

LAND COMMISSIONER

JUSTINIANO BACA

DIES SUDDENLY

Heart Failure is Cause.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 9.—Justiniano Baca, commissioner of Public Lands, dropped dead at his home Sunday night, suddenly stricken with heart failure. He had been in apparent good health to within an hour of his death.

Mr. Baca had returned from a trip to Albuquerque early Sunday evening and a little complained of pain. A physician was called, made an examination, and went to a pharmacy to get some medicine. Before he returned Mr. Baca was dead. He was 59 years of age.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, pending the arrival of one of his sons who is in Arizona. Interment may be in Santa Fe.

Lies in State

Justiniano Baca's body on Tuesday afternoon will lie in state in the Rotunda of the state house where he served so faithfully. It is expected that both houses of legislature will adjourn and state offices be closed in honor of his memory.

Mr. Baca is survived by his widow and three sons, Dionicio, Samuel and Ernesto, and one daughter, Eulalia. He had several grandchildren.

At Magdalena

Mr. Baca had lived nearly all his life at Magdalena, where he was a dealer in furs and pelts. He was also interested in the First National Bank at Magdalena, which failed in the general depression, shortly after he took office, leaving him bankrupt.

He was prominent in all community enterprises in his town, was vice-chairman of the county Red Cross during the war, and an indefatigable worker in that cause. He had two sons in service.

Loss To State

Mr. Baca's wise and business-like administration of the state land office constituted one of the most brilliant official records of statehood. His death is an irreparable loss to the state, Governor A. T. Hannett stated this morning.

It is expected that the House of Representatives, which convenes at 2 o'clock, will adopt resolutions regarding Mr. Baca's death and will adjourn in honor of his memory.

AMARILLO GIRL RECEIVES APPOINTMENT AT AUSTIN

Miss Rachel Dunaway, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Dunaway, who has been holding the office of issue editor of the Daily Texan has accepted the office of managing editor of the Longhorn Magazine, according to announcement received here.

Miss Dunaway has taken part in many student activities including the Y. W. C. A., and many other publications. She is a member of the Theta Sigma Phi, professional journalistic fraternity for women, and Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

The magazine is made up largely of short stories, poems, brief literary sketches and feature articles, and will have an attractive cover such as adorn the popular magazines sold at news stands.—Amarillo News.

Miss Dunaway has many friends in Portales who are watching with great interest her steady climb up the ladder of fame.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A. C. Edwards, Minister.

Bible School 9:45 a. m., John V. Miller, Supt.

Worship and Sermon 11 o'clock "The Meaning of Christ's Sacrifice."

C. E. Meeting 6:30 p. m.

Praise and Sermon "The Judgment of God."

Church Night, Wednesday 7:15, Study: "The Church of the Living God."

The church needs your influence and you need the church. If you have no church home we shall heartily welcome you.

NAVAJO SLAIN; INDIANS UGLY

Slain while resisting arrest by a constable, a Navajo Indian is dead, a hundred of his tribesmen are congregated around his body, refusing to let a coroner's jury approach, and homesteaders are arming themselves around the little town of Cuba, N. M., in fear of a general uprising by the red men, according to word received here last night by J. F. Young, state senator, who lives at Cuba, the little mountain town in Western-Sandoval county.

The trouble arose over the act of a Navajo in cutting posts, as alleged on the homestead of a young man named Lacy Bird. Bird says when he ordered the Indian off his land he showed fight, using a clubbed gun. Bird swore out a warrant before a justice of the peace and when Constable Blanchfield sought to serve it, the Indian attacked him, so it is alleged, and Blanchfield shot and killed the Navajo. The word spread rapidly and soon a hundred or more angry Navajos were holding a council of war around the dead man.

There has been ill feeling for a long time between the Navajos, on allotment land west of Cuba and the steadily increasing number of settlers. Indians believe all the territory is rightfully theirs. Settlers claim they cannot leave their homes unguarded without having them looted by the Indians. A small party of government surveyors were almost mobbed by a band of Navajos two years ago in this same locality. About eight years ago it was the scene of a drunken fight amid a band of wandering Apaches, one being killed and many wounded.—New Mexican.

MISS GRACE BRADLEY DIED WEDNESDAY MORN

Miss Grace Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bradley passed away at their home at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday. Grace, more than a year ago was taken with a malady that seemed to be new and un conquerable, but after a trip to El Paso, and some special treatments, it was hoped her case was yielding to treatment, especially as she seemed to feel well and like herself again.

She was elected one of the grade teachers in Portales Schools and filled her place until Christmas when she was again taken ill. She had grown steadily worse until her passing at 10:30 Wednesday.

Grace was a fine young lady, one of the finest this country has and everyone who knew her loved her.

Her death recalls that of Curtis Boone who passed away two weeks ago here, it seems like in them Portales lost her most noble young man and young lady. It is hard to see why such is done when their lives promised so much of good to the world. But we can not understand, but know God knows best.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, of which she was a consistent member, on Thursday afternoon, February 12, Rev. J. J. Richards of Las Vegas, her former pastor officiating.

AN ORGANIZED ROBBER GANG OPERATING IN THE STATE

There seems to be an organized band of robbers operating in the state of New Mexico, including the towns of the Pecos Valley. The robbery in Loving a week or two ago was followed this week by like robberies at Willard, Mountainair, Albuquerque, Roswell and Lakewood. The operations seem to be by professionals, two men having been arrested in Albuquerque the first of the week, after trying out the safe in the treasurer's office, the robbers having drilled a hole beside the lock of the safe and broken off the drill. The broken drill was discovered in the car in which the men were riding when arrested, and the broken piece in the safe fitted the broken drill. Sheriff Shattuck believes the same gang are operating all over the state.—Carlsbad Argus.

HON. JOHN MORROW MAKES FIGHT ON HUNTER CLAIM BILL IN CONGRESS---WINS

In memory of those who recall the terrible forest fire of Otero County away back in 1904, when destruction of a great amount of forest was imminent, Reuben R. Hunter, like a good soldier, went forth to battle the flames. But, unlike the old adage, "Bread cast upon the water returns to you four-fold," it failed to return to Mr. Hunter. Instead, the saddest of all misfortunes befell this gallant soldier. He lost the sight of his eyes. Then in total blindness he appealed to his Government, whom he tried to save, for some relief due to his disability, and, which has taken a score years to finally pass.

This terrible misfortune occurred to Mr. Hunter when he, with a number of others, volunteered to go out in the forest near Cloudercroft, Otero County, New Mexico, and fight the fire which had been raging in that section for several days. This fire was threatening a great forest upon the land of the Government, which was at that time being placed in a National Forest Reservation, and which is now known as the Alamo National Forest. Mr. Hunter had to be helped away from the fire by comrades. After their vigilant fight the fire was extinguished wherein the forest now stands saved from destruction. But, it cost the most precious price of one volunteer soldier, it cost Hunter his sight. Then, after these twenty years of suffering and privation the relief is, in a measure, partially forthcoming.

No soldier is entitled to more honorable mention and compensation than is Hunter. Commendation of his efforts bespeak of our Americanism, but the activity of Congress seemed to have overlooked, in some manner, this worthy fellow.

Time and time again has this Bill been before the Senate and passed, then to die in the House. Then came "Conscientious John" to whom this pathetic case was revived and he determined that the same should not die but should pass and it did. Fighting like a Trojan before the Committee on Claims, and before the House in Congress Assembled, Mr. Morrow fought a battle to victory, knowing the value which had been saved the Nation and the worthy young man who had sacrificed his best life asset to the cause. Oh, how precious are one's eyes? Would you sell yours and for how much? Mr. Hunter has a real friend and fighter in John Morrow, and so has the State of New Mexico and it is clearly shown that he (Morrow) has shown his metal by winning this claim against the Veteran Members of the Claims Committee as well as Members of the House who had opposed the Bill.

Mr. Morrow has just been re-elected to represent his constituents for another two years, and of him they might feel proud. Piloting a Bill before the Committee which has been hostile and which claim is 20 years old, then through the House of Congress whose Membership has always been hostile to any claim of this character, it is readily presumed that his campaign obligations are manifesting themselves in his success upon the Floor of Congress Hall of Fame.

Plans abandoned today included preparations for construction of a court of honor along Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, the erection of stands elsewhere along the same avenue, and an evening display of fireworks on them all. Mr. Coolidge's insistence that the inaugural parade be held to the units of the army and navy stationed in the vicinity of Washington and to such governors of states as desire to come with their staffs numbering not to exceed 100 led to the abandonment of local plans.

eliminated and other substituted. At Rogers, Arch and Union Valley Motion Pictures will be shown in connection.

It should be borne in mind that in each community local people are putting on these short courses and that the Agricultural College specialists are merely assisting. In most of the communities, the school public schools, the school boards and teachers are lending their assistance in making the short courses a success.

All farmers and their families of the various communities are invited and urged to attend these sessions. The subjects to be discussed are practical and are vital to every farmer who lives in this country. So, Mr. Farmer, plan your work so you can attend these short courses, help make them a success, and carry home something that will help you.

Where is Dora, New Mexico? 17 miles South of Portales, N. M., on State Highway. Best road to Littlefield. Good School. Watch Dora grow.

At these short courses, grain, livestock, and dairy specialists of the New Mexico Agricultural College will discuss with the local people such subjects as "Field Selection of Grain Sorghums," "Grading up the Dairy Herd," "Value of Seed Testing," "Feeds and Feeding for the Dairy Herd," "Importance of Pure Varieties of Cotton." In some communities probably one or more of these subjects will be

FAVORABLE OUTLOOK FOR LIVESTOCK

A considerable increase in hog production next fall and a corn acreage about the same as in 1924 are recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture in the second section of its annual outlook report released today.

Beef cattle prices this year should average somewhat higher than last year, and those for sheep and wool should be at least on a par with those of 1924, the report says.

Dairymen are urged to make no further expansion in their industry. Higher egg prices may be expected during the season of flush production this year than last, but poultry prices may be lower.

"Hog producers," the report says, "enter 1925 with 18 per cent fewer hogs than a year ago and there is every indication that prices during the next 18 months will be higher than at any time since 1920. Six to eight million fewer pigs will be born this spring than last spring. Fewer sows will farrow next fall than farrowed last fall if producers respond to the unfavorable relation of corn and hog prices as they have done in the past."

"While the 1924 corn crop will probably be well cleaned up an increased acreage in 1925 does not appear advisable in view of the indicated reduction in the feeding demand. Stocks of old corn on farms are likely to be smaller than usual in the beginning of the new crop year 1925, but it appears that not more than an average crop will be required to supply the needs of the country for both feed and commercial purposes."

Higher Beef Cattle Prices Expected.

"Prices for beef cattle for 1925 should average somewhat higher than for 1924. The industry is gradually working into a more favorable position due to the relation of beef to competing commodities, especially pork; improved industrial conditions, and in no small measure to the cattleman's own sacrifices. Market receipts will probably be somewhat smaller than in 1924. All conditions indicate that the long-time outlook for the industry is even more favorable."

Advices Against Expansion in Dairying.

"Further expansion in dairying in 1925 seems inadvisable. A recovery in prices of dairy products could hardly be expected should the number of milk cows be further increased. Domestic production appears adequate, and the foreign dairy situation is such as to keep world market prices low and thus limit the height to which our butter prices can rise without bringing in foreign butter."

Favorable Outlook for Sheep and Wool.

"Prospects for the sheep industry in 1925 appear favorable. The world wool outlook and the prospective meat situation in this country promise prices for 1925 at least on a par with those of 1924. There does not appear to be any immediate danger of overproduction, as the increase in the number of sheep has as yet been only slight."

Outlook For Poultry.

"The outlook of the poultry industry during 1925 from the standpoint of market egg prices is favorable while from the standpoint of market poultry prices it is not so encouraging. It seems probable that higher egg prices will prevail during the season of flush production this year than last. With an abnormally large carry-over of dressed poultry may prevail for at least the first half of the year."

Colt Production Declines.

"There are as many horses and mules of working age on farms as will be needed for the coming season, and average prices of work stock are lower than they were a year ago. A decided decrease in colt production during the past few years, however, points to a future shortage of good work stock. This shortage is likely to be acute during the

HOPES THAT COLLINS MAY BE RESCUED ALIVE

REVIVED AFTER TESTS

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 9.—As preparations got under way late today for a military investigation of the situation at Sand Cave, where Floyd Collins has been entombed since Friday, January 30, miners digging a new entrance to the cave reached approximately the halfway point. Tests with sound amplifiers indicating that Collins lives, despite his more than ten day's entombment, revived hopes that the imprisoned man may yet be rescued alive.

A military court, called by Governor W. J. Field, will meet tomorrow morning at 10 a. m., to make an inquiry into rescue work done. Brigadier General H. H. Denhardt who is in command of the situation, will conduct the inquiry, M. E. S. Posey, personal representative of the governor, said. All witnesses available will be heard in an endeavor to get at the bottom of the many rumors and charges that have been current here as the rescue work progressed.

Sessions of the military court, Lieutenant-Governor Denhardt announced, will be made public as soon as possible, the court will announce its findings so that the public may have all the facts.

Should any evidence of a crime be discovered, the court could bind over to the grand jury, any one implicated and if the inquiry finds no evidence of fraud, hoax or crime, the court, Mr. Denhardt said, wants the country to know it.

Shaft Now 33 Feet

As night settled over the barren country hills the workers were digging at around 33 feet. The test drill had reached a depth of 70 feet when the testing was discontinued for the present. Hard rock had been struck at that depth.

The probability that Collins still was alive was given credence late today when Dr. William Hazlett of Chicago, stated that Collins was alive and that he was not suffering from pneumonia.

Dr. Hazlett made the statement after the sound amplifier had been attached to the electric wiring leading back to the victims head and a test made.

"The test proved conclusively that Collins was breathing at the rate of 22 to 26 times a minute," said the surgeon.

"Normal respiration is sixteen times a minute. It is natural that a person grasping for breath or whose vitality had ebbed low would breathe at the rate of forty times a minute."

"Because of the regularity of the vibratory sounds, I am confident that the noise we heard was made by the electric light bulb raising and lowering with Collins' breathing."

"We tried in various ways to reproduce the same sounds and were unsuccessful. The sounds were with clock-like rhythm and I am confident it was respiration we heard."

H. T. Carmichael, in charge of the sinking of the shaft to Collins, said that he had knocked on the wires in the cave with stones and had moved the wires, but received no sound similar to that accepted as Collins' breathing.

Dropping of water was tried, he said, but it did not produce the same effect.

The editor has been in bed with the flu this week and if the paper is not just like its self you'll know why. This is one time we'd like all kickers to come in early. The boys at the office are both huskies but if you have any bouquets to throw you needn't be in such a hurry. We think we can be back in a few days. The Editor.

time that colts foaled this year and next, or even young horses purchased now are still in active service."

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(NUMBER 5306.)

COTTONSEED CANNOT BE REMOVED FOR CRUSHING

The Federal Horticultural Board has just notified the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts that beginning with the season 1925 cottonseed originating in any district under quarantine because of pink bollworm will not be allowed to be moved outside of that district for crushing. Seed from the 1924 crop was permitted to be moved to certain designated mills in Texas for crushing but these mills were under bond to crush the seed promptly, to fumigate ears, and to take all other precaution to prevent the spread of infestation.

Movement of the 1924 cottonseed outside the quarantined area was permitted because of the large cotton crop and lack of facilities for crushing within the area. Warning is now sent out that the 1925 crop will not be permitted to move to mills for crushing. This warning is given in order that proper crushing facilities may be provided within the quarantined districts.

The Board will continue to require that cotton lint originating in districts where there is a decided infestation of pink bollworm, be subjected to vacuum fumigation before it may be moved outside the districts.

At the present time all of Eastern New Mexico is relieved from this requirement. Breeders of cotton in all eastern New Mexico should exercise every possible precaution to prevent the introduction into that part of the state of cottonseed originating in any area now under quarantine for pink bollworm. Introduction of such seed may delay release from quarantine restrictions of cotton growing territory in eastern New Mexico.

There is reason to believe that if no pink bollworm is discovered in the Pecos Valley, in either Texas or New Mexico, in the cotton crop grown in 1925, the Federal Horticultural Board may consider favorably a request to have the quarantine removed from seed as well as lint. If, however, seed is moved in from quarantined areas, there will be danger of introducing infestation and the Board would, without doubt, be influenced by such movement of seed to refuse to consider removing the quarantine regulations.

P. K. Wrigley has been elected president of the Wm. Wrigley Jr., Co., the \$90,000,000 Chewing Gum Corporation.

P. K. is just past thirty and one of the youngest presidents of a large manufacturing concern in the United States.

He started his business career by putting Wrigley's on the map in Australia and has been vice-President of the American Company since 1915, except for two years in the United States Naval Aviation Service during the war.

His father, Wm. Wrigley Jr., now becomes Chairman of the Board of Directors.

See these fancy visiting cards which will be on display at this office in a few days.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

(By National Editorial Asso.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—Visitors to Washington are always seeking the facts behind the hodge-podge of news items sent out by news associations. Everybody wants to know what is transpiring behind the scenes. The whispering gallery as Washington is known, makes it difficult to sift fact from rumor. These two are so closely related at times that the line of demarcation is not easily apparent.

If a political observer in Washington had the time to write a personal letter back home this week he would confine his discussion to two or three subjects not in the ordinary run of news. First he would tell the folks that President Coolidge has a real problem on his hands in finding a Secretary of Agriculture. There are at least 160 capable men who have been recommended for the post by organizations and friends who recognize their particular merits. Ordinarily, it would be an easy matter to designate the head of the Agricultural Department.

Nobody should envy the next Secretary of Agriculture if he fulfills the job as now expected by the President. It is a task comparable to the fable of Hercules cleaning the Augean stables. The report of the President's special Agricultural Commission gives an inkling of the problem. In their official report this week they complained of the lack of harmony among the various bureaus of the Department of Agriculture. They merely confirmed the conclusions of other agencies that the Department originally established to assist the farmers, is gradually flying to dry rot. The fungi is said to be too many bureaucrats.

Privately, those familiar with the situation say that the new Secretary of Agriculture must of necessity be a hard-fisted, two-gun man, similar to the old-fashioned western hero who cleaned out troublesome nests with a steel-encased conscience.

It is taken for granted that there will be wholesale decapitations of minor officials who have held their jobs through political influence while working at variance with departmental policies. According to the current story, this condition has existed for many years but has been aggravated of late by the investigation of the Agricultural Commission. The President realizes that the

incoming Secretary of Agriculture must be resigned to his fate as a storm center. He will be required to deal in action and not platitudes in order to bring the Department up to the highest stage of efficiency. That is the reason for the delay in naming the new Cabinet member. He also has a reputation for consulting his cabinet on matters of state.

Outside of the Department squabble, the various groups of agricultural interests cannot agree upon a legislative program. The President has made it clear that there will be no prolonged session for the farmer. Senators Norris and Howell, of Nebraska, were especially active in promoting the idea of farm relief in company with Senator Borah of Idaho. However, Howell is now conducting a one-man filibuster against the French spoilage claim. His colleague, Senator Norris, threatens similar tactics to force the adoption of a resolution calling for investigation of the electrical interests.

Outside of public debates there has been some private discussion as to whether or not another myth has been exploded. Many persons in close contact with political developments say there is nothing to the story that Mr. Coolidge owes his election to Senator Butler. The conviction is growing that Mr. Coolidge would have been re-elected if Mr. Butler and the entire committee had stayed in their headquarters and said nothing. These opinions are apparently based upon inquiries in various ties as to what inspired people to vote for Mr. Coolidge.

Mr. Butler is by no means as powerful as his press agents would have us believe. Everybody knows that Mr. Coolidge has always done his own thinking, although occasionally asking for counsel from his friends and associates.

Military circles are stirred up over the charges that the "gag" rule has been applied to various officers with regard to the aviation program. The Departments have made it clear that they do not want the personal views of commissioned men confused with the official attitude of the War and Navy Departments. At present Congress sympathizes with the men who are prohibited from talking under department regulations.

These are some of the subjects going the rounds of Washington.

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"Life wasn't any pleasure. I was very pale. I was nervous and thin, and so tired all the time.

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- 2 2-Section Harrows.
- 1 Garden Plow. 1 Sled Harvester.
- 1 Double Shovel Plow. 1 3-in. Wagon.
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CAUSEY ITEMS

J. O. Garner of Lamesa, Texas, is here improving his farms.

W. M. Cross from Gainsville, Texas is stopping with Jim Caviness.

Professor T. B. Tabor is going to teach a singing school at Causey. Be sure and come you are always welcome at Causey.

Rev. Headston from Plainview, Texas will preach at Causey the second Sunday in March at three p. m. Let's all give him a good hearing.

Don't forget the pie supper at Causey Friday night the 13th. Have you heard it? No! What is it? The new Railroad coming this way.

J. D. Wagner is doing some carpenter work in Portales.

J. B. Judah is building another room to his store.

The other merchants at Causey are very busy building air castles. J. H. Johnston made a business trip to Portales last week.

W. M. Gregory made a flying trip over in Texas and back last Sunday.

Any one wanting employment in the mercantile line would do well to see the Causey merchants before the rush.

BLUIT

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Mobley and little daughter returned home last week from California where they have been working the past few months.

Mrs. Isabelle Jacobs and daughter Beatrice visited Mrs. Viola Mobley a few days last week.

Mrs. Vernon Singleton visited her parents Thursday.

Mrs. Joe Hicks visited in the D. W. Jacobs home one day last week.

Mr. Vernon Singleton made a business trip to Portales the past week.

Misses Lula and Beulah White from Spur, Texas visited their mother Sunday. Mrs. Annie White.

Little Miss Annie Lou and Deah Ray Oleson spent Thursday night with Miss Hazle Whorton.

Misses Pearl and Ocia Jacobs and Mr. Herbert Bryant visited at Lingo Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Isabelle Jacobs and daughter Beatrice, Mrs. Viola Mobley and little son Troy visited Mrs. Ola Mobley Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Slatton and little daughter, Margaret are on the sick list at this writing. We hope them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Chunn visited her parents Sunday afternoon.

Mr. D. W. Jacobs visited at Lingo Sunday.

CLAUDELL ITEMS

Rev. Cameron of Elida preached Sunday. He will preach every first Sunday and Mrs. Ervin Nunn every third Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wycliff Cowder spent Sunday in the Fleming home.

Mr. Loyd Manis bought a car in Portales he got a few miles from Elida on his way home and it refused to travel.

Mr. Tom Taylor and family of Portales have been visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Pearl Hoskins.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holmes, Saturday night Jan. 31st a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Olds will live on the Charles Herbert place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams visited with Mr. Charlie Francis and family Sunday.

Mr. C. M. Myers has been sick for a few days.

Mrs. J. H. Fleming and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jett Sunday.

Mr. Ervin Nunn is hauling Mr. Dick Hoskins cotton to Portales this week.

ARCH ITEMS

Bro. Wagner filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Oscar Galloway has been real sick the past week.

The ladies community club met with Mrs. B. L. Kennedy last Thursday with 7 members present. The next Meeting will be with Mrs. W. R. Murrell on

Thursday the 12th.

Several in the S. E. Hall family have the Mumps.

W. H. Davenport traded his car for a Ford roadster last week.

Several from the Arch community attended the Holland sale at Rogers Tuesday.

B. L. Kennedy's and J. S. Riley's families were guests of W. B. Walker Sunday.

M. O. Pate and C. A. Burks made a trip to Lamesa and Big Springs, Texas last week.

Several of the Arch people attended the Funeral of Miss Willie Barnhill at Portales last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon McGinnis of Big Springs, Texas visited relatives here from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Pinson from Portales visited Mrs. W. C. Brown Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carbon of Inez attended church here Sunday.

IN MEMORY OF DOUGLAS CRANFORD

On January the twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the Angel of death carried from our community to the great beyond the spirit of Douglas Cranford, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cranford.

Douglas was born December twenty-first, nineteen hundred three, in Hunt County, Texas. While he was yet a child his parents moved to Roosevelt County, N. M. As a babe, Douglas came into the Cranford home to bless the parents and to bring sunshine into the lives of his childhood playmates.

Swiftly the wheels of Time sped by and Douglas was a student in the Floyd High School. He was a pupil whom all of the teachers admired and esteemed, for to know him was to admire him. As a student he was ever faithful to his work, respectful to his teachers, and a friend to his classmates. The young people shall miss the smile of that friend who was always so true. And especially shall the basketball boys feel the loss of the encouragement that they received from the example of noble sportsmanship which Douglas gave to them on all occasions.

As the friends of Douglas grieve for him they realize that

their sorrow can not equal that which comes to his loved ones. How that mother shall listen in vain for the ring of the merry whistle and the kind word which lightened her heart day by day. The father shall long for the counsel of the voice that is still. Vainly, the brothers and sisters shall seek for the companionship of their brother. Even though this loved one is gone may each remember the joy that comes to his friends because of his life and forget the sorrow of his going.

Let us say in the language of the Poet:

"Could you come back to me,
Douglas, Douglas,
In the old likeness that I knew,
I would be so faithful, so loving,
Douglas,
Douglas, Douglas tender and true.
Stretch out your hand to me,
Douglas, Douglas,
Drop forgiveness from heaven-like due.
As I lay my hand on your dead heart,
Douglas, Douglas tender and true."

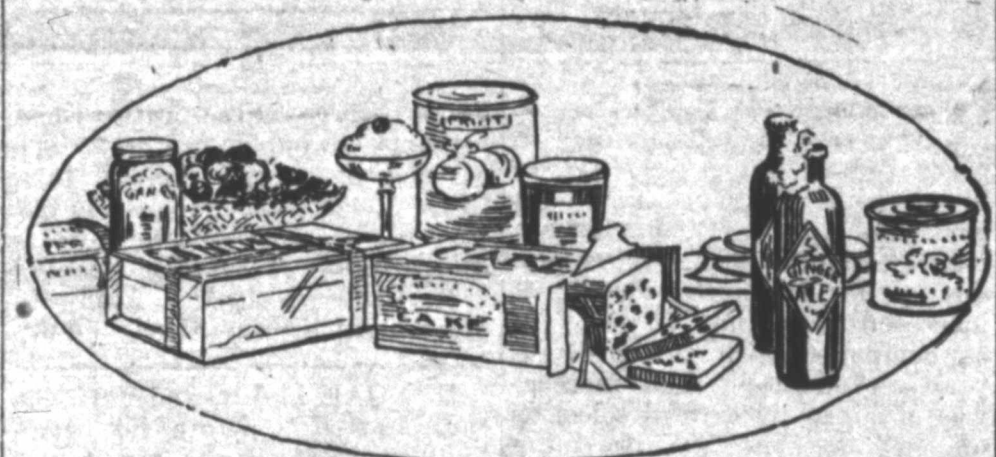
—MRS. G. B. GREEN.

Does It Pay

If you want still another answer to the old question, "Does advertising pay?" reflect on this: Wasn't it advertising that made the Victrola dog famous; didn't it put Sododont and Pebeec on your tooth brush and a Gillette razor in your hand, along with a cake of Ivory soap and William's shaving cream? Didn't advertising put an Arrow collar around your neck and Holesproof socks on your feet and Paris garters on your legs? Hasn't it eased your nerves with Spearmint chewing

LADIES AND GENTS
Shine Parlor. First Class
Service at all Times. AT
MILT'S BARBER SHOP

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is a Combined Treatment, both local and internal, and has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over forty years. Sold by all druggists.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio



It is a pleasure for us to serve you, because we know that you will be pleased with the service we give. Phone 15 and see how pleasant it is to buy your groceries here.

H. E. WHITE & SON

We Are Starting in the New Year
With a Full Line of
HARNESS and HARNESS PARTS

Collars of all prices and sizes. Splendid values in Heaters and Ranges.

General Hardware. Stock being added to daily.

Wheeler Bros.

301 E. MAIN ST.

PHONE 46

Complete Stock of Groceries

We now have a complete stock of groceries and are offering them to the public at prices that are as low as can be made quality considered.

Call and see us at our new location. Your business will be appreciated.

YOACHUM GROCERY

PHONE 45 WE DELIVER

gum, quieted your headache with Aspirin and comforted your stomach with Campbell's soups and Swift's premium hams? Sit down and take an inventory of what you've got on, or what you have in the house and you will be surprised at the number of things

you buy simply because you are through reading ads, familiar with the brands.—Meridian Tribune.

Just received the latest creation in loose leaf Kodak Albums. See them at the News Office.

Wanted, Rent Farmers.
Can supply several good farmers with farming land on a rent basis. Good school near. See C. M. Francis, Claudell, N. M. 154

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS
Portales Valley News

The Dairy Cow and a Bank Account Go Hand In Hand!

THE DAIRY COW HAS PROVEN OF UNTOLD VALUE TO
THE FARMERS OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY IN THE PAST.
SHE WILL PAY YOUR EXPENSES THE YEAR ROUND.
DO NOT NEGLECT HER, BUT WHEN PLANNING YOUR
FARMING OPERATIONS, MAKE PROVISIONS FOR A
NUMBER OF DAIRY COWS, AND YOU WILL PROSPER.

Call on Us if We Can Be of Assistance to You.

First National Bank

A General Farm SALE

Of Extra Good Milk Cows and General Farm Equipment

THURSDAY 19th of FEBRUARY 1925

COMMENCING AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M. SHARP AT MY FARM 20 MILES SOUTH. 4 MILES WEST OF PORTALES, 3 MILES SOUTH AND 4 MILES WEST OF DORA: 15 EAST AND 3 SOUTH OF ELIDA.
REMEMBER THE DATE THURSDAY 19TH OF FEBRUARY, 1925. IF YOU MISS THIS SALE YOU WILL REGRET IT.

HOUSE-HOLD GOODS

- 1—Safe. 1—Kitchen Cabinet.
- 3—Iron Beds and Springs. 2—Dressers.
- 1—Dining Table. 2—Work Tables.
- 1—Chuck Box. 2—Mattresses.
- 2—Or 3 Dozen Fruit Jars. Some Dishes.
- A Few Cooking Utensils.
- 1—8-gal. Cream Can. 3—Milk Buckets.
- 1—Cream Separator, John M. Smith.
- 1—New DeLaval Cream Separator, No. 12.
- 2—Wash Tubs. 1—Wash Board.
- Washing Machine, Ringier.
- 1—Iron Boiler.
- 2—Heating Stoves. 1—Cook Stove.

HORSES

- 1—Smooth Mouth Mare.
- 1—Gray Horse, 8 years old.
- 3—Coming 2 year olds. 3—Yearling Colts.

FARM IMPLEMENTS

- 1—Mitchel Wagon 3 1/4-in. 12—Steel Traps.
- 1—Lister Tribell. 2—Sod Plows.
- 1—2 Section Harrow.
- 1—Set Leather Harness.
- 1—Set Chain Harness. Saddle and Bridle.
- 4—Leather Collars. Some Halters and Bridles, Forks, Scoop, and Shovels.
- Chicken Coops.

CATTLE

- 2—Half Jerseys, giving milk, Fresh soon.
- 1—Extra Good Jersey, giving milk now.
- 1—Red Cow, 6 yr. old, 3 1/2-gallon cow.
- 1—6 year old Jersey giving milk now.
- 1—Holstein 6 year old, good milk.
- 2—Young Cows 3 and 4 years old. Extra good milkers, giving milk now.
- 5—Coming yearling Calves, 3 Steers, 2 Heifers.

Free Lunch At Noon--Bring Your Cups and Spoons

I HAVE BEEN GRADING THESE COWS AND ALL OF THEM ARE ABOVE THE AVERAGE MILKERS AND ARE IN GOOD FLESH. THESE COWS HAVE BEEN BRINGING ME AN AVERAGE OF OVER \$10.00 PER WEEK.

TERMS OF SALE:—All Sums of \$25 and under Cash. Over that amount a credit of 9 months will be given with approved security Note bearing 10 per cent interest, or a 5 per cent off for Cash over \$25.00.

A. W. Nickle, Owner.

C. F. MARSHALL, Auctioneer
Rogers, New Mexico.

A. J. BURKETT, Clerk

NOTICE

Herd Law District.

Whereas on August 1st, 1924, a majority of the owners and lessees of acreage of the lands hereinafter described, filed their petition in the office of the County Clerk of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, praying for the establishment of a herd law district, under the provisions of chapter 68 of the Session Laws of 1923 of New Mexico, and that due notice of a hearing of property owners and lessees within said district were duly notified by publication as provided by said Act, and that said hearing was had in the office of the Board of County Commissioners at the Court House in Roosevelt County, N. M. on the date specified in said notice, but no valid reason being offered why said district should not be declared a herd law district, and

Whereas said Board of County Commissioners deferred action on said petition until they further investigated the legal effect of said project and the matters pertaining thereto, and

Whereas on January, 19th 1925 said Board of County Commissioners passed finally upon said petition and found that said district contained Seven Thousand acres according to the survey and that a majority of acres within said district were represented by owners and lessees as favoring the herd law district it was ordered and declared by said Board of County Commissioners that the following described lands be established as such herd law district:

All of Sections Seven (7),

Eight (8), Nine (9), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), the Northwest quarter of Twenty-one (NW 1/4 21), the Northeast quarter of section Twenty-nine (NE 1/4 29), Lots one (1) and the Northeast quarter of the North west quarter of Section thirty (30), the South one-half of section six (6), the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter (SW 1/4 of SE 1/4) of section five (5), all in township Three (3) south of range Thirty-seven (37) east of the N. M. P. M.; the East one-half of section Twenty-four (E 1/2 of 24) and all section thirteen in township Three (3) South of range Thirty-six (36) East of N. M. P. M., all in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, containing 7,000 acres.

Therefore notice is hereby given that a herd law district has been declared, established and set out embracing the above described lands to become effective on and after March 1st, 1925, and that all the lands embraced within said district will receive the protection provided in said act, and all livestock found running at large or trespassing upon said lands or any part thereof will be subject to the provisions of said act, and liable to the owners of lands within said district for damages committed by said livestock according to said act.

This January, 19th, 1925. Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

GEO. T. LITTLEFIELD, Chairman.

Attest: PAUL E. MORRISON, County Clerk.

(SEAL) 15-2tc.

CONSOLIDATING STATE SCHOOLS

The State of New Mexico has a population entitling it to one congressman; and it has three state-supported schools for the training of teachers. New York has a quota of 43 congressmen; by the same ratio it should have 129 state normal schools. If New Mexico had abundant revenues to support these schools and maintain them at a fairly high state of efficiency, there might be no immediate question as to the continuance of all of them. A good school anywhere contributes something to the public good. But these institutions were started when the state was flush, and now we are confronted with the situation that property valuations, and therefore revenues from direct taxation, have declined one-fourth. Consequently Governor Hannett's suggestion of consolidation comes with peculiar force.

The same condition prevails with respect to university education. There are three branches of the University in three different locations, hundreds of miles apart. Because of this scattering cost of administration, investment in plant and cost of instruction are vastly increased.

Again if the state could afford this luxury, a discussion of its wisdom might now be evaded. But the state cannot afford it now and never has been able to do so. The institutions have been so poorly financed that they have not been able to maintain a standard that would, first, attract large numbers of young men and women to the pursuit of higher education and, school, satisfy the young people of the state who desire university training with the quality of the instruction offered. This state is forty-seventh in the Union in the per capita number of its residents who go to college. More startling still, more than half of these are getting their college work in other states. Our boys and girls are not going to the universities in the proportion that they should, and of those who do, the larger share are not satisfied with the facilities the state offers for their education and go elsewhere.

What the state needs is fewer

schools and better. The money that is wasted in duplication of plant, overhead and overlapping of instructional forces should be applied to raising the efficiency of the fewer institutions on which the state's efforts should be concentrated.

No doubt every community which has a state-supported, rather than a state-supported, school feels that it is specially favored. Most of these schools would be vastly better off if they would cut loose from any reliance on inadequate state doles, adapt themselves to local needs, meet the special educational requirements of the territory surrounding them, and become a real center of cultural inspiration.

—Albuquerque Journal.

Chaplin and Infant Bride Negotiate Money Division; Heir Is Expected

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 31.—Attorneys are negotiating a financial settlement between Charles Spencer Chaplin, motion picture comedian, and the 16-year-old bride he married in Mexico last November says the Los Angeles Times today.

The fact that Mrs. Chaplin, formerly Lita Grey, leading woman for the comedian, had joined members of her family in consulting attorneys, became known, according to the Times, upon the arrival here a week ago of Edwin McMurray, San Francisco attorney and uncle of the bride. McMurray today is quoted by the Times as admitting that financial negotiations "are in progress," though declaring that "there is no connection between these negotiations and any contemplated action for separation or divorce."

What part, if any, the anticipated arrival of an heir to the Chaplin fortune has played or will play in the negotiations was not disclosed, nor was any hint divulged of the possible terms of the settlement.

GOOD STRONG BREEDERS PRODUCE GOOD POULTRY

seldom the poultryman analyze the cause for losses in the poultry business. Improper systems of feeding, poor housing and poor management, all come in for their portion of blame, but breeding is given little, if any thought, says A. L. Walker of the New Mexico College of Agriculture.

Chickens lend themselves to rapid improvement if care is given to the proper selection of breeding stock. This fact was evidenced at the College Experiment Station in 1923-24 when production for the entire flock was increased more than 15 per cent as compared with the previous year's production. The increase was obtained by careful selection of breeders and by providing suitable surroundings. Hens and mature pullets were used which had been selected first because they had both vigor, vitality and a strong constitution. The second consideration was type and apparent ability to produce.

Usually vigor and egg production are closely correlated, but it is necessary at times to eliminate a hen which shows possibilities for production because she has sunken eyes, a crow-like head, a shallow body or other indications of low vitality. A hen in laying 200 eggs per year produces the equivalent of five and one-half times her body weight. This calls for a tremendous amount of vigor and vitality which can only be secured by care and the use of select breeding stock.

Males should be selected which comes from high producing and known ancestry. The male bird is over half the flock, since his characteristics, whether good or bad, will be stamped on the offspring of many females. Remember, too, that in all breeding work the cropping out of undesirable weaknesses and characteristics is inevitable unless care is used in mating. Female with males that are strong in that character as deep breastedness, if the best results are to be obtained.

Careful breeding work is a tedious but worthwhile task, especially if profit is the aim in poultry production.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Lyons Hotel under entirely new management. Get our Prices on Board and Rooms. Regular Meals. Mrs. V. T. Howell. 16-1tp

Where is Dora, New Mexico? 17 miles South of Portales, N. M., on State Highway. Best road to Littlefield. Good School. Watch Dora grow.

Classified Ads

THE LITTLE JOKER THAT SUPPLIES YOUR WANTS
50c minimum 1st insertion, 10c word additional insertion. Cash in advance.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Jersey Cow just Fresh. H. V. Thompson. 12-1tc.

FOR SALE—Cane delivered 7c. Some kaffir corn left. Phone Orphan's Home. E. L. Hammit. 14-6tp.

FOR SALE—Cafe and Confectionary at a bargain if sold at once. Ferguson & Stephens, Elida, N. M. 15-3tp.

FOR SALE—Fruit Trees, Grape Vines, Roses, Evergreen, Shade Trees, Budded Paper Shell Pecans Everybearing Strawberries. Parker Bros. Nursery Co. Fayetteville, Ark. H. C. Garland Agt., Phone 112. 15-4tp.

FOR SALE or TRADE—Case Threshing machine, with weighing attachment. Will trade for truck, cattle or mules. Hardt Bros. Elida, N. M. 14-4tp.

FOR SALE—One of the best sections of land in N. M., 20 miles from Portales, and close to the best Rural school in the state. Small cash payment and balance 30 years at 4 per cent. See Coe Howard, or write owner. Box 531, Brownfield, Texas. 14-3tp.

FOR SALE—Seven Passenger Studebaker car in good condition. Practically new casings. Would consider trade on city lots. See Mrs. N. F. Wollard. 11-1tc.

FOR SALE—One heavy work horse, one horse wagon and harness, 500 berry boxes, several hundred bundles good feed. Mrs. Sam Florence or Clyde Florence at Slim's Cafe. 15-2tp.

FOR SALE—1 4 room house and lot in Graham, Texas, clear of all incumbrances, will trade for Portales Property. O. D. Douglas, box 321, Portales. 13-1tp.

FOR SALE—320 acres 8 mi. Southwest of Portales on School Truck Line. See Mrs. M. A. Page, Portales. 16-3tp.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms. Couple preferred. \$20 per month. Apply in person. Ross Bros. Market. 15-1tc.

FOR RENT—Two nice sleeping Rooms—Furnished. Apply in person. 724 Kansas St. 16-2tp.

IF NOAH had waited until the rain started before he began building the Ark he would not have needed it. NOW is the time to have that new top made and curtains and upholstery repaired. Shoe Hospital. 16-2t.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many friends, both in town and country, for the kindness shown during the sickness and death of our dearly beloved mother. The families of J. S. MAXWELL, F. L. MAXWELL, C. C. MAXWELL.

Mrs. Sarah Cruey

Mrs. Sarah Cruey died at 6:00 o'clock, February 9, 1925. Age 80 years. Mrs. Cruey is the mother of Mrs. Edd Chavers of Upton, N. M. Geo. Chavers and wife, Mrs. C. S. Wilson and daughter, Clara attended the funeral of Mrs. Cruey at Elida Tuesday.

Bargains for Saturday February 14th

S. J. or Advance Shorting	\$1.36
Leader Brooms	.60
Tomatoes	.13
K. C. Baking Powder, 50c size	.40
22 bars Laundry Soap	1.00
100 pounds Cane Sugar	7.75
1 pound Coffee	.35

Irrigation pays with 25 H. P. Water Loo Boy Engines, and American pumps. See me for prices before you buy.

A full and complete line of John Deere Implements.

Quality is our Basis of Value.

ALVIN GEORGE

112 MAIN STREET

When Better Implements are made John Deere will make them.

Let Me Be Your Banker!

Any time you want any of my goods, either in Hardware, Furniture or Undertaking, and haven't got the money, I will loan you the money according to conservative banking rules, and sell you the goods.

HENRY GEORGE

HARDWARE FURNITURE UNDERTAKING

COTHAM'S SALE!

..Wed., Feb. 18, 1925..

ON THE DATE MENTIONED I WILL SELL AT MY FARM 4 MILES SOUTHWEST OF PORTALES ON RAIL ROAD. COMMENCING AT 10 A. M. PROMPTLY AND WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

QUITE AN ASSORTMENT OF HOUSE-HOLD GOODS.

LIVESTOCK

- 1 Gray Mare, and Filly Colt.
- 1 Bay Filly Colt Coming 2.
- 1 Bay Horse, 5 years old.
- 1 Bay Black Mare Mule coming 3.
- 1 Bay Black Mare Mule coming 4.
- 1 Bay Black Mare Mule coming 7.
- 1 Sorrel Mare, 9 years old.
- 1 Sorrel Mare, 6 years old.
- 1 Gray Mare, 5 years old.
- 1 Bay Mare, 5 years old.

4 Jersey Cows.

- 1 Registered Jersey Bull.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 Ford Car.
- 1 2-Row Planter cotton attachment.
- 2000 Bundles Sorghum.
- A few White Leghorn chickens.
- 1 Georgia Stock.
- Double tree and Single trees.
- 2 Bed Steads, and some other House-hold goods.

I will reserve the right to sell my Feed at private sale, if not sold before, will be sold at sale.

TERMS:—All Sums of \$25 and under Cash. Over that amount a credit of 10 months will be given, purchaser to make Bankable Note bearing 10 per cent from date. 5 per cent off for Cash on sums over \$25.

Free Lunch at Noon — Bring Your Cups

C. J. COTHAM OWNER

V. J. CAMPBELL, Auctioneer

J. H. BRESHEAR, Clerk

SOCIETY

Society Editor
Phone 127.

The H. M. C. met at the court house Wednesday Feb. 11. The afternoon was spent in a discussion of items for the year book. Next meeting Wednesday, Feb. 25th. Subject, Salad suggestions.

Mrs. McDowell E. starts Woman's Club.

On January 28 the Woman's Club was entertained with a 3 course luncheon at the home of Mrs. McDowell. The house was beautifully decorated with hearts and streamers and lighted by candles. The program by Mrs. Krattli, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Lang was enjoyed very much. There were present about 25 club women and one guest.

Senior Class Gives Pie Supper.

The Senior Class of the H. M. C. gave a pie supper Tuesday evening at the High School building. The Debating Club rendered the program. The supper was given to secure funds for the 1925 Yarn, which is now being prepared for the printer.

The pies sold well. The proceeds were about \$40.00.

The Yarn Staff, and Senior Class wish to express their thanks to Mr. V. J. Campbell who auctioned off the pies and to all who in any way assisted.

Christian Ladies Entertained.

The Christian Ladies Aid was entertained Thursday Feb. 5th by Mrs. G. L. Reese. Scripture lesson, Prayer and talks on Mexico made up the afternoon program. The hostess served delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, jello, angel food and coffee to twelve members and guests. Next meeting Thursday Feb. 19th with Mrs. J. K. Robertson, subject, Porto Rico, leader Mrs. Frank Warnica.

The U. D. C. will meet Tuesday February 17th with Mrs. Harry Buchanan at 6:30 p. m. The ladies will be asked to debate at this time on the question, Resolved that the World War was a Blessing to Mankind.

LOCAL PERSONALS

W. E. Bartlett made a business trip to Amarillo, Texas Monday of this week, returning Tuesday.

The C. W. Breshears family of Inez spent Sunday in the J. H. Breshears home.

C. C. Ozmont returned Monday from a business trip to Las Cruces.

Miss Gladys Johnston of Floydada, Texas, came in last week for a visit to her mother, Mrs. Nora Johnston.

Miss Ruby Stokes came in from Richland Friday and spent the week-end with her brother Paul and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Murrell and Miss Elsie accompanied by Mrs. Till Trammell of Inez spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mason of Superior, Wyoming, are the guests of Mrs. Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Diekbreder.

A. C. Browne, manager of the Universal Motor Co., is in Denver this week visiting and attending to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Mullis of Hall County, Texas are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lovelace. They will probably locate here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Priddy returned Monday of this week from St. Louis, where they bought their Spring and Summer stock of dry goods, furnishings, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward V. Croft, of Clovis, are the proud parents of a ten pound girl who arrived at their home on Monday of this week.

J. M. Honea arrived last Saturday from Lubbock, Texas, where he has been for the past few months. "Peck" says that he is back to stay.

NEW MEXICO INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Farmington—Mutual Continental Oil Company's refinery to be completed by April 1st; capacity to be doubled by end of year.

New Mexico's 1924 output of gold, silver, lead, zinc and copper, valued at \$12,434,000 as compared with \$11,573,805 in 1923.

Albuquerque—University of New Mexico asks appropriation of \$300,000 for erection of new buildings.

Clovis—Contract to be let soon for erection of new store building on Main street.

Glenrio—Gin to be erected, provided sufficient cotton acreage is contracted.

New Mexico shipped 70,151 head of cattle during December; heaviest shipments made from Columbus district.

Albuquerque—Building at 307 North First street to have \$15,000 addition.

Santa Fe Railroad Company increases dividends on accredited stock from 7 to 7 per cent.

Albuquerque—Santa Fe Railway Hospital Association to start construction of 275,000 hospital soon.

allup—Work to start soon on construction of telephone lines between this place and Holbrook.

Santa Rosa—Movement under way for construction of direct road from this place to Albuquerque, via Moriarty.

Glenrio—Glenrio Basin Seed Growers Association organized.

If there is a local industry that a little capital might help put on its feet, it is a good year to give it a lift.

LAKE ITEMS

Mr. W. H. Nickle who was hurt in a runaway is slowly improving. Still not sure.

Mr. W. J. Wright of Soure Lake, Texas was called to the bedside of his brother, Mr. Harmon Wright, who passed away at his home Thursday Morning.

D. A. Lee and family spent Sunday evening in the W. H. Nicklas home.

M. L. Lagan who is having a well drilled on his place, struck water at a depth of three feet.

Mr. Strodt was hurt in a runaway over a week ago is suffering a severe backset.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Borough and daughter Miss Lee Verba spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Lester Prater of Portales.

The Glenn Nicholson family of Union Valley, N. M. visited in the Nicklas home Friday.

Laurene Nicklas is on the sick list this week.

This community was visited with a nice welcome snow Saturday night.

There are several cases of whooping cough in this community.

The Inez Singing Class will meet with Dora next Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock where there will be singing. Also Rev. Corder will preach at Dora Sunday night. Everyone cordially invited to these services.

Bracken's Battery Shop has a large charging capacity. So you will not have to wait. Bring your batteries around and get a free inspection. NOW. 16-tfe.

HAVE YOU A BAD BACK?

Then the Advice of This Portales Resident Will Interest You.

Does your back ache night and day?

Hinder work; destroy your rest?

Are you tortured with stabbing pains?

When you stoop, lift or bend?

Then likely your kidneys are weak.

More troubles may soon appear.

Headaches, dizziness, nervousness;

Or uric acid and its ills.

Help your weakened kidneys with a stimulant diuretic.

Use Doan's Pills.

Read this Portales testimony:

C. M. Sullins, blacksmith and ranchman, says: "I had lameness through the small of my back.

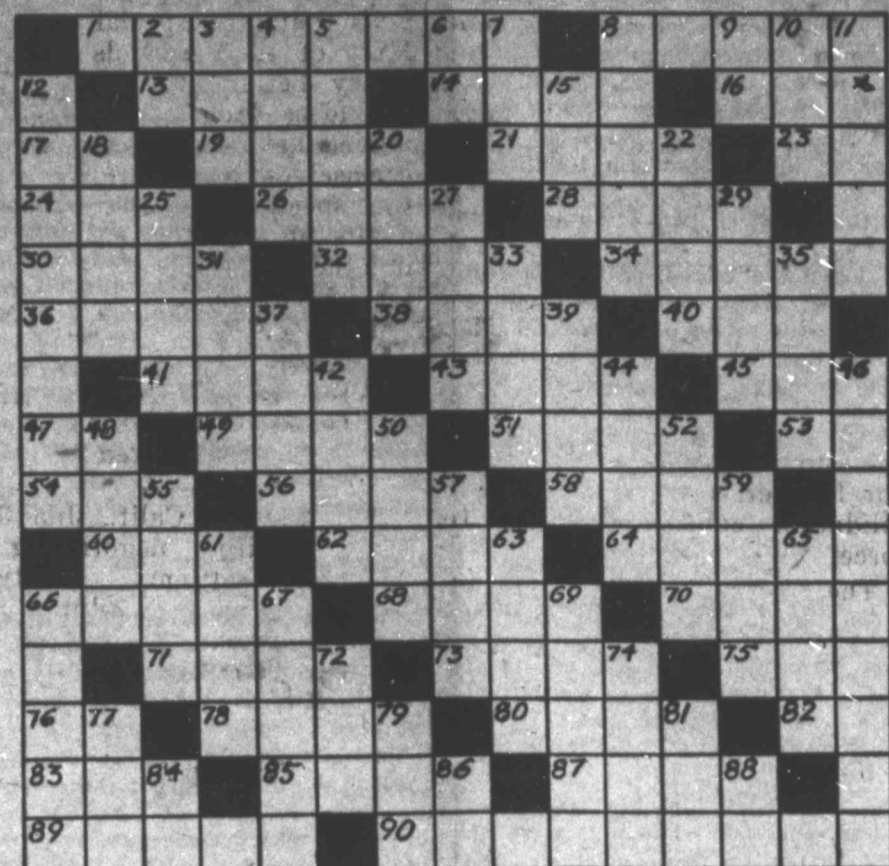
When I stooped, sharp pains caught me and it was hard for me to straighten again. My kidneys acted freely and I believe this was the cause of my back trouble. The kidney secretions were highly colored too. After using Doan's Pills I was cured."

60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will itself work both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definitions listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill all the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill all the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 41



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- Horizontal**
- 1—German accompaniment for beer (pl.)
 - 2—Incline
 - 12—Heroine of English novel by same name
 - 14—Gunbo
 - 16—Scratch
 - 17—Preposition
 - 18—Organ of hearing
 - 21—Shout
 - 22—Jumbled type
 - 24—Title of Eleventh century champion of Christianity in Spanish literature
 - 26—A President of the United States
 - 28—Two
 - 30—Worry
 - 32—Remark
 - 34—Sing
 - 36—Expiate
 - 38—South American country
 - 40—Consume
 - 41—Prefix meaning free
 - 45—Lasso
 - 46—Male sheep
 - 47—Preposition
 - 48—Mountain in Thessaly
 - 51—Stride
 - 53—To proceed
 - 54—Movement of head
 - 56—Diplomacy
 - 58—Noted living English playwright and author
 - 60—Children's game
 - 62—Tumult
 - 64—Yellow or red ore of iron used as a pigment
 - 66—Underneath
 - 68—Fifth
 - 70—Care
 - 71—Acquire by labor
 - 73—Lard
 - 75—Nothing
 - 76—Article (indefinite)
 - 78—Fate
 - 80—Post
 - 82—Prefix meaning separation
 - 83—Large container
 - 85—Street car of London
 - 87—Raised platform
 - 88—Suppose
 - 90—Driving back

- Vertical**
- 3—Note of musical scale
 - 5—Orb
 - 6—Share
 - 7—Vowels
 - 8—Behold!
 - 9—Firmament
 - 10—Mixture of vegetables
 - 11—Part of verb "to be"
 - 13—Short sleep
 - 15—Attempt
 - 19—Indian footwear
 - 20—Ribbed material
 - 23—Authoritative sanction
 - 25—Snack
 - 27—Italian coin (pl.)
 - 29—Let fall
 - 31—Large vat
 - 33—Noise
 - 35—One of three daughters of sea deity (myth.)
 - 37—Stage curtain
 - 39—Male deer
 - 41—In the distant past
 - 43—Japanese tree, yielding poison
 - 44—Ridge (pl.)
 - 46—Reverberate
 - 48—Fashioning after a pattern
 - 49—Short letter
 - 50—Tart
 - 52—Every
 - 54—Valley
 - 56—Labor
 - 58—Time at which
 - 61—To prod
 - 63—Same as 85 horizontal
 - 65—Predatory incursion
 - 67—Well done!
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 - 71—Barrier
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The Free Traders

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Lee Anderson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police sergeant, is sent to Stony range to arrest a man named Pelly for murder. He is also instructed to look after Jim Rathway, reputed head of the "Free Traders" illicit liquor runners. At Little Falls he finds Pelly in a credit with having found a gold mine, and is missing.

CHAPTER II.—At the hotel where Anderson stops, a girl, obviously out of place in the rough surroundings, appears. A halfbreed whom Anderson hears called Pierre, and a companion, "Shorty," annoy the girl. Anderson interferes, earning the enmity of the two men.

CHAPTER III

An Unwelcome Guardian

Lee rode off hot with indignation at the landlord's innuendo about the R. C. M. P. But this soon yielded to anxiety about the girl. The disclosure that the two men were from Stony lake and the recollection of the conversation he had overheard, convinced him that they were planning to kidnap and convey her there.

Such a plan would seem inconceivable but Lee knew that the gang, believing their organization firmly entrenched in power, would stop at very little. Other things equally sinister had been done by them.

However, Lee began to breathe more freely when he had left the squallid little town behind him. He walked or trotted his horse till noon, gradually ascending toward the outskirts of the range through a fairly open country.

The snows might hold off for two or three weeks yet, and Lee felt confident that well within that period he would be able to bring back Pelly, if the latter were in the region, unless he took alarm, in which event of course Lee would have to bring his horse back to Little Falls and prepare for a long winter's chase. The new dominion force carries on the tradition of the old North-West; it does not return without its man.

Siston lake was admirably adapted for the needs of the Free Traders. It was at the extreme northern limits of the range, or a little beyond, and the head of a lake and river system by which communication could be had by water north to Fort Churchill or York Factory or west as far as Lake Athabasca.

The York boat, laden to the gunwale with supplies of liquor, could push anywhere along the thousands of lakes and streams, acting as mother boat in turn to the canoe, with one or more cases. And over all this vast, ill-defined district the hooch-runner had almost unlimited access, proving a serious rival to the legitimate trading interests, since he carried his poison into the Indian's camping grounds and took his pick of the choicest furs.

His trade embraced a viceroy. All along the fringe of white settlement it was active. It had sprung up like a fungus overnight, during the disorganization of the police in consequence of the war and the readjustment. The gang were steadily embellishing the relations between whites and reds, which had been amicable almost since the advent of the first pioneer.

Whichever district the girl was bound for, it was impossible to mistake the course that she would take initially. In front of Lee lay a long backbone of mountain, with only a single pass into the interior over a range of many miles.

Scanning the valley carefully, Lee saw, about a mile beyond the pass, a thin curl of smoke rising into the still air.

Satisfied that he had the girl in sight, Lee hesitated for a while, undecided whether to ride up to her, or to camp where he was, keeping a lookout for Pierre and Shorty. In the end he decided that the better course would be to make himself known, and accordingly he descended the slope and followed the trail along the bank of the river until he reached the camp.

The girl had already set up her tent, her horse was tethered near the stream, and she was cooking her dinner at a fire which she had made. She looked very trim and businesslike with her sleeves rolled up to her elbows and her air of being completely at home in these surroundings.

As Lee jumped from his horse she started, then looked at him with an expression of calm which was an attempt to conceal a very obvious trepidation.

"Good evening," he called. "I'm travelling your way, and saw your camp fire, so took the liberty of joining you, if there's no objection."

She stared hard at him as if his advent were some long expected blow that had suddenly fallen. For a few moments she seemed under the in-

fluence of an all-pervading fear. Then, mastering it, she answered with the same affectation of indifference:

"You can camp where you like, of course. The range is free for all."

Lee, a little staggered at the unwillingness of this invitation, decided that it would be better for the present not to alarm her with any explanations and proceeded to pitch his tent near hers. While he was unloading his pack and watering his horse, the girl went on with her meal, without paying any attention to him.

Lee, feeling both uncomfortable and foolish, was beginning to wish he had waited, when a horse neighed close at hand, his horse and the girl's answered, and a minute later Pierre Cauchon and his companion Shorty rode into view through the gathering darkness.

Pierre's behavior at the sight of Lee was almost ludicrous. He pulled his horse up short with an oath, and sat looking from Lee to the girl in almost comical surprise. Shorty, dismounting in a hurried manner, repeated his companion's gestures. For several moments the light of the camp fire silhouetted the calm faces of the girl and Lee and the vindictive, scowling ones of the two men.

Then Pierre leaped to the ground. "By gar, it's de feller dat tell me 'dat'll be all,'" he shouted. "What you tink you're doing here, you d—n four-fusher?"

"Maybe the same as you," said Lee.

"Ho, ho, dat's good!" roared the



She Looked Very Trim and Businesslike With Her Sleeves Rolled Up to Her Elbows and Her Air of Being Completely at Home in These Surroundings.

breed. "You tink we take you in as pardner, hein?"

"Wouldn't go with you, I've got my own hand to play," Lee answered.

"You won't play it here, then?" belted Shorty.

Oaths poured from his lips. "Pack and vamoose!" yelled Pierre. The two advanced on Lee with belligerent gestures.

Lee held up his hand as the fists threatened him. "Didn't I tell you I don't fight?" he drawled deceptively.

"You don't fight? By gar, you're goin' to fight dis time or git!" yelled Pierre. "You 'frail of gittin' whipped, eh?"

"That's about the size of it," laughed Lee. "That's why I shoot instead—quick and straight and sure, gentlemen!"

His right hand made a movement in his coat pocket, but his automatic was in the holster at the back of his hip, and there was nothing in the pocket more lethal than his pipe.

But Pierre, who was nearest, changed color. The man was a cur at heart, as Lee had suspected. He leaped back with a snarl. Shorty stepped back, too, though not quite so violently, and the two, withdrawing out of range, proceeded to hold a whispered colloquy, at the end of which, turning away without another word to Lee, they proceeded to set up their camp at a little distance.

Lee turned to the girl, who had stood a silent spectator of the scene.

"I ought to have explained, perhaps," he said. "You recognized that man who insulted you last night. A little later I happened to overhear the pair of them speaking of a plan they had formed for intercepting you to-

sight. I didn't want to alarm you, in case they failed to appear, but that is why I proposed to camp beside you. I think they are unscrupulous customers, and you've probably reached the same decision after the scene that has just taken place."

"Thank you, but I assure you that I am quite capable of protecting myself," answered the girl, and Lee saw her fingers stray toward a service-size revolver holster at her belt.

"Of course I don't want to intrude," said Lee. "But as long as these men are here, I think I ought to remain."

She took a step or two toward him, looking at him fixedly. "Who and what are you?" she demanded with quivering lips. "How am I to know that you are not those men's friend, that this is not all part of an arranged plan?"

"I am not a friend, or associate of those men," answered Lee indignantly. "I never saw either of them until one of them insulted you in the hotel yesterday evening. I know that they are planning to do you some harm."

"Well, and—you?" she asked, trying to keep her voice steady.

"You suspect me?"

"I don't know. I trust nobody. I ask you why you are here."

"My object in camping here beside you tonight is simply to protect you," Lee equivocated.

She answered, with an effort at irony. "And my answer to you is that I do not need protection, but that this country is free for all—for those men and for you."

She went back into her tent, leaving Lee stupefied. The pair were already seated in front of their fire, munching slabs of bread and raw bacon. They had been watching Lee and the girl furtively throughout the interview. Lee wondered whether the girl's demeanor had given them any inkling of its termination. He had never felt so foolish.

If they persuaded her that they were more to be trusted, the situation would be a serious one for her. Lee's position was certainly far more embarrassing than he had anticipated. It was almost as if the girl had decided to throw in her lot with the pair of Free Trader agents. He had not succeeded in convincing her that their motives were evil, perhaps because he had not ventured to voice his real suspicions of them to her. And he had only succeeded in arousing her hostility.

And, looking at the matter in a common-sense light, Lee realized that he had acted wrongly. He should have warned her on his first arrival. He could not blame her for refusing to accept his word.

But what was at the bottom of her evident fear of him?

The only thing left for him to do was to try to protect her in spite of herself.

The friendly forest had suddenly grown hateful and alien. And then Lee knew what the trouble was. It was the submerged memories of Estelle. She meant nothing to him now, less than nothing, and yet—well, that had been years ago, and he had gone through all that. Still, the imprint was there—

Suddenly, as on the night before, he was startled by the low sound of voices. Peering across the grass, he could just distinguish the shadowy outlines of two figures against the men's fire.

Very deliberately Lee drew his automatic from his belt. He had no doubt that Pierre and Shorty were planning mischief; most probably they meant to attack him as a preliminary to overpowering the girl.

And he lay watching them and grimly waiting for their stealthy onset. He felt more than a match for the pair of them.

Minutes went by, however. The pair seemed an unconscionable time making their arrangements, and all the while the discussion, which was just audible without being intelligible, went on. Lee wondered how long he had been lying there. It was too dark to see his watch. He wondered why they had not waited till morning, when there would be a better chance of taking him unawares.

At last the black shadows separated. One of them was coming toward him with stealthy footsteps. Lee guessed that it was Shorty, the more courageous of the two.

The figure came slowly on. Lee aimed the automatic, his finger steady on the trigger. He would fire as soon as it made the first hostile movement, as soon as it raised its weapon to cover him.

And then, in amazement, he let the muzzle of his automatic drop. For the figure was not coming toward him, it was going toward the girl's tent.

And it was the girl herself!

Had she then some secret understanding with the two ruffians, and had the episode of the evening at the hotel been a performance staged for some particular purpose?

That might almost have appeared credible, but for the conversation that Lee had overheard beside the stove. In the light of that, Lee had to dismiss the credibility of his surmise.

The only possible explanation at which he could arrive was that the girl had gone to the confederates with his own story, had taxed them, and, of course had been persuaded that his tale was false. Probably they had convinced her that they were friends, and that he had designs upon her.

Mystified and humiliated, Lee went to sleep at last with his ears attuned for any unexpected sound or movement and the automatic within his immediate grasp. Long practice with prisoners whom he had brought single-handed out of the wilds had

given him the faculty of sleeping in as complete watchfulness as a wild animal; no enemy could surprise him while he dozed.

But there was no need for these precautions for nothing disturbed him, and it was the sun, blinking on the edge of the horizon, that awakened him the next morning.

The girl was already cooking her breakfast outside her tent when he emerged, and she returned his salutation with a stiff little bow, keeping her face averted.

Lee attended to his horse and then prepared his breakfast. He had satiated before Pierre and Shorty came on the scene. They looked as if they had been drinking heavily the night before, but they made no movement toward either him or the girl until the horses were loaded and ready to start, the girl briefly declining Lee's assistance and handling her own gear like an expert.

Then Shorty came up to Lee. "See here, pardner, what's the great idea?" he asked, in a tone that was meant to be conciliatory. "My partner and me was wonderin' if we couldn't fix up this little misunderstanding. I guess you're barkin' up the wrong tree, ain't you?"

"Meaning?"

"Meaning as how my partner and me don't mean no harm to this young lady. We're on a prospectin' trip, and nacherally we don't want no outsiders buttin' in on our property."

"How about this lady?"

"Now, pardner, you got things sized up wrong, I tell you. Ef she's goin' our way, why, nacherally, we ain't going to putend not to see each other. Now I dunno where you're bound for, and I don't care, but I give you the best tip you ever had, if you don't like trouble, which I understand you to say you don't. There ain't no gold in Stony range, and the best thing you kin do is to beat it back to Little Falls. That's all about it."

"If there's no gold in Stony range, why are you prospecting here?"

"Say," shouted Shorty, "I guess my partner and me knows our business without no outsider buttin' in. I've put the cards face up on the table. Now how about it?"

"Nothing doing."

Shorty glared at him. "Say, what kinda game are you playin', that's what we want to know?" he demanded. "Is this a showdown or ain't it?"

"Not for me," answered Lee.

"All right!" Shorty clambered on his horse with an oath and catered back to where Pierre was standing, cursing as he tried to tighten his girth. A colloquy ensued. The pair rode up to the girl, who was already in her saddle. There followed an animated pantomime, with gesticulations toward Lee. The girl seemed to sit obstinately mute, as if she remained neutral.

Suddenly Shorty wheeled his horse about. "Come 'long, Pierre, I guess we've give the fool his chanst!" he shouted. And, to Lee's surprise, the pair kicked their mounts in the ribs, and in a moment were off at full gallop, along the trail leading into the range beyond the valley.

The girl and Lee looked after them till they were out of sight. Then she rode slowly up to where Lee was sitting on his mount.

"I understand that you insist on accompanying me?" she asked. "Despite the fact that I have made it clear I do not require your company?"

"I'm sorry you take my presence in that spirit. I assure you I have no desire to be troublesome. But under the circumstances I must ask leave to go with you as far as your destination."

She bit her lip.

"I suppose you mean what you are doing as a kindness," she said. "And since you appear determined to accompany me, I suppose there is no use in our sulking with each other, is there?"

"I wish we could be friends," answered Lee, offering her his hand.

But the girl's little hand did not advance to meet his.

"I mean," she said, "if we are companions, we may as well acknowledge it, though I assure you, I am a very unwilling one. That does not imply friendliness. I hope your persistence will be properly rewarded."

"Let me say once and for all," Lee answered, "that I have no desire to pry into your business. I don't even know your name, or wish to ask it."

"If I dared to let myself believe that you have no other purpose in view than just to protect me—" she began. "But it is impossible. Men aren't like that. They are wolves, they are volvereens, treacherous, cunning, remorseless. Oh, if I could believe you, if I dared trust you—"

"I would do anything on earth to help and serve you," answered Lee. "If you mean seriously that you find it so difficult to make your decision between those men and myself—I don't think it's conceit to say this, and if it is, this isn't the time to think of anything like that—a man is said to bear the stamp of his life and character on his face. I don't know what impression I give to others, but I know what impression those two men gave me. Can't you read their faces? If you can't trust me, can you, at least, any honestly that you trust them?"

"But you—what are you—why—?" She looked at him fearfully. "It isn't that. It isn't—God forbid!—that I think you capable of—of what you told me about them. If it were simply a matter of choosing between yourself and them, I should put my trust in you without the smallest hesitation. But—Oh, I can't say any more. It's hopeless—it is worse degradation than death to me, and yet I must keep up my strength and resolution—I must—"

The breakdown came upon her like a lightning stroke. She seemed to crumple up; she sobbed desolately into her hands.

Lee moved to her side. "Do you know," he said, "we have to trust people in this life, even if they deceive us. It doesn't harm us to be betrayed." But he was thinking of Estelle as he spoke, and he wondered how far that was true. Estelle's betrayal had changed the whole setting of his life for him. "Trust me," he said.

"Let me help you. Tell me where you are going, and why, and what those men are to you."

It was a full half-minute before she took her hands from her face, but she did not reply. All that day they rode together. But not until they had pitched their tents again for the night, did she refer to the men who had threatened her.

"Will you be frank with me?" she asked. "Will you tell me what you are doing in the range?"

"I am not free to do so."

"And am I free? Is any one of us free?" she cried. "No, it's impossible. I must just go on and ask God to give me strength to bear it! Don't speak to me for a few moments—there, I'm sorry I made such a fool of myself!"

She smiled. "At any rate, we are going to acknowledge each other's existence, aren't we?" she said. "And if you insist on riding with me—well, I can't help it. Only, I warn you, you are going into danger—grave danger. Those two men—I am afraid they may be planning to do you some injury."

"I don't think they are likely to try very hard," answered Lee.

"But—but others—" she whispered.

"It is not only they!"

"You begged me to trust you. You said that you would do anything to serve and help me. Did you mean that?"

"Anything that is possible."

"Anything?" she persisted.

"If it lies in my power."

"Then would you—would you kill a man for me? A human wolf, one of those devil creatures that does not deserve to live? Would you kill him to serve me?"

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mockery; he is the foulest thing that creeps upon the earth. Earth should be rid of him. If I help you, will you shoot him down like the savage dog that he is, in cold blood, without danger to yourself, while he is sleeping? If I help you?"

"No," answered Lee quietly.

She laughed in mocking scorn. "So I supposed," she answered. "You men, with your professions of loyalty and service—you're all the same when it comes to the test."

"I won't commit murder in cold blood and without provocation."

"No, of course not. You see, there might be just a little danger in it. He is very crafty, and your offer of service didn't include personal risk."

Lee's fingers closed on her arm. "That's not the way," he said. "One doesn't right wrongs with wrongs, or even up scores by murder. Tell me everything, and I pledge myself to see that whatever wrong you have suffered shall be redressed."

"Oh, I've heard that before, and when I put you to the test I found just what those words were worth," she answered lightly. "No, please forget what I have just said to you. I didn't mean it, anyway. There is no such man as I spoke of. There couldn't be, for he would have been killed long ago. I was just wondering whether I was to take you seriously or not—and I found we were both playing a game. Good-night!"

She moved away abruptly and went into her tent.

And all that night he lay, hardly dozing, his automatic beside his hand, waiting and wondering.

CHAPTER IV

The Trap Is Sprung

In the morning she greeted him with a forced gaiety. She nodded and smiled when she came out of her tent.

"Well, we shall ride on together today, I suppose," she said. "I have told you that I do not desire your company, and that your enterprise is probably a dangerous one. You have taken the responsibility upon yourself. With the understanding, we go as companions instead of enemies. Is that not so?"

And this time it was the girl who extended her hand. Lee took it and held it for a moment in his own.

"That's the understanding," he answered. "I intend to see you to your destination, wherever that is, and after that you need not be afraid of my troubling you any more."

"And as for yesterday," said the girl, "you will forget that I was a little hysterical and upset? You see, it is quite an ordeal, going on so long a journey, and I was tired and said foolish things that had no meaning in them at all."

She watched Lee's face closely as she said this. But Lee did not reply.

They mounted and continued the journey. It was about ten o'clock when they heard two or three full reverberations in the distance. The girl, who was riding a few yards ahead of Lee, reined in and stood her horse upon a tuft of hillock, waiting for him to catch up with her.

"What was that?" she asked, looking at him with startled eyes.

"Dynamite," Lee responded.

"Dynamite? Why—what would—?"

"Some prospectors blasting rock on his claim, no doubt," answered Lee, and again there sounded a detonation.

She seemed to nurse a moment or two. "It rather startled me," she said. "I have been afraid since those two men left us—afraid some harm may come to you from them. You will be on your guard, won't you?"

"Yes, I promise you that," Lee answered; and she fixed her eyes on his face with her peculiar scrutiny for a few moments, and then started her horse.

The afternoon began to wear away. They were slowly descending toward the northern pass of the range, beyond which lay the immense territories that they had seen. They began to traverse precarious defiles, overhung by huge boulders, prismatic from the corrosion of the season. Underneath them, at the bottom of a long descent, in places nearly perpendicular, the torrent raced among the rocks.

It was so still upon those heights that the rush of the torrent far underneath them sounded thunderous; and the air was so calm, the sky so blue, that it might have been an Italian summer, rather than a Canadian autumn. An eagle, floating motionless, high overhead, seemed to have been pinned against the background of the blue void.

The girl reined in and waited for

Lee to ride up to her.

"Be very careful with that horse of yours," he said. "There's a difficult bit a little distance ahead, but it's the last, and then we'll have an easy journey down through the pass."

She started off again, Lee following some twenty paces behind her. But at a sudden Lee's horse balked, laid back his ears and snorted, planted his forefeet firmly and refused to move.

It was almost impossible to dismount and lead him, for at that point, the narrowest part of the trail, there was hardly standing room for man and beast together. Lee held to the animal with a tight rein, and patted his quivering flanks.

He could not understand what had alarmed it, but now some instinct, perhaps communicated from the beast's brain to his, seemed to tell of danger threatening.

He glanced at the girl, and saw that she was almost across the danger zone. He dared not call to her, for fear of startling her. And, indeed, there was no reason to call, although that baseless instinct was now becoming so strong that it almost amounted to conviction.

He could not see the least cause for apprehension anywhere. His fears appeared absurd; and yet that electric message of warning went flashing back and forth between his mind and that of his frightened mount.

Then suddenly there came the roar of an explosion, muffled underground; the next the rocks over his head seemed to upheave. An enormous crack appeared in the face of the wall of solid rock, which trembled and appeared to move toward him, as if pushed by a gigantic hand; and before the reverberations had died away Lee heard a faint, crepitating sound, like the rustling of paper—the sliding of the interior strata, one upon another.

A little avalanche of stones dislodged from the surface, came rushing down the face of the cliff midway between the girl and himself. Had Lee's horse not stopped, it must have been swept over the edge of the precipice.

Another roar, and a huge rock toppled and fell, this time behind, and smashed into a score of fragments which went rolling into the chasm below, waking a hundred reverberations among the hills.

And with that Lee understood the devilish scheme that was in the working. The dynamiting which he had heard that afternoon was the preliminary work of the two men in preparing their trap; now they had set fuses among the rocks at the narrowest point of the trail, with the purpose of blowing him to destruction.

And it was a murder plan that would leave no evidence behind it, surer and safer than a rifle shot.

Another explosion; and between the sound of the dull roar and the upheaval, Lee, seeing the girl apparently trying to urge her plunging animal back toward him, stood up in his stirrups and waved his hand frantically toward her.

"Go back! Go back!" he shouted. But the girl seemed bewildered, and only clung to her plunging, snorting beast, over which she had lost control, the while it pawed the air and danced desperately upon the narrow way.

Lee vaulted from his horse, struggled upon the edge of the precipice, regained his footing, and ran toward her. He caught at her horse's bridle.

"Jump! Jump!" he shouted, holding out his arms.

And the few following seconds seemed to extend through all eternity. Another roar, and the whole face of the mountain wall appeared to crumble into a landslide. As in a helpless dream Lee saw the falling wall strike the girl's horse in the flank and sent it screaming into the chasm.

Lee caught at her horse's bridle. "Jump! Jump!" he shouted, holding out his arms.

And, as he vainly grasped at her arm, impact shot him over the precipice as if he had been hurled from the mouth of a cannon.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The State of New Mexico to the defendants, Benjamin F. Hardin, Charles L. Moore, John James, Trustees, Jarrett James, and all Unknown Claimants of Interest in the Premises Adverse to the Plaintiff Greeting: You said defendants are notified that a suit has been filed and commenced against you in the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, numbered 2034 on the Civil Docket of said court, by Robert L. Wood, plaintiff, against you said defendants; the nature and objects of which are to obtain a decree of said court quieting plaintiff's title against you said defendants and cancelling any claim of record, of said defendants, or any of them in and to the following described lands lying in Roosevelt County, N. M. to-wit:

the NE¹/₄ of Sec. 20 in Twp. 1 South of range 34 East N. M. M.; and to forever bar and estop defendants and each of them, or anyone claiming by, under, or through them, or any of them from having or claiming any right title or interest in or to said lands adverse to the plaintiff therein and to forever set at rest plaintiff's title thereto. Defendants are further notified that unless they enter their appearance in said cause on or before March, 24th 1925 judgment by default will be rendered against them and the plaintiff will apply to and be given by the court the relief demanded in his complaint.

T. E. Mears, whose business and post-office address is Portales, N. M., is attorney for plaintiff.

Witness my hand and seal as clerk of said court this Feb. 5th, 1925.

(SEAL) PAUL E. MORRISON, County Clerk.

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX

In the Matter of the Estate of Annie B. Sanders, deceased:

Notice is hereby given that Frances Sanders Hancock, executrix of the estate of Annie B. Sanders, deceased has filed in the Probate Court of Roosevelt County, N. M., her final report as such executrix, and that the court has appointed the 4th day of March, 1925, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at the court room of said court in the town of Portales, N. M., as the day, time, and place for hearing objections if any there be, to the approval of said final report and discharge of said executrix.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this Feb. 4th, 1925.

(SEAL) PAUL E. MORRISON, County Clerk.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of Lawson K. Terrell, Bankrupt, No. 664 In Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge To the Honorable Colin Neblett, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of New Mexico.

Lawson K. Terrell, of Portales, in the County of Roosevelt, and State of New Mexico, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 4th day of December, 1924, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 29th day of January, A. D. 1925.

LAWSON K. TERRELL, Bankrupt.

IN THE MATTER OF LAWSON K. TERRELL, BANKRUPT, NO. 664 In Bankruptcy.

Order of Notice on Petition For Discharge

On this the 31st day of January, 1925, on reading the application for discharge of Lawson K. Terrell, bankrupt, it is ordered by the court that said application for discharge be and the same is hereby referred to Howard C. Buchly, as special master, that a hearing upon the same shall be held before said special master, at Roswell in said district on the 13th day of March, 1925, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why a prayer of said petition should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court that said special master shall cause a notice thereof to be published in Portales Valley News, a newspaper published in said district, and shall send by mail to all known creditors, copies of said petition and this order addressed to them at their places of residence, as stated, at least thirty days before the day fixed for said hearing.

COLIN NEBLETT, U. S. District Judge.

Attest: A true copy, Wm. ROSE, Clerk.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Special Master of Court to sell the property herein described by an order of the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, in the final decree rendered by said Court on the 17th day of December, 1924, in cause number 2015, wherein Lee Bivins was plaintiff and F. W. Jersig, Anne S. Jersig, and C. W. Harrison, were defendants, said final decree being for a personal judgment against the defendants, F. W. Jersig and Anne S. Jersig, and for the foreclosure of a mortgage executed by the defendants, F. W. Jersig and Anne S. Jersig, in favor of George C. Wolfarth, and covering the following described lands situated in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to-wit:

North half of the Northeast quarter and the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section twenty six (26) in Township one (1) South, Range thirty six (36) East; The Southwest quarter of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section twenty one (21) The West half of the Northeast quarter of Section twenty eight (28), All in Township one (1) South of Range thirty seven (37) East; and the South half of the Northeast quarter, and the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section twenty four (24) in Township one (1) South of Range thirty six (36) East, N. M. P. M.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that I, J. C. Compton, pursuant to said appointment contained in said final decree and the order of sale therein, will on the 24th day of March, 1925, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, offer for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Roosevelt County Courthouse in Portales, New Mexico, all of the above described real estate and will apply the proceeds of said sale to the payment of said judgment, interest and costs of suit, which judgment and interest to the time of sale amount to Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 25/100 Dollars (\$17,150.25).

Witness my hand this 31st day of January, 1925.

J. C. COMPTON, Special Master.

F. 5-26 W. A. G. Clovis.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, January, 9, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that William Newton Parkinson, of Milnesand, who, on Feb. 18th, 1920, made Add. HE, No. 046745 for SE¹/₄, Sec. 22 and NE¹/₄, Sec. 27, Township 8 S, Range 35 E. N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. J. Goodwin U. S. Commissioner at Portales, New Mexico, on the 27th day of February, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses: Gus Albright, of Milnesand, N. M.

Clarence Dunlap, of Milnesand, N. M.

John A. Betts, of Milnesand, N. M.

John W. Williamson, of Portales, N. M.

JAFFA MILLER, Register.

Jan 15-Feb. 12.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, to I. D. Core, Mrs. J. H. Core, Sallie Vermillion, Gertrude Sewell and Calva Hanes: Greetings—

You are hereby notified that Grady R. Core, administrator of the estate of John C. Core, deceased, et al, have begun a suit against you in the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico in cause number 2033, and that the general objects of said suit are to obtain a decree of said court to sell as the property, of said estate, Lot 5 in Block 39 of the Original Town of Clovis, New Mexico, for the purpose of paying the debts of said estate, and that unless you appear or answer in said cause on or before the 12th day of March 1925, judgment by default will be taken against you and the relief prayed for granted, and that the attorney for the plaintiff is A. W. Hockenbuhl of Clovis, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and seal of court this 22nd day of January 1925.

PAUL E. MORRISON, County Clerk.

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J. J. CUTLER, Secretary.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, January 9, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that Newton E. Carter, of Bluit, New Mexico, who on March 29th, 1921 made H. E. Entry, No. 048796 for NW¹/₄, Sec. 17 NE¹/₄, Sec. 18, Township 8 S, Range 38 E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. J. Goodwin, U. S. Commissioner, at Portales, New Mexico, on the 27th day of February, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Norman, Joseph W. Singleton, William Y. Olsson, Joseph R. Singleton all of Bluit, New Mexico.

JAFFA MILLER, Register.

Jan. 15-Feb. 12.

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SCHOOL COLUMN

All matter intended for this column should be addressed Box 267, Portales, N. M.

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"While some people are saying it can't be done, they are constantly being surprised by somebody doing it." Are you saying it can't be done, or are you doing it? It is better to put your shoulder to the wheel than your back to the wall.

There will be a meeting of the teachers of Roosevelt County, February 14, at 1:30 p. m., in Portales to consider the advisability of holding an athletic meet of the schools of the County. All teachers interested in such a meet should be present.

All schools doing high school or upper grade work should have at least one good reference work. A complete set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia has been placed in the office of County Superintendent for examination. If your school is in need of a reference work call and examine this one.

The attention of primary teachers especially is called to the New Beacon Chart in the office of Co. Supt.

First Honor Roll Of Mt. Vernon School District No. 105.

Fifth Grade— Doyle Greathouse, Marvin Tollett.

Fourth Grade— Dale Greathouse.

Primary— Mary Ellen Biggs, Clyde Greathouse, William Givens.

Second Honor Roll Third Grade— Laura Ellen Givens.

Primary— Anna Matthys.

A Non-Athletic Meet For Roosevelt County.

A group of teachers of Roosevelt County met in Portales, Jan. 31, at the call of County Superintendent W. W. Williamson to consider the advisability of having a non-athletic meet of the schools of the county. After some discussion it was unanimously decided to have such a meet and a motion was made and carried that an Executive Committee consisting of seven members be appointed to lay plans and carry out the details of the meet. A motion was also made and carried that the County Superintendent be made Chairman and be authorized to appoint the other six members of the Committee. The Chairman then appointed the following:

Miss Newell Hudson, Mr. M. M. Stinnett, Mr. F. R. McKinley, Mrs. Lizzie Parish, Miss Caroline Bradley and Mr. A. E. Lang, Secretary.

The following is the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee:

1. Moved that the meet be held at Portales. Motion carried.
2. Moved that the date of the

meet be set as the first week in April. Motion carried.

3. Moved that the events of the contest be limited to:

1. Declamations.
2. Orations.
3. Piano, Solos, Duets.
4. Vocal; Solos, Duets, Quartets (Girls, Male or mixed.)

4. Moved that separate contest be held for pupils from the one and two room schools. Motion carried.

5. Moved that rules governing the contest be as follows:

1. Declamations shall consist of memorized selections of prose or poetry of a serious nature. Light or strictly humorous pieces will not be considered in making awards.
2. No Declamation shall exceed ten minutes in length.
3. Both boys and girls shall be eligible.
4. No speaker shall be coached or prompted in any manner during delivery of declamation.
5. Contestants shall be judged on the following:

Memory 40. Delivery 40. Stage presence 10. Elocution 5. Pronunciation 5.

Rules in Oratorical Contest

1. Orations for high school contestants shall be original speeches on the fundamental qualities and virtues necessary for good citizenship or a discussion of a present day public topic.
2. Orations for grade pupils shall consist of memorized selections.
3. Orations in high school shall be limited to ten minutes.
4. No speaker shall be coached or prompted in any manner.
5. Same as for declamation.
6. Grade oratorical contest will be judged on same basis as declamation. (See rule 5)
7. High School oratorical contest will be judged on the following score:

Thought 50. Memory 20. Delivery 20. Stage Presence 5. Pronunciation 5.

Rules for judging musical numbers to be announced when completed.

Moved that committee adjourn to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Signed,

A. E. LANG, Secretary.

SERVICE GIN DAMAGED BY FIRE

Monday evening at about six o'clock the Service Gin of Portales caught on fire from causes unknown, and when discovered all the gin stands, press and seed room was in the act of going into flames.

The quick arrival of the Fire Department to the scene of the fire saved the Service Gin Company from heavy losses.

The Service Gin was built last Spring and Summer, and at the time of the fire was ginning a few remnants of cotton preparatory to closing down for the season.

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ABOUT PECAN TREES

Much interest has developed since the article published in the Portales Valley News several weeks ago about planting pecan trees for shade trees along the lawns of Portales. Mrs. A. G. Kenyon wrote to Judge Richardson of Roswell for more information about those grown in Roswell. Following is his letter in regard to same.

In the last issue of the News a warning was published from the Agricultural College, about buying pecan trees from those who were not responsible. It would be well to have the approval of the college on any trees that you buy for planting.

Here is the letter of Judge Richardson:

Roswell, New Mexico, January 26th, 1925.

Mrs. A. G. Kenyon, Portales, N. M. Dear Madam:

I received your letter of January 24, 1925, yesterday. I am glad you wrote me with reference to the planting of pecan trees. For some years I have been urging this planting upon people of the Pecos Valley, especially, and I do not see any reason why our friends at Portales should not be interested. I believe the planting and cultivation of pecan trees at Portales will be just as successful, and as fruitful of good results as they are and will be in the Pecos Valley.

I do not advise the planting of the nut in order to secure a tree, because they do not always come true. You may plant, as I am informed, a paper shell nut and produce a tree which will bear a small hard shelled nut. My advice is to plant trees—a two year old tree upon a three year old root. In planting them the holes should be dug about three to three and a half feet square. Fill the hole with water at the time of planting and leave a depression around the tree so that it will get as much water from rainfall as possible. If you can, it would be well to irrigate them to some extent. It will add to their growth and possibly they would mature and bear nuts a year earlier than otherwise.

I have planted, in the last two or three years, some eight or ten paper shell pecan trees in the Court House yard at Roswell, and they seem to be doing very nicely. There were quite a number of trees planted some years ago here that are full bearing and have produced wonderful nuts.

Mr. Robert F. Cruse has been securing these trees for several years for people at Roswell, and he lives here; and if you have no one there who can get them for you, a letter addressed to him at Roswell would result in his getting the trees for you, if you will tell him how many you want. Don't plant too many the first year. Get good trees and plant them well and take care of them. I think that Mr. Cruse gets them somewhere in Georgia and usually gets early and buries them here and does not put them out until the middle of March, a little bit later, possibly, at Portales might not be a mistake.

In the meantime, I suggest to you that you write to the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C., and ask them to send you a bulletin which they issue upon the planting and culture of pecan trees.

The home grown paper shell pecans sold in Roswell this year at sixty cents a pound. In one yard there are growing at this time twelve trees, from which has been gathered for some five or six years nuts sold amounting to \$350 to \$400. I think possibly I have answered your letter sufficiently fully for your purpose. If anything else occurs to you that I might know about the subject of pecan tree planting and culture that would be of any benefit to you, please advise me.

Respectfully,

G. A. RICHARDSON.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends, who have shown so much sympathy, and help during our bereavement of the past two weeks.

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FLOYD SCHOOL NOTES

There have been several absent from school the past week on account of sickness and all of them have not come back yet. It is to be hoped that we will soon have regular attendance.

The girls and boys basketball teams toured to Portales last Friday evening, February 6, and had matched games with the Portales girls and boys basketball teams. The girls score was 47 to 28 in favor of the Floyd girls. That of the boys was 36 to 12 in favor of the Portales boys.

Professor A. E. Lang attended the Farmer's Short Course at Melrose Tuesday.

Sophomore

The Sophomore Class is going to entertain the rest of the students during assembly period February 11.

The Sophomores are all very sorry to hear that Mack Tolliver has quit school. We are all hoping he will decide to return soon. John Cribbs and Donovan Markland have been absent the past week. Nearly all of our class are again in school. We will be glad when we have perfect attendance again.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Annual Committees of each class have been busy the last week taking orders for the 1924-25 Yams.

We are looking forward with great interest to the next Lyceum number which is to given Tuesday evening, Feb. 17, by the California Male Quartet.

The Comets are justly proud of the results of last Friday and Saturday night games. Although the Floyd girls were somewhat more than a match for us, the boys got their vengeance on Floyd by defeating them 36 to 12.

Saturday night, our boys met Farwell in the local court, defeating them by a score of 28-8.

Next Friday night the Comets will meet the Clovis quintet on the local court. We understand that Clovis has a very strong team and it will be quite an

honor to the Comets to defeat them. The return game will be given at Clovis the Saturday night following.

Last Tuesday night a very interesting program was rendered in the High School Auditorium by the Debating Society, after which a pie supper was held in the gym. We wish to especially thank Mr. Campbell who did a fine job of auctioning the pies, and the outsiders who contributed liberally to the funds. The proceeds will go to help pay for the Annual.

NOTICE TO W. O. W. HAMILTON CAMP NO. 17

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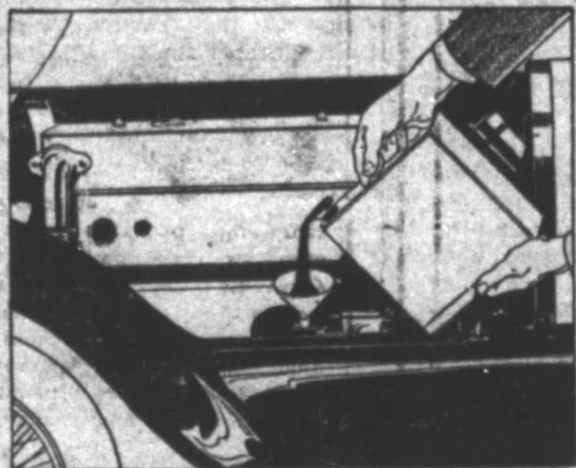
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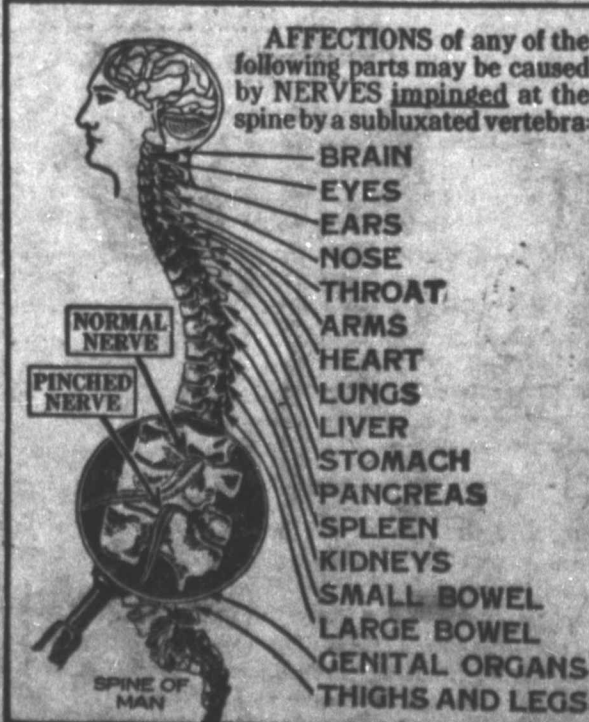
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