

Any movement to aid farmers never fails to substantially benefit the merchant.

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TUESDAY WAS OBSERVED AS CLEAN-UP DAY IN SPUR

Citizens of Town Make Good use of Day Designated by Chamber of Commerce as General Clean-Up Day

As arranged by the Spur Chamber of Commerce, designating Tuesday as "General Clean-Up Day" in Spur, practically the entire male population of the city turned out with rakes, hoes and axes to participate in the movement, and as a result the streets and vacant lots, back alleys and individual premises have put on a neater, cleaner and more attractive appearance, and the entire town now gives evidence of care and civic pride, and the citizenship in general has a more dignified manner and appreciative attitude with reference to everything pertaining to civic pride and community endeavor.

G. H. Snider, who is a man of action in civic and public betterment movements, headed the list on this Civic Pride Committee, and with F. W. Jennings, Luther Hindman, J. B. Richbourg, C. Hogan, N. Q. Brannen, L. N. Riter, R. L. Collier, W. S. Campbell, E. F. Hall, J. T. McCulloch, Cal Martin, Hill Perry, J. P. Wilkes, W. M. Hazel, and Mesdames E. L. Adams, E. C. Edmonds, W. D. Wilson, J. L. King, W. H. Putman, and Miss Etta Fite, also as active committeemen, the work was energetically pushed in all parts of the city with the result that "we have the cleanest if not the biggest town in West Texas." Mexicans and negroes were also requisitioned and drafted to service on that day, thus contributing to the uprooting and removal of mesquites roots, trash, stumps and eye-sores.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness and civic pride develops as rapidly as civilization advances, and in these well as commercial and industrial matters Spur is keeping in the progressive procession as actively and effectively as any city of the Great Western Empire.

The citizenship of Spur, as well as the entire Spur country is wholeheartedly united and concerned in obtaining recognition in locating the West Texas Technological College, and civic progress combined with a united pull will go a long way toward inviting that recognition, and convincing the locating board appointed by the great state of Texas that what Spur lacks in commercial and industrial developments at this time will be provided from our unlimited natural resources and advantages by a united, progressive and forward looking citizenship.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

A school trustee election will be held in Spur Saturday, April 7th, for the purpose of selecting four men to fill the place on the board for the Spur Independent School District.

There is no one who wants this job, but it is one of great importance and some must sacrifice to serve.

It has heretofore been suggested and we think it wise, that two or more women of the town or country serve on the school board and that their names be placed on the ballots for election. There are a number of women in Spur and the country who are eminently qualified and fitted for this service, and it is our opinion that if four women were selected to fill the four vacancies on the board with the three hold-over members, that the interests of the school would be materially advanced. We firmly believe that the women would be more devoted and active in giving Spur a better school and facilities than would men who have other interests to consume their time and thought.

A genuine interest would be created in the school trustee election by having a contest of candidates made up of women, town men and country men, therefore the following nominations are made and it is asked that their names be placed on the ballots, together with any other nominations made:

Women candidates: Mrs. J. M. Foster, Mrs. M. E. Manning, Mrs. P. H. Miller and Mrs. Hill Perry.

Town candidates: John King, E. L. Caraway, J. H. Busby and G. H. Snider.

Country candidates: H. O. Albin, Will Walker, S. H. Ousley and S. R. Bowman.

Any of the above mentioned nominees could render good service and render devoted service in advancing and promoting school and educational interests.

J. C. Jones, of the Duck Creek community, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week.

Mrs. E. L. Adams is spending the week visiting with relatives and friends in Haskell.

RANGERS ROBERSON AND ALLISON KILLED AT SEMINOLE

Fort Worth, Texas, April 2.—Tom Ross, 40 years of age and Milt Good, both stockmen at Brownfield, Terry county, are in custody at Seminole, Gaines county, following the shooting to death last night of H. L. Roberson and W. D. Allison inspectors of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' association.

The double killing took place in the lobby of a hotel at Seminole last night, according to word received here.

The two inspectors were in Seminole preparatory to going before the grand jury today in cattle theft cases. Ross and Good surrendered after the killing.

The two inspectors were seated in the hotel and when the stockmen entered the shooting followed immediately. Bad feeling is said to have existed for some time between the four men. In fact, the entire range district had become excited over the cattle theft investigation, conducted by the two inspectors and over the charges that had been filed. Charges of cattle theft had been filed against both of the men now accused of murder, and the trouble is believed to have arisen from this.

Enterin the hotel lobby at Seminole, Gaines county, immediately after her husband and a fellow cattle association inspector were killed, Mrs. H. L. Roberson, of Midland County opened fire and wounded both Tom Ross and Milt Good, now in jail charged with the fatal shooting, according to word received in Fort Worth Monday afternoon. Neither of the men was seriously hurt, and both at once surrendered to Gaines County authorities.

Allison's home was in Post. He is survived by a wife and several children, it was said. He was about 53 years of age. Roberson lived at Midland, and was 45 years old. He married a year ago.

H. L. Roberson was for sometime stationed in Dickens and Motley counties and was well known throughout this section.

DAVE BOWEN RUN OVER AND KILLED FRIDAY BY CAR

Dave Bowen, a well known citizen of the Lost Lake community to the southeast of Spur, was run over by his automobile Friday of last week and killed. He was cranking the car and after starting it in some manner dropped into high gear, knocking Mr. Bowen down and doubling him up underneath. As the car moved his body was rolled into a ball shape, lifting one of the rear wheels from the ground and permitting the engine to continue running for some time. Help came from some distance, but when the car was removed Mr. Bowen was dead, practically every bone in his body being broken.

Mr. Bowen came here from Coleman and Callahan counties. He was recently married to Mrs. M. Hardin, widow of Rev. Hardin who was drowned a year or two ago in Wilson tank to the east of Spur.

LEGISLATORS ARE NOTIFIED OF THE SPECIAL SESSION

Austin, April 3.—Messages notifying the various members of the calling of the special session of the legislature on April 16, were today sent by Governor Neff to chairmen of the appropriations, financial and other committees scheduled to come to Austin and begin work immediately on preparation of measures to be submitted. Announcement of the date of the session was made late yesterday.

COL. W. C. WITCHER HERE LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Delivers Forceful Lecture Opposing Order of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Large Crowd Present

Friday afternoon of last week W. C. Witcher, of Fort Worth, lectured in Spur, putting forth legal, logical and timely reasons why the ku klux klan is an un-American organization, a menace to orderly, constitutional government and destructive of the fundamental principles of a democratic people and republican form of government.

In brief the speaker stated that in the history of the past six thousand years only three forms of government have been instituted, recognized and enforced. First, a Despotism, a monarchial form of government in which a few ruled the many. Second, a Democratic form of government wherein power remains in all people. He said that the ku klux klan had drifted back to the very earliest days of our civilization in adopting its form of government, tents and principles, its organizer and founder, Wm. Joseph Simmons, being "emperor" and absolute ruler of his subjects, the individual and collective membership who take a solemn, binding oath of allegiance to all laws, regulations and requirements heretofore enacted or hereafter to be enacted by him.

The speaker quoted excerpts from the klan oath, ritual and obligation, showing conclusively that the essence and spirit of the ku klux klan is "Klanishness" in all things and acts; a relic of semi-civilization, seeking to again establish in free America a Despotism, a powerful political machine dominated by one man; sowing the seeds of class antagonism, religious intolerance and race hatred laying down the barriers to spiritual tyranny and religious persecution and in a secret, clandestine manner opening the flood-gates of malice, hatred and prejudice and paving the way to anarchy and destruction of our constitution and bill of rights.

The speaker confined his remarks and arguments to the written oath and instructions issued by the Grand Wizard, showing wherein such a document is despotic and dangerous, and ignoring the many charges of violence and personal references, but incidentally paying his respects to political, klanish preachers who betray a church trust and lend its endorsement to hooded mob by accepting contributions at the hands of unidentified, ghostly figures desecrating the aisles and sanctuary dedicated only to the reverence and worship of God as the Supreme Ruler.

The speaker stated in effect that there could be no peace and harmony among men with such an insidious cancer eating and encroaching upon the vitals of constitutional authority; that in no instance throughout the land had dissensions, bickerings, disruptions and bitter animosities failed to follow in the wake of an active ku klux organization. He made a strong appeal to klanism to forsake klanishness and their allegiance to "emperor", stand strictly for a republican form of government and constitutional authority and rule and join in with the "common" people in promoting and perpetuating peace, harmony and good fellowship among men.

Mr. Witcher is a well informed man upon the fundamental laws and constitution of our country, as well as the principles of klanism, and is doing a great good in preaching the fundamental doctrine of good government, and in warning the people to read, weigh and analyze the ku klux oath before taking it and swearing his allegiance to a one man, militaristic, despotic ruler in his laws already issued or that he may make hereafter without knowing what they are or may be later.

SPUR DEFEATS SWENSON AT BASE BALL WEDNESDAY

Swenson, Texas base ball team journeyed to Spur Wednesday expecting to get their first scalp of the year, but it did not prove a success.

Batteries for Spur, Harris, Thompson, Freeman, Riggsby.

Strike outs, Harris 1 in 2 innings.

Thompson 15 in 7. Freeman 15 in 9.

Hits Spur 17 Swenson 17.

Errors Spur 6 Swenson 10.

Home runs Clay and Hindman.

John R. Parker was in Spur last week visiting with L. L. F. Parker

OLD OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ANOTHER IN LAST TUESDAY'S CITY CAMPAIGN

In the election held Tuesday to elect new officers for the ensuing year the old officers were reelected, the vote being as follows:

For Mayor: Sam T. Clemmons 129, and E. C. Edmonds 101.

For Commissioners: Ned Hogan 132, J. B. Richbourg 118, G. H. Snider 101, and C. A. Love 90.

The names of E. C. Edmonds, G. H. Snider and C. A. Love were placed on the ticket against their protest and wishes, but in response to a petition signed by forty five or fifty voters asking that their names be placed on the ballot, and because each of these gentlemen had stated that they did not want offices nor have their names placed on the ticket many of their close friends campaigned against them.

While there may have been some whisperings of ku klux endorsement, incidental claims of misjudgment in purchasing a fire truck, and in the appointment of police officers yet there were no real, defined issues in the campaign, merely being a friendly contest for preference in the selection of city officials.

The old city officers, composed of Sam Clemmons as mayor and Ned Hogan and J. B. Richbourg as commissioners, and who will serve again the ensuing term, have been "on the job" incessantly and to the very best of their ability in serving the town, have put forth their best efforts for the material interests of the town, and if mistakes have been made we all know they were "of the head and not the heart" and this term will be in position to render better public service and avoid any mistakes and errors made in the past. We may be divided upon our individual preference of public servants, but we are all together for a bigger, better and broader town and city administration.

BAPTIST LADIES CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS GETS \$1,200.00

The sum of twelve hundred dollars was realized by the Baptist ladies in a stringent campaign of thirty days for funds to be used in purchasing windows for the new church building now under construction in Spur.

The campaign was divided into four groups, with Mesdames Godfrey, Edmonds, Seales and Jackson as the heads of each group. Mrs. Godfrey's group headed the list of campaigners in the contest with a sum of \$495.00, while Mrs. Edmonds was second, Mrs. Seale third and Mrs. Jackson fourth in the contest. The ladies conducted various sales of candy, clothing, meals and various other articles, presented plays, minstrels and other entertainments in obtaining the funds.

BIG RABBIT DRIVE AND BARBECUE AT HIGHWAY

A big barbecue and rabbit drive was had Wednesday of this week by the people of the Highway community. A large number attended from Spur and all report it one of the most pleasant and enjoyable events of this kind had in many days, resulting in the slaying of a thousand to fifteen hundred rabbits.

The citizens of Highway had prepared and barbecued a calf and hog for the occasion, and with bread, coffee, cakes and pies and other good things placed on the table by the ladies, a feast fit for kings was spread and to which the sportsmen did due justice.

The citizens of Highway know how to entertain, and by reason of the rabbit riddance the occasion was made one of real benefit as well as of social pleasure and enjoyment.

FIRE DESTROYED TWO RESIDENCES IN THE CITY EARLY SATURDAY NIGHT

EARL JAY BURIED FRIDAY IN THE JAYTON CEMETERY

Earl Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jay of Girard, died last week in a hospital at Phoenix, Arizona, where he had been in a critical condition for some time, suffering of a cancer. His remains were brought through the country to Jayton for interment.

Earl Jay was a young man, twenty five or eight years of age, and well known throughout Kent and Dickens counties, having been reared in this section, and many friends of the family will learn of his death with real, heartfelt sorrow.

Saturday night the G. W. Elmore and the H. A. C. Brummett residences in the northeast part of the city, were destroyed by fire, the Elmore place being completely destroyed while the Brummett place barely escaped complete destruction.

The fire originated in the Elmore place in which J. L. Pounds and family were living. Mr. Pounds was at home alone, his family being up on the plains visiting relatives. He was sound asleep and when awakened the flames had over the inside of each room, Mr. Pounds escapinb with no time to save even his clothing.

G. W. Collum and family, living in the Brummett house, saved only a part of their effects.

Insurance we understand was carried on both places as well as upon the household effects.

The fire department under Roy Stovall as chief responded promptly to the alarm. This was the first occasion to use the recently purchased fire truck, and it fully met the requirements. Two water lines were rapidly laid to the fire, the fire boys doing expert and efficient work in not only extinguishing the flames in the one building but preventing the total destruction of adjoining homes and the entire string of houses on the block. The flames were too far advanced to use the chemical hose, but it was thoroughly demonstrated that this part of the truck can be effectively used in the earlier stages of a fire.

Archie Suits and family and Lance Suits and family of Lockney, passed through Spur Thursday on their return home from a visit to relatives and friends at Jayton. They spent a short time in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples. Archie is a reformed printer, and while here paid the Spur office a fraternal call, Lance is also a printer and linotype operator and refuses to forsake the artistic trade.

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We have installed a Battery Charger and carry a complete line of parts, and have a capable battery man. Bring your other auto troubles to us. We can handle any automobile electrical job you have. Battery-Rent Service, Welding, Repairing. We have Spur's oldest mechanic, Mr. Colberg.

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Spur, Texas

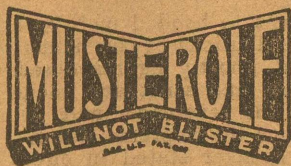
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Eases Quickly When You Apply a Little Musterole

And Musterole won't blister like the old-fashioned mustard plaster. Just spread it on with your fingers. It penetrates to the sore spot with a gentle tingle, loosens the congestion and draws out the soreness and pain.

Musterole is a clean, white ointment made with oil of mustard. It is fine for quick relief from sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds on the chest. Keep it handy for instant use. 35c and 65c, jars and tubes; hospital size, \$3.00.

Better than a mustard plaster



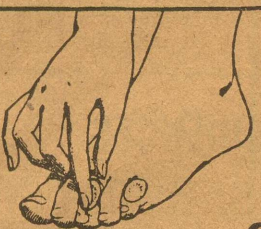
HOBO

Kidney & Bladder Remedy Gets Results

Like a reprieve from the death sentence came this unusual herb remedy to Ethel Beams of Silsbee, Texas. If you are afflicted with similar troubles her letter below should mean much to you.

"Silsbee, Texas
Nov. 22, 1922.
I was treated for about one year by physicians in Silsbee and Beaumont and they suggested taking me to Galveston to one of the greatest specialists in the South, and he pronounced my case as Bright's Disease and Diabetes, said that I would not be living in ninety days. Several friends recommended Hobo Kidney and Bladder Remedy to me. The third bottle of Hobo began to relieve me, and after taking fourteen bottles I was cured. The last analysis showed there was no albumin or sugar in the urine. I can say that Hobo saved my life and gladly recommend it to anyone suffering from like troubles.
Ethel Beams."

Hobo is a new and effective balm for kidney and bladder treatment. Made of herbs—no alcohol to irritate—no drugs to form habit. Sold and recommended by good druggists everywhere.



A sure, safe way to end CORNS

In one minute you can end the pain of corns with Dr. Scholl's Zino-pads. They remove the cause—friction—pressure. You risk no infection from cutting, no danger from corrosive acids.

Zino-pads protect while they heal. Thin, antiseptic, waterproof. Sizes for corns, callouses, bunions. Get a box today at your druggist or shoe dealer's.

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Made in the laboratories of The Scholl Mfg. Co., makers of Dr. Scholl's Foot Comfort Appliances, Arch Supports, etc.

Put one on—the pain is gone!

SQUEEZED TO DEATH

When the body begins to stiffen and movement becomes painful it is usually an indication that the kidneys are out of order. Keep these organs healthy by taking

LATHROP'S GOLD MEDAL HAARLEM OIL CAPSULES

The world's standard remedy for kidney, liver, bladder and uric acid troubles. Famous since 1896. Take regularly and keep in good health. In three sizes, all druggists. Guaranteed as represented. Look for the name Gold Medal on every box and accept no imitation.

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45 cents. Pay postman on delivery. FREE SAMPLES. MONEY BACK IF DISSATISFIED. Dealers and agents wanted. GOSNEY, 2601 Myers Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.

GROW TWO CROPS IN ONE SEASON

Those Who Oppose Idea Should Remember That Weeds Thrive on Unoccupied Land

PLANT BETWEEN POTATO ROWS

Late Cabbage Is Good for Kraut and Furnishes Dairy Cows Green Feed —Tomatoes Also Are Satisfactory Late Crops.

While some farmers do not approve of growing two crops on the soil in one season, we have practiced doing it with the most satisfactory results.

Those who claim that double crops are too much of a drain on the land should remember how every field grows up in weeds just as soon as the first crop of the season is removed or stops growing, says a writer in an exchange.

This is especially true of the potato patch and why should we not sow or plant it to something profitable rather than allow the worthless, unsightly troublesome weeds to seed the patch to weed pests for another season?

If one sees that the soil is falling in fertility the cost of applying a light dressing of rich barnyard manure will still leave a handsome margin of profit from the value of the second crops secured.

Profit With Potatoes.

Perhaps the most profitable manner in which the potato patch can be handled is to dig the potatoes just as soon as they are suitable for marketing.

At this season they are invariably high-priced and the land may then be put to whatever use it is desired without damaging the potatoes by cultivation and hoeing. Then, too, one can stir the ground more thoroughly than if the planting were done between the rows of growing potatoes.

Almost any garden or field plant will make a fair crop in the potato patch after it is laid by. Sweet corn, ninety-



Using a Hand-Cultivator Between the Rows.

day field corn and pop corn are favorite second crops.

Late cabbage will usually make a good second crop for kraut and storage purposes or at least will furnish a lot of green feed for the dairy cows and poultry after the summer greenness is gone.

Nice Crops in Patch.

Late tomatoes also are reasonably sure of making a satisfactory crop between the potato rows. Cane, kaffir corn and millet will make nice crops in the patch after the potatoes are laid by and these may either be mowed or stacked for winter roughage or utilized as late fall pasturage for

CARE REQUIRED FOR CHICKS

Where Confined Young Fowls Must Be Given Greens and Animal Feeds, Also Exercise.

Confined quarters increase the amount of work required to raise chicks. If attempted, the care differs from that of range chicks, in that greens and animal foods must be provided, also exercise. If too closely confined, it is almost impossible to grow chicks at a profit, even with the most constant and faithful care.

SPREAD MANURE ON FIELDS

To Increase Value and Bulk of Fertilizer It Should Be Hauled Out at Once.

Get the manure out as fast as it is made if it is possible to do so. You can generally find mornings when the ground is frozen in which to do this, and a few hours' work turns the trick. Red well and thus increase the bulk of manure made.

small stock that would not trample the ground down too much.

Rape and turnips are also favorite crops to be sown in the summer and they will make excellent pasturage for the lambs and shoats that are ringed so they will not root up the potatoes.

Of course it is impossible to harrow in any of the above-named seeds, as that would tear up the vines so we aim to do the last cultivating just before a rain, letting the rain drops beat the seed into the soil.

Where this is not to be done we sow the seeds while the dirt is still damp after the last plowing.

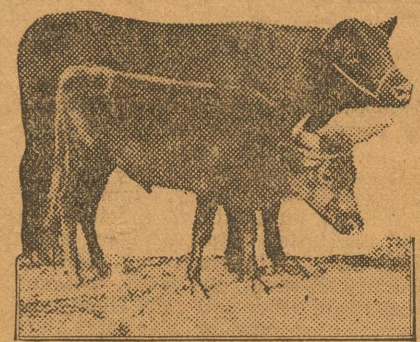
KENTUCKY ACTIVE IN WAR ON SCRUB SIRES

Wayne County Farmers Careful of Breeding Stock.

Twenty-Two Purebred Beef Bulls Placed on Farms During Last Fiscal Year—Grade Animals Were Formerly Used.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Reports received by the United States Department of Agriculture from Wayland Rhoads, field agent in animal husbandry for the University of Kentucky, shows effective work in live



The Large Animal is an Aberdeen-Angus Steer 1 Year Old; the Small One is a Piney-Woods Steer 3½ Years Old—Better Breeding Is One of the Principal Methods of Overcoming Runtiness in Live Stock.

stock improvement. Following are representative results: In Wayne county 22 purebred beef bulls were placed on farms during the last fiscal year. These animals were either shipped in or purchased at purebred sire sales. Wayne county is a mountainous region, and although the live stock industry is not highly developed, farmers are giving a great deal of attention to the quality of their stock.

The average weight of baby heaves at a recent show was 1,275 pounds. Prize money for the show amounted to \$1,700, which will be increased next year to \$3,000.

A cattleman in Crittendon county, Kentucky, reports that he has been offered three cents a pound more for his feeder calves since he used purebred sires. Formerly his bulls were grades, but having used purebreds he expresses his intention never to return to grade sires.

As typical of the determination of Kentucky communities to improve their live stock, following is one day's work of County Agent John R. Spencer and M. Wayland Rhoads of the State university, who was with him that day: Three farmers visited disposed of scrub bulls and ordered good purebreds; four farmers disposed of scrub rams. 21 signed enrollment blanks in the "Better Sires-Better Stock" movement, pledging themselves to use purebred sires only; a farmer placed an order for a purebred dairy bull from a register-of-merit cow; and the same day a full program of work for further live stock improvement was drawn up with the farm bureau executive committee. The foregoing statements are believed to be of educational interest since nine years ago more than 90 per cent of the bulls in the county were scrubs.

USE FOR SURPLUS SKIM MILK

Dairyman or Farmer Who Doesn't Own Flock of Chickens to Utilize By-Product Is Lacking.

The dairyman or farmer who doesn't have enough chicks to handle his surplus of skim milk, knowing its great value for chickens, should either build up a sideline flock of his own to utilize this valuable by-product profitably, or else market it among the farmers and poultry raisers in his community.

Saving the Pig Crop.

One of the best ways of increasing the profits derived from the swine herd is to decrease the cost of production, since obviously the profit is the difference between production cost and the selling price.

Compost Heap Helps.

Stable manure is growing scarcer and scarcer, and more and more expensive. Save your leaves and vegetable refuse for a compost heap this spring.

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Mothers Advise Their Daughters to Rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to Keep Them in Health

A Mother's Advice Prevents Operation

Corona, N. Y.—"I had a terrible pain in my left side and had to go to bed every so often. Doctors had told me I must be operated on, but I do not believe in the knife and would rather suffer than go through it. My mother also did not believe in it and she made me take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound because it had helped her. It has also helped me for I am better and able to do all my work. I recommend your medicine and give you permission to use my letter as a testimonial."—Mrs. J. BUSCH, Jr., 11 S. Railroad Avenue, Corona, N. Y.

A Sickly Child

Mahoningtown, Pa.—"I would like to say a few words about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. About a year ago I thought it would be necessary for me to take my daughter out of school. She was losing weight, was nervous, and when she would come home from school she would drop into a chair and cry, and say, 'Mamma, I don't believe I can go to school another day!' I

gave her Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and now she is a healthy, happy, hearty, strong girl and weighs 120 pounds. She has no difficulty in doing her 'gym' work, and she works at home every night and morning, too. I am a mother who can certainly praise your medicine, and if it will be of any benefit you may use this letter as a reference."—Mrs. GEORGE E. WHITACRE, 621 W. Madison Ave., Mahoningtown, Pa.

Every girl wants to be healthy and strong, and every mother wants her daughter to do well in school and to enjoy herself at all times.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a splendid medicine for young girls just entering womanhood. Mothers may depend upon it. Remember it is prepared from roots and herbs, contains nothing that can injure, and tends to tone up and strengthen the organs concerned, so that they will work in a healthy and normal manner.

For nearly fifty years it has been used by women of all ages, and these women know its great value. Let it help your daughter and yourself.

Don't rob yourself by calling other people hard names.

A FEELING OF SECURITY

You naturally feel secure when you know that the medicine you are about to take is absolutely pure and contains no harmful or habit producing drugs.

Such a medicine is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

The same standard of purity, strength and excellence is maintained in every bottle of Swamp-Root.

It is scientifically compounded from vegetable herbs.

It is not a stimulant and is taken in teaspoonful doses.

It is not recommended for everything.

It is nature's great helper in relieving and overcoming kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

A sworn statement of purity is with every bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root.

If you need a medicine, you should have the best. On sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.

However, if you wish first to try this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Advertisement.

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If you use Red Cross Ball Blue in your laundry, you will not be troubled by those tiny rust spots, often caused by inferior bluing. Try it and see.—Advertisement.

Of the 25,000,000 more women than men in Europe, Russia has the greatest surplus.

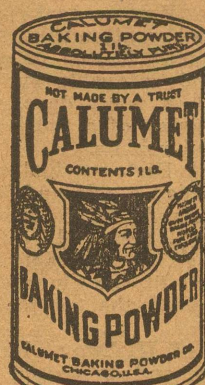
2 or 3 Cans of Baking Powder

Are Not Worth the Price of One

If they are the "big can and cheap" kind because they may mean baking failures.

CALUMET

The Economy BAKING POWDER



BEST BY TEST

Don't let a BIG CAN or a very low price mislead you.

Experimenting with an uncertain brand is expensive — because it Wastes time and money.

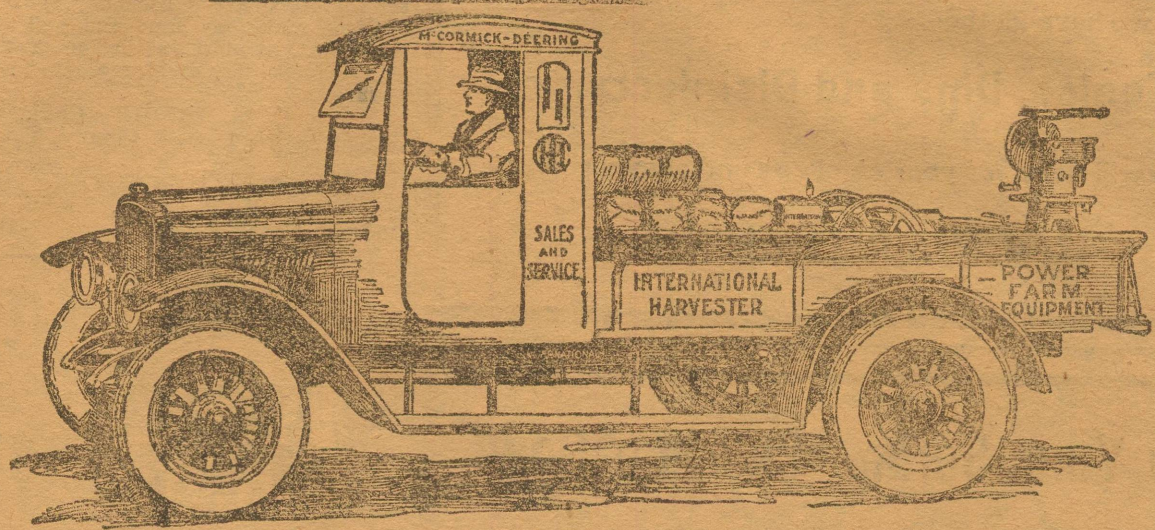
The sales of Calumet are over 150% greater than that of any other baking powder.



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We Have Had Rain and Its Planting Time

Have You Made Arrangements for Your
Farm Machinery
For Planting and Cultivating Your Crops
We Handle The
P. & O. Line
Of Implements



If you need a planter, Cultivator, Go-Devil, or any kind of Farm Machinery, we would be glad to show you our line. We handle the best that money can buy.

If you need implements and are too busy to come to town call us and we'll be glad to deliver them to your farm.

We sell implements on liberal terms, so if you do not have the money to pay cash, call and see us. We also have a good stock of hardware and furniture. We have just received a shipment of Congoleum and Linoleum at reasonable prices. Also a good assortment of leather and split leather collars. Call and see us whether you buy or not. You are always welcome at our store.

Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.

"Spur's Oldest Store"

CROTON NEWS

Some time back, Radio stated that he was only going to write the news every other week. And as Radio we are going to try and help him with the news problem. We hope that Radio will be glad for us to help him.

First, everyone is up and going. The farmers of this section are up with their work better than in many years.

Miss Clara Lewis of Croton High school won the county championship in Singles in Tennis Saturday. We are proud of Clara.

Many of the Croton school patrons were at Spur Friday taking in the Literary meet. We are glad to see the keen and progressive interest which our citizens take in such work. Croton is a dandy place to live any way. Miss Lois Vernon even thinks that Andy Gump lives somewhere on Croton.

The Primitive Baptist had preaching at the school house Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Edwards, Mrs. Crego,

Miss Olive Meadors and Mary Jane Edwards, of Dickens were at Sunday school and visiting friends here Sunday. You people come again.

Uncle Shorty Reynolds was also present on Croton Sunday. Uncle Shorty come back.

J. P. Legg and Made Hash, received an invitation to take dinner with a young lady Sunday, but both boys had a pressing engagement already set for that hour.

Miss Lois Vernon visited home Friday and Friday night.

Prof. Joe Speer and family motored out from Dickens Sunday evening and chattered with farmer Rogers.

Prof. Gentry has been hopping around on crutches the last few days. He hurt his foot seriously while vaulting.

Victor Crabtree has a brand new pair of silk socks.

Elmer Gentry says that hash is sure hard to beat.

Johnnie Koonsman, who has gone into the chicken and turkey business reports that out of the first 200 eggs set, he has 19 little chicks. Pretty hard luck Johnnie, but remember the old saying—that if you don't succeed at first why just keep sucking till you do succeed, or I might had better say, just keep setting till you do hatch.

I believe I have written all the news and I will close expecting Radio to write the news next week. —Sandstorm Salley.

We last week received a letter and check from Truett Cooper, who is attending school in Abilene, asking that the Texas Spur be mailed to him.

Ira Bacon, of El Paso and representing the Mergenthaler Linotype Company of New Orleans, paid the Texas Spur a visit last week. Mr. Bacon knows every part of a linotype, is a most pleasant gentleman and has almost persuaded us that a later model machine should be added to the Texas Spur equipment. However, since we have been laboring ten years to again get even with the world, we expect to steer clear of contracting more indebtedness and once more, for at least thirty days, be able to say "we owe no man a dollar." Wouldn't that be a grand and glorious feeling?

Fred Hisey took a few hours off Tuesday from his farm labors and came to town.

Ed Johnson returned last week from a trip to the Eastern part of the state.

W. A. Valentine, of west of Spur, was in the city the first of the week. He had just returned from an extended trip over a number of East Texas counties, visiting with friends and relatives and also seeing the country. The trip was made in a jitney, and he says he sure did go over some rough country in Palo Pinto, Stephens and other counties.

Bill McArthur, of west of town, was in the city the first of the week. He says everything is in good shape.

John R. Parker was in Spur last week visiting with L. L. F. Parker and family.

A boy was born Thursday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McGee, this being their first son and heir. We extend congratulations, feeling confident that the young heir will not only inherit the McGee fortune but aid materially in building up that fortune and lend lustre to the name.

Mrs. Seales took her play, "Packing of the Missionary Barrel", to Roaring Springs one evening last week. The play was well received by the Roaring Springs people, the play being presented to a good audience.

W. G. Mayfield, a leading merchant and business man of Girard, was a business visitor in Spur the latter part of last week. He states that conditions are now most promising throughout the Girard country and everybody most optimistic of bumper crops and a prosperous year.

"Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Commissioners' Court of Dickens County up to 10 o'clock A. M. Monday April 9th for the sale to Dickens County of one 5 Ton "Caterpillar" Tractor, with regular equipment, to be used for county purposes. Bidders shall be required to bid on condition that such tractor shall be demonstrated to be workable and in first class condition prior to the date of awarding the contract, and all bids shall be addressed to the County Judge of said County and shall be marked "SEALED BIDS" and bids not so marked shall not be considered. The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids."

T. S. Lambert was here the first of the week from Tap to the west of Spur.

J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur several miles, was on the streets the past week, meeting with friends.

Mrs. W. S. Hunter, of Seminole, was in Spur recently. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Hunter contemplate moving back to Spur soon.

Sim Moss, of the north part of the county, was in Spur Wednesday meeting and greeting friends.

J. R. McMahan says that better mail carriers than Luther Powell are far apart and hard to find.

WITNESS BEAT BY MASK. ED MEN AT DENTON

Denton, Texas, March 31.—Paul Merritt of Eldorado, Ark., was seized by unidentified men near here last night, carried to an isolated spot and severely flogged, officers announced today. He was a defense witness in the case of Barney Cloninger, tried this week on a charge of criminal assault, in which the jury returned a verdict this morning finding Cloninger guilty. Merritt said the assailants told him if he would go before the jury, then deliberating, and tell them he had testified falsely, that they would not harm him.

Merritt in a statement today said he had testified truthfully at the trial.

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of Cloninger, who was sentenced to five years in prison. He said he was seized from an automobile on the Denton-Sherman road and carried to a creek bottom. His captors first threatened to shoot him, he declared. Then he was placed on the ground. With one man holding a foot across his neck, four others severely flogged him. He was left in the woods near Denton and reported the matter to officers about midnight. He was not seriously hurt.

TRUTH IN FABRIC BILL VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Austin, March 31.—Governor Neff today vetoed the so-called "truth in fabric" bill passed by the regular session of the legislature declaring that as the bill passed it is "absolutely worthless" for any purpose, it was intended for. The governor's objection was to an amendment attached in the senate which provided that the act should not apply to merchants who had made written request of manufacturers for the amount of wool contained in garments.

The bill provided that all dry goods should be labelled with the amount of wool contained. It attracted considerable debate while before the legislature and passed only after a heated controversy. The governor said the bill as passed would not require any one to comply with its provisions and would create endless and unnecessary confusion.

FOR SALE—Practically new Miles City Cogshell Saddle, Navajo blanket and bridle. See or write Mrs. G. T. Davis, Dickens, Texas.

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You will need for your chickens and all your stock.

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SPUR, TEXAS

FOR SALE—Ton and half Texan Truck. Call at Texas Spur. Early chick time is swiftly passing. Invest in my purebred Silver Lace Wyandottes and raise winter layers, vigorous new stock. Eggs \$1.50 per 15 home trade.—Mrs. Ella Bennett, Gilpin, Texas. 20tp.

FOR SALE—S. C. White Leghorn eggs for hatching also baby chicks by the last of March my chickens are from the famous F. W. Kazmeier farm. Eggs \$1.50 for 15. Will replace all clear eggs once. Baby chicks \$20.00 per hundred.—Mrs. J. E. Renfree, Box 87 Dickens, Texas. 13-3mp.

NOTICE

All parties whomsoever are hereby notified and warned that hunting, wood hauling and trespassing in any way is absolutely forbidden in any of my pastures, and all violations of this warning will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—Ed Lisenby. 49tf.

NOTICE OF BIDS

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H. A. C. BRUMMETT,
County Judge. 21-3t.

NOTICE
Hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden in any pastures.—J. B. Morrison. 62t

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs. Best of breeding, won prize at N. W. Texas State fair. \$1.00 per setting.—Mrs. D. J. Gilbert, Spur, Texas. 20 5t.

MAIZE FOR SALE—\$30.00 a ton at my place.—W. M. Randall. 20-4tp.

FOR TRADE—My Ford Roadster, running very day. Cattle or hog can be used.—Central Market. 19tf

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting—
J. N. Luce, administrator of the estate of Daniel E. Thomas, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Daniel E. Thomas, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days preceeding the return day hereof in a newspaper regularly published in Dickens County, Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate to file their objections thereto, if any they have,

on or before the April Term, A. D. 1923, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at court house of said County in the town of Dickens, Texas, on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1923, when said final account shall be heard and considered by said court.

Witness: O. C. Arthur, Clerk of the County Court of Dickens County. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk,
County Court, Dickens County, Texas.
A True Copy, I Certify:
H. P. COLE, Sheriff,
Dickens County, Texas. 21-4t.

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STRIKE
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ONE EXTRA
PROCESS GIVES
A DELIGHTFUL
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Truett M. Cooper a minor has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Truett M. Cooper Estate of said Minor which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the third Monday in April A. D. 1923, the same being the 16th day of April A. D. 1923 at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 27th day of March A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk
County Court Dickens, County, Texas. 22 3t.

NOTICE

SOME CHOICE RESIDENCE
LOTS OR SALE PRICES. \$75. to \$500.00

ALSO ONE BUSINESS HOUSE
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SPUR PROPERTY. NOW IS THE
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The price of tires continues to advance---raw rubber going from 14c to 41c in sixty days.

We have a complete stock of Federal tires, in fabrics and cords. These tires were bought early and we can save you money.

Drive into our new "DRIVE-IN-STATION!"

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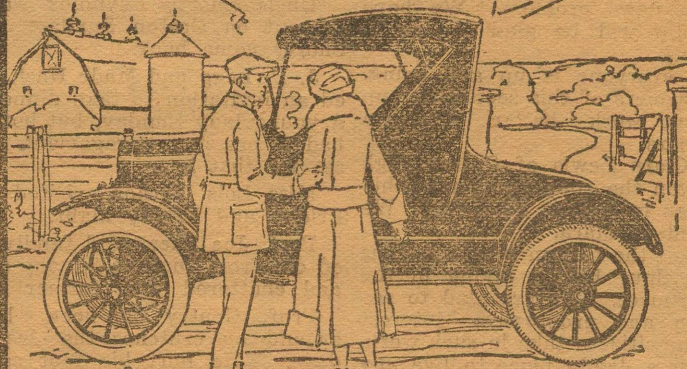
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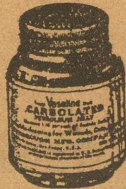
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If you have been ill, and it seems as if you never would get your strength back, you need the wonderful strengthening and rebuilding qualities of Gude's Pepto-Mangan.

It has helped thousands of invalids and convalescents to get back their strength, put on firm flesh, eat well, sleep well, feel well and BE well!

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Gray, thin, straggly hair makes people look very old. It isn't necessary—a bottle of Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer will bring back original color quickly—stops dandruff. At all good druggists, 75c, or direct from Hunt-Ella, Chicago, Memphis, Tenn.

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For burning or sandy lids, and to relieve inflammation and soreness, use Mitchell Eye Salve, according to directions. Soothing, healing. HALL & BUCKLE, 147 Waverly Place, New York

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When Your Eyes Feel Dull and Heavy, use Murine. It instantly Relieves that Tired Feeling—Makes them Clear, Bright and Sparkling. Harmless. Sold and Recommended by All Druggists.



The
Custard
Cup

By
Florence Bingham Livingston

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PENZIE'S PHILOSOPHY

"Happiness is a thing that bubbles up naturally before you've had much experience, but cheerfulness is a thing you've reasoned out and stand by 'cause you believe it's right. I had to make a home again—and for somebody that didn't have one. Way it is, when you lose them that's dear to you, it kind o' opens your heart wider, and you got more love for more folks—stead of less. When I had children of my own, I thought 'bout them; but when I lost 'em, I began to think 'bout all the children, ev'rywhere—specially those that was handicapped and forlorn and didn't have a chance to grow up true to the soul's that the Lord gave 'em."

Well, that's Penzie's philosophy of life—Mrs. Penfield, a widow, who takes in washing and lives in a barn with three adopted children. Florence Bingham Livingston has written "The Custard Cup" around Penzie and has thus won for herself a place in the front rank of American woman writers—with her first novel. There is something of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and something of "Miss Lulu Bett" in "The Custard Cup"—that is, the same kind of work, not imitation. And that's high praise, indeed.

Mrs. Livingston was born in Burlington, Vt., has lived in New York and now lives in California. She's got a college degree tucked away, but she can get into a gingham uniform and be as efficiently useful as Penzie herself.

CHAPTER I

Mrs. Penfield, Manager. Mrs. Penfield's house had originally been a barn; but it had chanced to come up in the world as Mrs. Penfield went down, and they had met and joined forces to make a home where none had been intended. The only feature which had not suffered change was the main door, a huge sliding affair that precluded front windows and was like no other door for blocks around, belonging to the type that had gone out with the practical passing of the horse.

If fortune led you that way, you performed an operation on a small crank similar to grinding the morning coffee, a bell jangled, and in no time at all the big door creaked aside, and there was the plump figure of Mrs. Penfield. Her brown eyes had a look of youth that belied the iron-gray of her hair; and the cheerful curve of her lips gave you a welcome that preceded the words—because always she asked you to "come right in." Your name, your business, were secondary matters; you were first of all a human being and therefore interesting.

It was Monday afternoon. Mrs. Penfield had started the second washing of the day, when Crink returned from school and bounded into the lean-to kitchen.

"Goodness me!" she exclaimed in dismay. "Look what you've done, and those are the last stockings you got to your name!"

Crink twisted his spine obediently and looked down with every appearance of surprise. "Gee!" he said. "It must ha' been when I clumb that fence."

"I could 'most have guessed it," agreed Mrs. Penfield mildly. "Folks make lots of trouble for other folks, leaving their fences so careless." She examined the stocking with critical eyes. It was full of crisscross runs, each representing a previous mishap and materially lessening the total capacity. "I can't never mend it again, Crink. It'd strain right out."

The boy glanced up in alarm. "Say, Penzie, you don't mean I gotta stay in—"

She laughed. "Land, no! Ain't no matter of stockings going to stand 'tween you and society, Crink. You just watch those clo'es, that they don't boll over, and I'll make you another pair in two shakes."

From an apple box in her bedroom, Mrs. Penfield produced a pair of long black hose which had once been the property of a maid employed by a certain Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone but which had been handed down from its original stratum until it had found a further level of usefulness in the household of Mrs. Penfield.

With practical skill she sliced off the Weatherstone garments at the ankle, saving the mended feet for polishing the stove, and divided the legs into unequal portions, the narrower cut for Thad, the wider for Crink. Staying the severed edges of the latter with stout thread, she hemmed them to receive the rubber cord which would hold the stockings below the tops of Crink's worn shoes.

Nominally, Mrs. Penfield was manager of the six buildings designated by the first owner as Cluster court. There were two small flats in each house, and they were grouped around a horseshoe driveway which inclosed an oval devoted to a single pepper tree. Space had been too limited to allow front yards, and all six buildings fairly dipped their shabby noses into the driveway, like little animals feeding out of a winding trough.

On one of the crumbling stucco posts that flanked the entrance, might still be deciphered the words "Cluster Court," although the black paint which had formed them had been well-nigh obliterated by the beating rains of many seasons. It might as well have been totally effaced, because no one ever used the name. By one of the earliest tenants it had been corrupted into "The Custard Cup," and the term had clung.

As for Number 47, where Mrs. Penfield lived, it had no frontage whatever, being approached by a cramped alley at the curve of the horseshoe. It had nothing in common with the buildings that composed the Court. It had been rendered habitable when The Custard Cup had changed owners, a year before, and had been offered to Mrs. Penfield, rent free, in return for the most general supervision, including the collection of rents, the assuagement of unreasonable demands, and the responsibility of reporting any calamities that might descend.

The landlord had left Mrs. Penfield's life easily livable, but the tenants contrived to make it difficult. Wasn't she the manager? Well, what did that mean if not to manage? Therefore they summoned her as promptly for the baby's croup as for a fire in the roof, as inevitably for a scalded hand as for a leak in the kitchen. By common consent she was regarded as first-aid to trouble.

And she never thought of refusing, although the increasing demands encroached sadly upon the washing and ironing by which the household was supported. Mrs. Penfield was an excellent laundress; and greatly to the dismay of an architect who would have planned it otherwise, she had the largest back yard in The Custard Cup. In consequence, she was able to keep desirable patrons, who appreciated the clothes she returned to them, eloquent of care and decent soap, and full of the freshness that comes from the beating of sun and air in open places.

Her most important patron was Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone, who had become a factor at Number 47 and was referred to with flattering frequency, although the Penfields had never seen her. Negotiations were conducted through an efficient housekeeper. Indeed, Mrs. Weatherstone would not have known that Mrs. Penfield existed except that the name was entered in her list of attaches and therefore came to her notice upon those occasions when the unselfish impulses in her nature had accumulated and found outlet in an acute attack of philanthropy. When Mrs. Weatherstone felt one of these spasms coming on, she ordered the housekeeper to assemble all superfluous articles and half-worn clothing; then she herself descended upon this heterogeneity, divided it rapidly into fairly equal parts, and dispatched these in different directions.

Mrs. Penfield, as "laundress," always received a bundle—usually cast-off garments of Miss Geraldine and Miss Bonnie Weatherstone, since their mother knew that all poor people have large families, and that all large families are composed of both girls and boys. Mrs. Weatherstone would have suffered a fastidious shock if she could have seen Crink and Thad transformed by Mrs. Penfield's patient ingenuity into innocent caricatures of Geraldine and Bonnie; but the sight was spared her, and the Penfields were too sincerely grateful to criticize. Their small income was hardly elastic enough to cover the fundamental items of food and fuel, school books for Crink, shoes for two active youngsters, and various articles of apparel which Mrs. Penfield could not counterfeit at home.

Just at present the Penfields were riding on a wave of prosperity, due to Crink's securing two hours of work each day at the combined grocery and meat market which served the neighborhood. So far he had been paid in merchandise—stale vegetables, shop-worn fruit, groceries which had suffered accident, shafts of bone and the more muscular cuts of meat, shunned by patrons who possessed the wherewithal of choice. Housekeepers of the vicinity were finding the supply of free "cat meat" materially cut down lately, but had not yet located the cause of the disaster.

Neither Thad nor Crink had any

claim on Mrs. Penfield; but she had taken them in because they were forlorn, and had loved and scolded and humored them with a wide sympathy and infallible understanding that had established the strongest of bonds between them. The children called her "Penzie" instead of "mother," but otherwise no one would have suspected that the relationship was a fortuitous one.

"Penzie," said Thad, rubbing the soap into a deep lather in his fat palm, "ere was a man."

"Where was a man?" inquired Mrs. Penfield, with cleverly forced interest. "On the walk. He was looking for a lady."

Mrs. Penfield took down three brown bowls. "That ought to be easy to find. Lots of ladies right here in The Custard Cup."

"It was a partic'lar lady," expatiated Thad, busily wasting soap. "He asked me if I knew her. He said to me: 'Did you ever hear anybody tell of Miss Carline Winston?'"

Mrs. Penfield's ladle clattered into the saucepan. "What?" she cried. "Thad, dear, are you sure you got the name right?"

"Course," he replied, somewhat injured. "I couldn't make up that name to save me."

Mrs. Penfield's eyes wandered from Thad's small figure to the rude cupboard beyond, but their focus was set on far more distant scenes. "Who could it be?" she said under her breath. With an effort she pulled herself back to the present.

"And he didn't say who he was?"

The boy shook his head. "Didn't ask him, either. 'Tain't polite," he proclaimed, giving back information which he had previously received.

Mrs. Penfield smiled. "No, it wouldn't have been polite, Thad. But I wish I knew who 'twas."

CHAPTER II

The Sealed Package.

The wide door of Mrs. Penfield's house admitted one without circumlocution to the main room, always with irreproachable propriety spoken of as "the living-room." Never did apartment more constantly earn its name. By night it was the sleeping quarters of Crink and Thad, when the two long packing-boxes were turned out from the wall and revealed themselves as bunks; by day the narrow lean-to kitchen was continually spilling its activities through the door. With enforced stylishness, the Penfields even ate in their living-room.

The furniture was exceedingly scarce; but the walls, through patient accumulation, were rich with diversion for the observer. Crink's connection with the grocery store and his prowling about for cast-off treasures, had established avenues of vivid adornment. In a prominent position hung a bunch of bananas with a young Apollo about to cut off a luscious specimen, a picture so realistic as to give the visitor a start; young ladies with Venus complexions and gowns such as The Custard Cup had never seen in the fabric, smiled graciously at well-spaced intervals; in the corner a vigorous old man, who personally proved that tobacco is conducive to longevity, urged the beholder to invest immediately in El Juglo cigarettes. The time would come when Mrs. Penfield would have to combat this injunction, but in the interim she had not had the stoniness to bar so remarkable a work of art from the corner into which it exactly fitted.

Parallel with the living-room was Mrs. Penfield's bedroom, so called because she slept there. It contained no bed in the conventional acceptance of the term, although at one end an old mattress was supported on three potato boxes. It was a mattress that deserved no greater honor, being of a yielding and treacherous nature, and having on more than one occasion abandoned its duties and indulged in utter collapse. The clothing of the family was contained in apple boxes, brought home by Crink and nailed together to form cupboards.

"I know where Thad came from and it's all right."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Male Penguin's Love Token.

The love-making of penguins is described by Surgeon Commander Murray Levick, a member of Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition. In the spring, he says, the hen birds scoop out a hollow in the frozen ground, sit in it and wait. When a male bird sees a hen who takes his fancy he places a pebble at her feet. This is the signal for an attack on him by the other males, but after a fight he is left in possession.

On one occasion, says Commander Levick, a member of Captain Scott's expedition was sitting down watching the birds when a male came up and placed a pebble at his feet. The bird finding its advances ignored, inspected the strange, silent animal, nibbled at his trousers and then went away.

MRS. J. MILLER
TELLS OF GAIN

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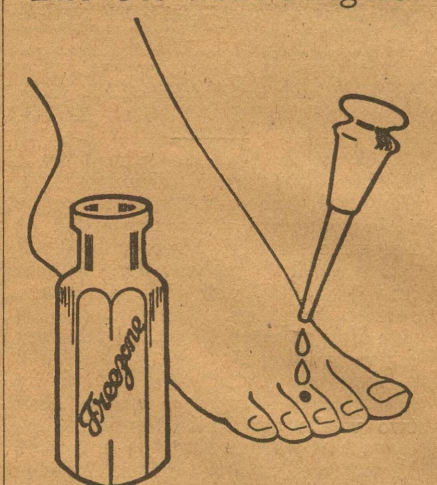
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EX-GOVERNOR CAMPBELL DIED SUNDAY AT GALVESTON

Galveston, April 2.—The body of former Governor Thomas M. Campbell, who died last night of periculous anemia, was forwarded to Palestine today, accompanied by Thomas M. Campbell, Jr. Funeral arrangements will be announced some time today. The former governor died at a local hospital following a year's illness.

Governor Campbell's illness had taken a turn for the worse about two weeks ago and attending physicians had warned that the end might be expected at any time. At 7 o'clock Sunday morning he experienced a heart attack and at 1 p. m. lapsed into unconsciousness which obtained until death occurred.

The former governor entered the John Sealy hospital here April 29, 1922. He had borne his illness with fortitude and courage in the face of the inevitable, according to Dr. M. L. Graves, his physician. While his condition had been noticeably worse during the past two weeks, a definite relapse occurred Friday when intestinal trouble developed continuing through Saturday.

With one exception all members of his family were at the bedside. Mrs. C. V. Dilley of Palestine, a daughter, arrived Sunday night.

From a sawmill worker at Longview to the highest office within the gift of the people of Texas is the record of Thomas Mitchell Campbell, former governor, railroad executive, attorney, banker and native Texan. The former governor was born at Rusk, Cherokee county, Texas April 22, 1856. He attended the public schools at Rusk and Jacksonville and the Masonic institute at Rusk. He also attended Trinity University then at Tehuacana.

He studied law while employed in the district and county clerk's office at Longview and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He practiced law for a number of years at Palestine. He was elected governor of Texas in 1906 and again in 1908. Previously he had been receiver and then general manager of the International and Great Northern railway. He organized a number of banks and was connected with numerous business enterprises.

GIVEN 5 YEARS SENTENCE AT ANSON MONDAY

Anson, Texas, April 2.—Sam Tanner, of Stonewall County, was given five years in the penitentiary by a jury here this afternoon in the case of the State of Texas versus Sam Tanner, charged by indictment with the offense of selling liquor. The jury was out only a short time. Tanner was charged with selling liquor in Jones County in May 1922.

UNDER FIVE DEATH SENTENCES WACO NEGRO AWAITS TRIAL

Waco, April 3.—Grand jury indictments against Roy Mitchell, charging him with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barker and 13 year old Homer February of last year, present an unusual legal aspect, according to attorneys.

Cooper Johnson and Benny Young negroes, were arrested, indicted and convicted of the triple murder after having made written confessions. Cooper Johnson was given the death penalty while Benny Young was given a life sentence.

On appeal both cases were affirmed and a rehearing denied.

Roy Mitchell, given the death penalty in five murder cases during the

past two weeks, has made a written confession that he committed the triple murder. The confession was made at the same time as other confessions. The officers were loathe to believe that he committed the Concord murders, but his confessions in these cases were complete as to detail as to how the murders were committed.

The indictments against Mitchell now number sixteen, believed to be a record in the state. Eight of them eight are for offenses ranging from criminal assault to assault to murder.

Mitchell remains in his cell, apparently unconcerned as to developments. Officials are undecided as to whether or not he will be sentenced in the case already tried, or await the trial of the cases on the grand jury indictments returned late Monday evening.

UNDERGROUND STREAM OF WATER DRILLED INTO

Ben Redell, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur Tuesday and hauled out lumber and other material with which to make improvements. A well was recently drilled on his place and at a depth of approximately three hundred feet the bit went through a rock, dropping into a cavity or underground river of water which roared and rumbled, immediately rising fifty or a hundred feet in the well. A slush bucket was run in drawing out fifty gallons a minute without lowering the water. It is now being considered if it would be possible to lower dynamite or nitroglycerine, floating it down this stream below the hole and touching it off to form a dam and thus cause the well to flow water from the mouth. This underground stream of water flows briskly, and while its size is unknown, there is no doubt but that it would furnish a continuous stream of water from a six to ten inch pipe, this being sufficient to irrigate that whole territory or furnish a city of fifty thousand people with pure, unadulterated water.

P. N. HINSON DIED AT THE SANITARIUM THURSDAY

P. N. Hinson, of Lamesa, and father of Wright Hinson of the West Pasture, died Thursday morning at seven o'clock at the Nichols Sanitarium, his remains being shipped back to Lamesa for interment.

Mr. Hinson was brought from Lamesa to Spur for an operation but upon his arrival he was suffering of pneumonia and influenza and in such a condition that the operation could not be performed. He was about sixty five years of age.

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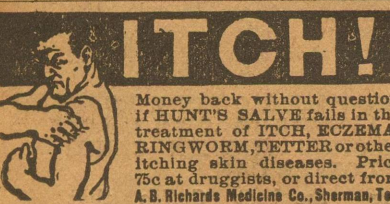
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Cup**

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PENZIE'S PHILOSOPHY

"Happiness is a thing that bubbles up naturally before you've had much experience, but cheerfulness is a thing you've reasoned out and stand by 'cause you believe it's right. . . . I had to make a home again—and for somebody that didn't have one. Way it is, when you lose them that's dear to you, it kind o' opens your heart wider, and you got more love for more folks—stead of less. When I had children of my own, I thought 'bout them; but when I—lost 'em, I began to think 'bout all the children, ev'rywhere—specially those that was handicapped and forlorn and didn't have a chance to grow up true to the soul's that the Lord gave 'em."

Well, that's Penzie's philosophy of life—Mrs. Penfield, a widow, who takes in washing and lives in a barn with three adopted children. Florence Bingham Livingston has written "The Custard Cup" around Penzie and has thus won for herself a place in the front rank of American woman writers—with her first novel. There is something of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and something of "Miss Lulu Bett" in "The Custard Cup"—that is, the same kind of work, not imitation. And that's high praise, indeed.

Mrs. Livingston was born in Burlington, Vt., has lived in New York and now lives in California. She's got a college degree tucked away, but she can get into a gingham uniform and be as efficiently useful as Penzie herself.

CHAPTER I

Mrs. Penfield, Manager.

Mrs. Penfield's house had originally been a barn; but it had chanced to come up in the world as Mrs. Penfield went down, and they had met and joined forces to make a home where none had been intended. The only feature which had not suffered change was the main door, a huge sliding affair that precluded front windows and was like no other door for blocks around, belonging to the type that had gone out with the practical passing of the horse.

If fortune led you that way, you performed an operation on a small crank similar to grinding the morning coffee, a bell jangled, and in no time at all the big door creaked aside, and there was the plump figure of Mrs. Penfield. Her brown eyes had a look of youth that belied the iron-gray of her hair; and the cheerful curve of her lips gave you a welcome that preceded the words—because always she asked you to "come right in." Your name, your business, were secondary matters; you were first of all a human being and therefore interesting.

It was Monday afternoon. Mrs. Penfield had started the second washing of the day, when Crink returned from school and bounded into the lean-to kitchen.

"Goodness me!" she exclaimed in dismay. "Look what you've done, and those are the last stockings you got to your name!"

Crink twisted his spine obediently and looked down with every appearance of surprise. "Gee!" he said. "It must ha' been when I clumb that fence."

"I could 'most have guessed it," agreed Mrs. Penfield mildly. "Folks make lots of trouble for other folks, leaving their fences so careless." She examined the stocking with critical eyes. It was full of crisscross runs, each representing a previous mishap and materially lessening the total capacity. "I can't never mend it again, Crink. It'd strain right out."

The boy glanced up in alarm. "Say, Penzie, you don't mean I gotta stay in—"

She laughed. "Land, no! Ain't no matter of stockings going to stand 'tween you and society, Crink. You just watch those clo'es, that they don't boll over, and I'll make you another pair in two shakes."

From an apple box in her bedroom, Mrs. Penfield produced a pair of long black hose which had once been the property of a maid employed by a certain Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone but which had been handed down from its original stratum until it had found a further level of usefulness in the household of Mrs. Penfield.

With practical skill she sliced off the Weatherstone garments at the ankle, saving the mended feet for polishing the stove, and divided the legs into unequal portions, the narrower cut for Thad, the wider for Crink. Staying the severed edges of the latter with stout thread, she hemmed them to receive the rubber cord which would hold the stockings below the tops of Crink's worn shoes.

Nominally, Mrs. Penfield was manager of the six buildings designated by the first owner as Cluster court. There were two small flats in each house, and they were grouped around a horseshoe driveway which inclosed an oval devoted to a single pepper tree. Space had been too limited to allow front yards, and all six buildings fairly dipped their shabby noses into the driveway, like little animals feeding out of a winding trough.

On one of the crumbling stucco posts that flanked the entrance, might still be deciphered the words "Cluster Court," although the black paint which had formed them had been well-nigh obliterated by the beating rains of many seasons. It might as well have been beer totally effaced, because no one ever used the name. By one of the earliest tenants it had been corrupted into "The Custard Cup," and the term had clung.

As for Number 47, where Mrs. Penfield lived, it had no frontage whatever, being approached by a cramped alley at the curve of the horseshoe. It had nothing in common with the buildings that composed the Court. It had been rendered habitable when the Custard Cup had changed owners, a year before, and had been offered to Mrs. Penfield, rent free, in return for the most general supervision, including the collection of rents, the assuagement of unreasonable demands, and the responsibility of reporting any calamities that might descend.

The landlord had left Mrs. Penfield's life easily livable, but the tenants contrived to make it difficult. Wasn't she the manager? Well, what did that mean if not to manage? Therefore they summoned her as promptly for the baby's croup as for a fire in the roof, as inevitably for a scalded hand as for a leak in the kitchen. By common consent she was regarded as first-aid to trouble.

And she never thought of refusing, although the increasing demands encroached sadly upon the washing and ironing by which the household was supported. Mrs. Penfield was an excellent laundress; and greatly to the dismay of an architect who would have planned it otherwise, she had the largest back yard in the Custard Cup. In consequence, she was able to keep desirable patrons, who appreciated the clothes she returned to them, eloquent of care and decent soap, and full of the freshness that comes from the beating of sun and air in open places.

Her most important patron was Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone, who had become a factor at Number 47 and was referred to with flattering frequency, although the Penfields had never seen her. Negotiations were conducted through an efficient housekeeper. Indeed, Mrs. Weatherstone would not have known that Mrs. Penfield existed except that the name was entered in her list of attaches and therefore came to her notice upon those occasions when the unselfish impulses in her nature had accumulated and found outlet in an acute attack of philanthropy. When Mrs. Weatherstone felt one of these spasms coming on, she ordered the housekeeper to assemble all superfluous articles and half-worn clothing; then she herself descended upon this heterogeneity, divided it rapidly into fairly equal parts, and dispatched these in different directions.

Mrs. Penfield, as "laundress," always received a bundle—usually cast-off garments of Miss Geraldine and Miss Bonnie Weatherstone, since their mother knew that all poor people have large families, and that all large families are composed of both girls and boys. Mrs. Weatherstone would have suffered a fastidious shock if she could have seen Crink and Thad transformed by Mrs. Penfield's patient ingenuity into innocent caricatures of Geraldine and Bonnie; but the sight was spared her, and the Penfields were too sincerely grateful to criticize. Their small income was hardly elastic enough to cover the fundamental items of food and fuel, school books for Crink, shoes for two active youngsters, and various articles of apparel which Mrs. Penfield could not counterfeit at home.

Just at present the Penfields were riding on a wave of prosperity, due to Crink's securing two hours of work each day at the combined grocery and meat market which served the neighborhood. So far he had been paid in merchandise—stale vegetables, shop-worn fruit, groceries which had suffered accident, shafts of bone and the more muscular cuts of meat, shunned by patrons who possessed the wherewithal of choice. Housekeepers of the vicinity were finding the supply of free "cat meat" materially cut down lately, but had not yet located the cause of the disaster.

Neither Thad nor Crink had any

claim on Mrs. Penfield; but she had taken them in because they were forlorn, and had loved and scolded and humored them with a wide sympathy and infallible understanding that had established the strongest of bonds between them. The children called her "Penzie" instead of "mother," but otherwise no one would have suspected that the relationship was a fortuitous one.

"Penzie," said Thad, rubbing the soap into a deep lather in his fat palm, "ere was a man."

"Where was a man?" inquired Mrs. Penfield, with cleverly forced interest.

"On the walk. He was looking for a lady."

Mrs. Penfield took down three brown bowls. "That ought to be easy to find. Lots of ladies right here in the Custard Cup."

"It was a partic'lar lady," expatiated Thad, busily wasting soap. "He asked me if I knew her. He said to me: 'Did you ever hear anybody tell of Miss Carline Winston?'"

Mrs. Penfield's ladle clattered into the saucepan. "What?" she cried.

"Thad, dear, are you sure you got the name right?"

"Course," he replied, somewhat injured. "I couldn't make up that name to save me."

Mrs. Penfield's eyes wandered from Thad's small figure to the rude cupboard beyond, but their focus was set on far more distant scenes. "Who could it be?" she said under her breath. With an effort she pulled herself back to the present.

"And he didn't say who he was?"

The boy shook his head. "Didn't ask him, either. 'Tain't polite," he proclaimed, giving back information which he had previously received.

Mrs. Penfield smiled. "No, it wouldn't have been polite, Thad. But I wish I knew who 'twas."

CHAPTER II

The Sealed Package.

The wide door of Mrs. Penfield's house admitted one without circumspection to the main room, always with irreproachable propriety spoken of as "the living-room." Never did apartment more constantly earn its name. By night it was the sleeping quarters of Crink and Thad, when the two long packing-boxes were turned out from the wall and revealed themselves as bunks; by day the narrow lean-to kitchen was continually spilling its activities through the door. With enforced stylishness, the Penfields even ate in their living-room.

The furniture was exceedingly scarce; but the walls, through patient accumulation, were rich with diversion for the observer. Crink's connection with the grocery store and his prowling about for cast-off treasures, had established avenues of vivid adornment. In a prominent position hung a bunch of bananas with a young Apollo about to cut off a luscious specimen, a picture so realistic as to give the visitor a start; young ladies with Venus complexions and gowns such as The Custard Cup had never seen in the fabric, smiled graciously at well-spaced intervals; in the corner a vigorous old man, who personally proved that tobacco is conducive to longevity, urged the beholder to invest immediately in El Juglo cigarettes. The time would come when Mrs. Penfield would have to combat this injunction, but in the interim she had not had the stoniness to bar so remarkable a work of art from the corner into which it exactly fitted.

Parallel with the living-room was Mrs. Penfield's bedroom, so called because she slept there. It contained no bed in the conventional acceptance of the term, although at one end an old mattress was supported on three potato boxes. It was a mattress that deserved no greater honor, being of a yielding and treacherous nature, and having on more than one occasion abandoned its duties and indulged in utter collapse. The clothing of the family was contained in apple boxes, brought home by Crink and nailed together to form cupboards.

"I know where Thad came from and it's all right."

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Male Penguin's Love Token.

The love-making of penguins is described by Surgeon Commander Murray Levick, a member of Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition. In the spring, he says, the hen birds scoop out a hollow in the frozen ground, sit in it and wait. When a male bird sees a hen who takes his fancy he places a pebble at her feet. This is the signal for an attack on him by the other males, but after a fight he is left in possession.

On one occasion, says Commander Levick, a member of Captain Scott's expedition was sitting down watching the birds when a male came up and placed a pebble at his feet. The bird finding its advances ignored, inspected the strange, silent animal, nibbled at his trousers and then went away.

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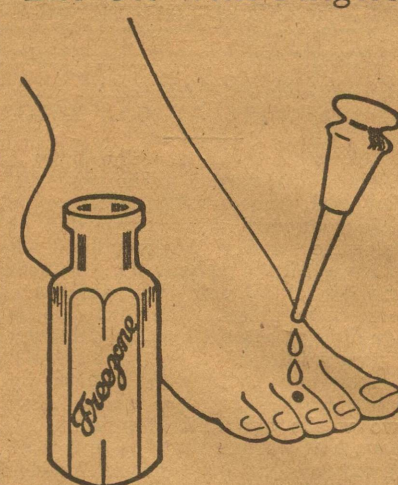
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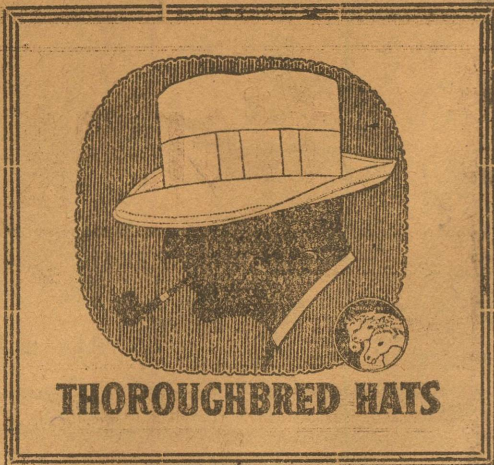
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COURT PLACES SIMMONS AS THE KLAN HEAD

Atlanta, April 3.—An injunction which temporarily places William Joseph Simmons in complete authority over the knights of the Ku Klux Klan and prevents disbursement of any money except on his order was signed yesterday by Judge E. D. Thomas of Fulton Superior Court, it was learned today.

A hearing was set for next Saturday before Judge George L. Bell. Colonel Simmons' action was filed by his attorney, Ben H. Sullivan, against H. W. Evans, imperial wizard, and other members of the wizard's staff. It alleges that Colonel Simmons, as the emperor of the Klan is its highest authority and actual executive head and charges Imperial Wizard Evans and his staff with interfering with the emperor in the operation of the order.

The court action is the result of the recent break between Emperor Simmons and Wizard Evans over the "Kamelia," a Klan for women which the emperor announced several days ago is being organized.

Wizard Evans last week ordered all klansmen to refrain from participating in the formation of the "Kamelia" and Emperor Simmons replied in a statement, in which he said klansmen everywhere had his authority to ignore the order.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of east of Spur, went out Thursday of this week to the home of Bill McArthur, to the west of Spur, where they will spend a month or more visiting and recuperating. Mr. Johnson has been in ill health for some time, and it is hoped that this visit and change will improve his condition.

Mrs. Lela Evans returned Wednesday from Dallas where she attended the postmasters convention held in that city.

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WE WILL HOWEVER HAVE PICTURES FOR FRIDAY

"Lem me carry KELLOGG'S, Jack! I say I will! Mother said you could buy KELLOGG'S, but I could carry 'em home! I say I will—I will—I!"



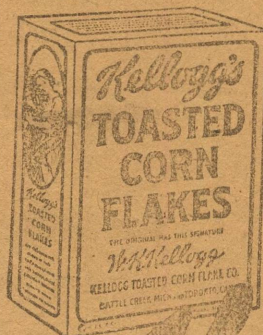
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You'll never know how delicious Corn Flakes can be till you eat Kellogg's

Positively—the most joyously good any-time-cereal any man or woman or child ever put in their mouths! Such flavor, such crispness! Such big sunny-brown Corn Flakes! How you'll relish a generous bowl-filled, most-to-overflowing; and a pitcher of milk or cream!

Never was such a set-out! Never did you get such a universal vote as there'll be for Kellogg's Corn Flakes! Big folks and little folks will say "Kellogg's, please, mother!" Leave it to their tastes—and yours! Prove out all we say!

For, Kellogg's Corn Flakes are a revelation in flavor; a revelation in all-time crispness! Kellogg's are never tough or leathery or hard to eat! Insist upon KELLOGG'S—the original Corn Flakes—the kind in the RED and GREEN package!



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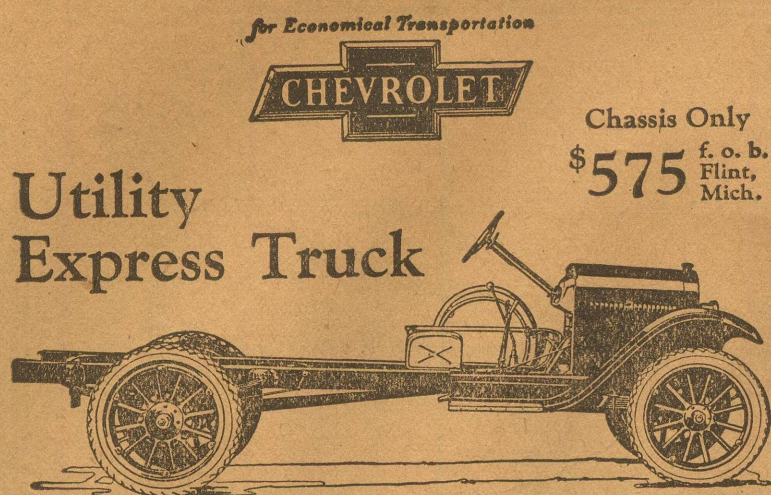
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MGRS. GEM THEATRE.

NOTICE

Hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden in any pastures.—J. B. Morrison.

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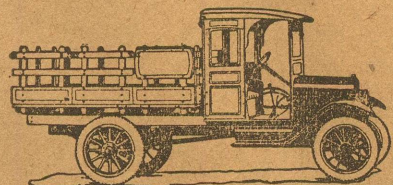
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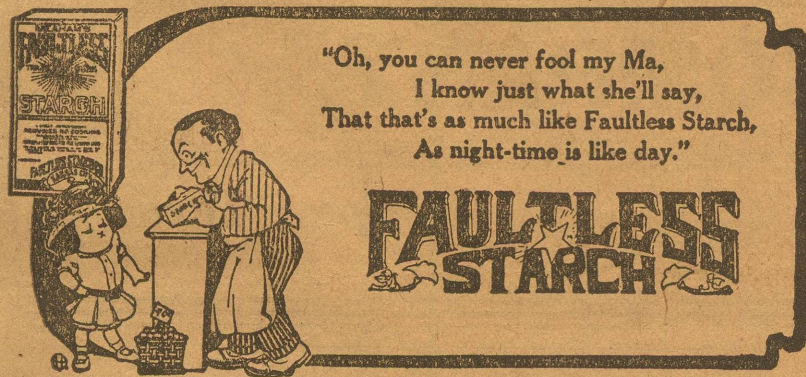
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"Oh, you can never fool my Ma,
I know just what she'll say,
That that's as much like Faultless Starch,
As night-time is like day."

FAULTLESS STARCH

Giving advice is all right, if we give it to ourselves.

The war has made table linen very valuable. The use of Red Cross Ball Blue will add to its wearing qualities. Use it and see. All grocers.—Advertisement.

Puzzling the Postman.

Postal officials in India are frequently puzzled by the strange methods of addressing letters adopted by natives. The following must have given the postman a considerable amount of trouble, especially as it was written in an almost unreadable hand:

"To the one inseparable from my heart, the fortunate Babu Sibnath Ghose, having the same heart as mine. From post office Hasnabad to the village of Rannathpur, to reach the house of the fortunate Babu Prayanath Ghose, district Twenty-four Perganas. Don't deliver this letter to any person other than the addressee, Mr. Postman. This is my request to you."

An Altruist.

"It is well to leave something for those who come after us," said the man who threw a barrel in the way of the cop who was chasing him.—Boston Evening Transcript.

The greener the pitcher, the greater the windup.

Only a man of push can propel a wheelbarrow.

KEPT RECORD OF ADMIRERS

Indianapolis Girl Conducted Her Love Affairs on a Basis That Was Strictly Business.

Now Betty is an Indianapolis stenographer with many man admirers and she shares her experiences with them to the other girls in the office. They often wonder how she remembers all of them and doesn't mix them up. The other day they discovered her method.

Breathlessly she rushed in from lunch. "Oh, girls," she began. "I met an old beau of mine today. I hadn't seen him for two years. He was so handsome and prosperous looking I just wanted him back again," she giggled. "And do you know I had forgotten his name."

Some one asked her whether she told him so. "Oh, no," she returned, "that would have ruined everything. I'm to see him tomorrow. Tonight I'll hunt up his photograph. When I put it away I wrote his name on it. Oh, I'll be ready for him tomorrow."—Indianapolis News.

Sentence Passed on Humanity.
"Your judges have sentenced you to death," said a friend to Socrates. "And has not Nature passed the same sentence on them?" quickly responded the sage old philosopher.

Aim at the top. It may help you to land in the middle.

What to Eat and Why

A Natural Supply of Vitamin

The word "Vitamin" is new, but the thing itself is as old as the human race. It is the energizing, vitalizing, growth-producing element in the right food. Its absence is a serious fault of the wrong food. When the food is right, there is no need to go to the drug store for Vitamin.

Grape-Nuts, the famous ready-to-eat cereal, supplies the natural Vitamin from the wheat, and a further supply is included in the cream or milk with which Grape-Nuts is eaten.

Grape-Nuts is delightfully crisp and appetizing, with a flavor which happily suggests the wholesome, health-building goodness which the food contains. Phosphorus and iron, as well as Vitamin, with a

bran content to stimulate intestinal action, are supplied by Grape-Nuts. Many of our modern, "refined" foods lack these vitally necessary elements.

Grape-Nuts digests easily and is assimilated quickly, and is splendidly nourishing and energizing. You'll find better health and fitness, in the natural way, with Grape-Nuts as a regular part of your diet.

There's genuine economy in Grape-Nuts—many servings of this exceptionally nourishing food to the package. At your grocer's—ready to serve. Grape-Nuts—the Body Builder. "There's a Reason." Made by Postum Cereal Co., Inc., Battle Creek, Michigan.

BETTER ROADS

MEASURING HUMAN PROGRESS

There Has Never Been High State of Civilization Without Dependable Transportation.

There are now 115,000 miles of paved or surfaced highways in the United States—more than there are or ever were in any other country in the world. They have all been built, too, within comparatively few years. When the system provided for in the federal highway act is completed, the Agricultural department reports, the improved mileage will amount to 180,000 miles.

The process will keep right on, with accelerating speed, establishing new trunk lines across the continent and up and down, in a transportation system of ever-growing fineness and durability.

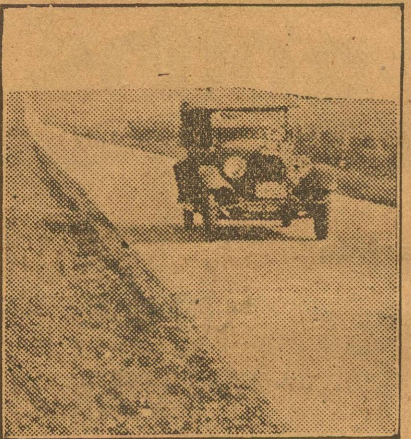
Imagine all this network of good roads swept away—the condition in which it would leave the country and the deterioration that would follow.

Good roads are civilization. There has never been a high state of civilization without dependable transportation routes connecting every locality with every other, and still less will there ever be hereafter, says the Brattleboro, Vt., Reformer. You can measure modern human progress pretty accurately by its road building.

RESULT OF TRACTIVE TESTS

Instruments Carefully and Accurately Measure Pull Required and Fuel Consumed.

"Iowa State and other colleges and institutions have been making tests to determine comparative tractive resistance on various types of road surfacing. Special instruments are designed to carefully and accurately test pull required and fuel consumed per ton



Where Iowa Tractive Tests Were Made.

mile, the accepted unit of highway traffic.

Tractive resistance test figures indicate that the average ton-miles per gallon is as follows:

On earth road.....	14 ton-miles
On gravel road.....	21 ton-miles
On concrete road.....	31 ton-miles

At 24 cents per gallon fuel costs per ton-mile on these averages are as follows:

On earth road.....	1.71 cents
On gravel road.....	1.15 cents
On concrete road.....	.77 cents

BETTER ROADS BENEFIT ALL

Farmers as Well as Wealthy Tourists and Truck Using Corporations Are Helped.

Good roads are vital to all sections of the country. Contrary to common conception, the wealthy tourists and truck using corporations form only a small fraction of those who are urging better highway transportation.

Better roads will benefit two great classes, 3,500,000 of farmers who are dependent upon their automobiles, and as many more city dwelling families with incomes of less than \$4,000, who with the farmers own two-thirds of all the cars sold.

Purely as an investment, better roads will pay regular and substantial dividends which every enterprising community cannot afford to lose. Better highways mean better transportation and better communities.

HOSPITALS MADE ACCESSIBLE

Automobile and Improved Roads Have Made It Possible for Farmer to Enjoy Advantages.

The development of the automobile and the construction of hard roads have made it possible in many sections to equip and erect modern hospitals, even in the smallest towns and cities, and to make these hospitals accessible to patients through the use of motor ambulances for distances as far as 30 and 40 miles. The old emergency operation was performed on the rough pine table; now, it may be done, in many instances, under the most modern of hospital advantages.

"Made Me Well and Strong"

ANOTHER WOMAN WHO IS THANKFUL FOR

PE-RU-NA

"I have taken several bottles of Pe-ru-na and find it a great benefit. I had pains in my stomach and bowels, but by the use of Pe-ru-na and Man-o-lin, I am well and strong again. I always keep a few bottles in the house." Mrs. OSCAR GRAY, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 19, Nichols, Iowa



Mrs. Gray's experience is just more evidence that Pe-ru-na is quite as good a remedy for catarrh of the stomach, bowels or other organs as it is for coughs, colds and nasal catarrh. Pe-ru-na is a wonderfully fine medicine to have in the house for everyday ills.

Send to the Peruna Company, Columbus, Ohio for free booklet and medical advice.

Tablets or Liquid

Sold Everywhere

"Saved my baby"



Zolfo Springs, Fla.
March 5, 1920

Anglo-American Drug Co., 215 Fulton St., New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am using Mrs. Winslow's Syrup. It saved my baby from dying of colic, which she had for three months. Some one advised me to get Mrs. Winslow's Syrup and I did.

Yours truly,

(Name on request)

Colic is quickly overcome by this pleasant, satisfactory remedy, which relieves diarrhoea, flatulency and constipation, keeping baby healthy and happy. Non-narcotic, non-alcoholic.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SYRUP

The Infants' and Children's Regulator

Formula on every label. Write for free booklet containing letters from mothers. At All Druggists.

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HORSES COUGHING? USE

Spohn's Distemper Compound

to break the cough and get them back in condition. Thirty years' use has made "SPOHN'S" indispensable in treating Coughs and Colds, Influenza and Distemper with their resulting complications, and all diseases of the throat, nose and lungs. Acts marvelously as a preventive; acts equally well as a cure. Sold in two sizes at all drug stores.

SPOHN MEDICAL COMPANY

GOSHEN, INDIANA

The poorest Japanese coolie regards his evening bath as a sacred duty, and as the greatest luxury of the day.

"This," we often hear people say, "is a very critical time."

CATARRH

Catarrh is a Local disease greatly influenced by Constitutional conditions.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which gives Quick Relief by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces and assists in ridding your System of Catarrh.

Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

When a woman throws a brick at a hen it is usually harder on the scenery than on the hen.

Don't Forget Cuticura Talcum

When adding to your toilet requisites. An exquisite face, skin, baby and dusting powder and perfume, rendering other perfumes superfluous. You may rely on it because one of the Cuticura Trio (Soap, Ointment and Talcum), 25c each everywhere.—Advertisement.

Names of Similar Meaning.

Margaret, Marquerite and Marjorie are all really the same, and mean pearl, being derived from the Greek.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills contain nothing but vegetable ingredients, which act gently as a tonic and purgative by stimulation and not by irritation. Advertisement.

Old families always engrave pride in their family tree.

Luck is a good thing to trust to—if you aren't hungry.

Mother Didn't Even Know Her Baby Cut Teeth

Teethina acts almost like magic in cases where babies, during their first months of life, appear weak and do not seem to grow. Mrs. Eliza Wilson's baby is a case in point. Mrs. Wilson lives at 208 N. Houston St., Denison, Texas, and writes:

"My baby was sick and fretful at two months, and so thin and poor and weak it was pitiful to look at her. She would cry for hours and draw all up in pain and nothing we could do helped her a bit. I was told about Teethina and the very first dose relieved her pain and now she is never sick at all. Actually, I never know when her teeth come till they are through the gums."

Teethina is sold by all druggists, or send 30c to the Moffett Laboratories, Columbus, Ga., and get a package of Teethina and a wonderful free booklet about Baby.—Advertisement.

Unusual Combination.

"It mos' allus takes a very uncommon man," said Uncle Eben, "to show common sense."—Washington Star.

IF SICK, BILIOUS! START YOUR LIVER

Don't Take Calomel! "Dodson's Liver Tone" Acts Better and Doesn't Gripe, Salivate or Make You Sick—Don't Lose a Day's Work—Read Guarantee!

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver, which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad

or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson Liver Tone tonight.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

HERE WE COME WITH SOMETHING NEW IT WILL HELP YOU

WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF FEED STUFF, AND OUR PRICES ARE IN LINE.

WE WILL EXCHANGE FOR HOGS OR CATTLE.

We take the daily stock market and feel like we are a fair judge of the market values, and will pay the Fort Worth market for what you have to sell, less freight commission and expense for handling. Load what you have to sell, and carry back what feed you need. Don't forget we have the Sugar Land Mixed Right, sweet feed for all kind of stock. You cannot feed anything that will give you a better value for money and produce half as good results. We also have Hay, Oats, Corn, Maize and Corn Chops, MADE AT HOME, better than shipped in Bran, and Wheat Shorts, Crushed Corn in ear, Cold Pressed Cake no cotton seed product half as good as this.

DO BUSINESS WITH US WE WILL MAKE AND SAVE YOU MONEY.

We grind any day save Sunday. Don't waste your feed, have it ground. We have the Seeded Ribbon Cane Seed for distribution. Come and get it. Plant a big cane crop and let's make lots of syrup. This is the best country in the world, if we will try and make it that way. Plant plenty of feed. If you have a surplus, we will buy it.

Citizens Gin & Power Company

Eb. Johnson, Mgr.

CROTON NEWS

One of Mr. Cokers boys has been on the verge of taking pneumonia, but is better now.

Friday night the teachers and high school pupils of Croton, staged a play, "The Value of X." We want to compliment all who took part, upon their good acting. An admittance fee of 25c was charged. The proceeds of the fee's to be spent for reference books.

Saturday most of the Croton people went to the track meet at Dickens. Miss Joe Dunn won first place in the eighty yard dash, and in the thirty yard dash. That is the kind of a fast girl that we admire. Elmer Gentry won first honor in the discus throwing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richey gave a musical at their home Saturday night. A good time was reported by those who attended.

We have learned just lately that Andy Gumps still writes letters to the girls! At least he writes to some of them on Croton.

Mrs. Henry Edwards and daughter and Mrs. Payne of Dickens were at church on Croton Sunday.

Bob Allen made his appearance at preaching Sunday, and took dinner with Prof. Gentry and wife. Its very likely that he visited some of the other teachers Sunday evening.

The progressive elements of our citizenship hustled out, and spent two days of work on our phone line system. Of course Radio is a wireless concern, but never the less we think it a good idea, if the people who have phones would get together and organize.

If there are any lies in my news, why just remember that it is April fool and so I am excused.—Radio.

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MGRS. GEM THEATRE.

REPORT OF INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE OF DICKENS COUNTY

All contestants who have won 1st place in the literary events and those who won 1st or 2nd in any athletic event are eligible to take part in the district meet, which will be held at Lubbock April the 13th and 14th.

Contestants should be sure that their teacher sends in their names before April the 10th.

Literary Division, Debate—1st place boys, Alton Chapman, Cecil Burnham, Spur.

1st place girls—Hazel Watson, Bonnie Gilbert, Spur.

2nd place girls—Anna D. Lusk, Mary Jane Edwards, Dickens.

Class B Boys Declamation—1st—Jack Thannisch, Dickens.

2nd—Tom Eldridge, McAdoo.

3rd—Lee Pool, Afton.

Senior Girls—1st—Nietha Snider, Spur.

2nd—Mary McCormick, McAdoo.

3rd—Beryl Harkey, Dickens.

4th—Mollie Basham, Afton.

Junior Boys—1st Harvey Pool, Afton.

2nd—Clois Harris, McAdoo.

3rd—Fred Crabtree, Dickens and Britton Forbis, Spur tie.

Junior Girls Declamation—1st—Mildred Hufstetler, Dickens.

Juniors Spelling Teams—1st—Dickens, 2nd—Spur, 3rd—McAdoo.

Sub-Juniors Teams—1st—Dickens, 2nd—Spur, 3rd—Croton.

Essay—Class A Spur.

Essay—Class B—1st—Virginia Worswick, Dickens.

2nd—Artie Mae Womack, McAdoo.

3rd—Joe Dunn, Croton.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Declamation Senior Boys—1st Herman Thacker, Wichita.

2nd—Julius Henley, Prairie Chapel.

3rd James Staton, Espuela.

Declamation Junior Boys—1st Roy Carr, Espuela.

2nd—Arvil Lee, Wichita.

Declamation Senior Girl—1st Mary Cook, Prairie Chapel.

2nd—Ora Shockley, Espuela.

Declamation Junior Girls—1st Oueda Bell, Prairie Chapel.

2nd—Lucille Staton, Espuela.

Report of County Track Meet March 31st.

120 Yard High Hurdles—1st—Francis Jackson, Dickens.

2nd—Jack Gipson, Dickens.

3rd—Hoover, Wichita.

4th—Homer Johnson, Chandler.

100 Yard Dash—1st—Harley Winkler, Croton.

2nd—Francis Jackson, Dickens.

3rd—Bill Clark, Dickens.

4th—Sam Koonsman, Dickens.

50 Yard Dash—1st—Sam Koonsman, Dickens.

2nd—Willow Street, Dickens.

3rd—Johnson, Chandler.

4th—Johnson, Chandler.

220 Yard Dash—1st—Harley Winkler, Croton.

2nd—Oscar Nalley, Prairie Chapel.

3rd—Earl Austin, Midway.

1 Mile Run—1st Bill Clark, Dickens.

2nd—L. D. Bilberry, Dickens.

3rd—Randolph McNeill, Midway.

4th—Johnson, Chandler.

440 Yard Dash—1st—Francis Jackson, Dickens.

2nd—Harley Winkler, Croton.

3rd—Arthur Austin, Midway.

4th—Oscar Nalley, Prairie Chapel.

880 Yard Dash—1st—Bill Clark, Dickens.

2nd—Marvin Thomas, Prairie Chapel.

Pole Vault—1st—Oscar Nalley, Prairie Chapel.

2nd—Willow Street, Dickens.

3rd—Holley, Midway.

4th—Randolph McNeill, Midway.

High Jump—1st Sam Koonsman, Dickens.

2nd—Francis Jackson, Dickens.

3rd—Oscar Nalley, Prairie Chapel.

4th—Earl Austin, Midway.

Shot Put—1st—Julius Henley, Prairie Chapel.

2nd—Elmer Gentry, Croton.

3rd—Willow Street, Dickens.

4th—Guy Goen, Dickens.

Discus—1st—Elmer Gentry, Croton.

2nd—Willow Street, Dickens.

3rd—Guy Goen, Dickens.

Broad Jump—1st—Francis Jackson, Dickens.

2nd—Oscar Nalley, Prairie Chapel.

3rd—H. Johnson, Chandler.

4th—Hubert Hoover, Wichita.

1 Mile Relay—1st—Midway, 2nd Prairie Chapel.

3rd—Wichita.

Junior Boys Track 50 Yard Dash—1st—Stafford, Spur.

2nd—D. R. Harkey, Dickens.

3rd—Fred Crabtree, Dickens.

4th—Hyatt, Spur.

100 Yard Dash—1st—Stafford, Spur.

2nd—D. R. Harkey, Dickens.

3rd—Williams, Spur.

4th—Brandon, Spur.

440 Yards Relay—1st Spur, 2nd Dickens, 3rd Espuela, 4th Midway.

High Jump—1st—Middleton, Afton.

2nd—Brinnell, Espuela.

3rd—Ernest Arthur, Midway.

4th—Mildred Burk, Dickens.

Broad Jump—1st—Middleton, Afton.

2nd—Fred Crabtree, Dickens.

3rd—D. R. Harkey, Dickens.

4th—Ernest Arthur, Midway.

Pull Up (Chinning Bar)—1st—Lefener, Chandler.

2nd—Loren Harkey, Dickens.

3rd—Bingham, Espuela.

4th—Murphy, Espuela.

The following is a list of the schools which took an active part in the interscholastic league work; also the number of points scored by each school:

Class A Athletic Literary Total

Spur Ind. School 25 65 90

Class B

Afton High School 10 19 29

Croton 26 6 32

Dickens 104 71 175

Midway 19 0 19

McAdoo 0 23 23

Rural Schools

Chandler 12 0 12

Espuela 13 22 35

Highway	10	0	10
Prairie Chapel	30	25	55
Wichita	6	15	21

If any mistake has been made in the above report please notify me and I will gladly make the proper correction.—FRANK SPEER, County Director of Interscholastic League.

FACTS SHOW REMARKABLE INCREASE IN CHURCH MEMBERS

Washington. America is growing more religious.

In the face of criticism and attacks the churches of the United States according to the Federal Council of Churches, made the greatest gains in their history during the last statistical year.

Figures made public today by Dr. E. P. Watson, statistician of the Federal Council, show that the religious bodies of the United States gained 1,220,428 members over the preceding year. This approximately 50 percent greater than the average annual growth for the preceding 5 years.

The present membership of all religious bodies in the country, according to the latest figures available, is 447,461,558 persons.

During the year there was a gain of 9,581 congregations and 15,252 ministers. A total of 214,583 ministers man the 243,590 congregations of the country.

Church representatives point out that according to the figures compiled, each day last year an average of 3,345 persons joined the various religious bodies, 42 ministers were ordained or licensed and 26 congregations were organized.

The percentage gain in membership is 2.64. The number of congregations were increased 4 percent and pastors 7 percent. Some of the increase in congregations and ministers is due to the fact that the Christian Science figures for these items were supplied for the first time. In addition, the Methodist Episcopal church, South, included its local preachers, which has not been done before; but not counting those the percentage of increase in congregations and clergy is nearly double that of the increase in membership.

The shortage in clergy is not as great as the fact that there are 29,007 more congregations than ministers would indicate. Many pastors, especially in rural districts, have charge of two or more congregations. Besides a number of missions and rural churches are served by laymen. The activity on the part of laymen is one of the most significant features of the year.

Owing to different methods adopted by the various bodies in computing their membership it is hard to make comparisons. The Roman Catholic church shows a membership of 18,104,804. Its figures represent estimated church population and include all baptized persons. Evangelical Protestant churches show a membership of 27,454,080. They count communicants only.

The 30 bodies related to the Federal council of churches report a total membership of 20,722,042 persons. They have 149,436 congregations served by 119,077 ministers. Their gain in membership over last year is 609,261. Their total constituency is now 58,031,433 persons.

The total religious constituency of the country is placed at 98,873,367 persons. Church officials define constituency to mean all baptized persons, all inherent and all those who in the extreme test of life and death turn to a particular communion.

When the figures of the various churches are placed on a comparable basis through methods agreed upon by church and governmental officials the constituencies of the great bodies are as follows.

Protestant	78,113,481
Roman Catholic	18,104,804
Jews	1,600,000
Later Day Saints (Mormons)	604,082
Eastern Orthodox (Greek and Russian)	456,054

The Jewish figures are the same as used last year. They are computed on a different basis from the various Christian bodies because of their great variation in methods of counting membership. The Jewish population of the United States at more than 3,300,000.

Through some of the larger bodies have not reported on their expenditures, the figures already in hand show that the churches raised \$16,628,894 more than last year. The total reported to date is \$505,052,987.

The great increase in membership is due largely to the gains of the Roman Catholic Church which shows an increase of 219,158; the Methodists Episcopal church, 122,975; the Southern Baptist Convention 97,116; and the National Baptist Convention (colored), 74,570. The Roman Catholic figures indicate a decrease in the rate of gain as compared with the annual average for the preceding years, which was 432,766.

The Methodist churches have the largest constituency in the country, their figures being 23,253,854 persons. The Baptists form the second largest group and are pressing the Methodists closely with a constituency of 22,869,098 persons.

The Roman Catholics are third with 18,104,804 persons. The Lutherans make up the fourth body with 7,043,854 constituency, and the Presbyterians are fifth with 6,726,693 constituency.

The Methodist Protestant church turned a loss during the preceding

five years into an increase of 8,000 members. While the Disciples of Christ and the Congregational churches both had a reduction in the number of congregations, they gained respectively 8,826 and 19,046 members.

The Episcopalians doubled their increase of the preceding year, making a gain of 4,624, which is not quite four percent. This brings their total membership to 108,560. The Christian Science Church reports 1,799 congregations and 3,593 readers but gives no figures as to membership.

The statistics of the Adventists bodies indicate a loss of 2,567 members, their present membership being 133,666 against 136,233 reported last year. The Latter Day Saints, (Mormons) show a constituency gain of 16,164.

The last available figures regarding membership of the larger churches and their gains or losses during the year are:

Adventist bodies, 133,666 loss 2,567; all Baptists, 8,167,535 gain 332,285; Northern Baptist Convention, 1,274,250 gain 13,843; Southern Baptist Convention, 3,374,165 gain 97,116; National Baptist Convention (colored), 3,253,733, gain 74,570; other Baptist bodies, 265,387, loss, 655; Brethren—German Baptists, (Dunkers) 136,432, gain 2,322; Christian church (General Christian Convention) 94,153, loss, 2,931; Swedenborgian bodies, 7,063.

All contestants who have won 1st place in the literary event and those gain 776.

Congregational churches, 838,271, gain 19,046; Disciples of Christ, 1,218,849; Eastern Orthodox churches, 456,054, gain 45,000; Evangelical church (merger of Evangelical Association and United Evangelical church) 259,417; gain 9,321; Evangelical Synod of North America, 317,986, gain 43,126; Evangelical Associations 15,708 gain 188; Friends, 106,584; gain 930; Latter Day Saints (Mormons) 604,082, gain 16,164; Lutherans 2,515,662 gain 49,017.

Mennonite bodies, 91,603, gain 321; all Methodists, 8,304,948 gain 385,391; Methodist Episcopal church 4,279,586 gain 122,975; Methodist Episcopal church South, 2,405,257 church 186,275 gain 8,000; Other white Methodist bodies, 85,295, gain 109; Moravian bodies 36,854, 4,631.

All Presbyterians, 2,402,392 gain 52,473; Presbyterian church U. S. A. (North) 1,722,254 gain 34,557; Presbyterian church U. S. (South) 411,854 gain 14,796; Other Presbyterian bodies 268,284 gain 3,120; Protestant Episcopal church 1,118,396 gain 36,818; Reformed bodies 525,161 gain 14,256; Roman Catholic church 18,104,804 gain 219,158; Salvation Army 52,291, gain 6,242; Unitarians 108,560 gain 4,624; United Brethren bodies 390,472 gain 7,143.

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING THE KILLING OF ATTY. RANDEL

According to officers who have been working day and night to clear the mystery of the shooting of Judge Randel from ambush while riding in an automobile Wednesday between Aspermont and Hamlin, startling developments are momentarily expected. As one officer expressed it, "we believe we are on the right track and will present the grand jury with a signed confession from the party or parties that did the shooting when it meets."

The grand jury has been called to meet Monday at Anson to investigate the case.

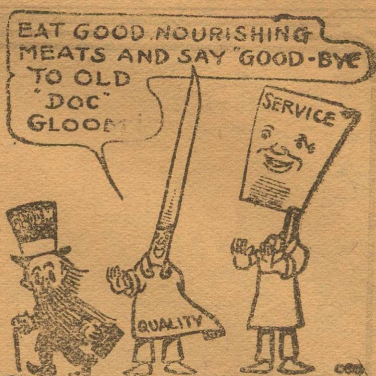
T. B. Smith, aged sixteen years, who was arrested for investigation in connection with the alleged slaying from ambush of former District Attorney Joe C. Randel of Hamlin, was interviewed by a reporter of this paper Saturday while he was in custody of officers en route to a jail "somewhere in West Texas" where he was being conveyed for safe keeping and protection. No charge against Smith has been made in the case, but he is merely being held pending further investigation.

When questioned by the reporter, young Smith was in the best of spirits, attired in a green wool shirt, and greeted the reporter with a smile and "Hello there." He stated that he was born and reared in Stone wall county, having lived there all his life and that he will not be seven teen years of age until May 23. He lived on a farm and ranch eight miles south and east of Aspermont with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith.

The young man, pleasing in appearance and pleasant to talk to, stated that he had gone to school this year (during the present school term) at Mt. Pleasant School between Hamlin and Aspermont and that he was in the ninth grade—he having quit school some time ago. He stated that he was the older of a family of five children, three boys and a girl, the youngest boy being four years old.

When questioned about being taken into custody, young Smith stated that they arrested him Thursday morning right after he had gotten up, that he was taken to Aspermont, by Sheriff Bailey Bingham and "a detective." When asked how he knew the man was a detective, the boy replied, "I asked Mr. Bingham if he wasn't a detective. I figured he looked like one."

When asked if he knew anything about the case he was alleged to be connected with, the boy replied, "They've got two against me, and I've never had an examining trial in either case."



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The State of Texas, To all persons interested in the Estate of John McMath Deceased, Mrs. C. C. Cooper has filed in the County court of Dickens County, an application for letters of temporary administrator upon the Estate of said John M. McMath Deceased which will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1923, at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Dickens, Texas, this 21st day of March A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Texas.

"What's the other case against you?" queried the reporter. "A transportation case in connection with having whiskey in my possession," answered the boy.

When questioned if he knew anything about any foot prints being discovered in the pasture near where the shooting of Joe Randel took place, Smith answered, "I could tell from the way they were talking they had found some foot tracks. They had some detectives out there. I couldn't tell you their names, though. They came to the house with Sheriff Bingham. I knew they got evidence of foot tracks. Us boys had been down there in the pasture hunting for the horses. If they got my shoes I don't know anything about it."

The boy was wearing tennis shoes, stating that he had on other shoes when he was in the pasture several days ago.

When questioned about the transportation case, the boy stated that he was taken in custody in Fisher county and conveyed to the Jones county jail in Anson.

When asked if he knew the men in the car with Joe Randell when the shooting took place, the boy replied that he did and named all three men stating that he was not intimate with them but knew them. Questioned about knowing Joe Randel, Smith stated

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CROTON NEWS

Croton has been rather sleepy of late every one having been up late the last few nights.

Croton High School gave a play Friday night, "The Value of X."

Melchisedek Green chartered by J. C. Porter was full of fun and jokes. J. C. by his personality kept the crowd laughing the full two hours.

Mrs. Green played her part well and gave fun and humor to the play also.

Harley Winkler showed his ability at acting, by bringing out the character of Dave Farrington.

Alyce Porter seemed so different from her real self, as the character of Josie Slockbridge. Her high temper and "stuck up" ways was acted well.

The class poet played by Joe Dunn was a scream to everyone. The poems made up with the help of "Poe and Tennyson" were real clever.

The class orator played by Peyton Legg well suited his real character and he showed his ability at real oratory.

The parts played by Elmer Gentry and J. P. Legg were full of humor and satire. They kept the crowd expecting a fight any moment.

The prissy little junior girl acted by Iva Richey was well played. It was a hard part but Iva overcame the difficulty.

The part of sleepy Larence Leonard was exceedingly well acted by Wade Hash. You could not have told but what he really had been asleep and what he said was true.

Chloria Lewis acted the part of Mildred Spencer well. It suited her own character well with its high ideals and ambitions.

The parts played by Professor Schuyler, Miss Ervan and Mademoi-

selle Fleurette were well acted.

The "Death Disk" read by Mrs. Gentry was appreciated by all.

Croton wishes to thank the teachers for their patience and ability that they have put into the play. We also wish to thank Barney Hale and his helpers for the music given between acts.

Croton school was represented strong at the Athletic meet Saturday.

Joe Dunn, Alyce Porter and Chloria Lewis represented the senior girls, Harley Winkler and Elmer Gentry represented the senior boys. The junior girls and boys were represented by several.

Joe Dunn ran so fast that people began to get out of her way. She was the center of attraction for a few minutes. Joe could have run five races if she had been made to run them.

Elmer Gentry won first place in Discus throwing and second in Shot Put. He surprised several and also himself. Everyone was proud.

Harley Winkler won first in the two-hundred yard dash and hundred yard dash. He won second place in the quarter mile race. We were all glad Harley won. He was determined to win. You know the old saying, "Determination is half the race".

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have been elected back for next year and they accepted the positions.

Several letters have been received from Lena May Littlefield. Lena May is liking her new home fine and dandy. She says California is the only place for her.

I must close as I am getting sleepy.—A Friend.

PEACEFUL HILL ITEMS

Well, as we have had a few showers, we will write more news.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Dock Love's Friday night.

Lenard Ward and wife are visiting relatives at Breckenridge this week.

Our Sunday school and Prayer meeting are progressing nicely. Everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Stella Henderson of Spur spent Friday night with Misses Edna and Eola Lambert.

Mr. Harol Witt of Watson spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. Dock Love.

Mr. Henderson and family of Spur was the guest of Mr. W. I. Smith and family one day this week.

Miss Jewel Martin and Mrs. Edd Martin of lower Red Mud are visiting their brother, Joe Martin and family.

Peaceful Hill and Red Top played

a base ball game Friday afternoon Red Top beat, but can't do it again.

Mr. Hero Mitchell and Alton Randleman of Twin Wells were at the party Friday night, and showed ever body a nice time.

Miss Aleene Slack of White River spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Eola Lambert.

Miss Tillie Love spent Friday night with Edna and Eola Lambert.

The Layman of the Red Mud church went to Steel Hill Sunday and rendered a program. Everyone reported a nice time.

There were several Easter Egg hunts around Sunday. All reporting nice times.

Well, it is time to go to school so will ring off.—The Chummy Four.

Mrs. Geo. S. Link returned this week from an extended visit to her mother in Arkansas.

J. V. Bilberry, who is now living in Arkansas, is visiting his friends and relatives in Dekens county.

Harry G. Knipp, who is now one of the Texas Spur force, spent Sunday in Crosbyton and Ralls. He states that apparently everything is progressing nicely on the plains.

J. H. Jones, of the Highway community, was in the city the first of the week trading and meeting with his friends.

DEPOSITORY NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Kent.

As required under Article 2453 Revised Statute 1920, notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Kent County, Texas, will at its April Term A. D. 1923, same being the 9th day of said Month receive sealed bids for Depository of School Funds and the County Funds of Kent County, Texas; such depository selected to serve as such until the regular time required by law for the selection of Depositories; said Bond of the County School Fund being the sum of \$40,000.00; County Fund Bond being in the sum of \$60,000.00. Certified check equal to one half of one per cent of each bond must accompany said sealed bids as required by law.

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Ann Adams' Conquest

By HARRIET BRUNKHURST

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Ann Adams looked her usual charming self as she sat at her desk beside the window. Her fluffy light hair was dressed as prettily as ever, her blue serge frock was faultlessly pressed and brushed, her white collar and cuffs immaculate. Nor did Ann's fingers lag as she transcribed her notes. Yet Ann was dejected, confused, uncertain as never before in all her short, cheery life.

Ann did not look at the man at the big desk in the center of the room. She did not need to, for she sensed the moody, brooding aspect of him. He had worn it for three days now, ever since he had abruptly checked himself in the middle of what appeared to be a proposal on Monday. This was Wednesday.

An extraordinarily good new position was offered to Ann, and while she regretted leaving Lester Sawyer, to refuse the opening would be folly. Ann told Mr. Sawyer on Monday.

Lester Sawyer had hesitated, said that he must not stand in her way, then, lighting into most appealing tenderness, he had asked her to marry him, but before he finished his sentence he drew himself up shortly and reverted to his usual office manner.

"Well, think the matter over," he said; "I'll meet their offer if possible. We can't spare you here."

Ann was puzzled. She was not deeply in love with Lester, but she knew that she could be. However, the present situation was impossible.

"Mr. Sawyer," Ann suddenly whirled in her chair and faced him, "I think it best to accept the Hudson people's offer."

Sawyer looked up, surprised, but, had he known it, scarcely more surprised than Ann herself, who had spoken without any clear intention of doing so. She found herself immeasurably relieved once she had spoken, smiled naturally and turned back to her desk without awaiting an answer. Lester left his desk and went over to Ann's side.

"Come out for luncheon with me," he pleaded. "There is something I must say."

"All right," said Ann, cheerily, although she ordinarily found it best to refuse all invitations in business hours. "Only I have quite decided that it would not be fair to ask the firm to meet the Hudson's offer. I'm not worth that salary here."

"Well—" Sawyer's tone was doubtful, "I don't know about that. But—there's something else."

All of Ann's briefly banished confusion and indecision returned, but she concealed it under a smiling nod, and dismissed Sawyer by letting her hands fall upon her typewriter keys. At the cozy little table in a far corner of the restaurant Sawyer was delightfully self-possessed as he performed his duties of cavalier and host. But when he approached the matter to be discussed all his ease of manner disappeared.

"I must have seemed a cad the other day," he began without preamble. "I started to ask you to marry me, and I didn't give you a chance to reject me. But I acted as if I thought you were going to accept me—I had absolutely no reason for thinking you would—and withdrew the offer as impulsively as I made it. I'd like to make it clear that I was thinking only of you."

Ann smiled into his troubled eyes. "It is all very well put," she said, "but it really doesn't make sense."

"I suppose not," said Sawyer. "Did you ever notice that I'm a grouch?"

"Never to me," said Ann, gently. "That's just it," the man answered, bitterly. "Never to you, because I'm not married to you. That is what has fooled every last man in my family and equally deluded the girls that have married into the family. You can smooth me over in any business crisis, you can take care of that imp of an office boy and adjust all the little difficulties, avert the annoyances of the day's routine. That is why you are worth an increase in salary to the firm, because I'm no good without you."

"You were a valuable man when I came to the firm," reminded Ann, oddly moved nevertheless.

"But you have no idea how much you have increased my value," he said, with a tight-lipped smile. "Well—that is the firm's side of it. My own side takes only an explanation. The men of my family are beasts in their homes, my father, my uncles, my grandfather. There's only one thing to be said for any of them—they don't display their dispositions in public. But I don't intend to bring to any woman's face, least of all yours, the hunted, beaten, fretted look the women who have married into our family wear."

"I'm not afraid of you," said Ann,

sweetly, suddenly leaving the safe ground whence she could retreat or advance at will. "You have always shown your real self with me—you always would."

Lester shook his head.

"If you'd ever heard my mother excusing this or that or the other grouchiness of father's by quoting some charming incident of their pre-nuptial days, you'd lose faith. Those old stories are worn pretty thin, but they prove conclusively that the family irritability doesn't appear in courtship. And I don't intend to make any woman, least of all you, miserable."

"Then what," asked Ann, soberly.

"I wish you would stay on with us," Lester said. "The future with the Hudson people may be better, but the salary is all that concerns you, for you'll marry, anyway. So if we meet their offer in salary and advance you in salary as they would, our proposition is really as good as theirs."

"I need you, Ann," said Lester, after a pause.

Ann looked up with a radiant smile.

"Let's do a little psycho-analyzing," she suggested. "Since neither of us know anything about it it is perfectly safe! According to these learned folk you have taken your demons out where you can watch them romp and you know exactly what they are and what they are doing. You are master. Your relatives possessing similar collections, put theirs down cellar and lock the doors—and the uproar destroys the peace of the entire household. I'm not afraid of you," Ann ended firmly.

"Then you'll stay?" cried Lester.

Ann shook her head.

"No, I'm going with the Hudson people. I'm going to prove to yourself that it is yourself, not I that is fighting and winning this battle. I'll stand on the side lines and cheer."

"Where does that leave us?" Lester inquired perplexedly.

"It doesn't leave us—it starts us," said Ann. "We are engaged. We are going to be happy engaged, and as happy married."

"I—I believe you are right," said Lester, returning her radiant smile.

Old Newgate Prison.

Newgate was a famous old jail in the city of London, originally used as a place of imprisonment for malefactors and debtors, and afterwards as a house of detention for persons awaiting trial at the Old Bailey court. It was said to have been the oldest prison in England—having been commenced during the reign of Henry I (1100-1135). In 1241 the building had fallen into decay, and was restored by ex-torting the sum of 20,000 marks from the wealthy Jews of that city. Newgate was destroyed during the Great Fire of 1666. It was rebuilt in 1770; the exterior was destroyed by fire during the Gordon riots of 1780, but was restored in 1782. It was finally demolished in 1902.

Among the noted prisoners confined within its walls in times past may be mentioned George Wither, Daniel Defoe, Jack Sheppard, Titus Oates and William Penn.

Spends Little for Food.

"Seventy-five cents a day is what I spend for food," said a young man, "and I am never hungry."

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English Royal House.

Plantagenets was the name of the royal house that occupied the throne of England from Henry II (1154-1189) to Richard III (1483-1485) inclusive—a period of 331 years. This word is said to be derived from the planta genista (the Spanish broom plant), a sprig of which was adopted as a device by the earl of Anjou, great-grandfather of Henry II, during a pilgrimage to the Holy land, and was commonly worn by him in his helmet. According to the story, the earl chose this emblem for penitential reasons, having offered himself to be scourged with the stems of the broom plant in atonement for a murder he had committed.

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