seaton was formally charged, and the trial began with the reading of his written confession, in which, contrary to the general expectation, there was no inculpation of De Witt. It was a short and plain admission of having purchased diamonds from the boys on the claim.

Then followed the first sensation, in the appearance of Ned Burns, clicking and grunting, in the box.

De Witt's lawyer, intervening, scored the first point against Winton after the physician had explained the nature of Ned's affliction.

"Do you mean to say that this man is in possession of his full senses and capable of giving evidence?" he asked.

"I do, undoubtedly."

"You admit that there is a brain lesion?"

"Yes."

"But you are quite sure that it is not of a nature to impair his judgment or truthfulness?"

"I am absolutely sure."

"How many cases like this have you treated in the course of your experience?"

"None, but I have read—"

"Thank you," said the lawyer, looking triumphantly at the jury.

It was becoming clear that De Witt's lawyer meant to allege conspiracy on the part of Winton and Seaton against the syndicate. Winton followed with a brief account of the events that had occurred on the night of the robbery, and the evidence of two or three subsidiary witnesses followed.

When Seaton was placed in the witness-box the excitement reached fever pitch.

"This is your own confession, written and signed by you?" asked Brown.

"Yes, sir."

"You make this of your own free will, without monetary or other inducement of any kind, and knowing the consequences?"

"Yes."

"It contains the whole truth, nothing but the truth, and nothing more than the truth?"

"It's all true, unsuccessful Sam."

"There's nothing—"

"You induced Mr. Garrett's boys with small sums of money, to bring you the stones, and you sold them to the man Van Vorst on a basis of one-fourth of their carat value, you say?"

"I did."

"How much do you compute that you paid to the boys in the form of bribes?"

"One hundred and twelve pounds, nine shillings, and ninepence," returned Seaton promptly.

"Who supplied you with this money?"

"Mr. De Witt there."

The stir in the courtroom was followed by intense silence.

"Your motive was to make money?"

"No!" shouted Seaton with sudden energy. "It was fear of that man who has hounded me for twenty years."

He leaned forward and thrust out his hand toward De Witt, who rose to his feet slowly.

His lawyer pulled him down and leaped to his feet.

"I object—" he began.

"Not sustained," snapped Crawford.

"In what way, and why, has Mr. De Witt hounded you?" inquired Seaton's lawyer. "Are you willing to waive privilege and make a full statement to this court?"

"Yes, I'll tell you," cried Seaton. "That's what I come back for, because I'd rather be a dead dog on a gibbet than a jackal any longer. I'm going to end this game. I've played it too long. He's driven me from pillar to post for years, making me do his dirty work for him. He made me betray the secret of the new amalgam process on the Rietfontein in Johannesburg. He's used me like that, and when I've warned him he was driving me too far he's laughed at me and told me I could swing if I preferred to, and by God I'm going to. He made me tell him—"

"I object to this evidence," shouted De Witt's lawyer. "These allegations against my client are totally irrelevant, and made to arouse prejudice."

"Objection sustained," said Judge Crawford. "The witness will confine himself to evidence bearing upon the alleged theft of the stones."

"Tell the court the story of your relations with Mr. De Witt in so far as they relate to your theft of the diamonds," said Brown.

"When I came to Malopo," answered Seaton, "my gal had wrote me that Mr. De Witt was gone for good. So I went back. But I met him in the

coach going up from Taanga. Mr. Garrett was there, and there was a bit of an argument between them. The next morning, after we had arrived, Mr. De Witt came to me and offered me a job on the Big Malopo. Then Mr. Garrett got the control, and I asked Mr. De Witt for another job. I knew what was coming, but I was in want, and I had to get something, even from him. He told me to go to Mr. Garrett and ask him to make me compound manager, and I'd get the place. I knew what was wanted. It was the West Rietfontein over again—"

Judge Crawford's gavel fell just as De Witt's lawyer sprang to his feet again.

"The jury will disregard all evidence concerning other relations between Mr. De Witt and the defendant," he said.

"Omit all further references to other jobs that you have done for Mr. De Witt," said Brown.

The gavel fell again.

"Mr. Brown, you will abstain from suggesting the existence of other relations between the defendant and Mr. De Witt," said the judge.

There followed an animated discussion. The jury, who had been following the evidence intently, looked bored and disappointed, and paid no attention to the dispute.

"De Witt promised me he'd leave me alone," continued Seaton, when he was permitted to resume. "But after we'd begun to excavate anyone who knew anything about diamonds could see that the main pipe was either on our claim or pretty nigh us. Then Van Vorst came to me and said Mr. Garrett was green to the business and there was a chance to make money. I refused, and sent him away."

"He come back, and he was always after me, trying to get me to drink, but I was trying my hardest to make good to Mr. Garrett. At last he come to me and said De Witt was behind De Witt, and the syndicate behind De Witt, and if I come to heel there'd be good money in it, but if I didn't De Witt would stick his knife in me. I knew what that meant."

"What did it mean?" asked Brown.

"I object to that question," shouted De Witt's lawyer.

"The witness will confine himself strictly to testimony bearing upon the alleged diamond theft."

"He'll say something before he can be stopped."

"In that case," said the judge blandly, "the jury will disregard the evidence at my instructions."

"Your honor, you know perfectly well they can't."

"Sit down, sir!"

"In my client's interest—" began the lawyer.

"Mr. Lange, your client is not on trial. Your status in this case is one of courtesy only."

"Tell the court what hold Mr. De Witt had over you, in so far as it has reference to the robbery," said Brown quietly.

"Aye, I'll tell. That's what I come for," answered Seaton, fixing his eyes on De Witt, who returned his stare with a sneering smile.

At this juncture all eyes were turned, with a simultaneous impulse, toward Judge Davis in the gallery. The old man sat there impassively, his square beard thrust out from his scrawny chin; he seemed the least affected of any of the spectators.

"It was twenty-three years ago," Seaton began. "I was prospecting for diamonds in Griqualand. There was the early days, and there wasn't much law or order in the country. I'd been out after stones, but I hadn't found none."

"There was a lot of us prospectors on the trail of what turned out afterward to be the West Griqualand mine, which was grabbed by the syndicate. None of us had been successful, and we'd fixed up a sort of base camp, where we'd rest up when we returned, to get rid of our veld sores and fever. We'd pitched our tents together, so as to be sociable like."

"There I got into trouble over a woman. I wasn't a young man, by any means, but I'd been a fool all my life, and I ought to have known better, and didn't. Her husband was a representative of one of the big mining companies, what had got wind of us being on the trail of something, and sent him up to investigate. He was away for days at a time, and the woman was all alone in the camp."

"I got into trouble over her. Her husband come back and found us together. He tried to shoot me, but I was handier, and I got the drop on him and killed him."

"We three was alone in the camp at the time; the woman, me, and the man I'd killed. It was a wild country, but murder was a game no man could afford to get up against. We left him lying there and took the horses and rode for our lives."

"He had friends, and they set the police on to us. We got away, though, and made for the native territories. You know how I came to be a sort of chief there. 'King' Seaton, I'm called, all over the country. After a while I come back. I thought it had been forgotten."

"It ought to have been, but De Witt had known me in the old days and he recognized me. And he's held me in his power ever since by threatening me with the law. So that's how I come to steal Mr. Garrett's diamonds."

"What did you do with the woman?" shouted De Witt, springing to his feet and waving his arms furiously.

"You've told the court this much—now go on and tell the rest!"

Judge Crawford hammered with his gavel, but the uproar in the court was too loud for him to make his words

heard. Some were hissing, others trying to hawl them down. But all through the scene Judge Davis sat, impassive and still, in his place in the gallery.

De Witt pushed his lawyer away.

"There's more to the story by a damn sight," he shouted. "You've heard that much, and now I'll tell the rest!"

"You can be heard at the proper time, Mr. De Witt!" cried the judge angrily.

"There's no time like this," answered De Witt defiantly, striding forward. "Put me in the witness box!" he shouted to Brown. "Put me there if you dare, and I'll tell the jury the rest of it."

Brown, nonplussed over this new development, hesitated. But a glance at the faces of the jury showed him that he could not decline the challenge. He nodded to Seaton, who stepped down. De Witt entered the box. The clerk handed him the testament, but De Witt brushed it aside, and now, so keen was the interest, even the presiding judge failed to notice the irregularity.

"I'll tell you what I know," shouted De Witt, addressing himself to Davis in the gallery. "You've thrown me over after I've worked for you these ten years and more, you smug old canting hypocrite!" he cried. "Look at him! There he sits, clean and sanctimonious, like a little tin god up in the skies!"

Judge Davis certainly did look sanctimonious. His eyes were fixed upon De Witt's gravely. To those on the floor of the courtroom Judge Davis looked at that moment for every type of the Pharisee. But some of those near him in the gallery noticed that the old man's eyes had in them a look of strained horror, as if he was expecting some dreadful revelation.

"I'm done with you now!" cried De Witt, flinging out his arm with a sweeping gesture. "He knew what I was doing for him; he knew from the first to last every bit of the dirty work that nobody else would do. But he wouldn't soil his own hands with it. He wouldn't listen to the details. It was always, 'Go ahead, De Witt, if you think it proper, but don't do anything unrighteous or uncharitable.' Uncharitable! There's not a single drop of charitable blood in the old scoundrel's body!"

"Yes, he knew everything, gentlemen, and yet there was one thing that he didn't know, and now his turn has come, and he's going to know it. Ask him to take off his collar and show you his throat, gentlemen. You'll find a bullet-hole there. It's heated up long ago, but it's burning like the rage he felt when he tried to shoot back, just one second too late. That's the hole left by Daddy Seaton's bullet, and Daddy Seaton's been running for his life for twenty years because of a man he never killed."

"Look at him again, gentlemen! Ask Daddy Seaton to tell you if there was only the woman in the camp, or if she didn't have a baby of six months with her, that she wouldn't leave behind, although he wanted her to. Ask him who Sheila Seaton is. Then look at that old rogue up there once more. There sits the man that printed insults in the Chronicle against his own daughter, not knowing that she was his. And tell Daddy that he knew whose child Sheila was, but that he didn't know till this moment that the man he shot and thought he killed is the man who's sitting up there!"

A cry broke from Seaton's lips. The old man staggered in the dock. The lawyer put an arm about him to steady him; and, leaning back against the supporting shoulder, Seaton watched De Witt, whose last blow had been the culmination of all his years of persecution.

But the old man in the gallery rose slowly to his feet and thrust out his hand. The square white beard worked up and down as the jaws champed. He raised his arms, and for a second the motionless old figure and the old figure below looked at each other fixedly.

Then, with a strangled cry, Judge Davis dropped unconscious.

CHAPTER XIII

Death's Harvest.

Winton was only vaguely aware of the quick termination of the trial, with its expected, though illogical verdict of "not guilty." He saw Judge Davis lifted and carried out by his supporters; saw De Witt, his face twitching nervously at the verdict, stride from the courtroom; then he was pushing his own way outside among the excited, buzzing groups, and perceived old Seaton moving slowly among the crowd, which parted to make way for the man whose tragedy affected them with horror.

"Where are you going, Daddy?" asked one man, trying to stop him.

"I'm going to find my gal," mumbled Seaton. "She's been all I've had. Maybe I ain't her father, but I'm going to her."

Slowly he walked away, and nobody attempted to stop him. Winton, after a moment of doubt, realized that it would be useless for him to interfere.

He watched Seaton's departure with a mind that was too numb to enable him to understand the fullness of his success. There was no doubt that the legality of the syndicate's acquisition of his shares could now be questioned. He could regain the majority and keep control, if Seaton's acquittal were followed, as it must be, by De Witt's arrest and his conviction.

But there was more than that. Winton began to realize, in a dazed sort of way, that the disclosure had given him Sheila. He knew she loved him, in spite of all her bitterness in the past. He would go to her, make her

his wife, and take her home to his own country, where the past should never trouble her.

He was brooding over this when he heard two revolver shots ring out in quick succession. Looking up, he discovered that he was alone. The crowd was running toward the south side of the square, where there seemed to be some commotion. Winton saw a struggle in progress; the heaving shoulders of a horse appeared above the crowd; and suddenly the horse and its rider emerged at a furious gallop, scattering the crowd right and left.

Through the gap thus formed Winton could see a man lying upon the ground, resting on his elbow. His hand clutched a revolver.

The rider was De Witt. Amid the yells of the mob he dashed in a cloud of dust across the market square and turned down the street leading to the new suburb. The horse bounded across the rivulet, topped the ridge of the diamond ground, and disappeared.

The fallen man was being helped to his feet. He staggered in the arms of his supporters, and the blood was streaming from a bullet-wound in his shoulder.

Winton gathered what had occurred from the excited conversation that followed. The sheriff had attempted to arrest De Witt on the strength of a court order hastily secured. De Witt, who had had a swift horse ready outside, in the anticipation of just such a contingency, had shot the sheriff and galloped away.

So swift was the maneuver that Malopo found itself totally unable to cope with the situation. There was wild talk of forming a posse to pursue the outlaw. But De Witt's horse was the fastest in Malopo, and as in the case of Van Vorst, pursuit seemed impracticable.

While an impromptu mass meeting was being held Winton made his way back to the claim. He understood now all that the verdict meant to him, and the thought of Sheila filled his heart.

It was growing dark. Early the next morning he meant to ride out into the hills and bring her back with him, and they should never be parted again. He thought with infinite pity of her sufferings, with tenderness of her loyalty. It seemed most fit that his lips should be the first to tell her what would remove the dark cloud from her forever.

As Winton turned into the road that led toward his claim there came the sudden sputtering of heavy drops, and then a deluge. He covered the last hundred yards at a racing pace, but he was drenched to the skin before he reached the cottage.

After the long months of drought the rains had broken. The thunder growled in the distance; the brilliant lightning flashes lit up the heavens. The rains poured in torrents upon the desert, which sucked them up, and stored them in its hidden springs.

Winton felt utterly worn out after the day. An unreality hung over the past; it seemed as if everything had been a dream since the night in Sheila's house.

Winton was about to go to bed when there came a feeble tap at the door. When he opened it he saw Judge Davis standing there, wet through.

He was shocked at the change in the judge's aspect. He seemed to have aged a dozen years; he was an old, broken man. He came forward uncertainly and sat down.

Winton tried to get him to take off his wet clothes, but the judge shook his head vacantly, as if he hardly understood.

"You remember what we talked about that day?" he asked, with nothing in his voice in the least like a quaver.

"That day I came to you for the loan?"

"About gaining the whole world and losing one's soul? Mr. Garrett, I lost my soul long ago. I thought I'd gained the whole world, but it's all slipped away—it's all slipped away."

"You've found what you wanted, most, Judge," said Winton, pitying the



old man with all his heart. "You've found your daughter."

And suddenly the conviction came borne in upon him that the old queen of the village was Davis' wife. The shock of the realization was paralyzing. He said nothing of this—how could he tell him that his wife was living? He said nothing as the judge went on.

"Yes, I've found her, I've been a fool and I've been punished, but all the past is finished now. I need to pray, Mr. Garrett, that God's vengeance might overtake the mother, but God must have dealt with her years ago, and it's myself—He's taken

vengeance on. Aye, He's mocked me and made a fool of me. But I'm going to find my girl and take her away. I know where she is. She's living with Nkama's tribe, up in the hills. My God, to think of my child living like an outcast among the Kafirs!"

He stood up and clenched his fists furiously. "I was face to face with Seaton today, and I didn't kill him," he said. "Let him cross my path again and he'll die!"

"He didn't know," said Winton.

"He wronged me. He brought all this on me. That snake De Witt is nothing. I care nothing about his part in it. But let Seaton take care, if ever we meet. Mr. Garrett," he added, falling into a casual tone, "you know Sheila. You were a friend of hers. You stood by her when I was printing lies against her in the Chronicle—may God forgive me, I want you to ride out with me in the morning and bring her home."

"Judge, I'll go, and I'll bring her to you," said Winton, wondering how this new development would affect his plans.

"I'll go with you, Mr. Garrett. I'll be here on horseback at six in the morning. That's what I came to tell you."

"Then I'll be ready, Judge," said Winton.

The old man went out silently, leaving Winton pondering still more deeply. But he realized that Judge Davis' claim was prior to his own. And he tried to view the matter unselfishly, though a fierce jealousy tortured him at the thought that he, who had stood by the girl in her extremity, should have to yield to the man who had persecuted her.

When he went out early in the morning Judge Davis was just turning into the compound. He was mounted on a big bay, and appeared much the same as usual. Winton, who had been a little alarmed at his appearance the night before, was reassured. He saddled his horse and mounted, and the two rode silently out into the desert.

The sun was rising in a crown of fiery clouds. There were pools of rain everywhere, and the freshness of the air was a delightful contrast to the long drought. Cloud-banks were already heaping up in the sky, but there was not likely to be another downpour until tonight; the first rains are not continuous, as in later weeks. The day promised intense heat, but the long, rolling ridges of the desert had already a sub-tinge of green.

Hour after hour, the two men rode side by side. Occasionally Winton ventured some remark, but the judge hardly answered him; he was brooding, with his head sunk on his breast. Winton was lost in dreams of Sheila. After a long time, in the broiling heat of the noon sun, he saw the faint outlines of the distant hills before him.

First they were a blue line against the sky, then a patch of green against the brown of the desert. He pointed them out to his companion, but the judge only looked up, nodded, and resumed his brooding. Presently he raised his head, and Winton was alarmed to see the light of the deadly purpose in his eyes.

"He'll make for there, Garrett," he said.

Seaton?"

Judge Davis nodded. "They told me last night," he answered. "That's why I wanted to give him a night's start. He'll have made that place by now. I've been there—long ago. We'll meet. It will be the fulfillment of a quest that occupied a great part of my time years ago, Garrett; I put it aside, but I never abandoned it altogether, and now I've taken it up again."

It occurred to Winton that if Judge Davis went mad, he would go mad in precisely that cool, methodical way. He wondered if he was armed, and what he would do if he and Seaton met. And he cursed himself for not having reflected that such a meeting was highly probable.

He had a fleeting idea of attempting physical restraint, but he abandoned the idea instantly. Whatever needed to be done must be done when the time arrived.

The distant hills grew nearer. Green valleys and precipitous heights appeared. The sun was at the zenith. The horses walked with hanging heads, panting. Not a living thing appeared on the vast plain except the steers and their riders.

But presently Winton caught sight of something on the far horizon that looked like a vast flock of sheep. Yet surely no man had ever owned so large a herd. It formed a wide arc, miles in length, along the edge of the desert.

It was a mirage, of course. But even so, somewhere the reality existed; and Winton, more puzzled than ever, followed it with his eyes as he rode on, wondering when it would disappear. It did not disappear. The entire herd seemed moving in the direction of the hills, now about four miles away, traveling almost parallel with the horses, yet with sufficient inclination to make it probable that, if it were indeed a real herd, it would pass into the valley toward which the riders were making.

At last Winton called the judge's attention to the flock. But Judge Davis, seeming hardly to be aware of his presence, shook himself impatiently and rode on, immersed in his morbid introspection.

The flock appeared to keep pace with the horses, and it was now clearly converging toward the pass. Winton, watching it, abandoned the idea that it was a mirage. Yet it could not possibly be any man's flock. There were hundreds of thousands of

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Winfred Tatum is in a local sanitarium with very painful but not serious injuries following an explosion of a high pressure air pipe at the local plant of the Texas Utilities Co., J. D. Williams, another employe of the company, also was severely gashed under the right shoulder by flying parts of the burst pipe.

According to H. L. Allen, local manager of the company, seven or eight men were standing around the room when the copper pipe, carrying about 800 pounds of pressure, exploded, but all were lucky in escaping the many flying parcels of the pipe, which, under such heavy pressure, were thrown in all directions.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Whether or not the local baseball situation ever is to settle again into the realms of quietude, remains a mystery, and from all appearances will continue so far an indefinite time. But with the advent of spring which is evidenced by the warm, balmy air of the past two or three days, the fever is beginning to crop out again in the bones of local enthusiasts.

Already some few are beginning to pass along the inquiry as to whether or not there will be any form of professional baseball in this section of the country this season. Some venture the assertion that it will be the impossible, while others make bold with statements to the contrary, saying that it will be short of a calamity if we are forced to pass through the coming season without a local representative and the national pastime.

Following a two-year seige in the professional realm, some seem very skeptical as to the possibility of again venturing, and so far as to say that local men will not be bothered again with the "nuisance." Their point of vantage seems to be the seemingly irreconcilable losses sustained by them during the two years in which they were "on the inside."—Lubbock Avalanche.

Two aldermen tendered their resignation to the City Council as the result of a dispute over the laying of the water mains. At a called meeting of the council last week, with two members absent, the council voted to lay all the new water mains on the South side and not to take them across the railroad as had been planned. The people of the north side got together and circulated a petition demanding that water mains be put on the North side.

The mayor again called a meeting of the council and at this meeting it was decided to put the mains on the north side. The two aldermen, Witherspoon and Howard, who had voted that no mains be placed on the north side resigned their positions.—Foscoe

Times.

It has come to the point when the people of Lubbock must put up or shut up on the hotel proposition. Two definite plans are now up for consideration, and definite action must be taken, if Lubbock is to have a hotel at an early date. The Lubbock Hotel Association, which organization is at present operating the Lubbock Inn propose to enlarge the Lubbock Inn to make more than a 100-room hotel, if the people will take a certain amount of stock in the building. There is a stock subscription list being circulated now to that effect, and quite a number have already subscribed and the proposition seems to be moving along reasonably well, but there must be about \$80,000 subscribed to this proposition, before the building is assured.

Another proposition comes from a Dallas concern, who have their plans already drawn, and every detail figured out. They propose to build a hotel to cover approximately four of the Lubbock lots, five stories high, strictly fireproof, of reinforced concrete, completely furnished and ready to occupy within nine months from the date of the beginning of construction and can begin within ten days after contracts are signed. The proposed plant is to cost \$300,000. The company proposes to put \$225,000 into the plant and asks the citizens of Lubbock to buy \$75,000 worth of second lien securities.

The Chamber of Commerce Directors have these two plans under consideration, together with another from Rufus Wright of Sweetwater, so that there will in all probability be some definite action taken within a short time, and the Hub of the Plains will not have to apologize for her hotel facilities.—Lubbock Avalanche.

PLUM CREEK NEWS

The pie supper at Bitter Creek was well attended by the Plum Creek young folks.

Deris and Marie Lynch spent Saturday in Sweetwater with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bennett.

Several of the people of this community are on the sick list.

Ozella Brown spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. George Boyd of Bitter Creek community.

Juanita Lynch and Jane McReynolds spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bessie Cox of the Cottonwood community.

Crutcher Scott has become the owner of a new Ford touring car.

Byron Rogers, who has been visiting relatives and friends here has returned to his home at Floydada.

Rev. McKissick of the First Christian Church of Sweetwater will preach at the Plum Creek school house Sunday afternoon.

Will Scott spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. H. G. Scott.

Miss Adrienna spent Saturday night and Sunday in this community.

Letters In Divorce

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 29.—Letters between husband and wife were ruled as admissible evidence in divorce proceedings by the State supreme court here. Decision was made in the case of Robert Fasken whose suit for divorce from his wife was appealed by the latter on grounds the court committed error in admitting letters she had written to her husband as evidence.

Scrap Explodes

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 29.—Twelve persons were slightly injured by an explosion which wrecked the plant of Henry Kahden Company, scrap iron dealers here. The entire roof was lifted from the building by the blast and windows of neighboring buildings broken. The injured were employes of the plant.

Drank Carbolic

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 29.—A man who tried to commit suicide here by drinking carbolic fled when his landlady phoned for the police. He was not located by the officers.

That's All!

A diversified farmer is a man who has to knock off work in his potato patch to drive the cows out of the cornfield—repair the pasture fence—burn a couple of dead hogs—hunt a lamb that has become separated from its mother—make the goat disgorge half a line of clothes, and part a rooster fight—all within the next hour.

Impeachment Oklahoman

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 29.—John A. Whitehurst, president of the State Board of agriculture has been impeached by the State Legislature on the first of several counts. He was charged with unlawfully cashing a salary claim for Arthur Kleeman. He will be tried by the Senate.

Cow Kick Loses Eyesight

ATHENS, Texas, Feb. 29.—When Archie Powell, local dairyman, tried to milk one of his cows, the animal kicked and hurled a stone which was clutched in its hoof into Powell's eye. The dairyman will probably lose the sight of his optic.

The Worst

Wearry Hubby—Doctor, tell me the worst!
Doctor—Your wife will regain her voice.

Sure Enough!

I gazed upon the camel,
And wondered at his bumps.
"Well, that's a funny place," says I,
"For mules to have the mumps."

Concho Ranchers Uses

Ford in Catching Wolf.
Burt Shield one day last week made a unique capture of a large gray wolf. He was driving his Ford in the wolfproof fenced lane in Gus Hartgrove's pasture, the lane leading from Millersview to the river, when the spied a wolf in the lane. He gave chase to the wolf, ran him down, ran over him and captured him by running him in the car.—Paint Rock Herald.

Did You Know That--

more than 6,000 people transfer from one railroad station to another in Sweetwater every month?

More than 1,200 of these people are visitors to the Wright Hotel, use our Lobby, Public Rooms, Writing Tables, Stationery, meet their friends here, use our telephones, but they do not stay longer than the arrival of their outgoing train. Some of them patronize the Barber Shop, Beauty Parlor, Drug Store, and Coffee Shop. A part of them have the transfer company bring them to the Hotel and carry them to their train connection. In other words, some of them spend a little money in Sweetwater and some of them do not.

This Hotel is glad to have these people use our Public Rooms without charge. In fact, we are spending money advertising to the people of the Plains that we want them. But here is the thought that we would like to leave with our friends and the citizens of Sweetwater in general:

We have an average of about thirty per cent of our guest rooms unoccupied each night which might be filled if you would say to the traveling man who calls on you, "Why don't you make your headquarters in Sweetwater or work out of the city, coming back to spend the night?" And say to the prospector or tourist, "Stay a day or two with us and look our City and country over." You might do them a favor as well as the Hotel and yourselves.

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