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TO BEGIN LEGAL BATTLES MONDAY

Wm. Meador Trial Stated To Begin in District Court Room Here Monday—Hickox Case Follows

MANY WITNESSES CALLED
Interesting Array Legal Talent To Be Represented Both On Prosecution And on Defense

Monday will mark the beginning of a fortnight of colorful activities in the District Court, according to advance information emanating from official circles. Following a week in which many cases on the criminal docket were disposed of, the Meador and Hickox murder trials will get under way. Both cases have attracted wide attention and are expected to draw packed courtrooms throughout the next two weeks.

In addition to publicity given the cases in former trials and which is expected to hold good in the re-trials here, there will be imported from other counties witnesses that will likely reach the century mark, a majority of whom are due in Sweetwater today.

Still another point of unusual interest is centered in the legal battle that will be waged throughout the two trials. Prominent attorneys from Waco, Carthage, Tahoka, Coleman, and Del Rio, will be augmented by local talent, including district attorney Brooks.

In the Wm. Meador trial, which begins Monday, Lud Williams of Waco and L. E. Lockhart of Tahoka have been named as the defense attorneys while the state will be represented by B. W. Baker of Carthage and District Attorney Brooks. It is expected that this trial will last at least four days. Beall, Beall & Beall of Sweetwater and Snodgrass & Snodgrass of Coleman will be the defense counsel in the trial of George M. Thurman, of Del Rio, will represent the State.

District Judge Leslie said that he hoped to complete the Hickox trial in seven days.

DIG OUT TOURISTS

More Than 150 Autoists Suffer in Kansas Blizzard

KENDALL, Kans., March 22.—After intense suffering, 150 auto tourists marooned by a blizzard, are being cared for tonight. They have been supplied with clothing and medical supplies and as many as possible have been quartered in the small Kendall Hotel.

Communication has been re-established after eight days of isolation and scores of men from the State engineering department are fighting to clear the virtually impassable roads. The tourists were en route to the Pacific Coast when trapped by a blizzard near here.

Free Keeling

DALLAS, Texas, March 22.—The long legal fight to have Attorney General Keeling and Secretary of State Staples adjudged in contempt of court for certifying Earl Mayfield's name on the general election ticket in 1922 ended today when the civil court of appeals ruled in favor of the State officials.

STOP SALE ARMS

President Coolidge Slaps Embargo on Sale Arms to Honduras Where Civil War is in Progress

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—President Coolidge tonight issued a proclamation declaring an embargo on the sale or shipment of arms or ammunition to Honduras where a civil war is in progress.

The proclamation was issued because of conditions in the Republic, according to a statement made by American Minister Morales, were "very grave."

Two American stores were reported looted during the early part of the week. This was followed by a report that both the American Legation and Consulates were fired upon by drunken soldiers of the Defacto Government forces.

Preferred "Hell To Jail," Drove Car From Cliff

By The United Press.
WACO, Texas, March 22.—Preferring "hell to jail," he said, an unknown youth drove his automobile over a steep cliff into the Brazos river 50 feet below.

"I may go to hell but not to jail," the boy told the officers who sought to arrest him for stealing.

"Try and catch me." With those parting words he drove through a barrage of bullets heading into the swelling waters below the cliff. The car was lifted but efforts to locate the body were in vain.

MITCHELL ROAD BONDS IN DOUBT

At Late Hour Saturday Night Vote Stood 1011 For Road Bond Issue to 512 Against the Project

ASKED VOTERS FOR \$325,000
Proposed to Improve Bankhead Highway Across County—Earlier Bond Issue \$625,000 Was Lost

Special to The Reporter.
COLORADO, Texas, March 22.—At 11 o'clock tonight the vote stood 1011 for the bonds to 512 against with two small boxes still to be heard from in the county. The result will be very close and until these boxes are heard from it will not be definitely known whether the road bond issue carried or was defeated.

Report Defeat

Special to The Reporter.
COLORADO, Texas, March 22.—For the second time Mitchell County has defeated a bond issue for the purpose of hard-surfacing State highways. A special election held in Mitchell county general county road improvement was lost some months ago.

In the election Saturday, a bond issue of \$925,000 for the purpose of hard-surfacing the Bankhead Highway only, east and west across the county, was submitted to the voters. The vote in Colorado was 258 for the bonds and 53 against.

MORE MEN SIGN

Trade Trip April 15-16-17 Has Definite Assurance of Being Whale of Success—Many Cars

Another eleven signers and enough cars to bring the total up to 100 cars with nearly double that many people who have promised to go insure the coming Trade Trip, April 15, 16, 17, being a whale of a success.

Chairman of the solicitation committee, A. H. Herring, is staying with the work like a terrier after a rat and says "everybody in town is going to have an opportunity to get on the dotted line. Those he is unable to see, however, are requested to hunt him up or get in touch with the Board of City Development. The following names have been added:

George C. Massey, Miss Willie Elliott, Miss Minnie Fowler, W. C. Caldwell, Dr. A. W. Canfil, A. G. Winn, Simpson Fuel Co., E. J. Darley, Tubbs Produce Co., McCall and Gordon, Lew Hardy.

Another eight signers were reported late Saturday night as follows: W. K. Beall, J. F. Roland, J. Stone Rives, John Cochran Jr., Tom Morris, Kirby Kinsey, Western Windmill Co.

Capture Launch With \$25,000 In Liquor Aboard It

By The United Press.
GALVESTON, Texas, March 22.—The gasoline launch "Lena," with 350 cases of imported liquor aboard, was captured by custom officials tonight after a chase of several miles in which several shots were fired across her bow.

The ship's crew, sensing capture, dived overboard and swam to safety on the jetties. The boat was captured by Capt. Henry Holzhauser and three agents. Her cargo was valued at \$25,000.

HINT OF MURDER IN INVESTIGATION

Roxie Stinson, Divorced Wife of Jesse Smith, Intimated Latter Was Murdered—Not a Suicide

CHARGE IS WITHDRAWN
Senator Wheeler of Senate Committee Investigating Daugherty Says Roxie Stinson Withdrew Charge

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—A sensational hint of murder in connection with the death of Jesse Smith which fell like a bombshell in the Senate Daugherty investigation committee today was formally withdrawn tonight by Roxie Stinson.

The hearing room, filled to its capacity, listened with bated breath for Mrs. Stinson to follow up her sensational testimony but she did not. Her remarks caused Senator Wheeler to issue this statement:

"Mrs. Stinson formally denies that she hinted or intimated in the testimony her belief that Smith was murdered."

The ugly suggestion of murder fell like a bombshell in the midst of a jumbled recital of Jesse Smith's "alleged deals" in which the woman linked Attorney General Daugherty.

Roxie Stinson, divorced from Jesse Smith 14 years ago, but devoted to his memory, left the impression Jesse was the tool of an "unscrupulous Kaiser-like man."

Smith's death was declared to be due to suicide.

Defies Daugherty

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Choked at times by sobs and at other moments flashing defiance, Roxie Stinson today hurled back denials at Harry M. Daugherty before the Senate committee.

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Mrs. Stinson's dramatic testimony followed a demand by Senator Wheeler that President Coolidge suspend Daugherty until the investigation was finished.

By The United Press.
Refuses to Show Books

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Mal Daugherty, brother of the Attorney General, announced tonight that he would refuse to turn over the books of the Midland National Bank to the Daugherty investigation committee.

Daugherty, who is president of the Midland National Bank, has been subpoenaed by the committee to come to Washington and bring the books with him.

Muri Melton, formerly with the Lyon-Gray Lumber Company, of Sulphur Springs, is now with the Bryant Lumber Company of this city. Mr. Melton arrived Thursday and expects to make his home here.

FREE SOLDIERS TO FLY NORTH

Members "Lost Legion" Freed From Leavenworth and Atlanta Penitentiary for Army Offenses

By The United Press.
LEAVENWORTH, Kans., March 22.—On recommendation of the prison clemency board eight soldiers—members of the "lost legion" were pardoned from Federal prisons here and at Atlanta today.

All were serving terms for wartime offenses ranging from grand larceny to murder.

Four of those pardoned were released from Leavenworth, given transportation home and five dollars in cash. One will be released here tomorrow. Three others will be freed soon.

More prisoners are expected to be released as rapidly as the board can pass on their cases, officials announced.

Miss Lucile McElrath will be hostess this week at a meeting of the L. O. V. E. Club girls.

SINCLAIR FLOUTS OIL COMMITTEE

Flatly Refuses to Testify Before Senate Committee Investigating Teapot Dome Oil Reserve

MAY GO TO COURTS
Committee Plan Contempt Proceedings and Whole Matter May Be Decided by Court Procedure

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Harry F. Sinclair tonight defied the Senate oil investigation committee and the Senate itself to make him talk and then assailed his accusers.

His refusal to testify before the committee was followed by a report to the Senate by Senator Ladd, committee chairman, laying the foundations for contempt proceedings against Sinclair. Final decision in this matter awaited the return of Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special counsel in the investigation.

Sinclair did admit in a statement that he loaned \$25,000 in bonds to former Secretary Fall in 1923; that he hired Fall and gave him \$10,000 expenses to go to Russia after Fall had left the cabinet.

The outcome of Sinclair's refusal to testify may be a long court fight in which the right of any congressional committee to summons and compel witnesses to testify may be the issue.

When Sinclair was ordered to the stand by unanimous vote of the committee, he said:

"I shall reserve any evidence I may be able to give for those courts which I shall choose and shall respectfully decline to answer any questions propounded by your committee."

Contributed \$75,000

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—That Harry F. Sinclair, oil committee charge, contributed \$75,000 in 1920 election, was the admission wrong from Will Hays, former chairman of that committee, by the Senate oil investigating committee today.

After denying vigorously that Sinclair stock had been turned over to the national committee to liquidate the deficit Hays revealed that money instead of stock was the contribution of the oil man.

He also revealed that the law firm of Hays & Hays served Sinclair during the time Hays was in the cabinet although Hays himself had severed connection with the firm at that time.

Hays further testified that the liberty bond transactions effected between Walberg, secretary of Sinclair, and a man named "Hays" testified by Walberg when the latter testified before the committee some time ago might have been personal transactions between his brother and Sinclair.

While Hays' testimony created the outstanding sensation, Sinclair himself caused some excitement. He defied the committee, refusing to answer questions "on advice of his counsel" and later the committee requested that he be cited for contempt.

Four 'Round-the-World Army Planes to Rise For Flight Over Rockies and Thence to Asian Shores

By The United Press.
SEATTLE, Wash., March 22.—Four planes will rise from Lake Washington March 30 and wing northward high above the Rockies. It will be the starting of the most hazardous flight of the four U. S. Army planes round-the-world course that will take them above the curving columns of the Aleutian Island of the Kuriles and from there across the Pacific to the shore of Asia.

Major Frederick L. Martin, commanding the flight, said the planes would be ready to start with the sun a week from tomorrow and expected to reach the end of the schedule 15 days earlier than originally planned.

Weather

West Texas Sunday fair; colder in southwest portion; livestock warnings in the north.

Newlyweds Begin Odd Honeymoon Home Behind Bars

By The United Press.
DOUGLAS, Ga., March 22.—John Alton Rogers and his bride prepared to spend their honeymoon in jail for life today.

Rogers and his newly made wife pleaded guilty and were sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Roger's brother, Grover, first husband of the convicted bride. Grover Rogers was killed in order that his brother might obtain his wife, according to the confession.

EXPECT SPIRITED BIDS FOR ORIENT

At Least Two Western Lines Expected to be in Market For the Railroad With Much Interest

ENGLISHMEN TO BID ALSO
English Note and Bond Holders to Protect Their Holdings if Possible—Sale is March 27

By The United Press.
WICHITA, Kan., March 22.—The sale of the K. C. M. & O. Railway at a receiver's sale here next Thursday is expected to see a spirited bidding for the property between two western lines as well as representatives of the British security holders.

Two large western railroad companies have had their experts going over and examining the Orient's equipment according to reports received here. The names of the two railroads have not been made public.

According to reports the English note and bond holders will have a representative at the sale prepared to bid the property to a point where it will of that figure.

Mrs. J. P. Randle of Gonzales is here at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Boothe who has been seriously ill.

HUNTERS INJURED

Eskota Men Narrowly Escape Death When Shotgun Discharged Accidently; Treated in Sweetwater

What may prove to be a serious aftermath to a rabbit drive occurred late Friday afternoon near the Eskota stock pens when Emmett Thomas and E. F. Watson were accidentally shot when an automatic shotgun in the hands of E. K. Sorrell Jr., was discharged.

The wounded men were hurried by auto to this city where they were treated by Drs. Rosebrough and Fortner.

An X-ray picture was taken of Thomas showing that probably 20 No. 4 shot had entered the right thigh, extending from the hip to the knee. Some of the shot had apparently flattened on the bone. No bones were broken and it was not ascertained whether any blood vessels had been perforated, according to Dr. Fortner.

Nearly 35 shot entered Watson's left side, ranging from the knee to the arm pit. Both men were given a serum treatment, after which they returned to their homes at Eskota.

The accident occurred after the return of the party from a rabbit drive in the Eskota community. Young Sorrell was said to have been unloading his gun when it was accidentally discharged.

Big Cunard Liner Goes Aground Near Liverpool, England

LIVERPOOL, Eng., March 22.—The Cunard liner Carmania has gone aground on Askew Sit at the entrance to the river Mersey and has sent wireless messages for assistance.

Six tugs are doing their utmost to refloat the big ship. Cunard Line officials said that no passengers were aboard as the vessel was returning from Glasgow where she had been sent for re-conditioning.

BUILDING BOOM IN WEST TEXAS

More Building Going On Now Than At Any Time in Previous History Section Lumberman Says

LUMBER FROM SWEETWATER
More Than 200 West Texas Towns Buy Their Lumber Through Sweetwater Jobbing House

More building is going on in West Texas now than at any time in its history, according to A. H. Herring, manager for Burton-Lingo Company. In this matter, Mr. Herring is in possession to speak with authority in as much as his company maintains a large jobbing house at this place, through which an unbelievable amount of sash, doors and other building materials flow to some two hundred lumber companies in almost as many West Texas cities.

Lumber dealers of West Texas appreciate the central location, rail facilities, quick deliveries and favorable freight rates from Sweetwater and this one fact is making of our city the jobbing center of West Texas in this as well as in all other lines of commodity distribution. Sweetwater is fortunate in that she is within Texas common point territory, which permits the shipment of cars of building material to Sweetwater on the same rate enjoyed by Dallas, Fort Worth and other East Texas cities.

These many advantages determined the location here of the large warehouses of the Burton-Lingo Company, in which they carry an enormous stock of building material which they distribute to dealers in less than carload shipments. It is interesting to note the extent of this distribution, in as much as it goes West on the T. & P. to Toyah and as far East as Ranger. Over the Santa Fe, they ship large quantities of building material into the Plains and Panhandle countries of importance within a radius of Sweetwater into which their materials do not go.

Warehouse space now used by this company totals around thirty thousand square feet, including a new three-proof building just completed and they are now working out plans for increasing this building by the millions of other warehouses.

It is Mr. Herring's observation that the day of the box house in West Texas is past and people are now building real homes with all modern improvements such as built-in lockers, kitchen cabinets, ample closet room and other conveniences. In other words, West Texas has gotten beyond the experimental stage and, in as much as the people have learned that it is, not only a country that can be depended upon, but a land of bright promises and full realization, they are digging themselves in for keeps.

CHARGE MURDER

By The United Press.
CLEBURNE, Texas, March 22.—A. Z. Gatwood was held in jail tonight charged with the murder of S. Greenwall Duncan last Sunday, pending his inability to raise a \$7,500 bond. Justice Irwin T. Ward after an extended habeas corpus hearing today set the prisoner's bond at that figure which he failed to make.

TO TRY STEVENS

Examining Trial Set For Tuesday For Shooting Son-in-Law—Shooting Preceded Rape Case

Examining trial for Dan Stevens, Fisher County ranchman, has been set for Tuesday. He is charged with the killing of his son-in-law, A. Martin of McCaulley, Friday. The examining trial date was set owing to the absence of the witnesses of the State who were attending the funeral of Martin Saturday.

Martin had been charged with rape with a younger daughter of Stevens as complaining witness. The trial date has been set for Friday, the day of the shooting.

Stinson and Brooks of Abilene were representing Martin in the rape case. Beall, Beall and Beall of Sweetwater were retained by Stevens after the shooting.

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PUTTING THE BLAME

The fact that a committee of the United States senate is investigating "any organized effort being made to control public opinion and the action of congress upon legislative matters through propoganda," inspires a Colorado citizen to read the country a sensible lecture on constitutional government. It is his argument that if this investigation is carried on with any degree of thoroughness the committee will discover that all branches of the government, executive and judicial as well as the legislative, have practically renounced and surrendered to "public opinion" the sovereign powers which the constitution explicitly declared should be vested "in a congress," or "in a president," or "in one supreme court" and certain inferior courts, which will amount to the somewhat startling discovery that a

ed States was constituted and founded upon the principle that the powers of government should be exercised and controlled, not by the people, but by competent agents, whose judgment should not be influenced or controlled either by private interests and propoganda or by public opinion.

From this premise the Colorado citizen wants to know why has private and interested propoganda become more successful than formerly as a means of controlling or compelling legislative action? The answer is not flattering to American electors. It is simply that voting is becoming more and more unpopular, and as in proportion fewer people vote at general elections fewer votes are required to accomplish fanatical "reforms" or to influence legislation in favor of interested groups. The smaller the number of those voting in proportion to the total number entitled to vote, the smaller will be the minority that actually elects candidates and decides the questions submitted at elections. And since those voters who are reached and impressed by propoganda, as well as those who have some special personal interest in the election, are the ones most likely to go to the polls and vote, they are the ones who serve as the effective instruments of propogandists in subverting the constitution and compelling the enactment of

unjust, unwise and fanatical legislation.

A like protest against the lack of interest by the people in elections comes from an eastern state. One indignant citizen remarks: "Are the average Americans interested in the scandals being uncovered in their government? Were they interested in war profiteering and the activities of patriots who made hundreds of millions while ostentatiously waving the flag? They were not and they are not. So long as they have enough food, fun, flivvers and feathers, together with a little hooch, any party can pawn the capitol and loot the treasury and the nation's property to its heart's content. The average free-born superficial and easy-going American desires to be bamboozled, and the truth is not relished by him."

It is interesting to note that the country is beginning to wake up in this matter. It is ready to put the blame where it belongs, chiefly upon itself.

HARRY K. BONDIES
Attorney-at-Law
SWEETWATER, TEXAS

A Subject For Study

Do you sometimes in your thoughtful moments wonder just WHY so few of the millions are successful, why they grope blindly along through life feeling that everything is against them, and meeting only failure in their every effort toward success? Surely some outside influence must have come into their lives to so handicap them.

If this is true does it not behoove us to stop a moment and consider what the major handicaps which retards humanity are. We consider the greatest of all—ILL HEALTH, and we are making a life work of restoring health to the afflicted through NATURAL METHODS only. If your health is a question with you—no matter what failures you may have made, you will make no mistake in giving GROGAN WELLS SANATORIUM a one-week trial. If you are not satisfied in every particular we will refund every cent you have paid for your treatment. Why delay a single day longer? Your future success may depend on the decision you are making—this minute.

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—And, in addition we look back with pride to the numerous occasions when we have been permitted to be of service while Sweetwater was host—it may be to a gathering of business or professional men or on those other occasions when all West Texas has been here. And again it is local get-together meetings when community problems are worked out.

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Green and white brick ice cream and white angel food cake iced in green was served at the conclusion of the games. Guest favors were miniature green flower pots holding spring flowers.

Lamar Street Baptist Church
 Sunday school, 10 a. m.
 Preaching by pastor, Rev. Philip Little, 11 a. m.
 Junior B. Y. P. U., 3 p. m.
 Intermediate B. Y. P. U., 4 p. m.
 Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.
 Preaching by pastor, 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies' Auxiliary at church, 3 p. m., Monday.

Prayermeeting and choir practice, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.
 Public invited to attend all services.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. C. S. Perkins, Jr. was hostess Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the Wednesday Bridge Club when three tables were in play. Each table was centered with bud vase containing a beautiful rose. The usual number of games were enjoyed.

When the cards were laid aside a delightful salad course was served. Mrs. Tom Hughes will be hostess April 2.



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DISCUSS ROADS

County Commissioners Hold Lengthy Session End of Week

County commissioners were closeted with Judge A. S. Mauzey Friday afternoon and all day Saturday in a special meeting. Lengthy discussion concerning problems dealing with the road program in Nolan County occupied many hours; letting bids for construction work and the forming of permanent plans to be carried out in the building of various county roads received the attention of the commissioners.

TO APPOINT SUCCESSOR

Governor Neff Expected to Name Man to Fill Vacancy On Livestock Commission

By the United Press
AUSTIN, Texas, March 22.—J. E. Boog-Scott, chairman, and Hall Smith member of the livestock sanitary commission, were in Austin today for a conference with Governor Pat Neff. J. B. Murrain of San Antonio, the third member of the commission, recently died. The Governor is expected to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

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Neff Returns

By the United Press.
AUSTIN, Texas, March 22.—Governor Neff returned to Austin today after an 11-day tour in the Rio Grande valley, where, with state commissioners, inspected 13 sites for state parks.

Daniell Boone, president of the Millard Life Insurance Co., from Kansas City, visited R. L. McCaulley, local agent, this week.

PIONEER DIES

Dr. Smith, First Sweetwater Physician, Dead at Temple

TEMPLE, Texas, March 23.—Dr. W. H. Smith, pioneer physician of the Heidenheimer community who first settled there in 1887, died at a local hospital after a short illness. He was stricken with paralysis.

Dr. Smith was 67 years old, having been born at Pulaski, Tenn., Aug. 30, 1856. He came to Sweetwater in 1882, practicing at Sweetwater. Here he served as one of its earliest physicians, and was in partnership with the late Dr. Moody until 1887.

Won Jersey Awards

WINTERS, Texas, March 22.—Jesse MacSewell, owner of the Sewell Jersey Farm here, returned home Thursday from Fort Worth, where seven of his thirteen head of cattle displayed at the Jersey show of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show had won ribbons.

Poultry Profitable

ROCHESTER, Texas, March 22.—The Western Produce Co., of Rochester announces that it has bought for the two months past 82,740 pounds of poultry in this territory, paying for it \$12,452.39.

D. A. Nance, manager of the firm, also states that this is one of the best produce markets in West Texas, and that if carried on along the right lines, the poultry business is the best paying occupation in the county.

Including the business of other firms some \$40,000 has been paid the farmers here for the sale of poultry alone.

Mrs. Bailey Davis has gone to Long worth to spend several days visiting at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Roy Hickman has returned to his ranch at Baird following a visit here with his sister, Mrs. S. W. Browning, and brother, Ray Hickman and wife.

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Winters, Texas, March 22.—The voters of the Winters independent school district by a vote of 405 to 179 raised their school taxes to one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation Thursday for the maintenance of a first class public school.

John Chapman came in from Dallas where he is a student at Southern Methodist University. He will visit his parents until Tuesday when he will return for the Spring term.

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The Priscilla Club meeting to have been at the home of Mrs. M. B. Howard Thursday afternoon and the High School Parent-Teachers Association meeting for Wednesday were both postponed on account of weather conditions.

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Mrs. P. G. Dabney of San Angelo arrived Saturday to visit her parents Judge and Mrs. W. W. Beall.

The choir of the First Christian church held a rehearsal of their Easter music Friday evening.

Miss Helen Latham and Miss Doris Daniel were Saturday visitors of Rattan friends.

Miss Nina Darby is at Abilene spending the week-end visiting her parents.

If it can be done in a tailor shop we can do it. City Pressing Parlor, Phone 134. 441c

Lewis Few came home from Big Spring Friday to spend the week end with his family.

Miss Emma Inman came home from Rule where she is attending school to spend the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ike Inman.

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Mrs. A. O. Hill and two children returned to their home at Slaton Saturday following a visit here with her sister Mrs. J. C. Holland and Mrs. O. Stephenson.

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AMUSEMENTS

Commencing tomorrow (Monday) night, Hefner's Comedians will open a week's engagement, under their waterproof and well heated tent, on Fitzgerald's lot on 4th Street. The company is under the management of Billy Beam and who has many friends here. Mr. Hefner is also well known here and has many admirers. Mr. Beam has surrounded Mr. Hefner with a very strong acting cast, and today has one of the best repertoire companies on the road. They are producing the latest stock releases and all plays will be new to the theater-goers of Sweetwater. Each and every play presented is given a mechanical and electrical effects. Between the acts of each play high class vaudeville is given by real vaudeville people, making the performance a continuous one from start to finish. They also carry their own concert band and classic orchestra. The band will give daily concerts at 4 and 7 p. m. Monday night they will present "Henpecked Henry," and while this

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play is for laughing purposes, it has a very pretty story beautifully told. Also on Monday night ladies will be admitted absolutely free.

A Correction

Officials of the City Garage stated Saturday that the fire alarm given Friday was not caused by burning of trash in the rear of their place of business but was occasioned by asphalt that caught fire.

WILL ENTER RACE

Gilliam Announces Candidacy For County Superintendent of Schools

J. C. Gilliam of Roscoe, who has lived in the county for two and one half years, and who is at present teaching school at Champion, Saturday announced his candidacy for County Superintendent of Public Instruction subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

"I take this means of announcing my candidacy for the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

For the past two years I have been principal of Champion school in the southwestern part of the county. My several years of teaching has been in rural school and I believe I understand their aims and needs.

stand their aims and needs.

If elected I promise to give the schools of Nolan County my close personal supervision and to aid the local trustees to the best of my ability.

As I am teaching at present I will be unable to see you personally for some time. Immediately after my school closes I intend to try and meet all of you."

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The Gleaners' Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. R. Carr with Mrs. P. T. Quast as hostess.

The Euzelian Class met Friday evening in regular session at the home of Ruth Tuttle. New officers for 1924 were elected. Later a social was enjoyed and refreshments served by the hostess.



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 Hymn No. 50.
 Hymn No. 45.
 Prayer—Rev. Little.
 Business session.
 Bible drill.
 Introduction—Bethel Donally.
 Part 1—Ara George, part 2, Mrs. Owens, part 3 Gay Nell Reavis, part 4, quartette, part 5, Vera Patterson, part 6 Jonnie Supulver, part 1 Mr. Green, part 8 Montie Johnson.
 Hymn No. 25.
 Benediction.

Birthdays Party.

Eight little friends gathered Monday afternoon at the home of Master Marshall Baze Cox and joined him in celebrating his fourth birthday anniversary.

All kinds of childish games were played indoors and on the lawn until they were invited into the dining room to view the beautiful white birthday cake which was decorated in a wreath of green in honor of St. Patrick Day. The cake was cut for its hidden fortunes; the ring was cut by Inez Ritter and Mary Julia Roberts found both the penny and the dime. With the cake Mrs. Cox served ice cream and chocolate. Dell and Virginia assisted their mother in directing the games. A number of gifts were received

by the young host. Each little guest was given a St. Patrick card for a souvenir.

Present were: Jimmie Boothe, J. C. Rinker, Jimbo Robbins, Mary Julia and Marjorie Roberts, Blueford Hestir, Charles and Inez Ritter.

Miss Mildred Boren of Post City arrived in the city Friday afternoon to spend the week-end with Miss Mable Browning.

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The ladies of the Church of Christ held their Bible study class meeting Thursday afternoon at the church, with Mrs. W. H. Powers leading an interesting lesson from 5th and 6th chapters of Second Corinthians. There were a large number of members present.

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30 x 3 1-2 Over Size Cord	12.50	16.50	4.00	12.50
30 x 3 1-2 Straight Side Cord	12.50	17.50	5.00	12.50
31 x 4 Cord	19.85	26.50	6.65	19.85
32 x 4 Cord	22.50	28.50	6.00	22.50
33 x 4 Cord	22.50	29.50	7.00	22.50
34 x 4 Cord	22.50	30.05	7.50	22.50
32 x 4 1-2 Cord	27.50	36.00	8.50	27.50
33 x 4 1-2 Cord	24.60	36.50	11.90	24.60
34 x 4 1-2 Cord	28.00	38.85	10.85	28.00
33 x 5 Cord	34.90	45.00	10.10	34.90

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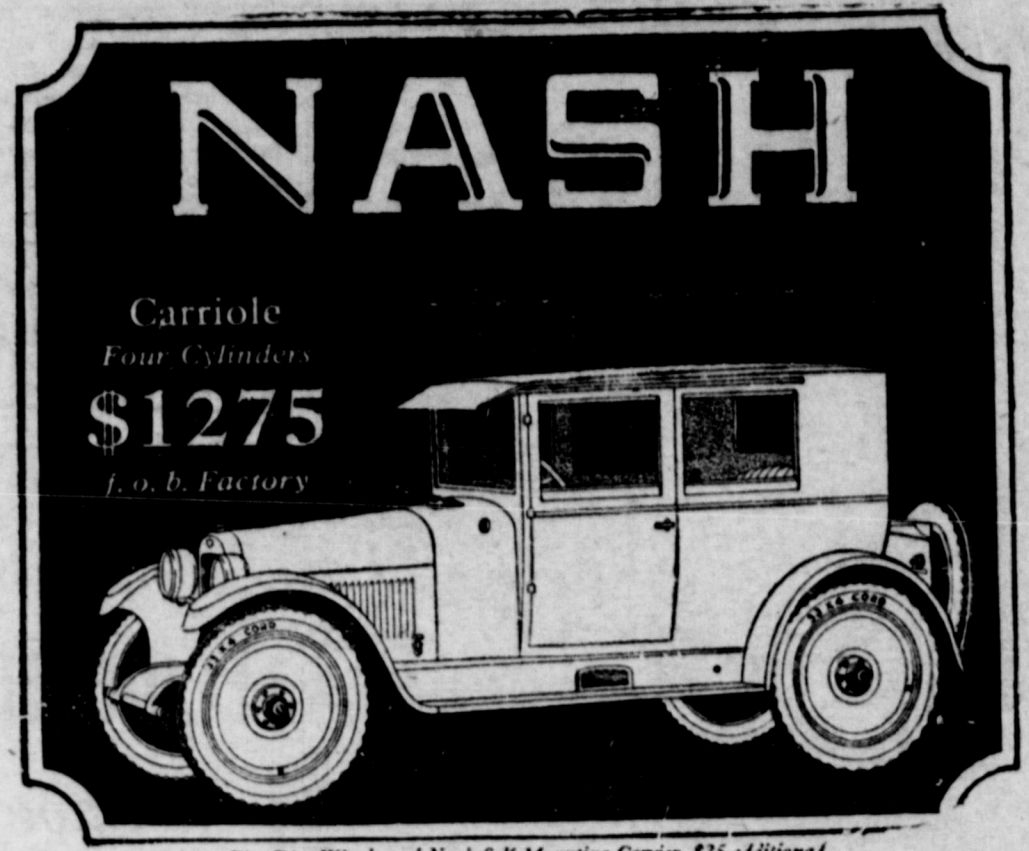
30 x 3	\$1.50	32 x 4	\$2.37
30 x 3 1-2	1.75	33 x 4	2.40
31 x 4	2.35		

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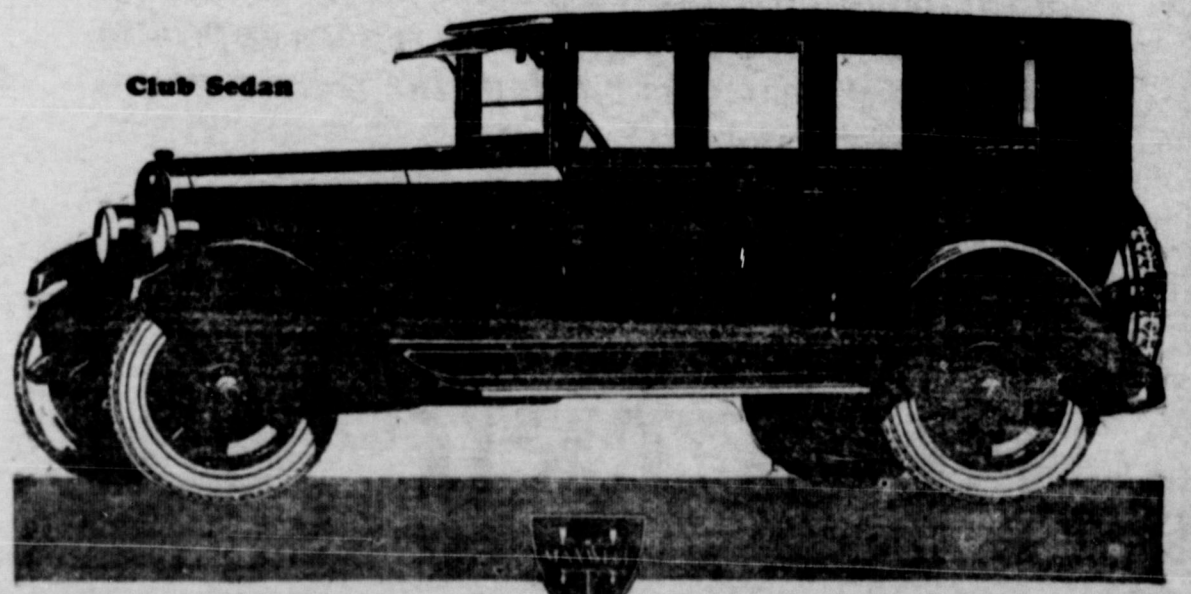
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Diamonds of Malopo

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

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SYNOPSIS

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

CHAPTER II—Winton, en route to his mine, finds the town of Malopo widely excited over a big strike in diamonds, including the 35-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 heroic English army officer, who has killed a man and is therefore in De Witt's power. That De Witt is all-powerful, being backed by Judge Davis, president of the diamond syndicate and also the resident magistrate and judge of the native protectorate.

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

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

CHAPTER V—The next morning Sheila offers Winton help in escaping from Malopo. He convinces her with difficulty that he did not steal the De Witt diamond and that he is president of the Big Malopo company. Bruised and blood-stained he runs across town, breaks by force into the mine, and is aided by a popular demagogic 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 a philosophical and unknown past, offers 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 steal 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 robs him. Burns' brain is affected; he cannot tell what happened. The workers in the mine return no longer. 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 diamonds bought from the natives before Judge Davis. The crowd regard De Witt as the real criminal and believe Davis is behind De Witt. Winton confesses everything. He tells how he shot a man and how De Witt, knowing about it, forced him to do all kinds of crooked work. De Witt, thinking Davis has abandoned him to his fate, voluntarily testifies that Davis is the man who 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.

CHAPTER XIII—Davis, much broken, is anxious to find Sheila and determined to kill Seaton. Davis and Winton find Sheila and her mother and Seaton in a native village. Davis and his wife recognize each other and go temporarily insane, talking as if twenty years had been obliterated. Seaton runs on horseback. Davis regains his mental balance and pursues Seaton. The two men race side by side. Davis tries to get his hands on Seaton. Then the narrow valley fills up with an enormous herd of migrating spring-buck. Part of the herd plunges over a precipice, burying both men under a mountain of dead antelope. Winton can find nothing of the two men but some brown stains on the rocks below. Horror-stricken, he returns to the village to find Sheila crouching beside her dead mother.

CHAPTER XIV—Winton and Sheila return to Malopo to be married. The natives rise and attack the town. After fierce hand-to-hand fighting, Winton and Sheila and Sam escape into the desert. De Witt and two natives unhorse Winton and kidnap Sheila.

CHAPTER XV—Sam finds Winton a horse and Winton pursues the kidnappers. In a thunderstorm he creeps up on a party of natives and finds De Witt and Sheila in a cave.

CHAPTER XVI—Winton and De Witt fight in the cave and Winton hurries De Witt into an abyss. He rolls down a great rock on attacking natives. It blocks the entrance to the cave. They find an exit on the other side of the mountain. In the desert they find the skeleton of Van Vorst—and the De Witt diamond. At their last gasp, far water ten miles from Malopo, they are rescued by the faithful Sam, who has a huge wild watermelon.

"I'm talking plain sense. You're in my power—absolutely. If you'll say the one word you shall be set free, and we'll strike across country together. If you won't—well, you know—"

"No. That's my answer. You've had it before. No."

"You're mighty proud of that white blood of yours, I suppose," sneered De Witt. "Suppose I was lying in court to get even with the old judge. Suppose you're half nigger still. How about Garrett, then?"

"You told the truth," answered Sheila.

"What do you mean? Suppose I tell you it wasn't the truth?"

"But it was the truth," cried Sheila, "for I have always felt it. Blood tells, and mine has called out to me that I was white, white, ever since I was a child in the village. I cling to that belief in spite of everything."

"Well, it was the truth," said De Witt grudgingly. Then his tone softened. "Sheila, I've got you now, and, by Heavens, I won't let you go!" he said.

There was a struggle in the cave. The girl uttered a cry. And at that moment Winton bounded forward.

The second cry that came from Sheila's lips was drowned in the roll of the reverberating thunder that followed a vivid lightning flash. In that instant Winton saw De Witt standing, one arm grasping Sheila to him, while his eyes dilated as he recognized her rescuer confronting him, revolver in hand.

The darkness and the echoes of the thunder seemed interminable. Sheila broke from De Witt with a cry and ran to Winton. He felt her arms about him, but he thrust her gently aside.

"I have you covered," he called to De Witt. "If I hear you stir, or if you cry out, I fire."

No answer came. Winton waited, tense, his revolver aimed at the spot where he imagined De Witt to be. The next flash showed the outlaw standing with his back against the wall of the cave a dozen feet distant. The flash and De Witt's shot were almost simultaneous.

Winton saw a chip fly from the rocky wall beside him. He sprang for De Witt, touched him, lost him, and stood panting for the next flash.

It came, and the two shots rang out together, though the sound of the discharge was lost in the rolling thunder and the pattering rain. Both missed. Winton fired again and missed again. He realized that his last bullet was gone. He must catch De Witt at the next flash and overcome him before he could fire. But he could hear the complete darkness.

In the light of the next flash Winton saw that De Witt had disappeared.

He glared furiously at him. Then a bullet whipped his cheek, he heard a faint crack from one side of him, and he saw, before the light vanished, De Witt's hand emerge apparently from behind the solid wall at the back of the cave.

A series of flashes illuminated the entire interior. Now Winton could see a narrow opening in the wall at the back of the recess. De Witt did not fire—perhaps he thought that Winton had him covered. Winton leaped forward, found the opening, and stopped. Some instinct of caution held him rooted to the spot.

The thunder peals were deafening. The rain was driving into the cave, which was ankle-deep in water. Suddenly Winton realized that the rivulet at his feet was feeding a waterfall. And then he understood his situation. He was standing upon the brink of a deep crevice. A single forward step would have hurled him to destruction.

The same warning instinct that had stopped him at the edge taught him to spring back behind the ledge of the protruding rocks. He had just regained this refuge when another flash showed De Witt standing on the opposite brink, less than six feet distant, aiming at where Winton had been.

With horror Winton saw that Sheila stood in the line of fire. She was standing motionless, staring after Winton, horror and anguish on her face. The sight of her peril electrified him. He leaped into the darkness.

He heard the shot ring out, but his onset had deflected his enemy's aim. And this time he had De Witt in his arms, pinning the hand that held the revolver.

On the brink of the abyss the two fought for their lives.

They were so equally matched that neither seemed able to budge the other. Each was nerved to the utmost by the realization of his peril. But Winton was fighting for Sheila—Sheila, whom the next flash showed standing, quivering with fear, upon the opposite ledge.

"Go back!" Winton shouted to her.

Even the utterance meant some infinitesimal diminution in the concentration of his muscles and will. In an instant he felt that De Witt had him at an advantage. The Dutchman's savage face was thrust into his own, his breath was hot on his cheek. He felt himself bend backward, he grasped at nothingness; he fell, dragging his enemy after him.

With a convulsive effort he caught at and clung to the projecting ledge. His feet felt for a hold. De Witt, who had evidently emptied his revolver, brought down the butt on Winton's hands. Winton clung with desperation. Across the chasm he heard Sheila screaming, and the lightning flashes, which were almost continuous, showed him her figure with hardly perceptible intervals of darkness.

De Witt was leaning forward over the chasm, his feet planted upon the edge, striving to detach Winton from his perilous hold. Again and again the revolver butt came down. Winton heard a bone in his wrist splinter. He let one hand go, swinging out over the chasm. De Witt, bracing himself against the wall, was pushing with all his strength.

Suddenly Winton remembered a school trick. If he should let himself go, De Witt's own impetus would carry him after him. Could he swing free and catch the opposite bank in falling?

He could hold on no longer. Opening his bruised hand, he plunged downward and forward. By a miracle he found the edge of the chasm on the other side of the cave. He swung there dizzily. He drew himself upward.

At the same instant he heard De Witt fall forward. The Dutchman clawed at the rocks, missed them, struck Winton; and with a scream that echoed above the thunder he went hurtling down to death.

It was seconds before the distant thud of the body upon the rocks beneath the gorge told Winton that De Witt would trouble Sheila no more.

Winton reached the cave, stood up, and caught Sheila in his arms. She was fainting, her lips sought his own feebly; then her head dropped on his shoulder.

By the next flash of lightning Winton measured the gap. He could almost straddle it; could he, bearing Sheila, make the leap? He hesitated.

Then, with wild yells, the Hottentots, who had heard De Witt's cry, came swarming up toward the entrance of the cave.

Winton measured the distance with his eyes and leaped. It was a terrific jump for a man carrying an unconscious woman in his arms. He tottered upon the opposite edge, but did not fall. The Hottentots were just entering the cave. Winton, crouching behind the ledge, saw them stare at them in amazement.

He saw that the narrow orifice widened behind him into a larger cavern. An enormous boulder, hanging from the roof, poised like a rocking-stone upon a smaller one, partly concealed the approach. At once an idea, born of his desperate situation, came to Winton. If he could dislodge the stone he could effectively bar the Hottentots from following him.

He set Sheila down and put his shoulder against the boulder. It stirred, it rocked, it resumed its position.

Another flash—and he was seen. Yelling, the Hottentots rushed forward, toward him.

Then Winton, putting forth all his strength, shifted the stone.

It fell, bringing down a shower of debris from the roof of the cave. Winton stumbled among the rattling stones, and, catching up Sheila, staggered along the passage. But he turned as the succession of thunderous crashes ceased, and waited for the next flash. None came, and he heard not the least sound from the Hottentots behind him.

After a full minute Winton struck a match. To his amazement he saw, by the little light, that the passage behind him was completely obliterated. The fall of the stone had brought down a miniature landslide. All traces of the entrance beneath the mountain had vanished. No light, no sound could penetrate.

Winton tried to strike another match. But the box was damp, and the slight flame fizzled out immediately. He tried another and another with like result.

He sat down quietly at Sheila's side. Later, he thought wearily, he would feel his way onward in the darkness. Now, worn out by the day and by his struggle, he had an intense desire to sleep.

He heard Sheila sigh and put his arms about her.

"We are safe, dearest!" he said, and tried to make his tone as hopeful

as he could who was trapped in the bowels of the earth.

She put her arms about him in a manner indicative of complete confidence. And, with Sheila beside him, Winton felt that nothing mattered.

He must have slept, for some time later, opening his eyes in incredulous self-distrust, he discovered a gleam of daylight far beneath him.

"Sheila!" he whispered.

He felt her stir beside him. "Winton!" she murmured.

"Look!" he said pointing.

Arrest the tiny patch of light

was her face, and the look on it—him that, what he had hidden from her, she had concealed from him.

"Sheila, you have slept?"

"Not very much, Winton, dear!"

"You knew our danger?"

"I had you, Winton," she answered with supreme confidence.

He raised her hands to his lips, awed by her courage and faith.

They began following the track down toward the patch of light. It was hardly more than an earth-hole in the mountain, but freedom was not far away. And at last they emerged upon the steep hillside and understood the nature of their location.

The whole of the mountain was honeycombed with fissures. In the course of ages, as these crumbled away, and the boulders above fell under the pressure of the whole mass, tunnels had been formed. The road which they had traversed had been actually a continuation of the pass at the end of the valley of bones, and had once been open to the sky.

But what gave Winton the greatest confidence was the discovery that this was the only pass through the solid mountain wall, which extended for several miles in either direction. To attack them the Hottentots would have to make almost a day's detour. And there was not the least likelihood that they would do this. They had nothing to gain by pursuing them, now that De Witt was dead.

The sun was rising when they reached the plains. The stony desert lay all about them, but they quenched their thirst at a pool formed by the rains in a hollow of the rocks, and set their faces resolutely in the direction of Malopo.

It was a fearful, thirsty journey that lay before them. There were five and thirty miles to cover, and their only hope of surviving it lay in the probability of rains that afternoon. The seasonal downpour now seemed well established. And because there was no alternative, they dismissed their fears and started.

There would be nothing to fear from the natives in the desert. However the rebellion might be faring, all the available warriors would either be mustered outside the town or, at the

worst, would be in possession of it. As for the Hottentots, Winton and Sheila agreed that they would probably remain in the mountains, by the water, for an indefinite time, since all their instincts would be in keeping out of the fighting.

"We shall meet nobody," said Winton as they started, "until we reach the river. Once there, we can reconnoiter and see how things are faring."

Yet this, his first prophecy, was wrong. For, where the last foothill faded into the blue, in a little dry gully, face down in the dry pit that he had scooped with his fingers, they found the skeleton of a man beside that of a horse. The fingers clutched a pocketbook.

Winton detached it from the dead man's grasp and opened it. Inside was a single envelope with a name on it. Within the envelope was a small stone.

The man had been Van Vorst. The pebble was the big diamond.

Winton sat down beside the skeleton, and his shattered nerves gave way at last. He burst into helpless laughter. The irony of the situation was too much for him.

The outburst calmed him. When he arose he felt as if the return of the stone obliterated all the past, ending the cycle of misfortune that had begun with the theft. He caught Sheila to him.

"We are going to begin now—begin to live," he said.

He read her acquiescence in her happy eyes.

"And I am going to have this cut and set for your engagement ring, even if it isn't ready before the wedding ring," added Winton.

After that they went on more briskly. Their hunger only made them more buoyant and resolved to reach their destination before their strength failed them. But as the day grew hotter and the sky remained cloudless their speed slackened. A natural reaction and depression came on them. They rested at noon and resumed their journey silently. There was no hope of getting near Malopo that day, even if they were keeping a fairly accurate course. Sheila, indeed, was the guide; Winton alone would have been helplessly lost in trying to follow the sun.

It was middle afternoon, and their thirst had grown almost unendurable. Still, they hoped. Rain would come, must come, by nightfall. The sun was half-way down in the west when suddenly Winton, lifting up his eyes, perceived a horseman approaching them.

He uttered a glad cry. For the rider was indubitably a white man, and he was riding in the white man's fashion, with toes turned in and a tight snaffle and loose curb.

That was where Winton made his second wrong guess that day. The man was not white but coal-black; he seemed to blacken the air around him within the distance of an aureole.

It was Sam.

He leaped from his saddle with a yell that would have done credit to any savage upon the fields, and, grasping Winton's hand, pumped it up and down violently.

"They're all out searching for you and Miss Sheila!" he cried. "Ned Burns and half Malopo. I took an idea that I'd strike off this way. I presume that was an inference from intuitive premises, Mr. Garrett? But, thank God, you are both safe!"

"How about Malopo?" shouted Winton.

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One of the most interesting Parent-Teachers Association meetings held this year was that of Thursday afternoon at the East Ward School Building, with a representative number of mothers present.
Miss Shi Beck read a splendid paper on "The Influence of Music in the

School"; Miss Wilma Shivers sang: "Little Mother O'Mine" and for an encore sang, "Love Sends a Gift of Roses." Pupils from Miss Beck's room gave the following, "Minuet" in a colonial costume, Juanita Holland. A chorus of six girls sang two songs which were much enjoyed.

A business session followed, with the president, Mrs. W. W. Beall in the chair. The routine business was soon disposed of and the coming entertainment, "The Enchanted Wood" to be given by the East Ward school children was discussed. The school auditorium has been provided with seats and will be lighted in time for the occasion.

Sorosis Club Meet

The Sorosis Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. M. Poffenbach and enjoyed a well arranged program led by Mrs. Berry Bowen on "Poets of the West."

Roll Call responses were: "Bits of Western Verse."

Reading—Poem by Edwin Markham and a criticism on "The Man With the Hoe"—Mrs. A. H. Fortner.

"What is Poetry—Who is the True Poet"—Mrs. John Perry.

"Introduction to Roland Sills, John D. Neihart and other western writers"—Mrs. E. L. Frost.

Mrs. Tom Moore will attend the meeting of the Sixth District of Texas Women's Club at Colorado in April as a delegate from the Sorosis Club. A number of other members of the club are planning to attend also.

Mrs. A. H. Fortner, chairman of the library committee, reported 122 books having been donated to the Public Library by the club members. 375 magazines had also been donated and all but five members owned library tickets.

The club welcomed Mrs. Frank Morgan as a new club member.

A refreshment course concluded the meeting.

Young Peoples Missionary Society

Mrs. M. A. Belcher entertained the girls of the Young Peoples Missionary Society Friday afternoon with a good attendance present. Mrs. Belcher directed an interesting lesson on their new mission study, "The Leaven in Japan." Mildred Samms delighted the girls with a little Jap song. Much Missionary enthusiasm was created by the Round Table discussion on "Conditions in Japan" and the great need for the light of the gospel. The meeting closed with a course of cake and chocolate.

B. Y. P. U. Entertained.

Miss Montie Johnson entertained the Junior B. Y. P. U. Tuesday evening with a "Tackey Party" at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson on E. S. 1st St.

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Forty-Two Party

Mrs. L. B. Roberts honored her husband's birthday anniversary Friday evening when she entertained a party of friends with four tables of Forty-two. A number of games were played. Each guest received a Shamrock upon arrival and wore them "to bring good luck."

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J. T. Browning of Dallas is in the city the guest of his brother, S. W. Browning, while he is looking after some business affairs.

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FOR COMMISSIONER—Precinct 1 W. H. Thompson, re-election. A. J. Roy.

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FOR COMMISSIONER, Precinct 3 G. O. McGinley, Hyllton. FOR SHERIFF Jack Yarbrough re-election. Jesse Lambert.

COUNTY CLERK Gus Farrar, re-election.

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FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY R. D. Cox, Jr., re-election.

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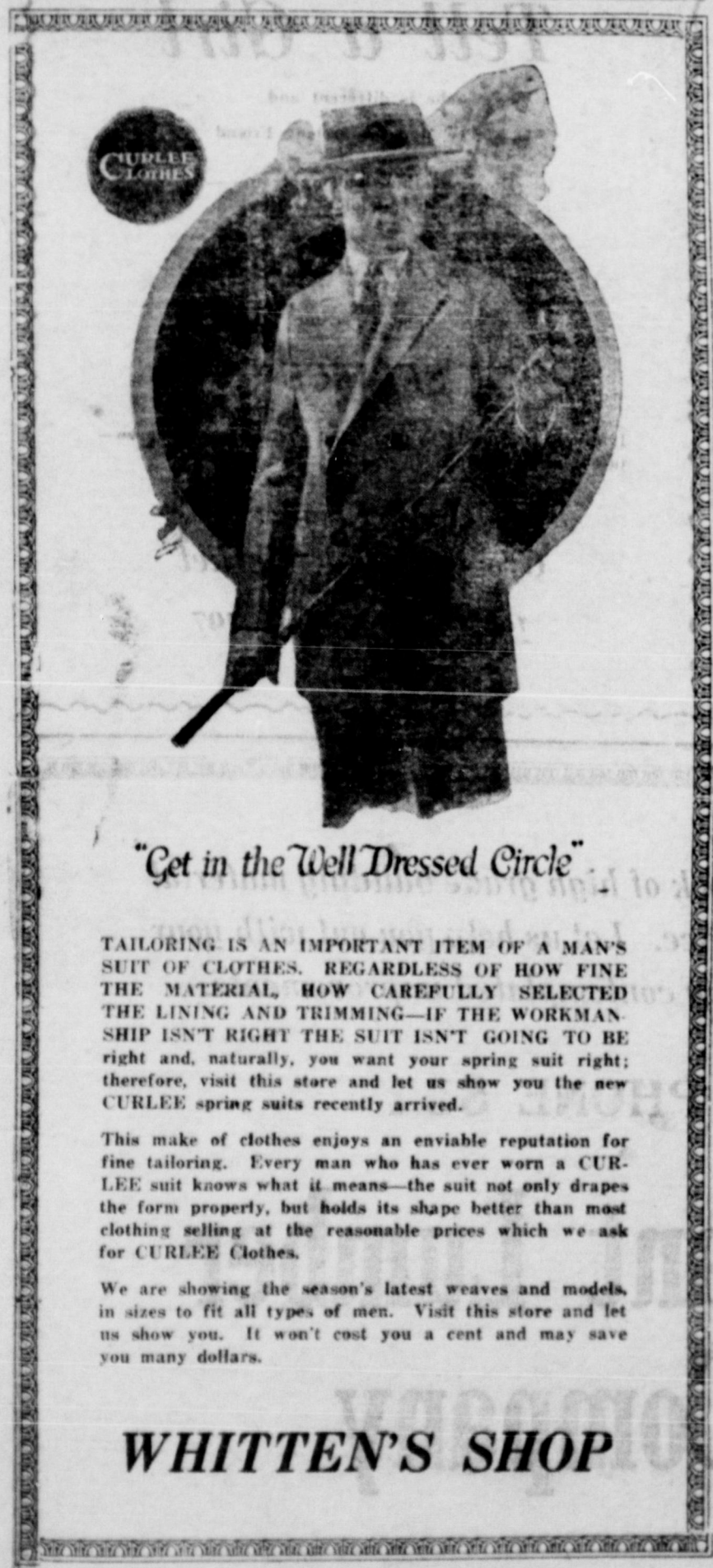
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