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Everybody is requested to assemble at the Lower Cottonwood school building promptly at 9 a. m., where the first drive is to start. Bring your lunch. Coffee will be furnished free. While the place of assembly was not announced for the afternoon drive, it is presumed that the start will be made from the Lower Cottonwood school building also.

RUMORED CHANGE

The Messenger has heard the rumor, unverified as yet, that Hagerman is soon to lose its present railroad agent, and gain another, who formerly held that position here with the Santa Fe. Mr. J. F. Gott, the agent here, who formerly looked after Santa Fe business, as agent at Willard, may be transferred back to his former location and Ernest Bowen, of that place, return here.

DEMONSTRATION OF EVERLITE FLOUR

The demonstration of Everlite flour given by J. T. West, local distributor, at the McAdoo Drug Store Saturday afternoon and evening, was a neat bit of advertising for this high quality food product. There was a constant in-and-out flow of interested spectators and samplers of the product—light, hot buttered biscuit, and no dissenting voice was heard to the general expressed opinion that they were top-notch.

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Word has been received of the death of Will R. Rader at El Paso Wednesday afternoon, though details of his death are lacking. The body is expected to arrive here tonight and funeral services will be held at the Thorne chapel on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, interment to be made in the city cemetery.

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Mrs. A. L. Van Arsdol, Has Returned From a Visit of Four Weeks to Her Parents at Logan, Iowa. Mr. Van Arsdol met her at Clovis Sunday morning returning with her to this place on the early train Monday morning.

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SEVERAL MORE CANDIDATES COME OUT FOR POLITICAL PREFERMENT

Cast Their Hats Into the Ring for the Various County Offices to be Filled at the Coming County Election.

REESE FOR DIST. ATTORNEY

The Messenger is authorized to announce the candidacy of George L. Reese, of Roswell for the office of district attorney, being the third candidate for this office to announce in the Messenger. Mr. Reese is well known to many of the voters of this section, having been a practicing attorney in the valley for the past two or three years.

Mr. Reese is the son of George Reese, Sr., a prominent attorney of Roswell. He is a graduate of the Roswell high school and of the New Mexico Military Institute, located at Roswell. Upon his graduation from the Military Institute he was awarded the second highest honors in scholarship and received a commission as second lieutenant in the National Guard. Later he attended the University of California and received his A. B. degree in the academic department then entered the law department, where he studied law for two years. Previous to this time he read law in his father's office. Mr. Reese has been a practicing attorney for the past three years and during this time has had occasion to meet numbers of people throughout this district. At present he is the junior member of the law firm of Reese and Reese.

He is a splendid type of a young man, who is ambitious to serve the district in this capacity. He is aligned with no factions and the pledge that he makes to the people is that he will give his best effort toward properly executing the duties of this office. The voters of this district will make no mistake in considering the claims of Mr. Reese to the district attorney's office.

WILLIAMS FOR TREASURER

The Messenger presents this week the name of E. H. (Hub) Williams, of Roswell, as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Chaves county. Not only in Roswell, but in Hagerman and throughout the county and valley Mr. Williams has a large acquaintance, and his friends know him as a sterling business man and good citizen. He came to the Pecos Valley in 1891, first locating in Carlsbad. Three years later, in 1894, he removed to Roswell, where he built up a prosperous clothing business.

Mr. Williams is now submitting his name for the nomination for treasurer, and his past experience as a business man, coupled with his probity of character and familiarity with clerical duties make him a strong candidate for the nomination. His interests are all here, owing to his long residence and business career, and no doubt he will make a good official. The Messenger is of the opinion, although not quite sure, that this is his first bid for official position, and he will undoubtedly make a good race for the nomination.

SAUNDERS FOR ASSESSOR

Woodlan P. Saunders, of Roswell, announces his candidacy for the office of assessor, in the Messenger. Mr. Saunders is a young man of proven ability and because of his previous experience in this office, will make the people of Chaves county a splendid officer, if elected. Mr. Saunders, who has been a resident of New Mexico for the past twenty one years, is well and favorably known to the voters of the north districts.

In addition to Mr. Saunders experience in the assessors office, he spent ten years in the banking business, four years of which was the state banking department. This he feels has helped him to gain an insight in the business world and will better enable him to transact the duties of the assessor's office in a business like and efficient manner, should the voters see fit to honor him with this office.

Mr. Saunders will appreciate your support and influence and invites every voter to investigate his claims to the assessor's office.

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MELVIN KING, LAKE ARTHUR LAD INJURED BY TRUCK SATURDAY

Melvin King, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. King, of Lake Arthur, was seriously hurt Saturday afternoon when he was run over by his father's truck.

Little Melvin was leaning against the door of the truck and not being securely fastened, the door came open and the child fell out. Mr. King was unable to stop the truck before the rear wheel had passed over the little boy's body. While he is not entirely out of danger, it is hoped that in a few days little Melvin will be completely recovered.

Mrs. A. L. Van Arsdol, has returned from a visit of four weeks to her parents at Logan, Iowa. Mr. Van Arsdol met her at Clovis Sunday morning returning with her to this place on the early train Monday morning.

Messenger Want Ads pay.

SEVERAL MORE CANDIDATES COME OUT FOR POLITICAL PREFERENCE

Cast Their Hats Into the Ring for the Various County Offices to be Filled at the Coming County Election.

REESE FOR DIST. ATTORNEY

The Messenger is authorized to announce the candidacy of George L. Reese, of Roswell for the office of district attorney, being the third candidate for this office to announce in the Messenger. Mr. Reese is well known to many of the voters of this section, having been a practicing attorney in the valley for the past two or three years.

Mr. Reese is the son of George Reese, Sr., a prominent attorney of Roswell. He is a graduate of the Roswell high school and of the New Mexico Military Institute, located at Roswell. Upon his graduation from the Military Institute he was awarded the second highest honors in scholarship and received a commission as second lieutenant in the National Guard. Later he attended the University of California and received his A. B. degree in the academic department then entered the law department, where he studied law for two years. Previous to this time he read law in his father's office. Mr. Reese has been a practicing attorney for the past three years and during this time has had occasion to meet numbers of people throughout this district. At present he is the junior member of the law firm of Reese and Reese.

He is a splendid type of a young man, who is ambitious to serve the district in this capacity. He is aligned with no factions and the pledge that he makes to the people is that he will give his best effort toward properly executing the duties of this office. The voters of this district will make no mistake in considering the claims of Mr. Reese to the district attorney's office.

WILLIAMS FOR TREASURER

The Messenger presents this week the name of E. H. (Hub) Williams, of Roswell, as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Chaves county. Not only in Roswell, but in Hagerman and throughout the county and valley Mr. Williams has a large acquaintance, and his friends know him as a sterling business man and good citizen. He came to the Pecos Valley in 1891, first locating in Carlsbad. Three years later, in 1894, he removed to Roswell, where he built up a prosperous clothing business.

Mr. Williams is now submitting his name for the nomination for treasurer, and his past experience as a business man, coupled with his probity of character and familiarity with clerical duties make him a strong candidate for the nomination. His interests are all here, owing to his long residence and business career, and no doubt he will make a good official. The Messenger is of the opinion, although not quite sure, that this is his first bid for official position, and he will undoubtedly make a good race for the nomination.

SAUNDERS FOR ASSESSOR

Woodlan P. Saunders, of Roswell, announces his candidacy for the office of assessor, in the Messenger. Mr. Saunders is a young man of proven ability and because of his previous experience in this office, will make the people of Chaves county a splendid officer, if elected. Mr. Saunders, who has been a resident of New Mexico for the past twenty one years, is well and favorably known to the voters of the north districts.

In addition to Mr. Saunders experience in the assessors office, he spent ten years in the banking business, four years of which was the state banking department. This he feels has helped him to gain an insight in the business world and will better enable him to transact the duties of the assessor's office in a business like and efficient manner, should the voters see fit to honor him with this office.

Mr. Saunders will appreciate your support and influence and invites every voter to investigate his claims to the assessor's office.

COMING BASKETBALL GAMES

The Artesia high school Bulldogs will meet the Dexter high school quintette at the central school gym, Friday evening and on the following evening, Saturday, they will meet the Tularosa Wildcats here.—Artesia Advocate.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 1923

COOPERATION GAINING FAVOR IN NEW MEXICO

Of every one hundred New Mexico farmers ten were members of cooperative associations in 1926, says A. L. Walker of the New Mexico Agricultural College. A total of \$3,800,000 worth of products was handled by 28 associations having a total membership of slightly more than 3,000. It would be difficult to determine the largest volume of business any one farmer did through his association, but on the average over 1,250 worth of products was handled for each New Mexico farmer belonging to a cooperative association. This compares favorably with the United States as a whole, for in 1926 two million American farmers transacted \$2,500,000,000 worth of business through cooperative marketing associations. It is the belief of many of our outstanding statesmen in the United States today that the most promising means for relief of the farmer's unfavorable position in the nation's business, is for him to help himself. To accomplish this end, cooperative marketing of products cooperatively has been the salvation of the enterprise or enterprises represented.

To gain the confidence of the farmers, cooperative associations, whether large or small, must render service to the membership rather than attempting to maintain loyalty by means of rigid contracts. Service can be offered in many ways, yet the most valuable means are: (1) Offering marketing information that farmers need and can use. (2) Standardizing, grading and otherwise improving the quality of the products they handle, and (3) Practicing efficient merchandising.

A SUBSIDY AND AN UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION

There is now before the post office committee of the house a bill that is of intense and vital interest to every country community. It is a postal rates bill introduced by Representative Griest of Pennsylvania. It provides new postage rates on several classes of mail, but that part of it of interest to the small cities and towns of the nation is in connection with third-class mail.

Through preferential rates on third-class mail to the large users of this class of mail it proposes to subsidize the mail order houses and the big city merchants in their efforts to secure the merchandising business of the smaller cities and towns, by giving to these mail order houses and big city merchants a cheaper rate on their business solicitations carried through the mails than would be accorded to the merchant of the smaller city or country town.

It proposes direct discrimination against the merchants of the smaller cities and towns in favor of the merchants and mail order houses of the larger cities.

All of this is tied up in a "joker" clause in the bill that provides that if the total weight of the total number of circulars of one kind to be mailed shall be twenty pounds or more the postage rate shall be one cent for each piece weighing two ounces or less, but if the total number of copies of any one circular to be mailed shall weigh less than twenty pounds, the postage charge on each piece of two ounces or less shall be one and one-half cents.

Any one piece of direct-by-mail advertising of the mail order houses or the big city merchants is mailed to many thousands of prospective buyers, and covers very wide sections of the country. The total number of such pieces of such direct-by-mail advertising would easily weigh many times twenty pounds, and because the total weight of all of these was twenty pounds or more the postage rate would be one cent on each piece. The merchant doing business in the smaller city or the country town who wished to mail a piece of direct-by-mail advertising to the possible purchasers in his town and in the trade territory of that town would have a mailing list of but a few hundred, possibly one thousand, names at the most. The total weight of this number of circulars or small booklets would be less than twenty pounds, and this small city or country town merchant must pay one and one-half cent on each piece as a postage charge.

In the case of the mail from the mail order house or the big city merchant the government must pay for the handling and sorting of these thousands of pieces of mail at the office at which they are deposited for mailing; the government must transport them on railroad trains for which the government must pay the railroads; when they arrive at destination the government must pay for sorting them by individual addresses and must pay the carriers for delivering them to the individuals to whom they are addressed.

But in the case of the same class of mail used by the merchants of the small cities and towns, practically all of it would be delivered direct to the persons to which the pieces are addressed through but the one post office, and the government would save the cost of handling and sorting in one post office, and would save the cost of the rail transportation. Yet it proposes to handle the mail that involves these additional costs at two-thirds the charge for which it will handle the mail that does not involve these additional costs.

During 1927 the charge for handling third-class mail of two ounces or less was one and one-half cents

per piece, except for booklets of twenty pages or more and weighing two ounces or less, for which the charge was one cent, and these one cent mailings were a comparatively small percentage of the more than four billion pieces of third-class mail handled by the Post Office department. During 1927 the cost to the government of handling each piece of third-class mail was 1.79509—approximately one cent and eight mills. Of this per piece total, 34941—approximately four mills—was the cost per piece for transportation and distribution in transit.

In other words, it cost the government a very small fraction less than one and a half cents to handle each piece of third-class mail, weighing two ounces or less, when there were no transportation charges. That is, the third-class mail directly through the one post office and to the people in the vicinity of that post office. That is the character of the third-class mail used by the merchants of the smaller cities and the country towns.

But for the third-class mail originating in the large cities—the direct-by-mail advertising of the mail order houses and the big city merchants—distributed over wide areas, the cost to the government was better than one-quarter of a cent per piece more than the government received.

Now it is proposed to cut the postage rates to these mail order houses and big city merchants to a point where the loss will be more than three quarters of a cent on each piece without granting the same reduction to the merchants of the smaller cities and towns whose mailings cost the government one-quarter of a cent per piece less to handle.

That is direct discrimination against the people of the smaller cities and country towns, whose communities depend for their prosperity and growth on the maintaining of a merchandising center; it is direct discrimination against the merchants of these communities against whom would be assessed a heavier sales cost in their effort to meet the competition of the mail order houses and the large city merchants than is assessed against these outside competitors; it is a direct discrimination against both the printer and the newspaper publisher of these smaller cities and towns who must depend for their prosperity upon the prosperity of the merchants and the people of their communities.

It is a subsidy to the mail order houses and the big city merchants in that it proposes to render a service for these mail order houses and big city merchants at less than the established cost of that service and charge the deficit up to the tax payers of the nation.

Any congressman, and especially any congressman representing a county district, who would vote for that bill is not entitled to the support of the people of such a district. He would be voting to sacrifice not only the interests of the people who have elected him, but the best interests of the nation as a whole because the best interests of the nation depend upon the prosperity of all of the nation, and not upon the prosperity of the cities alone.

If congress wishes to pass a law making a one-cent postage rate on third-class mail there will be no great objection provided the law applies equally to all. It does not cost the government any more to transport and distribute one thousand pieces of mail mailed by one thousand different persons, than it does to transport and distribute one thousand pieces of mail mailed by one person.

A GOOD MANY THINGS TOO MANY

Now that business and various allied interests have had their fling at suggesting laws governing the planting of cotton, and the regulation of cotton surpluses, the Farm and Ranch, of Dallas, Texas, as spokesman for southern agriculture, offers reciprocal suggestions. These are printed below without comment:

There are too many drug stores. Reducing the number by half would decrease overhead and increase store volume of business, making it possible to operate on a smaller margin of profit. Therefore, we should have a law limiting drug stores to one for each 1,200 inhabitants.

"We suggest a law limiting the number of grocery stores to one for every 1,000 population. It is a well known fact that there are too many grocery stores and that prices are unnecessarily high because of the heavy overhead and excessive operating expenses.

"There are too many banks. A law reducing the number by 25 per cent and the lowering of the rate of legal interest would benefit the entire population.

"A law reducing the number of newspapers, farm papers and magazines would increase circulation volume of those licensed to operate, increase the amount of advertising and make possible better papers and better magazines.

Farm and Ranch suggests the adoption of Will Rogers' remedy for congested streets and highways by prohibiting the operation of any motor that is not paid for.

"The number of commission merchants and middlemen of all classes handling foods and feeds is far too large. Let's have a law that will reduce the number by 50 per cent and limit profits to 7 per cent on the investment.

"We would reduce the number of filling stations by 75 per cent.

"There are too many drummers. One can see a dozen in a country store that has less than \$2,000 worth of goods on the shelves, all of them trying to sell a bill of merchandise. Cut them by half, thus decreasing the cost of doing business.

"There are too many of everything, just as there are too many bales of cotton. Let us be fair in the matter and put a Government inspector in charge of every farm and of every store and factory. Only one out of every ten or eleven persons engaged in gainful pursuits has a Government job, and we submit the question: Is it fair to the rest of us? Everybody ought to have a Government job, and if we pass the laws we have suggested, this great injustice will be remedied. We are for less work and more money."—The Dearborn Independent.

The politician may not be able to explain it but he knows very well all the fools are gathered in one party.

Beggars in Brussels have to keep books but here they have to keep moving.

If our "big navy" is to be only a paper fleet maybe we can fight the next war in bathtubs.

NEW MEX. STOCKMENS' COMMENTS FEBRUARY 1

STATE SUMMARY: Practically all stockmen report ranges very dry. Rain needed to start spring grass. The winter range has been good, and the feed supply plentiful. No bad storms and losses have been very light. Cattle and sheep in good condition, and very little feeding has been necessary. Trading light in January and very few contracts of wool and lambs at 25c to 30c for wool and 10c to 11c for lambs. The 1927 shipments from the state are reported by the Sanitary Boards at 650,484 for cattle, compared with 489,963 head last year. Sheep shipments at 661,662, compared with 610,786 head in 1927. The movement of cattle was the heaviest since 1922, and the heaviest for sheep since 1917.

NORTHWEST—Shiprock: Winter ranges good. Some snow. No loss. Laplata: Plenty of moisture. Feed plentiful. Range splendid. Blanco: Plenty of feed. No wool or lamb contracts. Aztec: Some wool sold 30 1/2c. Losses light.

NORTHCENTRAL—Raton: Winter range good. Losses small. No wool contracts. Very dry. N. Snow. La Madera: Contracted 23,000 lbs. wool at 32 1/2c. Dulce: From 2 to 4 inches snow covers range. Conditions good. Plenty of grass and minimum loss. No wool contracted. Vallecitos: Winter ranges scarce. No wool contracts. Chama: Most winter ranges fair. Snow plentiful. Some sheep loss from pingway weed. Costilla: No snow and getting very dry. Open and mild winter so far.

NORTHEAST—Albert: Very dry. Plenty of grass, feed and water. No cattle or wool sales. Roy: Grass short. Feed supplies below normal. No moisture. Heavy loss from abortion. No wool contracts. Poorest prospects for wheat crop in ten years. Wagon Mound: Cattle and sheep never in better condition. Very little feeding. Dry. Ocate: Range and feed supply good. No moisture or loss. No wool contracts. Stead: Ranges good, but dry. Sufficient feed, and no loss. Gascon: Mountain ranges cold and dry; very little snow. Plenty of grain and forage. Hay \$9. No losses. No sales since January 1. Des Moines: Winter range good. Stock holding up well. Some feeding. Very dry. Feed plentiful. No losses. Pasamonte: Winter ranges good, but need moisture. Losses small. Stock in good shape. No wool contracts. Mt. Dora: Lots of grass, but stock do not eat it very well. Lots of rough feed, but very little grain. Very dry. Cattle changing hands. Horses and mules very cheap. Folsam: Very dry. Range fair. Feed supply short. No losses.

WESTCENTRAL—Catron County: Ranges, cattle and sheep in fine condition. More moisture needed. Dalt: Winter range good. Need moisture. No loss. Aragon: Winter range fair, but moisture needed. San Marcial: Range good, but dry. No loss. Feed plentiful. Magdalena: Plenty of dry feed. Moisture needed. Some wool contracts at 25c to 30c. San Fidel: Very dry and windy. Stock in good condition.

CENTRAL—Albuquerque: Need moisture. Some wool selling 20c-33c; lambs, 10c. Range dry, but no storms and loss light. Ft. Sumner: Winter range good. No rain or snow. Feed supply good. No loss. No wool contracts. Pastura: Very dry. No wool or lamb contracts. Santa Rosa: Range good; plenty of feed. Cattle and sheep in fine condition. No moisture. No loss. Duoro: Range dry. No wool or lamb contracts. No loss. Logan: Range good. Feed supply plentiful. Moisture light. Strong demand for cattle, sheep and lambs. Nara Visa: Range good, plenty feed. Dry, but loss light. Cattle high. Tucumcari: Range good, plenty of feed. No loss. Very little moisture. No wool contracts. Cake high, but plentiful. No bad storms. E. Las Vegas: Grass plentiful, but dry. Cattle and sheep in fine condition. Feed plentiful. No loss. No wool or lamb contracts. Cattle prices good. Willard: winter range good, but dry. No loss. Wool and lamb contracts 22c to 23c for wool, and 10c for lambs. Cedarvale: Winter range very dry. Feed supplies good. No loss.

SOUTHWEST—Lordsburg: Winter range sufficient, but need moisture. Steers, 1s, contracted \$42.50 to \$45, highest price ever. Some weeds coming. No cattle on feed. Buckhorn: Very little snow in mountains. No cattle loss. Denning: Feed plentiful, but dry. Calves \$32-\$35; 1s, \$40-\$45. Chloride: Moisture good in Black Range. Grass short, brush fair. Cutter: Winter range good. Stock in good condition. No loss. Water getting scarce. Hillsboro: Winter range better than usual. Early weeds and grass prospects good. Cattle losses 1 per cent. Steers scarce. Fairview: Most winter ranges good. Dry, but no loss to date.

SOUTHERN—Las Cruces: Winter feed plentiful. Salem: Very dry, no weeds. Carrizozo: Ranges dry, but cattle in good flesh. Picacho: Some feed. Very dry, need snow. No trading. Ancho: Ranges good, but dry. Plenty old grass. Some loss from theft. Glencoe: Range and stock holding up well, but need moisture. Corona: Cattle holding up fine. Fine calf and lamb prospects.

Becoming Costume for Outdoor Sport Events



A most becoming costume for sport events is this horizontally striped skirt with a jersey sweater as worn by Alice White, First National player. A narrow belt is worn along with a felt hat of vagonbona lines.

INSIDE INFORMATION

All wool materials should be dried in a warm place, but not near a fire or in the direct sunlight. Never allow them to freeze. Hang knitted underwear from the shoulders, shaping the garments occasionally and squeezing the water from the bottom.

In February and March eggs begin to be abundant again, and any time during the spring it is good policy to put down a few of the surplus eggs in waterglass as soon as they are taken from the nest. Next fall you will be glad to have them. The United States Department of Agriculture will tell you exactly how to save these eggs so that they will be in perfect condition when taken out of the waterglass solution.

Fruit, nut, and other quick loaf breads are made from a mixture like that for muffins only slightly thicker in some cases. If the batter is comparatively thin, the fruit or nuts should be floured before being added. The temperature of the oven should be low enough for the bread to bake through without making the crust too hard or brown. For a small loaf a temperature of about 375 degrees F is about right; for a larger loaf it should be lower. Test with a straw or toothpick. If you do not have a reliable muffin recipe, you will find one in Farmers' Bulletin 1450-F, "Home Baking."

It is entirely normal for a 15-year old boy to require an unusual amount of food. He is growing rapidly, and using his energies in hundreds of ways. He needs a pint or more of milk a day, either as a drink or in soup, cocoa, puddings, and so forth. He needs also eggs and some meat, cooked cereals for breakfast, bread made from whole-grain flours, plenty of fruit, all kinds of vegetables—some of them served raw—and sweets only at the end of meals. He will want larger portions of everything than most of the other members of the family. It has been found by students of nutrition that a boy between 15 and 18 may need 1.1 times as much energy food as a grown man, and about 1.5 times as much food supplying protein and minerals.

U. S. COAST GUARD WILL HOLD COMPETITIVE EXAM.

Senator B. M. Cutting of Washington, has sent us notice which is being mailed to the various parts of the United States relative to the competitive examinations which will be held by the United States coast guard service for the appointment of cadets to the Coast Guard Academy, which is located at New London, Connecticut, in the latter part of June of this year. The age limits for the appointment of cadets are 18 to 22 years. Further information may be obtained by communicating with Senator Cutting at Washington.

Need moisture. Weed: Winter range good, but need rain. Prices good, calves \$35 and cows \$40 to \$50.

SOUTHWEST—Roswell: Range short. Most stockmen feeding. Feed supply ample. No wool contracts; about 250,000 lbs. on hand. Artesia: Feed on hand. No loss. No moisture. Elk: Lots of grass, but dry. Carlsbad: Small number of cattle on range; conditions good. Most ranches feeding cake. Loss 4 per cent. Hope: Very dry. Stock will winter in good shape. Cake \$50; alfalfa hay \$20.

LARGE NUMBER WEEVILS ENTER WINTER HIBERNATION EARLY

The United States Department of Agriculture has been reporting a number of inquiries relating to the effect of the recent cold weather on the hibernating boll weevils. Explained in a recent statement by the department, an examination determined the number of weevils entering hibernation in the past living was completed just before the weather occurred and showed that in most sections an unusually small number of weevils had entered hibernation. Despite the cold about the department says, there is no reason to assume that there will be sufficient weevils in the cotton to make a strong weevil fight as necessary in the more heavily infested districts.

Undoubtedly many weevils have been killed by the cold. It is to be expected that as soon as the temperature goes below 30 degrees those weevils having the least winter protection are the first to die, and more die as the temperature goes lower. However, experience has shown that temperatures of the least 10 degrees colder than those experienced recently have still permitted enough survival to carry a serious weevil fight the following year. Records kept over a number of years show that the winter of this year has been cold enough to reduce materially the weevil hibernation but it should be remembered that the normal survival of the winter amounts to their 5 to 5 per cent on the average. Mexico that an unusual number entered hibernation last fall.

SNAP JUDGMENT

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK, Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

HIGDON was taking issue with me as to certain statements which I had made in one of my books. He took the other side. I argued fluently for his point. He said, "I don't believe what you say. I think you are wrong in your conclusions."

"Well, what are my conclusions?" I inquired. "I began to doubt whether you were more than his deuce vague as to what I had said that I would elucidate. He hesitated possibly in his attempt to answer me rather red in the face.

"When did you read my book?" I asked finally, "and how can you say you do it?"

"I've never read it at all," he said. "I confessed. I heard some derisive fellows talking about it, and I had my opinions from what they counted. I laughed, and Higdon's matters still forming a snap judgment of the data is not uncommon.

Brown makes no secret of the fact that he doesn't put any faith in the Bible either as history, or as a basis of a religious faith. He laughs when anyone cites the figures as authority for anything. He talks flippantly about it but he makes an assumption of thorough conviction with its contents. Now the days that Brown has never read the Bible. Excepting for a desultory and haphazard reading with its general external appearance and the recollection of a few scattered verses which he learned in his golden texts during his brief acquaintance with Sunday school he had upon nothing about the Bible.

He couldn't find the ten commandments in half an hour. He couldn't know whether it was Moses or the Ham Jennings Bryan who led the children of Israel out of Egypt, or whether it is in the front or the back of the book. The wisdom of the poetry of the Old Testament and his acquaintance with, and his doctrines of the greatest truth which has ever lived as recorded in the New Testament he has read upon given any serious attention. Upon it he throws over the whole lot and will have none of it.

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"Oh, I started 'Dombey and Son' but I couldn't get very far into it. I didn't interest me."

He knew nothing of the "Car Papers," or "David Copperfield," or "Martin Chuzzlewit," or "The House," or best of all I think, "The Expectations." He had read a shooter or two of a great author and immediately it had condemned all the rest of the same way with Stevenson and all the infinite varieties of other charming author had written for read scarcely one volume.

It is the way we judge people from times. From one chance meeting and from the conversation of a few minutes we form settled opinions and promulgate them.

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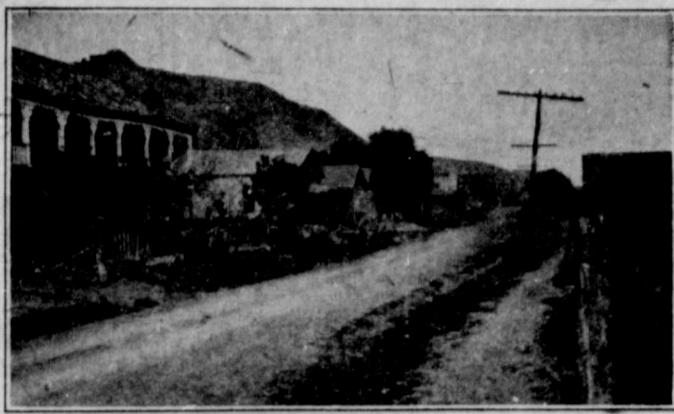
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The True Story of the Killing of New Mexico's Famous Outlaw--"Billy the Kid"

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IN TWO PARTS
PART I.

During the winter of 1880-81 I was in the Panhandle of Texas before this where for some time previously, and showed been serving as Deputy U. S. Marshall and also as a Deputy Sheriff. About the middle of that winter says, there were cattlemen of the Panhandle, who that there was organized an association for the protection of their cattle interests weevil fight as the "Canadian River Cattore heavy Association" of which Mr. Charles might was one of the leading weevils, submitted a proposition to the cold. To enter their employ and as that as soon as representative to cooperate with below 30 authorities of New Mexico with the least view of suppressing and putting to die, an end to the wholesale raiding and the temping of cattle, which had been wever, expd was then being carried on by at temperatilly the Kid" and his gang of des-colder than mos, of whom there were quite ly have slumber and of whom a great mar- rival to city of the people in the localities ght the felle they were operating stood in ept over air and terror.



Old Lincoln town as it appears today

after which we were unable to learn anything whatever indicating the whereabouts of the "Kid" until July following, notwithstanding the fact that we were constantly on the alert and made the most strenuous effort to locate him.

During the interval between the time of the "Kid's" escape and the time he was killed in July following, I continued to make headquarters at White Oaks, during which time I scoured that section of the country thoroughly, finding many stolen cattle, also hides of stolen cattle which had been slaughtered, belonging to the Association I was representing. I had a number of arrests made, prosecutions instituted, etc., being assisted in all this by Sheriff Garrett who cooperated with me in every way possible and whom I found to be a brave and efficient officer.

Some time in the early part of July following the happenings above recorded, I was approached by a man in White Oaks whom I had formerly known in Texas. He, although addicted to habits of dissipation, was a man of good principles and had on previous occasions shown a desire to assist me in the work I had in hand. This man told me a story in strict confidence, as he probably felt that his life depended on its being treated in that way, the gist of which was that for a want of a better place he had for some time been occupying as sleeping quarters a vacant room in a certain livery stable owned and operated by two men who were known to be friends of "Billy the Kid"; that a short time previously while in his sleeping quarters at night he had overheard a conversation between the two men which convinced him that the "Kid" was still in the country, making his headquarters at Fort Sumner, about a hundred miles distant from White Oaks, and that he, at two different times since his escape from Lincoln, had been in the vicinity of White Oaks where he had met or communicated with the two men whose conversation he had overheard.

I was somewhat skeptical as to the correctness of this information, as it seemed almost unbelievable that the "Kid", after nearly three months had elapsed from the time of his escape, with a price on his head and under sentence of death, would still be lingering in the country. However, in view of the peculiar conditions then existing in the country and the fact that the "Kid" had many friends and sympathizers who looked upon him as a hero and who would probably shelter and protect him, I came to the conclusion that there was possibly truth in the story and immediately went to the county seat where I laid the matter before the sheriff as it had been told me.

The sheriff was much more skeptical as to the truth of the story than I; he said he could not believe there was any truth in what the White Oaks individual had told me, but finally said if I desired it he and I would go to Roswell where we would find one of his deputies named McKinney and from there the three of us would go to Fort Sumner with the determination of unearthing the "Kid" if he was there. This was agreed upon and the following day we went to Roswell where we found McKinney, who also expressed his disbelief in the White Oaks story, but willingly joined in with us for the expedition to Fort Sumner, which place is some eighty miles from Roswell.

After a few hours spent in Roswell in arranging for the trip, we started about sundown, riding out of town in a different direction from

Sumner as to the object of my visit, I was to go to the ranch of a Mr. Rudolph (an acquaintance and supposed friend of Mr. Garrett's), whose ranch was located some seven miles north of Sumner at a place called Sunnyside, with the purpose of securing from him, if possible, some information as to the whereabouts of the man we were after. Accordingly, I started from Fort Sumner about the middle of the afternoon for Rudolph's ranch, arriving there sometime before night. I found Mr. Rudolph at home, presented the letter of introduction which Garrett had given me, and told him that I wished to stop overnight with him. After reading the letter, he said Garrett was a good friend if his and that he would be glad to furnish me with accommodations for the night, invited me into the house and took charge of my horse.

After supper was over I engaged in a conversation with Mr. Rudolph discussing the conditions in the country generally and after some little time led up to the escape of "Billy the Kid" from Lincoln and remarked that I had heard a report that the "Kid" was hiding in or around Fort Sumner. Upon my making this remark the old gentleman showed plainly that he was nervous and said that he had heard such a report, but did not believe it. The "Kid" was, in his opinion, too shrewd to be caught lingering in that part of the country with a price on his head and knowing the officers of the law were diligently seeking for him. But, by this time, I was pretty well convinced that Mr. Rudolph, though naturally a well-intentioned man was like so many others, in almost total terror of the "Kid" and on account of his fear very reluctant to say anything whatever about him.

I then told him plainly the object of our errand, that I had come to him with express purpose of learning, if possible, where the "Kid" could be found; that we believed he was hiding in or near Fort Sumner and that Mr. Garrett, the sheriff, expected he (Rudolph) would be able to put us on the right trail. Upon making this statement Mr. Rudolph apparently became more nervous and excited, reiterating his reasons for believing the "Kid" was not in that part of the country. He showed plainly, it seemed to me, that he was not only embarrassed, but alarmed. The whole truth was, we afterward learned, that he was well aware of the fact that the "Kid" was then and had been for some time in hiding about Fort Sumner, but his dread of the "Kid" caused him to make misleading statements while withholding the facts.

Darkness was now approaching and I said to Mr. Rudolph that inasmuch as myself and horse were by this time pretty well rested up, having had a good feed, I had changed my mind and instead of stopping over night with him as first intended, would saddle my horse and ride during the cool of the evening to meet my comrades. This I accordingly did and, as I thought, much to the relief of Mr. Rudolph. I rode directly to the point where I had agreed to meet my companions and strange to say as I approached the point from one direction, they simultaneously came into view from the other, neither they nor myself having to wait for a single moment. This proved to be a night of strange happenings for us, however, all the way through.

To be concluded next week

Hee: "Ever see a worse fog than this?"
Haw: "Yes, one."
Hee: "Is that so, where?"
Haw: "Why, et . . . er . . . it was so foggy I really couldn't tell where it was."

After I had gotten a square meal I loitered about the village for some hours, chatting casually with the people I met in hope of learning something definite as to whether or not the "Kid" was there or had recently been there, but was unable to learn anything further than that the people with whom I conversed were still suspicious of me and it was plain that many of them were on the alert expecting something to happen. In fact there was a very tense situation in Fort Sumner that day as the "Kid" was at that time hiding in one of the native houses therein and if the object of my visit had become known I would have stood no chance for my life whatever.

It was understood when I left my companions in the morning that in case of my being unable to secure definite information in Fort



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PLANS ARE MADE FOR STOCKMENS MEET AT LAS VEGAS FEB. 27TH

Plans for the conventions of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers association and of the New Mexico Wool Growers' association, which will be held in East Las Vegas, are going forward rapidly, according to word received at Albuquerque by Miss Bertha Benson, secretary of both associations.

The address of Louis Ilfeld of Albuquerque on "Reminiscences of the Sheep Industry in New Mexico for the Past Twenty-Five Years," is one of the latest to be added to the wool growers program.

Dr. H. L. Kent, president of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, who had been announced as a speaker for the cattlemen's convention, has been placed on the program for both conventions.

Kenneth Oliver, manager of the field department of the Pacific National Agricultural Credit corporation of El Paso, will address the cattle convention on Easy Money and Its Dangers.

George T. Donaldson of Greensburg, Kansas, is to address the cattlemen on "Producer and Consumer."

The cattlemen's convention will open on February 27 and last two days and will be followed by the wool growers' meeting which will open on February 29 for two days. The executive boards of each association will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning of the first day of each convention.

Elaborate entertainment plans are being made for the delegates of each gathering.

EDITOR, ONCE ACQUITTED AFTER THE KILLING OF "IRATE SUBSCRIBER," DIES

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA.—A. H. Sniff, who, when editor of the Harrison County News 20 years ago, shot and killed an irate subscriber and cleared himself of a murder charge in a fight through three courts, died recently at his home in De Funiak Springs, Fla.

Sniff was editor of the News forty years. His policy was to say much as he thought in his paper, with little regard to consequences.

The subscriber he killed was Mort Brundige, who, according to testimony at the trials, interpreted an article in Sniff's paper as derogatory to his nephew. After reading it, Brundige began to look for the editor, saying he would make him eat the paper. Sniff heard of the threats, avoided meeting Brundige for several hours and then went to his office and waited. When Brundige appeared at the printing office and reached for his hip for the newspaper, Sniff thought he was reaching for a gun. Sniff shot and Brundige pitched to the floor, dead.

One of the chief witnesses was a hobo who said Brundige started up the steps, threats pouring from his lips. Sniff owed his acquittal to this man's testimony. He had been convicted of second-degree murder at the first trial, but an appeal won him a second.

PINK BOLL WORMS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS MONTH

WACO, Texas.—After conferring with Governor Dan Moody by telephone, Homer D. Wade, manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce, announced Monday that a conference on the pink boll worm situation in West Texas would be held at some town in the infested area this month, place and date to be set later. Mr. Wade left Waco Monday for his offices in Stamford to get in touch with towns in the area affected.

After conferring with Chamber of Commerce men in the pink boll worm area, Mr. Wade will recommend to the governor when the conference is to be held and the latter will announce the place as well.

The meeting will be attended by the federal commissioners and entomologists.

Manager Wade pledged the full support of the West Texas Chamber to the governor for the speedy eradication of the pest.

EARNEST ENCORE

Chemist (to motorist who had been carried into his shop after an accident)—"Yes, sir; you had rather a bad smash, but I managed to bring you to."

Motorist—"I don't remember. Do you mind bringing me two more?"

—Happy Mag (London).

LOCALS

Nay Hightower, of Roswell, was in Hagerman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Servatius spent Sunday in Roswell.

Clarence Smith was up from Artesia Monday on business.

E. Page made a trip home to Artesia Sunday, returning the same day.

Mrs. Van Sweatt entertained the Bridge Club Thursday night last.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Davenport and daughter made a visit to Roswell Tuesday.

E. B. McCaw, of Dexter, was a Sunday visitor, en route to Artesia on a brief visit.

Roy Sizemore, of the Midwest Printing Company, Roswell, was in town Saturday on business.

R. F. Adams, a prosperous farmer of the Greenfield neighborhood, was a Messenger visitor Monday.

P. E. Kiper, one of our prosperous farmers, was looking after business matters in Roswell Monday.

The boys and girls basketball teams of Carlsbad will play Hagerman here tomorrow (Friday) night.

Tuesday, April 24th, has been selected by the democrats of Chaves county as the date for the primary election.

Messrs. J. T. West, Jack Sweatt and Ed Lane attended a meeting of the Masonic Club at Roswell Tuesday night.

Mr. Ballard, who has recently taken a position with the Bowen Barber shop here, spent Sunday at his home at Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alma Nail and Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus at 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening.

J. I. Higgs, of Roswell, county health officer, has been in town several days during the past week, on his regular line of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Utterback, near town, entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harter, visitors from California, at dinner Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stuart, of Alto, Lincoln county, were visiting here over the last week-end with the W. E. Jacobson family and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller went to Carlsbad Tuesday evening to attend a business conference of the Peoples Mercantile Co.

Roy Lockhead, Jr., a cadet at the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell was home for the week-end at Hagerman, accompanied by two of his classmates.

Miss Elaine Feemster, of Artesia, spent a few days the past week visiting Miss Marjorie Miller here. Miss Miller accompanied her home Thursday and spent the day in Artesia shopping.

Claude Brown, Bill Collins and Jesse Wheeler, of Carlsbad, were visitors in Hagerman Friday afternoon. From here they went on to Roswell to attend the Roswell-Carlsbad basketball games.

Town Marshal Piley has been doing some street improvement work this week. The depression on Main street at the turn around the flagpole has been filled with sand and brought up to level again.

Arley Brock, well known in Hagerman, has returned to his position as Santa Fe railroad operator at Roswell, after a stay of some length at Willard, where he was acting in the same capacity for the company.

Judging by the business of the merchants Saturday afternoon and evening and the number of people on the streets the town is coming back in good style in a business way following the after-holiday depression.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sweatt, accompanied by their two daughters, left Friday afternoon for a visit to Mr. Sweatt's mother at Barstow, Texas, expecting to stop over a day or two in Pecos en route to visit friends.

SOMETHING NEW—"Win-Sum Crepe," all silk, 100 different shades to order from. 38 inch, \$2.50 per yard. The Woodmas Store. 6-1tc

CHURCHES

Pastors will confer a favor on the management of The Messenger if they will get copy for their church announcements in the office not later than Tuesday afternoon and same will be highly appreciated.—Editor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

The pastor will fill his regular appointment at the Christian Church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The subject of the sermon will be, "What Think Ye of Christ, Whose Son is He." Sunday school meets promptly at ten o'clock. Excellent teachers and classes for all ages. Come to Sunday school and remain for the church services. A cordial welcome awaits all who will come.

C. C. HILL
Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

The usual routine of services will be conducted at the Baptist church Sunday, February 12th. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Let our attitude be as one of old, as we say, "I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord."

J. M. DYAR,
Pastor.

"Prep Girl" silk hose, guaranteed to give satisfaction. \$1.00 pair at the Woodmas Store. 6-1tc

BAPTIST PASTOR RETURNS FROM TOUR

Rev. J. M. Dyar, pastor of Hagerman Baptist church, has returned from a visit to the northeast part of the state and brings a good report from the section visited. Says he witnessed a very fine rain Sunday night, extending over a large scope of the territory, and en route home came in contact with a very heavy snowstorm at Santa Rosa on Tuesday of this week. Many of the snowflakes, he says, were as large as a hen egg and fell so thick and fast it was difficult for him to see how to drive his car. The snow got lighter and lighter however, as he continued his way toward the valley, and finally turned to rain at Dunlap, about fifty miles north of Roswell. The rain ceased about twenty miles north of Roswell, and from there on into Hagerman a dusty road was encountered, a condition which was far less appreciated than the snow, rain and mud.

Mr. Dyar was in Tucumcari, Logan and several other towns in that part of the state, and reports the country prosperous. The chief business is cattle and sheep raising, but dairying and poultry raising furnish a weekly pay day for the people the year round also.

Much interest is being shown too, in the proposed irrigation project on the Canadian river, a measure now before Congress, with strong probability that it will be acted upon favorably.

A Baltimore doctor says a clock ticking induces sleep. So does bed ticking for that matter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A growing and reorganized Sunday School is adding new interest these days to the work of this church as well as new additions to the church membership.

Friday evening, February 17, the men of the church are planning to have a supper with the assistance of the Ladies Aid Society, at which time steps will be taken to organize a Men's Bible class. They will have with them Rev. Dr. Thompson of Roswell, who will make the principal address of the evening, and perhaps Dr. Goodell of the Men's class of Roswell. They are planning to bring with them several musicians among them being Manuel Oracon, said to be the finest violinist of New Mexico. These will be assisted by men of the local church such as R. W. Cumpsten, Oldham Moore and perhaps others. John Henry Slater will give a reading. Hold this date open. You will want to attend.

A splendid program was given Sunday evening by the United Endeavor Society in this church in commemoration of the forty-seventh anniversary of the Endeavor movement. There was a good attendance.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, as previously announced, held a "rummage sale" last Saturday afternoon on the vacant lot on Main street, across from the Carter Grocery. All kinds of "rummage" was offered to the crowd of prospective buyers, ranging from a milk cow donated by P. E. Kiper, to the smallest article of household use. There was clothing, bedding, a porch swing, chickens, fruit and various other odds and ends. The society also made up a number of pasteboard "bricks" which found numerous purchasers, the price demanded being "anything you care to give."

The ladies of the society also gave a food sale at the Carter Grocery during the afternoon, all of which was for the benefit of the church building fund. The rummage and food sale together brought in about ninety dollars. The society pledged \$200 to the church building fund, and the amount mentioned with what had been previously raised, has now reached that amount, lacking a few dollars.

The ladies of the society request the Messengers to express their thanks for the articles contributed and to those who bought so liberally the articles offered for sale.

Seein' things as I see 'em at times I've conculed some folks know about as much about taking time by the forelock as they do about getting on the blind side of a kicking mule.

Messenger Want Ads pay.

For Your Sunday Dinner

We invite you to stop in at this market Saturday and shop for your Sunday dinner.

We will have lots of tempting foods that will add to the variety of the dinner.

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ATHLETIC NOTES

The ball games here Friday night between Hope and Hagerman were well worth attending. The girls played a splendid game but lost 20 to 13. The boys were unusually good both in passing and baskets and won 33-5.

This Friday night there is to be a double header with Carlsbad. Come and boost for your school.

TO THE STOCK HOLDERS OF THE HAGERMAN IRRIGATION COMPANY

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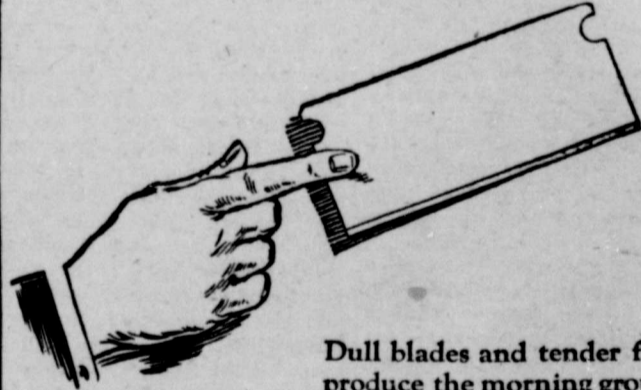
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SIMPSON TELLS OF RESOURCES OF STATE

Natural resources of New Mexico was the subject of a talk made to the Dexter Womans Club at Lake Van club house Thursday afternoon by Claude Simpson, secretary of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce.

The value of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc mined in the state amount to about \$13,000,000 in the average year, he said. It is estimated that there are 13,500 square miles of coal land in the San Juan basin, and the state has 192 billion tons available—enough to last 60,000 years at the present rate of output.

There are seventeen billion feet of merchantable timber in the state, and saw mills now running can continue permanently because the timber is now being marketed on a "harvest basis" only as much being taken as is being reproduced each year he said.

"There are 1000 people in San Antonio who would spend the summer in the Pecos Valley if we could convince them of what we have," said Mr. Simpson "and there are 5000 people in Chicago who would spend the winter here. Roswell is one of the few places in the United States which enjoys both summer and winter tourist rates on the railroads.

Mr. Simpson pointed out that the civic work the Womans Club was doing was helping to make the valley more attractive, make it appeal to visitors more, help to retain a greater percentage of them here, and thus were doing their part toward helping to develop the natural resources of the state.

HUNTING SEASON OVER

Since January 31, and until next fall, it is unlawful under the migratory bird treaty-act regulations to hunt wild ducks and geese, coots, gallinules, and Wilson snipe or jack-snipe in New Jersey, Delaware, that portion of New York known as Long Island, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

ABANDONING LINE N. MEX. CENTRAL IS APPROVED

WASHINGTON.—A favorable report on the application of the New Mexico Central Railroad for permission to abandon 56 miles of line in New Mexico between Torrance and Willard and between Santa Fe and Kennedy was made Friday by interstate commerce commission examiners.

"Mose, could you-all tell me what is a alibi?" "Dat's provin' that you wuz at a prayer meetin' what you wasn't, in order to show dat yo' wasn't at a crap game, whar you was."

New lot of Windsor Crepes, in pastel shades, 25c yard. The Woodmas Store.

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Abe Martin says "The best way t' boost a town is to work hard an' pay your bills." Good advice in any town.

HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL HAGERMAN GYMNASIUM FEBRUARY 16, 7:30 P. M.

Have you always yearned to attend a real honest-to-goodness Carnival? Where there are no sells but everything is exactly as advertised? Where everyone gets there early and stays until late? Where you get more for your money than you expected?

Well! Here's your chance. Come to the Hagerman Gymnasium on Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 and you will not be disappointed. That's where everyone will be. Bob Miller, Pete Losey, J. E. Wimberly, Noah West and all his brothers, all the McKinstry's and everybody else from Dexter to Lake Arthur.

Some of the neckties that we observe here and there must have been selected under a misconception that the well known line runs: Best is the tie that blinds.

When one considers the bond issues the next generation will have to face little time will be spent about it being soft.

SCHOOL NOTES

The program for Tuesday morning which was enjoyed by everyone was composed of numbers by the faculty and the students of the school and consisted of the following numbers:

"O Fair New Mexico," sung by the entire school; a piano solo by Evelyn Lane; a piano solo by Elizabeth McKinstry; a vocal duet by Fay and Helen Hoyt with Uell Lee Carter at the piano; a reading by Wanderer," by Miss Smith.

The program closed with some announcements by Mr. White concerning the trip to Albuquerque which is made by the Glee Club every year. He left this thought with his audience:

"It is through speech that man begins to assert his divinity. We move through life wrapped in an impenetrable veil of individuality, sentenced to aloneness—except for the gift of expression. It is chiefly through the spoken word that spirit kindles response of spirit, and reveals itself to its kind."

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KANSAS PACIFIC MAY PURCHASE PROPOSED KANSAS N. M. RAILWAY

ALLAS, Tex.—Purchase of a connecting interest in the Texas-New Mexico railroad, permission for which was granted by the Interstate Commerce commission Saturday by the Kansas & Pacific railroad, is continuing upon the granting of an application for the construction of the new road, now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

A hearing on a necessity and convenience certificate is expected to be held soon in West Texas. The new line, which would join the Texas & Pacific at Monahan, Texas, would run through Kermit and points in the county oil field to a point on the New Mexico state line. Several officials and employees were incorporated into the charter by the state. G. O. Bateman of Breckenridge is president.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS CAUSES RUN ON BANK

LAMI, Fla.—Anonymous letters being the failure of one bank here Monday, resulted in the temporary closing of others, and brought about a run on the fourth, which called for \$7,000, from the federal reserve branch in Jacksonville to bolster its reserves.

BRATTON COAL PROSPECTING BILL PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON.—The senate Monday passed and sent to the house by Senator Bratton, democrat of Mexico, authorizing the secretary of the interior to allow an extension of two years for coal prospecting permits.

VALLEY FARMERS AGAINST IMMIGRATION BAN

STATE COLLEGE.—A resolution being prepared to forward to congress asking that no changes be made in laws covering immigration in Mexico, following a conference by Dr. H. L. Kent, president of the New Mexico A. & M. College and a number of valley farmers.

WELL WILL VOTE ON BONDS FOR SCHOOLS

A bond issue of \$200,000 for school purposes will soon be submitted to voters, it is announced by Purdy, president of the Roswell board of education. The proposal calls for the erection of a new high school and improvements and enlargements in the present buildings which school authorities are necessary because of the increasing enrollment.

Master to negro servant: "I thought I told you to get a domestic turkey. This one has it."

"I done got a domestic turkey."

"Well, how did the shot come?"

"Specks they was meant to be those flowers."

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

MEETING OF THE L. C. CLUB

The regular meeting of the L. C. Club was held at the home of Mrs. C. O. Holloway Thursday, February 2. Owing to the absence of both the president and vice-president, the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Michelet, was called to take the chair. After devotional exercises and a business session, a social hour was spent, during which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were: Mesdames W. E. Utterback, F. F. Anderson, J. L. Ogle, A. A. Bailey, Chas. Michelet, Aubrey and Fred Evans, Earl Stine, E. D. Menoud, M. D. Menoud, Will Wiggins, A. M. Ehret, Ralph Jacobs, and two guests, Misses Alice and Grace Menoud, and the hostess. The next meeting, February 16, will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Ogle.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Hagerman Woman's Club will meet in the Presbyterian church Friday, February 17. It will be a privilege to hear one of the teachers in our school, J. H. Slayter, speak on "American Citizenship," and the program on "Our School," prepared by Mrs. Van Sweatt. There will be music, in charge of Mrs. Utterback and Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. John Sherman's article in the March Scribner's has much to interest all club-women regarding the work they are trying to do.

HOSTESS TO LADIES AID

Mrs. R. N. Thomas was hostess to the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid at a well attended meeting on Wednesday afternoon of this week. The president, Mrs. Bayard Curry, conducted the devotional meeting and presided during a business session. Plans were made to serve a banquet at a meeting of the men of the Presbyterian congregation, which is to be held on Friday evening, February 24th. It is expected that representatives from Roswell and Dexter will attend this men's meeting, and the ladies are planning an elaborate menu for the occasion. Following the business meeting an enjoyable social hour was passed, during which time the hostess served a delightful refreshment course.

Those present were Mesdames Hedges, MacIntosh, Helen Cumpsten, R. W. Cumpsten, Devenport, Garner, C. G. Mason, Jim Michelet, Charles Michelet, Sam McKinstry, M. D. Menoud, Mitchell, White, Wimberly, Hughes, Pardee, Heitman, J. V. Brown, Hulet, Bible, Bayard Curry, Misses Crisler and Pettigrew, and Mrs. Homer Allbright, of Fargo, North Dakota.

Gladys says that it's wonderful how the Arabian men look up to their women. It's because of that habit these girls have of standing on balconies.

Who Sent Them?

"I thank you for the flowers you sent," she said, and she smiled and blushed and dropped her head. "I am sorry for the words I spoke last night. Your sending me the flowers proved you were right; Forgive me." He forgave her, and as they walked and talked beneath the bowers. He wondered who in hell sent her those flowers.

LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS

Jim Hill is now clerking in Reeves Merc. Store.

Harry Bailey was a Roswell visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hines were Artesia visitors Saturday.

A. V. Flowers was a Roswell visitor Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Tom Derrick came home from the hospital this week.

Frank Dozier is in Carrizozo this week, assisting in a revival.

F. G. Hartell, of Artesia, was in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson spent the week end at the Chas. Nelson home.

Mr and Mrs. Tom Ridgway have been visiting in Roswell for the last several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walden, Mrs. R. T. Spence and Miss Opal Ridgway were in Artesia Tuesday on business.

A Big Sing Sing is being planned for the 11th of March, to be given by Mr. Harp and his orchestra in the school auditorium here.

Zee Pate came home from the A. and M. College at the end of the 2nd term. He intends to put in a cotton crop and then continue his school work next year.

C. O. Patterson and family, of Carnegie, Oklahoma, are visiting at the home of Luke Alexander, with the intention of locating here. Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Patterson are cousins.

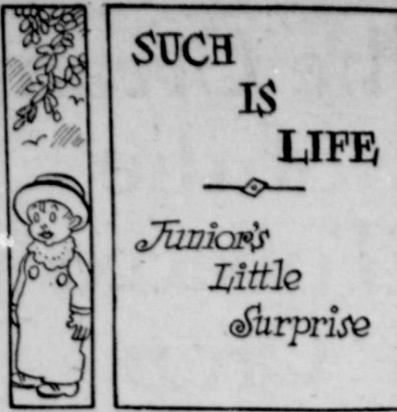
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Plans for the conventions of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers association and of the New Mexico Wool Growers' association, which will be held in East Las Vegas, are going forward rapidly, according to word received at Albuquerque by Miss Bertha Benson, secretary of both associations.

The address of Louis Ilfeld of Albuquerque on "Reminiscences of the Sheep Industry in New Mexico for the Past Twenty-Five Years," is one of the latest to be added to the wool growers program.

Dr. H. L. Kent, president of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, who had been announced as a speaker for the cattlemen's convention, has been placed on the program for both conventions.

Kenneth Oliver, manager of the field department of the Pacific National Agricultural Credit corporation of El Paso, will address the cattle convention on Easy Money and Its Dangers.

George T. Donaldson of Greensburg, Kansas, is to address the cattlemen on "Producer and Consumer."

The cattlemen's convention will open on February 27 and last two days and will be followed by the wool growers' meeting which will open on February 29 for two days. The executive boards of each association will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning of the first day of each convention.

Elaborate entertainment plans are being made for the delegates of each gathering.

EDITOR, ONCE ACQUITTED AFTER THE KILLING OF "IRATE SUBSCRIBER," DIES

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA.—A. H. Sniff, who, when editor of the Harrison County News 20 years ago, shot and killed an irate subscriber and cleared himself of a murder charge in a fight through three courts, died recently at his home in De Funiak Springs, Fla.

Sniff was editor of the News forty years. His policy was to say such as he thought in his paper, with little regard to consequences.

The subscriber he killed was Mort Brundige, who, according to testimony at the trials, interpreted an article in Sniff's paper as derogatory to his nephew. After reading it, Brundige began to look for the editor, saying he would make him eat the paper. Sniff heard of the threats, avoided meeting Brundige for several hours and then went to his office and waited. When Brundige appeared at the printing office and reached for his hip for the newspaper, Sniff thought he was reaching for a gun. Sniff shot and Brundige pitched to the floor, dead.

One of the chief witnesses was a hobo who said Brundige started up the steps, threats pouring from his lips. Sniff owed his acquittal to this man's testimony. He had been convicted of second-degree murder at the first trial, but an appeal won him a second.

PINK BOLL WORMS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS MONTH

WACO, Texas.—After conferring with Governor Dan Moody by telephone, Homer D. Wade, manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce, announced Monday that a conference on the pink boll worm situation in West Texas would be held at some town in the infested area this month, place and date to be set later. Mr. Wade left Waco Monday for his offices in Stamford to get in touch with towns in the area affected.

After conferring with Chamber of Commerce men in the pink boll worm area, Mr. Wade will recommend to the governor when the conference is to be held and the latter will announce the place as well.

The meeting will be attended by the federal commissioners and entomologists.

Manager Wade pledged the full support of the West Texas Chamber to the governor for the speedy eradication of the pest.

EARNEST ENCORE

Chemist (to motorist who had been carried into his shop after an accident)—"Yes, sir; you had rather a bad smash, but I managed to bring you to."

Motorist—"I don't remember. Do you mind bringing me two more?"—Happy Mag (London).

LOCALS

Nay Hightower, of Roswell, was in Hagerman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Servatius spent Sunday in Roswell.

Clarence Smith was up from Artesia Monday on business.

E. Page made a trip home to Artesia Sunday, returning the same day.

Mrs. Van Sweet entertained the Bridge Club Thursday night last.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Davenport and daughter made a visit to Roswell Tuesday.

E. B. McCaw, of Dexter, was a Sunday visitor, en route to Artesia on a brief visit.

Roy Sizemore, of the Midwest Printing Company, Roswell, was in town Saturday on business.

R. F. Adams, a prosperous farmer of the Greenfield neighborhood, was a Messenger visitor Monday.

P. E. Kiper, one of our prosperous farmers, was looking after business matters in Roswell Monday.

The boys and girls basketball teams of Carlsbad will play Hagerman here tomorrow (Friday) night.

Tuesday, April 24th, has been selected by the democrats of Chaves county as the date for the primary election.

Messrs. J. T. West, Jack Sweatt and Ed Lane attended a meeting of the Masonic Club at Roswell Tuesday night.

Mr. Ballard, who has recently taken a position with the Bowen Barber shop here, spent Sunday at his home at Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alma Nail and Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus at 6 o'clock dinner Sunday evening.

J. I. Higgs, of Roswell, county health officer, has been in town several days during the past week, on his regular line of duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Utterback, near town, entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harter, visitors from California, at dinner Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stuart, of Alto, Lincoln county, were visiting here over the last week-end with the W. E. Jacobson family and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller went to Carlsbad Tuesday evening to attend a business conference of the Peoples Mercantile Co.

Roy Lockhead, Jr., a cadet at the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell was home for the week-end at Hagerman, accompanied by two of his classmates.

Miss Elaine Feemster, of Artesia, spent a few days the past week visiting Miss Marjorie Miller here. Miss Miller accompanied her home Thursday and spent the day in Artesia shopping.

Claude Brown, Bill Collins and Jesse Wheeler, of Carlsbad, were visitors in Hagerman Friday afternoon. From here they went on to Roswell to attend the Roswell-Carlsbad basketball games.

Town Marshal Pilley has been doing some street improvement work this week. The depression on Main street at the turn around the flagpole has been filled with sand and brought up to level again.

Arley Brock, well known in Hagerman, has returned to his position as Santa Fe railroad operator at Roswell, after a stay of some length at Willard, where he was acting in the same capacity for the company.

Judging by the business of the merchants Saturday afternoon and evening and the number of people on the streets the town is coming back in good style in a business way following the after-holiday depression.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sweatt, accompanied by their two daughters, left Friday afternoon for a visit to Mr. Sweatt's mother at Barstow, Texas, expecting to stop over a day or two in Pecos en route to visit friends.

SOMETHING NEW—"Win-Sum Crepe," all silk, 100 different shades to order from. 38 inch, \$2.50 per yard. The Woodmas Store. 6-1tc

CHURCHES

Pastors will confer a favor on the management of The Messenger if they will get copy for their church announcements in the office not later than Tuesday afternoon and same will be highly appreciated.—Editor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

The pastor will fill his regular appointment at the Christian Church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The subject of the sermon will be, "What Think Ye of Christ, Whose Son is He." Sunday school meets promptly at ten o'clock. Excellent teachers and classes for all ages. Come to Sunday school and remain for the church services. A cordial welcome awaits all who will come.

C. C. HILL
Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

The usual routine of services will be conducted at the Baptist church Sunday, February 12th. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Let our attitude be as one of old, as we say, "I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord."

J. M. DYAR,
Pastor.

"Prep Girl" silk hose, guaranteed to give satisfaction. \$1.00 pair at the Woodmas Store. 6-1tc

BAPTIST PASTOR RETURNS FROM TOUR

Rev. J. M. Dyar, pastor of Hagerman Baptist church, has returned from a visit to the northeast part of the state and brings a good report from the section visited. Says he witnessed a very fine rain Sunday night, extending over a large scope of the territory, and en route home came in contact with a very heavy snowstorm at Santa Rosa on Tuesday of this week. Many of the snowflakes, he says, were as large as a hen egg and fell so thick and fast it was difficult for him to see how to drive his car. The snow got lighter and lighter however, as he continued his way toward the valley, and finally turned to rain at Danlap, about fifty miles north of Roswell. The rain ceased about twenty miles north of Roswell, and from there on into Hagerman a dusty road was encountered, a condition which was far less appreciated than the snow, rain and mud.

Mr. Dyar was in Tucumcari, Logan and several other towns in that part of the state, and reports the country prosperous. The chief business is cattle and sheep raising, but dairying and poultry raising furnish a weekly pay day for the people the year round also.

Much interest is being shown too, in the proposed irrigation project on the Canadian river, a measure now before Congress, with strong probability that it will be acted upon favorably.

A Baltimore doctor says a clock ticking induces sleep. So does bed ticking for that matter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A growing and reorganized Sunday School is adding new interest these days to the work of this church as well as new additions to the church membership.

Friday evening, February 17, the men of the church are planning to have a supper with the assistance of the Ladies Aid Society, at which time steps will be taken to organize a Men's Bible class. They will have with them Rev. Dr. Thompson of Roswell, who will make the principal address of the evening, and perhaps Dr. Goodell of the Men's class of Roswell. They are planning to bring with them several musicians among them being Manuel Oracion, said to be the finest violinist of New Mexico. These will be assisted by men of the local church such as R. W. Cumpsten, Oldham Moore and perhaps others. John Henry Slater will give a reading. Hold this date open. You will want to attend.

A splendid program was given Sunday evening by the United Endeavor Society in this church in commemoration of the forty-seventh anniversary of the Endeavor movement. There was a good attendance.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, as previously announced, held a "rummage sale" last Saturday afternoon on the vacant lot on Main street, across from the Carter Grocery. All kinds of "rummage" was offered to the crowd of prospective buyers, ranging from a milk cow donated by P. E. Kiper, to the smallest article of household use. There was clothing, bedding, a porch swing, chickens, fruit and various other odds and ends. The society also made up a number of pasteboard "bricks" which found numerous purchasers, the price demanded being "anything you care to give."

The ladies of the society also gave a food sale at the Carter Grocery during the afternoon, all of which was for the benefit of the church building fund. The rummage and food sale together brought in about ninety dollars. The society pledged \$200 to the church building fund, and the amount mentioned with what had been previously raised, has now reached that amount, lacking a few dollars.

The ladies of the society request the Messengers to express their thanks for the articles contributed and to those who bought so liberally the articles offered for sale.

Seem' things as I see 'em at times I've concluded some folks know about as much about taking time by the forelock as they do about getting on the blind side of a kicking mule.

Messenger Want Ads pay.

For Your Sunday Dinner

We invite you to stop in at this market Saturday and shop for your Sunday dinner.

We will have lots of tempting foods that will add to the variety of the dinner.

And not only are you assured quality but you also save on each purchase.

You'll find this a pleasing, profitable place to buy meats six days in the week.

Carter Grocery

C. E. CARTER, Prop.

Hagerman, New Mexico

ATHLETIC NOTES

The ball games here Friday night between Hope and Hagerman were well worth attending. The girls played a splendid game but lost 20 to 13. The boys were unusually good both in passing and baskets and won 33-5.

This Friday night there is to be a double header with Carlsbad. Come and boost for your school.

TO THE STOCK HOLDERS OF THE HAGERMAN IRRIGATION COMPANY

We have arranged to hold a dinner with the Hagerman Association on March 1st and to hold our Adjourned Meeting immediately following dinner. All Stockholders are to be present.

W. A. LOSEY
Secretary

You Can Do It

The road to riches is not an easy one. It is not at all certain that the attainment of great wealth is worth the price one has to pay for it.

But financial independence, is something ENTIRELY different. It requires no heart-breaking sacrifices, no compromises with conscience, no unfair dealings. Just decide the amount you should have at 50, or 55, or 60 years. Then live within your income, establish a savings account and get your money to working for you. You'll make the grade. Try it.

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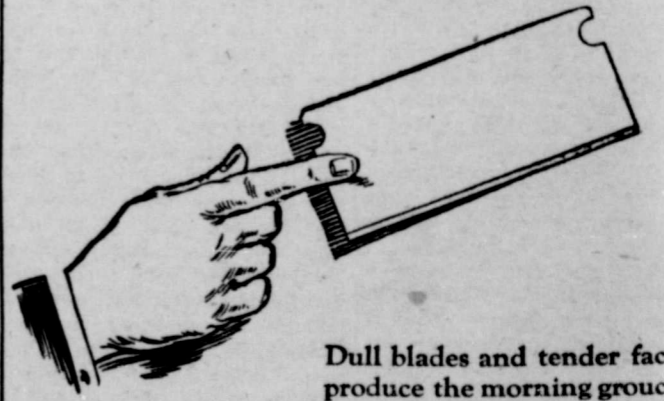
When Dexter and Hagerman people visit Roswell, stop in at our place, here you will find light lunches and soft drinks, refreshing and wholesome.

Come often and make appointment to meet your friends at

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"Roswell's Popular Lunching Place"

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Dull blades and tender faces produce the morning grouch. End this trouble.

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Our Cousin John Misunderstands Us

By Albert T. Reid

THIS MUST MEAN ANOTHER NAVAL RACE



SIMPSON TELLS OF RESOURCES OF STATE

Natural resources of New Mexico was the subject of a talk made to the Dexter Womans Club at Lake Van club house Thursday afternoon by Claude Simpson, secretary of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Simpson not only touched on the mineral, timber and agricultural resources of the state but on the scenic and climatic features.

The value of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc mined in the state amount to about \$13,000,000 in the average year, he said. It is estimated that there are 13,500 square miles of coal land in the San Juan basin, and the state has 192 billion tons available—enough to last 60,000 years at the present rate of output. Copper, is one of the most important minerals. He also touched on the gypsum, potash, oil and gas resources and pointed to what these will mean to southeastern New Mexico.

There are seventeen billion feet of merchantable timber in the state, and saw mills now running can continue permanently because the timber is now being marketed on a "harvest basis" only as much being taken as is being reproduced each year he said. The value of agricultural products annually is approximately \$38,000,000 said Mr. Simpson.

There are 1000 people in San Antonio who would spend the summer in the Pecos Valley if we could convince them of what we have," said Mr. Simpson "and there are 5000 people in Chicago who would spend the winter here. Roswell is one of the few places in the United States which enjoys both summer and winter tourist rates on the railroads. With our wonderful climate for tourists and health seekers, and our many tourists attractions, additional thousands of people will come each year. And a percentage of them will become permanently interested in the state and help to develop these resources."

Mr. Simpson pointed out that the civic work the Womans Club was doing was helping to make the valley more attractive, make it appeal to visitors more, help to retain a greater percentage of them here, and thus were doing their part toward helping to develop the natural resources of the state.

HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL HAGERMAN GYMNASIUM FEBRUARY 16, 7:30 P. M.

Have you always yearned to attend a real honest-to-goodness Carnival? Where there are no sells but everything is exactly as advertised? Where everyone gets there early and stays until late? Where you get more for your money than you expected?

Well! Here's your chance. Come to the Hagerman Gymnasium on Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 and you will not be disappointed. That's where everyone will be. Bob Miller, Pete Losey, J. E. Wimberly, Noah West and all his brothers, all the McKinstry's and everybody else from Dexter to Lake Arthur.

Some of the neckties that we observe here and there must have been selected under a misconception that the well known line runs: Best is the tie that blinds.

When one considers the bond issues the next generation will have to face little time will be spent about it being soft.

SCHOOL NOTES

The program for Tuesday morning which was enjoyed by everyone was composed of numbers by the faculty and the students of the school and consisted of the following numbers:

"O Fair New Mexico," sung by the entire school; a piano solo by Evelyn Lane; a piano solo by Elizabeth McKinstry; a vocal duet by Fay and Helen Hoyt with Uell Lee Carter at the piano; a reading by Wanderer," by Miss Smith.

The program closed with some announcements by Mr. White concerning the trip to Albuquerque which is made by the Glee Club every year. He left this thought with his audience:

"It is through speech that man begins to assert his divinity. We move through life wrapped in an impenetrable veil of individuality, sentenced to aloneness—except for the gift of expression. It is chiefly through the spoken word that spirit kindles response of spirit, and reveals itself to its kind."

Messenger Want Ads pay.

Texas Pacific May Purchase Proposed Texas N. M. Railway

ALLAS, Tex.—Purchase of a controlling interest in the Texas-New Mexico railroad, permission for which was asked of the Interstate Commerce commission Saturday by the Texas & Pacific railroad, is contingent upon the granting of an application for the construction of the new road, now pending before the I. C., it was said at the T. P. office here, although officials refused to be quoted.

The T. N. M., recently was granted a charter by the state on a capitalization of \$35,000, and application for construction immediately filed with the I. C. C., it was said. A hearing on a necessity and convenience certificate is expected to be held soon in West Texas.

The new line, which would join T. P. at Monahan, Texas, would run through Kermit and points in the county oil field to a point in the New Mexico state line. Several officials and employees were incorporated granted a charter by the state. G. O. Bateman Breckenridge is president.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS CAUSES RUN ON BANK

LAMM, Fla.—Anonymous letters charging the failure of one bank and that institution to suspend here Monday, resulted in the temporary closing of others, and brought about a run on the fourth, which called for \$7,000, from the federal reserve branch in Jacksonville to bolster its reserves.

ATLANTA COAL PROSPECTING BILL PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON.—The senate Monday passed and sent to the house bill by Senator Bratton, democrat, of Mexico, authorizing the secretary of the interior to allow an extension of two years for coal prospecting permits.

VALLEY FARMERS AGAINST IMMIGRATION BAN

STATE COLLEGE.—A resolution being prepared to forward to congress asking that no changes be made in laws covering immigration in Mexico, following a conference by Dr. H. L. Kent, president of the New Mexico A. & M. College, a number of valley farmers.

WELL WILL VOTE ON BONDS FOR SCHOOLS

bond issue of \$200,000 for schools will soon be submitted to voters, it is announced by Purdy, president of the Roswell board of education. The proposal calls for the erection of a new high school and improvements and enlargements in the present buildings which school authorities are necessary because of the increasing enrollment.

Master to negro servant: I thought I told you to get a turkey. This one has it.

"I done got a domestic."

Well, how did the shot specks they was meant

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the L. C. Club was held at the home of Mrs. C. O. Holloway Thursday, February 2. Owing to the absence of both the president and vice-president, the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Michelet, was called to take the chair. After devotional exercises and a business session, a social hour was spent, during which delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Those present were: Mesdames W. E. Utterback, F. F. Anderson, J. L. Ogle, A. A. Bailey, Chas. Michelet, Aubrey and Fred Evans, Earl Stine, E. D. Menoud, M. D. Menoud, Will Wiggins, A. M. Ehret, Ralph Jacobs, and two guests, Misses Alice and Grace Menoud, and the hostess.

The next meeting, February 16, will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Ogle.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Hagerman Woman's Club will meet in the Presbyterian church Friday, February 17. It will be a privilege to hear one of the teachers in our school, J. H. Slayter, speak on "American Citizenship," and the program on "Our School," prepared by Mrs. Van Sweatt. There will be music, in charge of Mrs. Utterback and Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. John Sherman's article in the March Scribner's has much to interest all club women regarding the work they are trying to do.

HOSTESS TO LADIES AID

Mrs. R. N. Thomas was hostess to the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid at a well attended meeting on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

The president, Mrs. Bayard Curry, conducted the devotional meeting and presided during a business session. Plans were made to serve a banquet at a meeting of the men of the Presbyterian congregation, which is to be held on Friday evening, February 24th. It is expected that representatives from Roswell and Dexter will attend this men's meeting, and the ladies are planning an elaborate menu for the occasion.

Following the business meeting an enjoyable social hour was passed, during which time the hostess served a delightful refreshment course.

Those present were Mesdames Hedges, MacIntosh, Helen Cumpsten, R. W. Cumpsten, Devenport, Garner, C. G. Mason, Jim Michelet, Charles Michelet, Sam McKinstry, M. D. Menoud, Mitchell, White, Wimberly, Hughes, Pardee, Heitman, J. V. Brown, Hulet, Bible, Bayard Curry, Misses Crisler and Pettigrew, and Mrs. Homer Allbright, of Fargo, North Dakota.

Gladys says that it's wonderful how the Arabian men look up to their women. It's because of that habit these girls have of standing on balconies.

Who Sent Them?

"I thank you for the flowers you sent," she said, and she smiled and blushed and dropped her head.

"I am sorry for the words I spoke last night; Your sending me the flowers proved you were right; Forgive me."

He forgave her, and as they walked and talked beneath the bowers. He wondered who in hell sent her those flowers.

LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS

Jim Hill is now clerking in Reeves Merc. Store.

Harry Bailey was a Roswell visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hines were Artesia visitors Saturday.

A. V. Flowers was a Roswell visitor Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Tom Derrick came home from the hospital this week.

Frank Dozier is in Carrizozo this week, assisting in a revival.

F. G. Hartell, of Artesia, was in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson spent the week end at the Chas. Nelson home.

Mr and Mrs. Tom Ridgway have been visiting in Roswell for the last several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walden, Mrs. R. T. Spence and Miss Opal Ridgway were in Artesia Tuesday on business.

A Big Sing Sing is being planned for the 11th of March, to be given by Mr. Harp and his orchestra in the school auditorium here.

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"Golden Peacock"

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REGULAR MEALS, SHORT ORDERS AND ALL KINDS OF SANDWICHES

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Will Close Its 1927-28 Ginning Season

Saturday, Feb. 11th

Anyone having cotton to be ginned will please have it there on or before that date.

MICKIE SAYS—

YOU GOTTA KEEP YER NAME BEFORE THE PUBLIC TO BE A SUCCESS - IT AINT ENUFF TO GET IT THERE - AND TH' BEST WAY IS TO HAVE A REGULAR SPACE IN THIS NEWSPAPER. EVRY ISSUE AND PUT IN A LIL SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS



THERE HE SITS

By Albert T. Reid



DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE CALLED TO MEET SAT., FEB. 25TH

Replies to the circular letter of January 17, 1928, addressed to members of the Democratic State Central Committee, and the executive committee, indicate that an early meeting of the state central committee is desired, and that the meeting be held in the city of Albuquerque.

Therefore, a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee is hereby called, to be held in the city of Albuquerque, on the 25th day of February, 1928, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day. The meeting to be called to order in the Indian Room of the Franciscan Hotel.

The purposes for which the meeting is called are as follows:

1. For the purpose of selecting a chairman. The resignation of your present chairman having been accepted at the meeting held September 10, 1927, with the understanding that he would continue to act as your chairman until a meeting of the democratic state central committee was called for the designation of the place and time of holding a convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention, and at this meeting his successor would be chosen.

2. For the purpose of designating the time and place of holding a state convention for the selection of delegates to represent the state of New Mexico at the Democratic National convention which is to be held at Houston, Texas, June 26th, 1928.

3. For the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the committee. It is a rule of the committee that provides of committee members will not be recognized except when held by residents of the county from which the committee member was chosen.

Proxies must be in the hands of the secretary not later than 9:45 a. m. of the day of the meeting.

You are urged to attend this meeting, as it will be one of the most important meetings your committee has ever held.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN B. McMANUS,
Chairman.

GASOLINE TAXES FOR JANUARY TO TOTAL \$129,226

SANTA FE.—Collection of gasoline taxes and dealers license fees for January totaled \$129,226, Miss Mary Bartolino, in charge of the state gasoline tax department, said Saturday. She added that the January collections were mostly for December taxes.

Total collections for January, 1927 at the three cent tax rate were \$61,650.

Gasoline tax collections for last month would have been \$75,526 if the rate had not been increased to five cents per gallon. The gasoline tax collections for January, 1927, were \$59,980 at the three cent rate.

A negro rector was preaching on the horrors of hell and when he finished the phrase, "And there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," there was a sudden burst of emotion in the front pew.

"What's the matter, Myriah? He asked.

"Dere, sah, I'se ain't got no teeth," Myriah said.

"Teeth will be furnished," he added.—Punch Bowl.

To Wed Rajah



Miss Nancy Ann Miller, shown in the photo above, despite the protestations of friends and advisers, is going to turn Hindu and marry the former Maharajah of Indore, who already has several wives, it is announced from his country.

\$128,734 IS LOW HIGHWAY BID

Officials of the state highway department at Santa Fe opened bids on seven state highways, Wednesday, among them being those submitted for the work on State and Federal Highway No. 132, embracing work between Carlsbad and the old Lakewood north from this city to the old Lakewood highway.

It is understood that only one bid was submitted on this work, that of Armstrong & Armstrong, of Roswell, whose bid was for \$128,734 for the work of grading and surfacing with crushed rock 7.01 miles and .89 of a mile of concrete paving north from the intersection of Canal and Stevens streets to the point where the road turns west to the river and intersection with the old Lakewood highway.

The contract for the work, however, will not be let until the meeting of the state highway commission in Santa Fe, some day this week or the first of next.

The firm of Armstrong & Armstrong will be remembered as having built the highway south from Carlsbad to Malaga, as well as the work done on the highway between this city and the cave. Y. R. Allen is the local representative of the firm.

The satisfactory work done on both highways mentioned is well known here and causes the Carlsbad people to wish that the same firm may be successful in getting the work bid upon the new highway north.—Current-Argus.

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn;
You're nearing the crossroads,
The brake lining's worn!
Little Boy Blue didn't let out a peep,
Now he's under a tombstone, fast asleep.

Wesleyan Wasp.

LIST OF ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY HIWAY DEPT. IS FURNISHED

SANTA FE.—In response to a request from Attorney General R. C. Dow through Governor R. C. Dillon for a list of special attorneys, which he claims were illegally employed, State Comptroller Gilberto Mirabel Thursday submitted a list showing nearly \$50,000 expended since 1919. The statement included payments to persons listed as law, chief and commerce clerks. Mr. Mirabel said he included every expenditure which might be interpreted as being for special attorneys.

This list includes payment of \$1,000 to Assistant Attorney General Frank H. Patton for extra legal services in the attorney general's office in the first half of 1927. Other payments included:

Highway department: A. B. Renahan, \$5,970; H. M. Dow, \$3,910; W. A. Gillenwater, \$1,500; B. M. Thomas, \$1,500; Carl H. Gilbert, \$1,283; H. S. Bowman, \$400.

State engineers' office: B. M. Thomas, \$8,698; W. A. Gillenwater, \$2,700; Frank H. Patton, \$420.

Land office: David Chavez, Jr., \$5,960; Sam G. Bratton, \$3,500; Summers Burkhardt, \$2,625; W. A. Gillenwater, \$1,386; Charles Barker, \$2,288; Stephen B. Davis, \$1,000.

Corporation commission, H. S. Bowman, \$1,116.

Special counsel under Gov. A. T. Hannett for control and disposition of waters: Summers Burkhardt, \$2,560; James A. Hall, \$1,850.

STATE GOT \$528,093 FOR AUTO LICENSES IN 1927

SANTA FE.—The motor vehicle bureau's receipts for 1927 were \$528,093 from licenses, a gain of \$14,550 over 1926, Assistant State Comptroller H. C. Roehl, announced Saturday. The figures do not include miscellaneous fees, such as for duplicate licenses, which totaled \$13,838. A total of 60,055 motor vehicle licenses were issued in 1927 as compared to 55,951 for 1926.

QUAIL REFUGES ON HUBBELL AND MEYERS RANCHES

SANTA FE.—Two new quail refuges totaling approximately 500 acres have been created by the state game and fish commission embracing the Hubbell and Meyers ranches south of Albuquerque, State Game Warden E. L. Perry said Thursday.

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The following candidates submit their announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held Tuesday, April 24, 1928.

For Assessor:

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JOE. K. HARRISON
Roswell

WOODLAN P. SAUNDERS
Roswell

For Sheriff:

JOHN C. PECK
Roswell

JIM B. COATS
Roswell

For District Attorney:

HOWARD C. BUCHLY
Roswell

JUDSON G. OSBURN
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GEORGE L. REESE, JR.
Roswell

For County Treasurer:

MRS. W. C. HOLLAND
Roswell

E. H. (HUB) WILLIAMS
Roswell

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces,
N. M., January 21, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that John H. Emerson, of Dexter, N. M., who, on May 16, 1923, made Hd. Addl. containing 480.72 acres, No. 027007, for Lots 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 4, T. 14-S., R. 25-E., NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 27, T. 13-S., R. 25-E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dan C. Savage, U. S. Commissioner, at Roswell, N. M., on the 2nd day of March, 1928.

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The GREEN CLOAK

By YORKE DAVIS

They both spoke at once at that, dis-
missing any offense, and the doctor,
glancing at his watch, concluded
making him to sit down, and offer-
ing a cigar. I very much hoped
both these invitations would be
accepted, for with that girl in the
room and Wilkins' knock mo-
mentarily expected at the door, it was
not too close quarters to be com-
fortable. But my chief seemed to be
perfectly at ease.

"I'll confess," he began, lighting a
cigar of his own, "that I'm a little curi-
ous to know what caused your change
of heart; what it was that convinced
Phelps and I aren't engaged in a
conspiracy to thwart justice."

"I am afraid I am a self-convicted
man," said Ashton. "It took an hour
more for the thought to occur to me
than there are other people, besides
myself, living in The Meredith, and
Jane Perkins might have given an
address as her address, without any
reference to me whatever, might have
been in perfectly good faith. So
when I came home to dinner I made
no inquiries, and was cool enough
at that time not to be overwhelmed
with surprise to find that the address
apparently given in good faith,
by my rate, there is a housemaid
and Jane Perkins living in this
house."

The doctor simulated no surprise
at this announcement. He merely
smiled calmly, and said:
"You will not have seen her yet, I
suppose."

"You know about her, too?" ex-
claimed Ashton. "And you were
not of me again. Well, that's not
reckonable; you kept your temper
didn't. But though I haven't
seen her yet, I don't believe you have,
because I have been given to
understand that it's her evening out."
"I suppose," said the doctor, "that



"I suppose," said the doctor, "that
you have taken precautions for
apprehending her when she comes
back?"

"I have taken precautions for appre-
hending her when she comes back?"
said Ashton; "there's a man
watching in her room now. She
hasn't gone far. I understand she's been
the greater part of the week."

The doctor smiled and waved his
hand toward the telephone. "You may
tell your man to go home," he
said, "the girl's here."

Ashton sprang right out of his chair.
"That's that!" he demanded. "You've
been here; hiding her from me?"
"I was hiding her from you, I
don't have told you. No, she's not
hiding at all. She's doing up her
trunks in this apartment. She'll
be here when I call her, which I mean to
do in a very few minutes. When she
comes I mean to make a little exami-
nation of her mind to determine her
connection with the crime."

"I suppose," said Ashton rather sar-
castically, "that you won't mind my
giving permission to contribute a few
sentences of my own to that exami-
nation?"

"Not at all," said the doctor quite
calmly. "You may ask her anything
you like."

There was a little silence. Then
the doctor said impatiently,
"Well, what are you waiting for?"
"I am expecting another visitor
I heard your knock, I thought
you were he. It's none other than
my friend Wilkins."

Ashton laughed. "Wilkins!" he re-
peated. "What do you want of him?"
The doctor glanced at his watch.
"He's coming now. Wilkins knows this girl, who is a
creature and rather easily
taken at the sight of these in-

struments. All ignorant persons are
the same way." He paused and shot a
derisive smile at Ashton. "They put
them in the category of black-art and
hocus-pocus, and regard them with a
mixture of contempt and terror. But
she has confidence in Wilkins, and by
his submitting to be harnessed in the
same way we propose to harness her,
which he has agreed to do, it will quiet
whatever fears she may have."

Ashton looked dubious. Already
Wilkins had tapped on the door.
"Stop a bit, Phelps," said my chief
as I started toward the door. "Look
here, Ashton! Use a little plain com-
mon sense for a minute. You don't
half believe yourself that this girl has
any guilty connection with the crime.
Which way will you find out the
most? By making this girl feel that
there's nothing to be afraid of; that
we're simply investigating, and not
accusing her at all? Or by putting
her through an old-fashioned 'third de-
gree'?"

"All right," said Ashton; "have it
your own way, only I'll have my way
tomorrow."

"There won't be any need of that,"
said my chief. "The Oak Ridge mys-
tery is going to be solved tonight, and
in this room; solved down to the last
detail. Open the door, Phelps."

I imagine that Ashton himself was
not more surprised by the doctor's
prophecy than I was. To be sure I
had penetrated further into the mys-
tery than Ashton had. I had shared
with my chief the knowledge of Jane
Perkins' strange other self. I knew
that the mysterious, savage creature in
fulfilling an oath, which to her must
have possessed a religious sanctity,
had committed what our more civil-
ized society called a crime. And yet
I felt sure that Doctor McAlister
meant more than that when he had
promised Ashton the whole solution of
the mystery. The heart, the essence
of the mystery was still unsealed. By
some process of reasoning, or intuition,
which I had not followed, my chief
held that secret, still unsealed, in the
hollow of his hand, and he meant to
reveal it to us before the night was
out.

I opened the door and told Wilkins
to come in. I had an impression that
he started a little at the sight of Ash-
ton; and I didn't at all wonder, since
I remembered the tacit understanding
between ourselves and him, that this
examination of the girl was to be for
the purpose of shielding her against
the district attorney, rather than of be-
traying her to him.

But I had very little leisure for re-
flecting on Wilkins' fears or misgiv-
ings, because, almost before I had
closed the door behind him, I heard
the doctor call out, "Perkins."

Well as I understood his experi-
ments, and confident as I was in the
success of them, I found it hard to go
on breathing steadily while I waited
for the response to the call that was
to come from the inner room. Would it
be Jane Perkins in her own proper
person who would appear in the door-
way in answer to the call, or would
the occupant of her body prove to be
that other, wilder soul?

When she answered, "Coming, sir,"
I drew in a deep breath of relief, for it
was the voice of the girl who used
and abused English as her mother-
tongue. The next moment she was in
the doorway. She was not Faenna,
not the girl who, with green, blazing
eyes, had flung that defiant challenge
back at the doctor only a few minutes
before. And yet, she was not pre-
cisely Jane Perkins either, not the
stodgy, thick-witted housemaid who
had giggled with such unalloyed de-
light as she fished for the doctor's
knife in the vase of water. The girl
who stood there now looking at us had
thoughtful, troubled eyes. Something
—an elusive memory, a nameless emo-
tion, a vague, fluid thing that would
not crystallize was perplexing her. She
was trying to think, which is some-
thing I am willing to wager that Jane
Perkins had never done in her life.

Naturally, the first person I looked
at when I withdrew my eyes from her
was Ashton. He was looking straight
into her face, and it was the same
face, in a purely physical way, that he
had seen the night he went to the hos-
pital with us. It was not until I saw
the look of blank indifference depicted
upon his own that the realization was
forced upon me that he would not
recognize her any better than I had
done. From him my gaze flashed
round to the doctor, and on the way it
took in Wilkins. Both of them were
watching her, both, I guessed from
their faces, had noted the same indef-
inable difference that had struck me.
It was the doctor who spoke.

"Perkins," he said, "here is Mr. Ash-
ton. He is one of the assistants to the
district attorney, and he and I and
Mr. Phelps here are interested in try-
ing to find out something about the
murder which took place at Oak Ridge
a few nights ago."

"Murder!" she cried with a gasp.
"I don't know nothin' about any mur-
der, sir."

"No," said the doctor, "I'm quite
sure you don't. But we think it possi-
ble that you know some things which
will help us to find out who the mur-
derer is. Are you willing to help us?"
She hesitated a moment, then turned
quite frankly to Wilkins.

"Is it all right, Mr. Wilkins?" she
asked. Then quickly turned back to
the doctor. "I beg your pardon, sir,
for askin' such a question, but I know
Mr. Wilkins, and if he says it's all
right—"

"It's all right, Jane," he assured her.
"I came up here a purpose so that
there'd be nothing for you to worry
about."

"All right, sir," she said, turning
once more to Doctor McAlister. "I'll
be glad to tell you anything I know,

I'm sure, though I don't see how what
I know can help much, unless—"

She frowned and rubbed the back of one
hand across her forehead.

"Unless what?"

"Nothin', sir. I seem to be thinkin'
of all sorts of curious things, as if my
mind was tryin' to wander like."

The doctor laughed. "We're all that
way sometimes," he said. "Sit down
in this big chair."

She obeyed a little reluctantly.
Whether it was a half-memory of it
that troubled her, or merely the in-
stinctive hesitation of one of her class
to make herself comfortable in our
presence, I did not know.

The doctor busied himself with his
instruments. The girl watched him
rather nervously.

"I beg pardon, sir," she said. "Are
you goin' to do anything with those?
I don't exactly like the looks of 'em,
sir; all those queer lookin' machines.
Is it anything like goin' to the
dentist's?"

"Nothing in the world," laughed the
doctor. "These machines don't hurt.
Here, Wilkins, sit down in this chair
beside her, and we'll harness you up,
too."

He hung up before the girl one of
the pair of little telephones that we
had used in our associator test on
Harvey. Then he turned his attention
to Wilkins, who had seated himself
readily enough in the chair the doctor
had designated.

"That's a very impressive looking
machine, sir," the man commented.
"May I ask what name it's called by?"

"Its name is just as impressive as
it is," replied the doctor. "It is called
a recording phonopneumograph."

Up to that moment Ashton had kept
perfectly quiet, but at the sound of that
portentous word he burst into a
roar of laughter, which Wilkins de-
corously and respectfully echoed. I
laughed frankly myself. What the
purpose of the instrument might be, I
had no idea, but the prodigious name
which the doctor assigned to it struck
me as nothing more than a flight of
his rather grotesque fancy.

"Well, sir," said Wilkins, "it will
have to accomplish a good deal to live
up to that name."

That my chief had, by no means, ex-
hausted his store of surprises, became
evident when he began his examina-
tion of the girl. There was nothing
psychological about it. He questioned
her very much as Ashton would have
done.

His first questions were about the
cloak; where she had bought it, and
whether, so far as she knew, there were
any other good ones like it. The
girl's whole interest, as shown by her
replies, appeared to be to perfect her
identification of it. She ad-
mitted, reluctantly, that hundreds
of them had been sold in the
city that fall; admitted that she
herself had seen dozens on the street,
the counterpart of it in cut and in
color. But this particular cloak, she
protested, she knew without a doubt
to be her own. It was badly rumpled
and had been exposed to the weather,
was hardly fit to wear any more, but,
notwithstanding these facts, she knew
that it was hers.

"Was it in good condition the last
time you wore it?"

"It looked as good as new."

"Then how can you be sure that the
one which was advertised as found is
the same one?"

Well, she was sure, and she pro-
ceeded to demonstrate the fact by a
multitude of details—some of her own
sewing, and a patch on the lining
which she could not mistake.

"How did you come to lose the
cloak?"

"I don't know, sir," she answered.
"I just wish I did. I think one of the
other housemaids stole it, sir, or bor-
rowed it and didn't bring it back. I
suppose they thought because I was
sick I wouldn't have any use for my
cloak. I didn't know nothin' about it
until today. Then I looked for it and
it was gone. So I began askin' the
other girls about it, and at last one of
them said—she was a girl who had
given notice and was readin' the want
columns every day—she said there was
a green cloak advertised found. So
I went and got it. But I'd like to get
hold of the girl that borrowed it. I'd
make her take it and buy me a
new one, or I'd have the law on her."

Ashton had listened to this speech
with a show of somewhat greater in-
terest. Evidently it occurred to him
that an inquiry as to who the girl sus-
pected of having taken it might be
productive of results. She could
easily be induced to tell all she knew
about the other employees in the hotel.
So much was clear. But when, instead
of following up this lead, Doctor Mc-
Alister changed the subject abruptly,
Ashton dropped back in his chair with
a little gesture of impatience.

For myself, the doctor's course puzzled
me profoundly. That all this ex-
amination was a mere pretense, was,
of course, obvious to me. We knew all
about Jane Perkins, infinitely more
about her than she knew about her-
self. We knew she had worn the
cloak; knew that she, or the woman,
rather, who had for a while in-
habited her body, had actually murdered
old Morgan. And if the object of the
pretense were to keep Ashton amused,
to make him believe that it was lead-
ing him to a possible solution of the
mystery, then it had signally failed.
Ashton was bored and rather dis-
gusted. But it was not like my chief
to fail, and certainly there was no look
of defeat about his face. He was ac-
complishing something, I felt sure,
though I could not even guess what
that something was.

His next question seemed to me to
be getting somewhat nearer the point,
although it was the very one that

made Ashton drop back in his chair
with that gesture of impatience.

"Are your parents living, Jane?"

"No, sir. Neither of them."

"Have you lived in this country
long?"

"Five or six years, sir."

"You're from New Zealand, or Aus-
tralia, aren't you? You're not Eng-
lish?"

That question made Ashton sit up
at any rate, and the girl's answer
to it.

"Wellington, New Zealand, sir. But
how did you know?"

The answer had come instantly, but
the next moment, with eyes perplexed,
and with a vague gesture of her hands
across them, she said:

"It's queer. It seems as if I had
dreamed of talking to you about that."
"You knew, didn't you, Jane, that
this Morgan who was murdered was a
New Zealander? Oh, New Zealand has
produced some great men. You're
young, and I suppose you don't remem-
ber, perhaps have never heard of
Bully Franklin and Josiah Haines.
Old Morgan knew about them, though,
I'll wager." He stood for a minute
in silence, like one who tastes, in
remembrance, the flavor of an old
story.

Then he pulled himself together and
began asking the girl a series of rapid
and, to me, rather meaningless ques-
tions. They were chiefly about Will
Harvey, her acquaintance with him,
how long ago it had begun and, in a
general way, to what length of in-
timacy it had gone. The girl answered
all these questions freely enough and
with no appearance of hesitation.

"You knew he lived at Oak Ridge,
didn't you," the doctor asked finally,
"only two or three blocks from the
house where Morgan was murdered?"

"You don't think he had anythin'
to do with the murder, do you?" she
asked. And then she laughed a little.
"He wouldn't do nothin' of that kind,
sir. He's just a silly."

"I'm inclined to think, Perkins," the
doctor commented, "that that's a good
diagnosis. I don't believe Will Har-
vey, even if he showed us every
thought within that rather empty head
of his, would ever take us very close
to old Henry Morgan with his maps
and his mysteries."

He turned away there rather sharp-
ly, his back to all of us; tossed his
head back once or twice, with a ges-
ture very familiar to me as charac-
teristic of his periods of intense
thought. Then, turning back, he spoke
to Ashton.

"Did we tell you," he asked, "that
Phelps and I discovered one map
which your detectives had evidently
overlooked, an odd sort of map, from
a geographer's point of view, drawn
on a very large scale? And the queer
thing about it was, that it showed
neither latitude nor longitude. There
was nothing about it to indicate what
part of the world it represented. I
brought it away with me this morn-
ing. Fill show to you presently if
you care to look at it. It's there on
the table in that big manila envelope."

"I beg your pardon, sir"—it was Wil-
kins who spoke—"I wonder if you
could spare me now, sir. I'm supposed
to be in the dining room at this hour."

The capacity of a trained servitor
like Wilkins for eliminating himself,
transforming himself into a mere piece
of furniture, is something extraordi-
nary. He had sat through the whole
examination with a countenance of the
same wooden imperturbability that he
always wore on duty in the dining
room.

The doctor unfastened the long flex-
ible wires which he was harnessed to
the instrument.

"I hope we haven't kept you too
long, Wilkins," he said. "It was very
good of you to come."

"Not at all, sir. Don't mention it,
sir. Sorry I have to leave now."

"Well," said the doctor slowly, "I
think we're about through, anyway.
Jane here has been ill, and we mustn't
keep her too long. I don't think of
anything else I want to question you
about, Jane. Thank you very much
for helping us."

He removed the little telephone that
hung before the girl's lips, and slipped
a dollar bill into her hand as he
spoke. Then he turned to Wilkins,
who had risen, still in his harness, and
was scrutinizing, with amused curi-
osity, the portentously named instru-
ment to which he had been attached.

The doctor, with a smile, was un-
strapping the small recording instru-
ments that were attached to his chest
and wrists. "We're very much ob-
liged," he said. "You've really
helped us materially. His tone was
low and confidential, not intended for
the girl's ears. "I don't think she's
any the worse for her examination,
Wilkins," he concluded.

"Oh, no; likely not, sir. She looks
a little pale, but I fancy that is no
more than because the room is some-
what close."

"Is it?" asked the doctor.

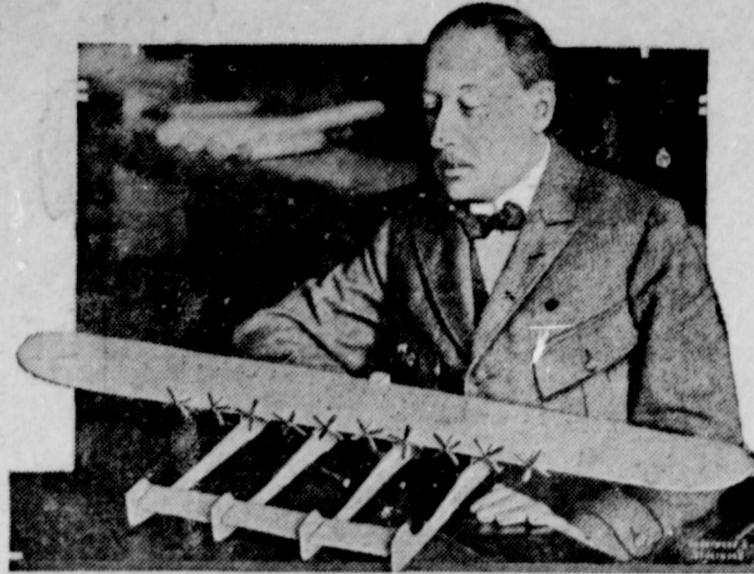
"Well, it struck me so, sir. And I
think, if you'll allow me, it might be
well to have that ventilator cleaned.
It is really very foul, sir. If you like,
I'll speak to them in the office and
have them send up a man tomorrow
to do it."

He nodded, when he spoke of the
ventilator, to a grated opening in the
wall, and my eyes followed him. I
didn't see anything wrong with it
myself, but the man's eyes were evi-
dently more practiced than mine.

The doctor fed him also, and lib-
erally, and the next moment the head
waiter and the chambermaid were out
in the corridor and the door was
closed behind them.

At the sound of that closing door,
Ashton exploded, not with impatient
anger, as I half expected he would, but

Rumpler's New Four-in-One Plane



Doctor Rumpler of Germany, renowned designer and builder of airplanes, and his latest model of a plane which will be built for transoceanic flights. This giant will be four planes in one, will have ten motors and a wing spread of 310 feet.

with pure amusement. He laughed
loud and long, and without the slight-
est effort to suppress his mirth. Doc-
tor McAlister paid no attention, but
let him enjoy his laugh undisturbed.

"Well," said the district attorney
when he had got his breath, "I'm really
very much obliged. After hearing so
much about these psychological exami-
nations, it's interesting to have been
present at one."

The doctor nodded rather grimly.
"It's not half as interesting as it will
be in about five minutes," he said.

He was busy with the instruments
on the table as he spoke. "Do you
care to wait and see the results?" he
added.

"Come—" said Ashton; "you don't
really believe, do you, that you have
found out anything, by some subtle,
scientific process of yours, about that
girl?"

"I know all about the girl already,"
said my chief. "But come, were you
really taken in by the trick?"

"What trick?"

"Did you think, all the while, that it
was the girl I was examining?"

A great light suddenly burst upon
me, but Ashton was not so quick. His
face went perfectly blank.

"Did I think it was the girl you
were examining! What else could you

THE IMPRESSION WE LEAVE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of
Illinois.

I HAVE often wondered what my
father used to think of the im-
pression he made upon me when, as
he sometimes did, he sat down to
talk to me upon serious matters and
to advise me. He did not do this
often, but it was seriously done when
he undertook it, and sincerely. I
sat quite impassive as he talked. I
made no reply, I did not enter into
the discussion at all, and I gave no
indication that his words were fall-
ing upon anything but very stony
ground. I imagine he thought:

"Well, the boy is hopeless any-
way; youth goes its own road re-
gardless of the advice of age, so why
talk longer."

That is about what I wanted him
to think, but in reality I had great
respect for his suggestions. I valued
them then and I value them even
more highly today. I had the feeling
which most youths have of not want-
ing to give the impression that I
cared much for what was being said
to me.

I was walking down Michigan ave-
nue one rainy morning not long ago
when I was hailed by a friendly voice
from a car on the boulevard.

"Where are you going?" the voice
inquired, and then "Let me take you."

It was Payton whom I had not seen
for ten years or so—in fact not since
he had graduated from college. Pay-
ton had had his ups and downs in
college. His path scholastically and
morally had not always been as
straight as I could have wished, and
I had more than once counseled him.
He tucked me into the runabout and
we started down the street toward my
destination.

"Where've you been since I last
saw you?" I inquired. He had been
everywhere it seemed to me—he is
an engineer—in South America, in
Nicaragua, in the Canal Zone, and he
had had a most interesting and profit-
able experience. Now he had come
back to a different sort of civilization.
He told his story well, and we sat
parked at the side of the street until
I almost forgot my errand down the
street.

"Do you remember," he asked me as
I was leaving him, "that you used to
give me a good deal of advice when
I was an undergraduate? I wanted
you to think then that I gave little
heed to it, and I know you thought
that was the case. You were quite
mistaken. I knew you were right,
and I followed your advice though I
wanted to make you think otherwise.
I've been in some of the worst holes
in the world but I want you to know
that I've kept clean. Don't be dis-
couraged; you make more of an im-
pression on us than you think."

Hammond dropped in at homecom-
ing. He had been a very arrogant,
conceited fellow in college, able but
tactless.

"You tried to teach me to be a lit-
tle more tactful," he said, "and I
guess you thought you failed. Well,
I'm learning. You really did make a
dent on my thick skin though it
seemed not at the time."

And if I do, then you can, too.



"Wilkins! And by Thunder I Believe I've Got Him."

have been doing? Who else was there
to examine?"

"Wilkins!" said the doctor with a
blow of his fist upon the table. "Wil-
kins! And, by thunder, I believe I
have got him."

To be continued next week

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Why Acoustics Are Important

Sound travels out in spher-
ical waves from a speaker or
musical instrument at the speed
of 1,120 feet per second at or-
dinary temperatures—the ap-
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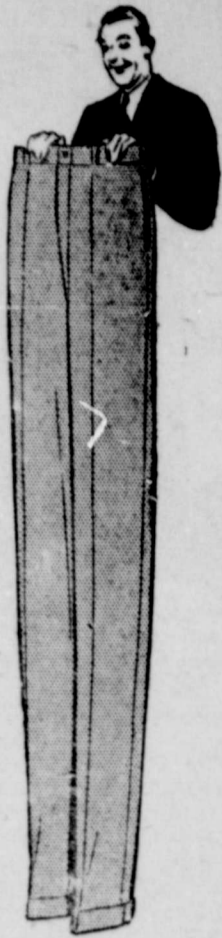
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BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE THIS WEEK

Boy Scout movement is eighteen years old this week.

Not old enough to see any one of its members reach the Congressional desk, the Supreme Court bench, or the Presidential chair. It's eldest members are now in college or starting in business, and many are making worthy records, presaging good results in future citizenship.

The seeds of thoughtfulness for others, courtesy, cheerfulness and loyalty planted by Scout training have already borne fruit the country over. Millions of good turns performed by the Scouts are bright lights in the great painting of everyday life.

The Scouts have won the nation's confidence and interest and the nation looks forward to the full blossoming of the Scout training in the maturity of scout manhood. The nation hopes for prepared and noble citizenship from these boys who have pledged themselves to follow the great Scout oath and law.

The nation had a right to expect much and has good basis on which to rest this expectation in the record so far achieved; hundreds of rescues, first-aid in emergencies, fire-fighting, wild life conservation, community good turns, finding lost people, etc.

"There will be less selfishness and more kindness when, the troops are mustered into life and all Scouts are men."

HOOVER URGED FOR PRESIDENT

COLUMBUS, O.—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover was urged to become a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination and to give his consent to the election of delegates in Ohio pledged to support him by the "Ohio-Hoover-For-President Committee," organized here Tuesday.

The committee adopted a resolution declaring that the "People of Ohio desire an opportunity to express their preference for Mr. Hoover as they have a right to do, under the election laws of Ohio."

The resolution also voiced the sentiment of the committee that Mr. Hoover, "by education, experience and character is preeminently qualified for the presidency of the United States."

Contingent upon the commerce secretary's willingness to become a candidate in Ohio, the action of the committee definitely launched a battle for the Buckeye state delegation between the supporters of Hoover and Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio.

Senator Willis has been endorsed by the Republican state central committee.

The petition bearing the names of approximately seventy-five men and women has been wired to Mr. Hoover.

LOCALS

Lincoln's birthday Sunday, February 12.

Frank Phillips, of Dexter, was in town on business Tuesday.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. R. N. Thomas yesterday afternoon.

Hal Bogle, a prominent farmer of the Dexter locality, was a visitor in Hagerman yesterday.

Two of our stores are showing a nice line of valentines, but the old time comics seem to be out of date.

We are selling lots of valentines, because they are classy and inexpensive. The Woodmas Store. 6-1tc

Reid graduated from the Dexter high school in 1927 and entered the State University in Albuquerque in September. Mr. Reid was a student in the N. M. M. I. at Roswell this year. This young couple's many friend wish them much prosperity and happiness for the years to come.

A few of the Dexter people were very unfortunate last week in having their cars and car parts stolen. Sometime Wednesday, Carl Caruthers car was taken from the garage and was driven about half a mile southeast of town into a field and stripped of a set of rims, wiring fixtures, tools, and a set of practically new tires. The car was missed Thursday night and found Friday afternoon. Thursday night about 9 o'clock an attempt was made to take Mr. O. B. Berry's car. Mr. Berry hearing a noise at the garage, stepped outside when the thieves fled with a few tire tools, a spare tire, and two coats that had been left in the car. Both parties were called to Glencoe Saturday and got their car fixtures. The thieves fled leaving the car at Glencoe.

When some married men say it with flowers they don't remove the pot.

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E. BUYRES, OF HOBBS IS VICTIM OF TWO ATTACKS RECENTLY

Edwin Byers, the fourteen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Byers, of Hobbs, has been the victim of two vicious and mysterious attacks: at the hands of some unknown party or parties within the last two weeks.

One night early last week, young Byers stepped out at the rear door to wash his teeth. Just as he turned to enter the house some one from behind him seized him and threw a rope around his neck. At first he thought it was some one trying to play a joke upon him, but when the rope began to choke him and cut off his breathing, he began to realize the seriousness of the situation. By a fierce struggle and by a fortunate and well placed kick, he succeeded in making his escape from the person making the attack and rushed into the house with the rope still about his neck. His neck and throat bore evidences of the attack.

When Mr. Byers, who is deputy in the County Treasurer's office heard of the attack, he immediately went home and kept a close watch during the week. But when nothing more of suspicious nature occurred, he concluded that there might be some mistake about the attack and returned to his work here. On Monday night of this week, when young Byers stepped out of the house, some one shot at him. The bullet came from the rear and carried away a small portion of his ear.

Young Byers has always been a quiet and peaceable boy, never having any trouble and so far as known having no enemies. His relatives are at a loss to understand why any one should make an attack upon him.

—Lovington Leader.

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Fair Candidate for Olympics



This is Corinne Condon, Omaha's best bet among the fair swimmers for the next Olympic games. She's just seventeen; she created several sensations in Buffalo at the National A. A. U. meet last year. Besides holding four national records, the young lady also holds eight midwestern records.

MICKIE SAYS—

MR. BUSINESSMAN, MEBBE THOSE SMUDGY TYPE WRITTEN LETTERS YOU MAIL OUT DO SOME GOOD, BUT THEY AINT NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE KIND OF NEAT, PRINTED MATTER THAT WE TURN OUT—LOTS OF FIRMS THINK ITS POOR POLICY TO SEND OUT CLURRED, SWEARY CIRCULAR LETTERS—TOO MUCH LIKE HAVIN' SHABBY, UNTIDY SALESMEN, THEY SAY



Father Sage Says:
The man who has millions today doesn't control a single minute of tomorrow.

BARKER SAYS TWENTY FIVE MORE WELLS WILL BE DRILLED SOON

SANTA FE.—Reports indicate that at least 25 new wells will be drilled in the southeastern part of the state this year, C. B. Barker, attorney for the state land commission, said Thursday.

This will mean a large increase in the income for schools and educational institutions because new state land will be under lease at higher rental rates, he predicted.

A number of companies now holding leases at 15 cents per acre or less, he said, are exchanging these for new leases under forms which are more satisfactory to them at 50 cents an acre.

ATLANTIC BUYS HALF INTEREST IN GRISHAM-HUNTER WELL

Purchase of one-half interest in the Grisham-Hunter well, Sievers No. 1 and block for a consideration of \$42,000 was made this week by the Atlantic Oil Producing Company, with additional purchases of acreage in Loving County in the vicinity of the old Toyah-Bell well. The California Company also bought acreage in Loving county against one of the wells.

The Sievers No. 1 well of the Grisham-Hunter & Atlantic is now drilling around 660 feet. It is located in section 20, Block 2, H & G. N. Ry. survey, Reeves county, about a quarter of a mile from the Pecos river east of the old Bell well. It has formerly been reported north, but it is almost due east.

With the big show made by the old Bell well, this test is expected to also show well when they reach the Delaware. It is on a line between the old Bell well and the Allen well which is the producer of Loving county.

The purchase of acreage by the Atlantic Oil Producing Co., in Loving county was mainly in the vicinity of the old Toyah-Bell well, which is southeast two miles from the Allen well.—Pecos Enterprise.

NEW SENATOR



Most recent photograph of Elmer Thomas, the new United States senator from Oklahoma. He succeeded John William Harrell.

DEXTER ITEMS

Irene Northam, Reporter

Miss Dora Whitman was the guest of Miss Towers Friday night.

Mr. Rawdon, one of the school bus drivers, is reported to have pneumonia.

Dr. Irl Wolf left Tuesday on a business trip to Los Angeles, California.

E. B. McCaw, of Dexter, motored to Artesia Sunday to spend the day with relatives.

Miss Vivian Westfall was home this week-end transacting business in Roswell Saturday.

Mrs. R. W. Elliott and son Roy, returned to Dexter Thursday after a few days visit with friends in El Paso.

Mr. Terpening, who moved to Dexter a few months ago, has taken charge of the Rawleigh products in this territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey have taken charge of the Dexter Telephone company, and will make their home in Dexter.

Miss Genevieve Hamon was a guest in the Hamon home this week-end. Miss Hamon is a teacher in the Portales grade school.

O. W. Phillips store was broken into last Thursday night. Only three or four dollars in small change a few cigarettes and candy were missed.

R. C. Tillman left Tuesday afternoon for his home in Tilghman, Tennessee. Mr. Tillman is the Chevrolet dealer of that place and is the brother of Mrs. Sharp.

Mrs. Nellie Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reischl of Chicago, are visiting their mother, Mrs. L. E. Marling, for a few days. They visited in Memphis and Ft. Worth, Texas en route. They expect to return to Chicago the latter part of the week.

The Ladies Bible Study met at the home of Mrs. Sam Glass last Thursday afternoon. After an unusually interesting study, refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Pritchard on the usual day, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wier have moved to Dexter to take charge of the City Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barnes, who have been in charge of the cafe for the past nine months, have moved into the Henderson house, next door to McCaws Tailor Shop. They expect to continue serving short orders.

The Dexter P. T. A met Tuesday afternoon. The short business meeting was followed by a Founders' Day program, after which the officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. Geo. Wilcox, president, Mrs. J. B. Robertson, secretary, Mrs. I. W. Marshall, vice president, Miss Rebecca Graham, parliamentarian.

Mr. Robert Reid and Miss Ruth McMains were quietly married last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oran McMains. Both of these young people have been reared and educated in Dexter. Mrs.

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Her Fourth a Jap
Lucy Banning Ross, widely known daughter of the late Gen. Phineas Banning and sister of the late Hancock Banning, whose three marriages to prominent California men have all ended in the divorce courts, is on her fourth honeymoon with Setsuzo Oto, a Japanese student, whom she married in Seattle. This is a recent photograph taken in Hollywood.

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