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NORTON MERCHANT BUYS STUDEBAKER

T. J. McCaughn, of Norton, received through the local dealer, R. P. Kirk, a new model Stude-

baker this week. Mr. Kirk delivered the car Monday and on Tuesday he went to Abilene to arrange for more cars, and drove a new Studebaker back to Ballinger.

Italian Band.

The music at the Ballinger Club rooms Tuesday night was a grand success and the following composed the Troubadours Concert Co., Laska Elroy, singer and reader; James Eagle, flutist; Robert Matsie, harpist; Frank Cavello, and Rocco Eagle, Jr., violinist. The music was classic and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Change Face of Old Battlefield.

Houston, Tex., March 8.—Bids were to be opened today for construction of a pavilion and water tank at the scene of the San Jacinto battlefield. The bids also will include provision for the purchase of a gasoline engine to pump water for the tank.



TONIGHT

PICTURE PROGRAM

First Episode of Selig's "The Chronicles of Bloom Center," "LANDING OF THE ROSE REEL", Maibelle Heikes Justice and William Lord Wright have constructed a new idea in this series. Each complete in itself. One every Wednesday for 12 weeks.

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GERMANS SAY ENGLAND HAS CAUSED ACT

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, March 8.—Germany in a memorandum to the State Department received today says that the armed merchantmen decree was necessitated by numerous violations of the International law by the allies. The note makes special charge against England for violating the International law and being responsible for Germany issuing more stringent submarine orders.

Mrs. Joe Mitchell and baby and her brother Mr. Dunn of Wingate, were visiting friends and shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

LOWER RATES FOR LARGE TERRITORY

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission decided today that on all through freight rates from all points in the United States to Louisiana and Texas are in violation of the long and short haul law, and denied the application of six southern railroads to maintain these rates. The ruling of the commission means the adjustment through rates and rates from intermediate points must be made, which will result in lower freight rates for the large territory affected.

DRY RIDGE SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 11TH.

Music—Hatchel Orchestra.
Welcome—Jessie Chapman.
Address—Supt. Fleming.
Music.
Song—Four Little Girls.
A Play—"Cabbage Hill School".
Reading—Miss Ella Jones.
Music.
"Education"—Rev. H. Jeff Pritchard.
"Rural High School"—Supt. W. W. Wooten.
Music.
Address—H. G. Seerest.
"A County Library"—Jno. J. Bagg.
"School Clubs"—Mr. Burges.
Music.
A Drama—"Coon Creek Courtship".
Admission, children 10 cents; Adults 15 cents.

FRIEND-IN-NEED

The directors and quite a number of the members of the Friend-In-Need No. 1, met Wednesday morning at the office of the secretary E. Shepherd and transacted considerable business and audited the books and found everything in good shape and the order in a flourishing condition.

Walter Schumann and Mr. Kreigle, of Rowena, were in Ballinger Wednesday and we are glad to learn that Mrs. Schumann is convalescing very nicely at present and will be able to leave the sanitarium next week for her home.

W. A. Oak, the irrigation farmer up the river five miles was distributing quite a good deal of his crazy well water in Ballinger Wednesday and all who are drinking the same seem to be getting good results and the water is becoming quite famous in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moten and children of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday in their auto en route to Waco to visit relatives and friends.

Service Day or Night.
I am now running a jitney. Don't forget the old reliable Red Allen. Phone Walker Drug or No. 460. 6-6td

FIRE FIGHTERS IN MONTHLY MEET

The members of the Volunteer Fire Co., held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, with more than twenty members present, and also a number of visitors. Considerable business came before the meeting and was disposed of. The firemen discussed matters pertaining to improving the fire fighting equipment, among which is the proposed installation of an electric cut off at the standpipe. The city council is entertaining a proposition to put a device that will be operated by electricity and when the fire alarm is turned in the engineer at the pump station by touching a button can cut the water out of the stand pipe and throw the pressure from the pump direct in to the mains. This will be installed as soon as the city can finance the proposition.

The question of organizing and practicing preparatory to competing for the prizes at the state meet which will be held in New Braunfels in May was discussed, and it was the desire of the boys that a team from the local company be sent to the state meet, and if the expense money can be provided it is probable a team will go from here.

The Ledger trust that the city, or the citizens will provide the means of sending the team to the state convention. The boys are drawing no pay for their services should show their appreciation of their faithful service by putting up necessary expense money for trip. At the state meet last year Ballinger won sixth place out of about thirty contestants and it was the first time the local team had ever competed for the prizes. At the Tuesday night's meeting two new members were received, and applications for three members received and will be balloted on at the next meeting.

A number of the visitors present at the meeting made short talks and complimented the boys for the splendid work they have been doing, and offered encouragement.

After the business session a lunch was spread and more than an hour spent in a social way.

SHOULD NOMINATE ON FIRST BALLOT

The Ledger stated in its issue of Tuesday that all members present at the Democratic Executive Committee meeting held Monday afternoon, were in favor of a double primary, and that it was probable that the majority rule would be adopted.

W. C. Penn, in a statement made to the writer Wednesday morning, said that The Ledger was misinformed, but that it was easy for such impression to get out, as he did not express himself at the meeting. Mr. Penn is committee man from Ballinger precinct No. 24, and was present at the Monday meeting. When the question was being discussed before the meeting he did not express himself and as there was no objection raised at that time it caused the report to go out that all those present were in favor of the proposition.

"I was opposed to a second primary two years ago when the question was brought up in our meeting," said Mr. Penn, "and I am still opposed to it. I see no necessity for holding two primaries in this county. I believe that any of the men offering for office are capable of making good officers if elected, and whether the candidate gets a majority or not in the first primary I think he should be declared the nominee if he is the high man."

"However," said Mr. Penn, "if he others of my precinct will show to me that they want a second primary I will vote for it when the

FIRE AT HIGH SCHOOL NARROWLY AVERTED

The boys in the low eighth grade of the local high school had an experience Tuesday that should teach them a lesson and also be a lesson to others boys, and forever warn them against the careless use of matches. What might have been a very destructive fire was nipped in the bud and that too because some one happened to be in the room at the time the fire originated.

An accumulation of paper and other trash under the floor of the school room caused by a hole left by the plumbers caught fire and the flames were leaping up thru the floor when discovered, and due only to the cool head work of the teacher and pupils in the room was the fire stopped before it did any serious damage.

It seems that a hole had been left by the plumbers in the floor, and from time to time paper and trash had found its way through this hole. A boy thoughtlessly struck a match and flipped it on the floor, the lighted match falling in the hole set fire to the paper and trash. The boy striking the match later admitted to the deed, but said that it was a thoughtless and careless act, and was not done with any malicious intent, and when he discovered that the building was on fire he rushed for a bucket of water.

A hole was cut in the floor, and the damage only amounts to a few dollars and considerable excitement.

Superintendent Fleming has been lecturing the boys on the careless use of matches, and just a few minutes before the fire started Tuesday, he had just picked up a few match heads on the floor of another room in the high school building and had called the attention of the boys to the danger of scattering matches. Many small boys go to school with their pockets full of matches, and Mr. Fleming solicits the aid of the parents in putting a stop to this.

James Henley, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Henley, who swallowed a large pearl button a few days ago, is not now in any danger as a result of the accident, since the partially dissolved button has been passed out of the intestines.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Tinker or Thinker—Which?
"Get an Overland."
O'Kelley & Walton.

WAR SUPPLY PLANTS SET ON FIRE

By United Press.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 8.—Niagara Falls suffered a severe shock and shaking up, and a large part of the huge plant of the Niagara Falls Electro Chemical Co., was destroyed in a second series of explosions this morning. The first explosion occurred at midnight which started a fire that is still burning and destroying millions of dollars worth of property.

The plants destroyed were operating on full time filling large war contracts, and it is the opinion of the owners of the plants and the officers that the explosion were caused by incendiarism.

STEEL HEADS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRING

By United Press.

YOUNGSTOWN, Pa., March 8.—Judge Gary, president of the United States Steel Corporation and the heads of six large steel companies have been indicted by the county grand jury charged with violating the Ohio antitrust law and conspiring to keep down wages for common laborers.

BALLINGER PEOPLE ENTERTAINING IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and Mrs. Joe B. Johnson of Ballinger, Texas, who are spending the season at the Royal Poinciana Hotel in Palm Beach entertained as their guest on Monday and Monday night Miss Eunice Brown and Miss Arvilla Withers of Miami. Ballinger is the home city of Miss Brown and the visit in Palm Beach was doubly delightful on this account.

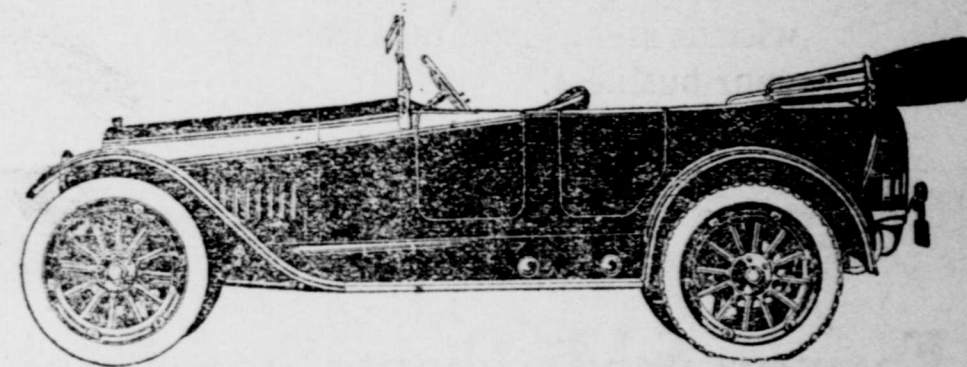
The Misses Brown and Withers returned to Miami yesterday and are recounting to their friends here the delights of the trip. Their host and hostess entertained at dinner for them on Monday night. Other guests at the dinner were Jack Kelly of Philadelphia and Charles Clarkson of Chicago.

After dinner the party attended the big Charity Ball, a costume affair, which rounded out the evening most successful.—Miami, (Florida) Metropolis.

E. V. Bateman and W. E. Chambers visited Santa Anna Monday on business and pleasure combined and made the trip in Mr. Bateman's auto.

W. A. Nance

Henry Jones



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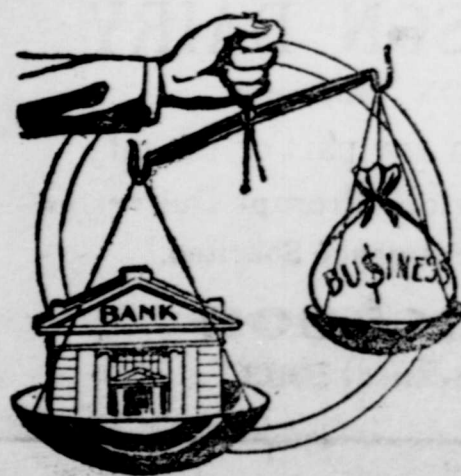
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Ballinger, Texas

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A. W. SLEDGE, Editor
C. P. SHEPHERD, Business Mgr.

O. D. Dillingham, one of the prominent business men of Winters, motored over to Ballinger Wednesday to look after business affairs a few hours.

R. W. Smith of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger en route to the Valley creek country, to look after his extensive farming interests a few days.

Miss Ruth Roach of Paint Rock who had been visiting friends in Ballinger, returned home Wednesday at noon.

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Why don't you write for free advice? Address Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.

inent stockmen of Rowena and Wm. Forbus of Norton and J. A. Williams of the Magdonia Petroleum Oil Co., boughts Fords this week from R. L. Harwell, the local agent. Mr. Williams will use his roadster in the interest of his oil business over this section.

Shoes Wanted.

at Wendorf's Busy Shoe Shop. Work done by the Champion shoe finishing machine, soles sewed on in quick time. Come to see us.

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Hutchings Ave

Should Nominate on First Ballot

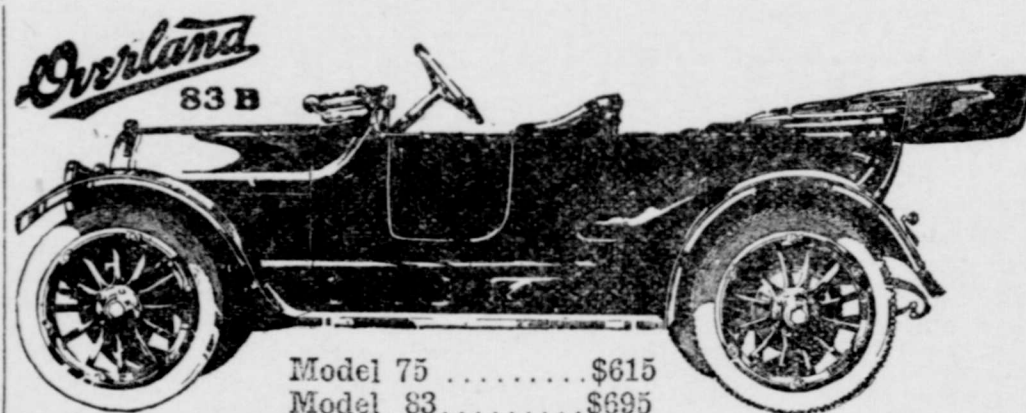
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question comes up for final settlement in the committee meeting."

Aside from the extra expense of holding the second primary, Mr. Penn stated that he was opposed to making it necessary for a man to make the second race, or go to the extra expense in prolonging the campaign and making it necessary for the voters to go to the polls again. Mr. Penn stated that it was a well known fact that the vote polled in the second primary wherever held was always light, and the people lost interest after their candidate had been ruled out of the race, and many would not express themselves in the second primary.

Mr. Penn stated that he would appreciate it if the voters of this precinct would express themselves to him in order that he may be in a position to pass on the question according to the wishes of the majority of the voters.

After the committee in its meeting Monday afternoon had appointed committeemen to fill all vacancies the following names constituted the Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee, and the voters in the various precincts should see their committeemen within the next few days, or before the next meeting, and express themselves on this question.



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The committeemen desire to have an expression from the voters before passing on the question:

Precinct No. 1, C. R. Crews; Precinct No. 2, Geo. Holliday; Precinct No. 3, B. J. Clayton; Precinct No. 4, A. E. Davis; Precinct No. 5, F. M. Curry; Precinct No. 6, W. H. Seals; Precinct No. 7, T. W. Murray; Precinct No. 8, C. B. Bennett; Precinct No. 9, J. B. Pace; Precinct No. 10, S. L. Eason; Precinct No. 11, J. M. Johnson; Precinct No. 12, W. E. Puckett; Precinct No. 13, Joe Vancil; Precinct No. 14, J. N. Key; Precinct No. 15, W. A. Glenn; Precinct No. 16, J. V. Borders; Precinct No. 17, R. P. Taylor; Precinct No. 18, M. D. Oliver; Precinct No. 19, J. S. Mills; Precinct No. 21, E. S. Kubela; Precinct No. 22, F. G. Hoelcher; Precinct No. 23, J. H. Webb; Precinct No. 24, W. C. Penn.

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The following services may be expected in All Saints Church during Lent:

Ash, Wednesday, March 8th: Holy communion and sermon 10:30 a. m.

Every Friday evening, service and sermon 7:30 p. m.

Every Wednesday service and sermon 7:30 p. m.

Every Saint's Day, Holy communion 10:30 a. m. Services every first and third Sunday in the month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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W. R. Cotter, of South Ballinger was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

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Capt. A. D. Tally, of Crews, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

How to Cure Colds.

Rank Foolishness
You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. Microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Nicholson left Tuesday afternoon to visit at Brownwood a day or two and will join Mr. R. A. Nicholson en route to Temple Wednesday.

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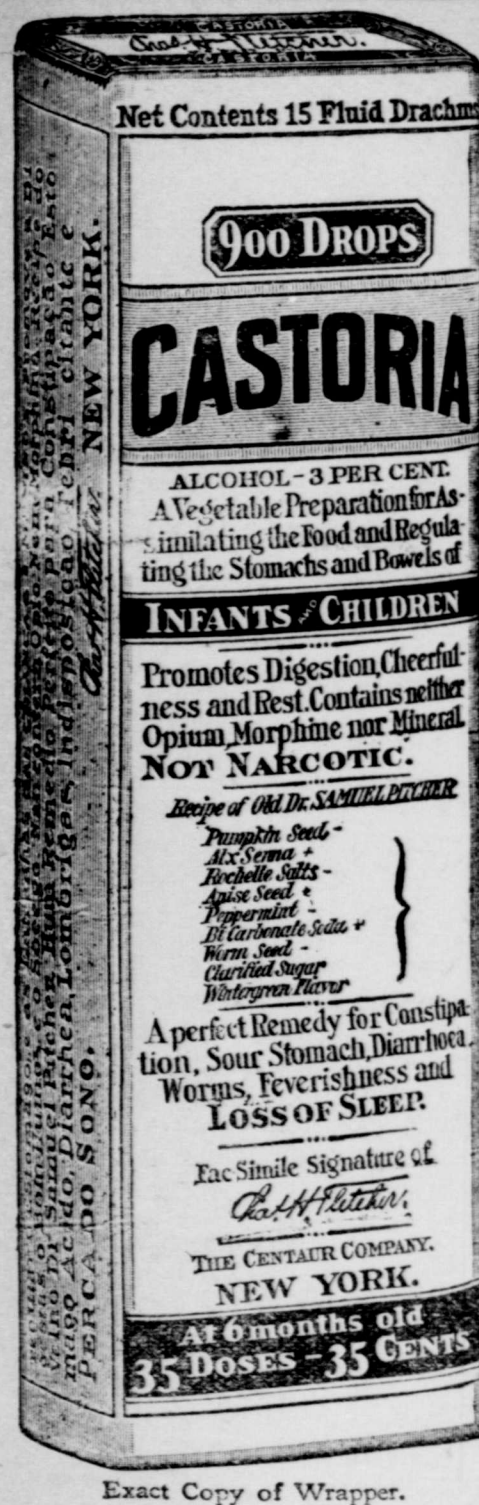
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In the write up of the fire which destroyed the home of A. H. Schneider, up the river, Saturday night, the local reporter stated there was no insurance on the dwelling when in fact a policy was carried by a company represented by E. Sheppard & Co. of Ballinger, on the house, which was owned by Mr. Blocker. No insurance, however, was carried by Mr. Schneider on the household goods, which was an entire loss as previously stated.

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(Continued from Yesterday)

At Cassidy's, Storm was urging his men to speed on with their track laying. Seagrue's gang was almost abreast of them and setting a pace, too, that it was difficult to cope with—Seagrue, himself, directing the operations. The house, so long the peaceful abode of old man Cassidy, now became the very storm center of an extraordinary disturbance. Seagrue raked his brain for an idea that would hamper the advance of Storm and his energetic crew. And when the inspiration struck him, he put it instantly into effect.

"They're beating us," he said to his foreman; "that's flat. But I can stop them. Bring up the wrecker." The word was passed and the ponderous wrecking car, its huge crane thrust threateningly forward, was pushed alongside Cassidy's house and surrounded by a swarming gang of men. Seagrue's order to throw out the whips was instantly executed and almost within a minute, it seemed, after the huge machine had been brought into play the house was enveloped in a network of steel. There was a sharp word of command; a rattle of pistons; the old house quivered for an instant in the grip of the mysterious monster—then it rose like a mad aeroplane from its foundations; hung and swung a moment doubtfully in the air, pitched headlong toward the other end of the lot and settled with a heavy bang down to earth exactly in the path of Storm and his perspiring men.

Rhineland, the moment he secured the deputies, hastened back to the station and boarded the special train. A large engine coupled to one coach, stood in waiting, and as they pulled out, Helen wished him good luck. Unfortunately, Seagrue's two worthies, Bill and Lug, unobserved by anybody, hid on the head end of the coach, and as soon as the town was left behind, the two climbed over the tender and held up the fireman and engineer. The engine crew, taken thus unawares, could offer no resistance whatever and the two were forced over the tender to the head end of the coach.

Cutting off the engine as soon as they had accomplished this, Seagrue's men pulled away with the stolen locomotive and left the coach just where it abruptly stopped when the air went on, with the intention of putting as many miles as possible between the coachload of deputies and Rhineland's chances for defending the right of way.

The conductor of the marooned coach did not lose a moment in getting into action. An emergency telephone was snatched from its bracket, connected up with the main line wires and the conductor called up Helen in the office at Las Vegas. In a few words he told her what had happened, and while Rhineland and the deputies listened around him, he asked what she could do to help them out of their predicament.

Helen understood the necessity for prompt action. But how, she asked herself as she looked anxiously from the office window up and down the yards, to help them quickly? Her eye lighted on the little roundhouse away down at the lower end of the yard.

Resting within the friendly shade of its north wall she espied the crazy old yard switch engine, known reverently among the switchmen as "Soda Water Sal." Soda Water Sal took her disreputable nickname from the fact of her misfortune in being crushed white a good part of the time with alkali.

The excited girl dashed at the top of her speed down the platform and across the yard to rouse the crew and get them to carry her to Rhineland. But though Soda Water Sal stood as peaceful as an old Dobbin munching her noonday repast, the switching crew was nowhere to be found. Beyond a doubt, Helen felt, they were all down town, eating their dinners, and to find them quickly was out of the question. She called out a few times, hardly hoping for a response, and none met her ears. There was steam up, and without loss of time Helen climbed into the cab, and opening the throttle, gave Sal steam. A venerable mare, struck, in the midst of her lunch, with a whip, could not have been more startled than the old engine at Helen's summons. Soda Water Sal started and trembled. Helen touched her heels again.

(Continued Tomorrow.)



JAMES OPPENHEIM

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SYNOPSIS.

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, because of his fight on the vice and liquor trusts, is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. The fight is continued by his son, Bruce, who is elected district attorney. Several efforts to frame up the intrepid young district attorney fail. When Larnigan saves the children of one of the conspirators this man agrees to expose the trust and is murdered. Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust, over the dictaphone hears of a plot to kill Larnigan, with whom she is in love. She warns him, he escapes, and two more of the conspirators are killed. When Bruce Larnigan goes to Chicago to fight the trust he is assaulted and thrown overboard. He is rescued by his brother Tom, who takes up the fight. Dodson, head of the grain trust, fearing exposure, kills himself. Tom Larnigan opens a fight on the textile trust. Ayres, the head of the trust, in an effort to kill Tom, kills his own son. Dorothy, gagged and bound, is taken by the conspirators to a roadhouse.

SIXTH EPISODE

The Railroad Monopoly

By JAMES OPPENHEIM,
Author of "The Beloved" and
"Songs for the New Age"

TOM LARNIGAN'S victory over the textile trust and the tragic defeat of the plans Ayres had made for his destruction encouraged him vastly, but not more than did the discovery that he was not, after all, friendless and alone in his fight.

Ben Travers, his old friend of the Alaskan mining camps, had come back into his life, and Ben had millions and the will, as well as the power, to help Tom Harry Stevens, too, the young newspaper man who had enlisted in Bruce's war against the grafters, had sought Tom out and promised his aid.

Tom gripped the hands of his friends in turn after he and Ben Travers discussed the latest warning to drop in vestigating the railroad monopoly.

"Well, I can't make you quit," he said, "and I don't mind saying that I am mighty glad because I can't. There are no two men I would rather have with me in a fight, and it looks as though we have a real fight ahead of us now. Bruce seems to think that we ought to look into the railroad monopoly that Charles Rockford has created."

Stevens nodded. "I'll drop down to Wall street and see what I can find on the financial end. I know that any reporter on the street would do anything I asked him. Then you and Ben can follow up Rockford personally. Have you looked into his movements at all?"

"Yes," said Tom. "He's going to Boston from New Hartford this afternoon. Just his private car and an engine. If I could only get on that special!"

"Good!" echoed Ben. "I'll go with you!"

Tom scouted around now, afraid to ask questions too openly, until he found out which engineer was to be in charge of President Rockford's special that afternoon on the run to Boston. He left Ben to watch him and went to call on Rockford. As he expected, he was unable to see the head of the railroad. But he managed to drop a note addressed to Rockford and containing a warning that he had better mend his ways. He told Ben of this. "That will prepare him," he said. "He'll know who I am when he sees me."

"I've been talking a little with our man," said Ben. "I think we can land him all right. He says he'd rather work in a glue factory than here. He seems to be sore on the whole works from Rockford down."

And Tom, when he in turn talked to the engineer, found that Ben had not exaggerated. He listened to the man's complaints for a time and then decided to make a proposition to him.

"Look here," he said. "I can show you I know how to run an engine, and my friend here knows all about firing. It's worth \$500 to me to be in your cab this afternoon when that special goes out. How about it?"

The engineer agreed. Somehow it did not occur to either of them to distrust the engineer or to suspect him. And yet, no sooner were they out of sight than he made his way as fast as he could to President Rockford's office, told of the bribe and of what he had done.

Stanford Stone was with Rockford when the engineer made his report. He leaned over and spoke confidentially to Rockford, who grew a little white as he listened, but not dead finally.

"All right," he said, "I'll do it. I'll stay back here, but they'll think I'm aboard—well, it will serve them right! You can trust Dunn?"



not far from New Hartford Dunn was to be stationed, with instructions to open the draw and dash the special to destruction in the rocky stream below.

Tom and Ben suspected nothing. They were delighted when they found that the engineer and his fireman were ready to let them take their places in return for the \$500 Tom had offered.

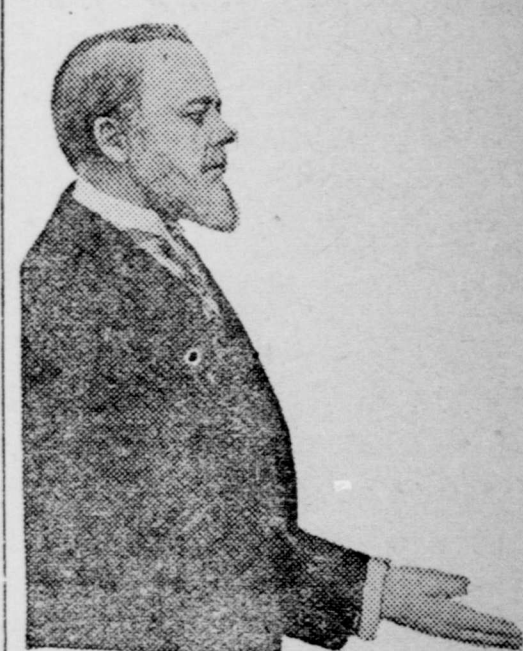
The engineer led the way to an obscure spot and changed clothes with Tom, while his fireman gave up his own working togs to Ben. Just five minutes before the special was scheduled to pull out Tom and Ben took their places in the cab of the engine, waiting for the signal to pull out. And just before that signal was given Kitty Rockford and Dorothy dashed in.

"That's dad's car," she said. "Where is that special going?" she asked the nearest official, who smiled at her.

"Boston, Miss Kitty," he said.

"Good!" cried Kitty. "Come on, Dorothy. It's just what we want." There was no reason for stopping her. None of the station officials knew anything of Rockford's devilish plan. And so Kitty and Dorothy climbed aboard, and a moment later the signal to start was given. Rockford and Stone, sitting in Rockford's office, chuckled as they saw it pull out.

But five minutes later Rockford's chuckling was stopped abruptly, for a note that Kitty had hastily scribbled was brought to him. It informed him that his daughter was on the train that was doomed by his own act. As



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he read it his face turned a ghastly color, and he slumped forward in his chair for a moment. Then he turned furiously on Stone.

"This is your doing, you murderer!" he cried.

He flung the note at Stone.

"I'll try to save them!" he cried. "But whatever happens I'm done with you! I'll have no more dealings with you or any of the grafters who are in with you! I'll be an honest man again!"

He flew to send orders stopping the special and ordered out another special to follow. But he had no hope. There was no way, he was sure, of stopping the doomed train. The only chance was for Dunn to fall, and that chance, as Rockford knew only too well, was of the slightest. Dunn was not the sort to fail when success depended upon his own efforts and when he knew, as he did now, the price of failure.

What Rockford, however, had not allowed for was that Tom Larnigan had a plan of his own. And very soon after the special had pulled out and while it was still a mile from the bridge where Dunn waited Tom stopped the train.

"Come on," he said to Ben. "This is as good a time as any for our little talk with President Rockford."

But in the private car when they went back they found not Rockford, but the two girls—two astonished girls, moreover.

"Are we all alone on this train? I've been ringing and ringing, and there seems to be no porter," said Kitty indignantly.

But Dorothy at that moment recognized Tom Larnigan.

"So you're safe!" she cried. "I was so afraid they had hurt you, as they did Bruce."

And then there were explanations. Tom seized upon the main fact.

"I believe this was a trap!" he cried. "Get off the train while Travers and I look to see if anything is wrong."

Kitty resented what seemed to be a reflection on her father, but there was something compelling about Tom, and she obeyed. And then while Tom and Ben looked for evidences of a plot Dorothy explained many things to Kitty until she was interrupted by a hoarse cry of triumph.

"Got you this time, missy!" cried one of the thugs from whom her timely meeting with Kitty had enabled her to escape.

The two thugs had been obliged to walk the ties and had come just at this moment. But they reckoned without Tom and Ben. They heard Dorothy's scream, and the next instant they appeared and attacked the two thugs. The surprise helped Dorothy's rescuers, and the fight that followed was brief. Soon all the thugs wanted was to escape, and one of them wriggled free and sprang to the engine. He called to the other, and they went off in the engine. But they did not go far, for Dunn was waiting. He did his work well. The special crashed through the open draw, and the thugs met the fate they deserved.

Even as the crash of the wreck sounded in their ears another engine appeared. From it sprang Rockford, whose relief when he saw Kitty knew no bounds. He turned in a moment to Tom Larnigan.

"I can help you, and I will!" he said earnestly. "I have sworn to reform myself, and I will work with you to compel others to do so."

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Tom and Ben Travers Discussed the Latest Warning to Drop the Railroad Probe.

"I don't want to go to New York," said Dorothy. "It's Lyndham I must get to as soon as I can."

"All right," said Kitty. "That's on the way to Boston. We can get you there. I'll hurry to New Hartford as quickly as I can."

"But what on earth brought you just here?"

"I was out for an early spin, and something went wrong with the engine. I fixed it up, and then I went into the cabin to clean up. That's why I was hidden when you came aboard."

But neither Rockford nor Tom Larnigan knew anything at this time of the movements of Dorothy Maxwell Rockford, at Stone's dictation practically, since he himself had had an entirely different plan, had contrived a trap for Tom Larnigan and Ben Travers that exceeded in diabolical ingenuity anything the graft syndicate had yet attempted. Tom and Ben were to take the special out, but the private car was to be empty, and at a drawbridge

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Wednesday.

Mrs. Hammond was formerly Mrs. Uriah Mullins, well known to all the old settlers of this county and was 73 years of age at the time of her death. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church and a loving wife, and many friends join The Ledger in sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn her death.

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Ballinger, Monday, March 13th. 1td.

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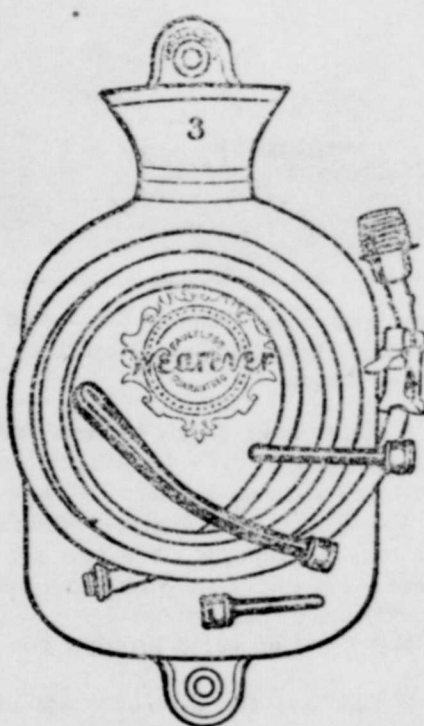
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