

Cleaning--Pressing, rain or shine, without gasoline odor. Mann Bros. & Holton

OPENING GAME BASE BALL HERE THIS THURSDAY

With the completion of Dutton City Park, J. A. Maxwell, manager of the Brady base ball team, has lost no time in rounding up the local diamond stars, and is rapidly whipping the team into first class shape.

The locals are showing up in good shape, and with a team recruited from players of the past several seasons, and strengthened by new men drafted from school teams of former years, and by new players who have located here the past year, promises an all-star aggregation.

The following is a list of recruits from whom Mr. Maxwell is expecting to build up his regular team:

Pitchers—Will Allen Jones, Jack Wigginton, Royston Taylor, Fred Spiller, M. C. Wolfe.

Catchers—Lawrence Fuller, Bailey Jones, Bill Vaughn, Johnnie Hill.

1st Base—Roy Connally. Short—E. A. Davee.

2nd Base or Outfield—P. B. Melton, J. P. Morgan, Hardin Jones.

3rd Base—Hubert Adkins. Center—Jess Wooseley.

Outfield—Webb Craddock, J. Hampton, Brown Strickland, Gibbon Roberts, Chas. Roberts, W. R. Davidson.

Hemstitching and Picoting. SINGER SEWING MACHINE SHOP. Phone 40.

FIRE BOYS MAKE QUICK WORK IN EXTINGUISHING INCIPENT BLAZE

Five minutes from the time the alarm was turned in, the fire boys had extinguished an incipient blaze at the Swedish parsonage, two blocks south of the courthouse, Friday.

No better time to insure than NOW. No better fire insurance companies anywhere than those we represent.

We sell Sewing Machines only. All the latest types. Your own terms. Phone No. 40 and let us call and demonstrate. SINGER SEWING MACHINE SHOP.

MATTRESSES PILLOWS, PADS, CUSHIONS ETC. Workmanship and material guaranteed to be the very best and up-to-date. Renovating a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed.

E. R. CANTWELL MATTRESS MAKER Brady, Texas Located 3 Doors North Moffatt Bros. & Jones

ROCHELLE LEADS IN COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH 117 1/2 POINTS

ALL CREDITS IN EXCEPT FOR ESSAY WRITING—RICHARD FAULKNER, PEAR VALLEY, FIRST IN SENIOR SPELLING—FAIRVIEW AND ROCHELLE TIE IN JUNIOR.

In a letter to Secretary Boyd Commander, State Vice Chairman Roy Bedichek, reports that in the Interscholastic League Spelling contest there were no 100% papers from the county, but that Richard Faulkner of Pear Valley won first place among the Seniors and that Vivian Riley of Fairview school and Oma Wiloughby of Rochelle tied for first place among the Juniors.

Mr. Commander states that all credits are in now except those for essay writing. The schools that competed for county championship rank as follows to date:

Rochelle—117 1/2 points. Brady—70 1/2 points. Lohn—51 5-6 points. Pear Valley—59 points. Melvin, 12 points. Calf Creek, 6 1/2 points.

The Proofreader's Nemesis. "What's the matter?" inquired the foreman, as he entered the sanctum for copy and noted the editor's bleeding nose, swollen forehead, puffed red eye, and tattered, dusty coat. "Fall down stairs?" "No—only that," replied the editor, pointing his finger to a paragraph in the paper before him.

MALONE & RAGSDALE RECITAL TO BE FREE—ADMISSION TICKETS GIVEN

"Pat" Malone of Malone & Ragsdale says he has every reason to believe The Standard is widely read, since he has been kept busy answering the phone ever since The Standard last Friday announced that recipients of invitations to the recital, to be given next Monday night by this popular firm, should secure tickets for that event.

The joint recital, in which Miss Helen Davis and Miss Sibyl Sanderson Fagan, famed artists, will appear, with Mr. Willard Osborne, noted violinist assisting, will be given next Monday night, starting at 7:15 o'clock, at the Lyric theatre.

There will be not one cent of charge to this great musical treat, all expenses of the affair being borne by Messrs. Malone & Ragsdale, and everyone interested should avail themselves of the opportunity to secure tickets, providing they have not already received invitations, as long as accommodations remain.

Modern, scientific handling of laundry, makes for satisfactory work. That's the kind of service we are giving. City Steam Laundry.

COUNTY COURT DOCKET LIGHT TRY CASE TODAY

A light docket made brief work of county court this week, all cases on the criminal docket being either continued or dismissed this week, with the exception of the case against Leonard Willis, charged with theft.

Next week the civil docket will be taken up in county court.

SIMPSON GARAGE BURGLARIZED FRIDAY NIGHT—SMALL AMOUNT SECURED

The garage of Simpson & Co. was burglarized last Friday night, and a small amount of money was secured from the cash register. Entrance to the building was gained by prying open the side door.

Wash day and ironing day are days of pleasure and rest when you have the City Steam Laundry to do your washing and ironing.

Transfer Binders. The Standard. Now unloading car of coal—you can save by placing your order at once and have delivery made direct at Sunday at Macy & Co.

LYRIC THEATRE

Brady's Popular Amusement Place--The Home of Good Pictures

JULIUS LEVY, Proprietor and Manager

COMING FRIDAY, APRIL 22, the Great Special 6-Reel Feature

"THE ROAD OF AMBITION"

WITH CONWAY TEARLE AS THE STAR

The story, which is from the pen of Elaine Sterne, one of the most prolific writers of screen material, deals with the career of a young man who, although without friends, money or education, is inspired by the unquenchable fires of ambition.

Table with 6 columns showing movie listings for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday. Includes titles like 'THE TEXAN', 'DESERT GOLD', 'THE ROAD OF AMBITION', 'A ROMANTIC ADVENTURESS', 'NO SHOW ON THIS NIGHT ACCOUNT EDISON CONCERT', and 'DICE OF DESTINY'.

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THE BRADY STANDARD

H. F. Schwenker, Editor

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected upon calling the attention of the management to the article in question.

The management assumes no responsibility for any indebtedness incurred by any employee, unless upon the written order of the editor.

Notices of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged for at the regular rates.

BRADY, TEXAS, Apr. 19, 1921

HONEST INJUN.

Gentle Spring seems to be experiencing difficulty in making an impression upon Gruff Old Winter.

TIME TO START SOMETHING.

The Standard, every now and then, receives a communication from some Chamber of Commerce somewhere that convinces us that Brady is losing money every day the local Chamber of Commerce remains inactive.

Take the San Augustine Chamber of Commerce, for instance. S. W. Adams, the general manager, sends out a little leaflet outlining what that body has accomplished in its first year. There are some twenty paragraphs, of which the following excerpts will give an idea as to the work accomplished: Promoted tomato industry, with resultant harvest valued at \$125,000.00; Stimulated trade by fostering Trades Day; Brought union among citizens of town; Held most successful banquet ever; Started move for better railway service; Conducted campaign for installation of new and modern light plant; Helped raise by private subscription enough money to continue schools for two months longer; Started road building activities; Promoted road working campaign of volunteer labor that resulted in \$10,000.00 worth of road being built; Interested local men in building homes to overcome home shortage; Created better working spirit between town and county; etc., etc.

Then F. R. Senior, manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Jefferson, Texas, and who will be remembered by local citizens as having visited Brady during the Liberty Bond campaigns, makes report on six months' accomplishments in Marion county. Here is an outline of what he accomplished: Secured county agricultural agent; Established U. S. Cotton Classing and Marketing office, being one of 40 in Texas at that time; Changed form of city government to commission form with resultant executive improvement program; Carried election 5 to 1 for immediate paving of many streets; Organized both white and colored farmers for co-operative marketing and buying; Organized Pure Bred Stock association; Secured extensive publicity for town and county; etc., etc.

Then, coming closer home, there's Ballinger, with a set of live-wire boosters. The Ballinger Y. M. B. L. sends out a monthly letter to all members, and as well to the newspa-

pers of the state and surrounding territory, showing what it has accomplished or has set out to do. It is just such a letter as will keep up the interest of the membership, and keep them in behind the organization and its efforts. The most recent accomplishment of the Ballinger Y. M. B. L. was to secure the voting of \$65,000 bonds for the purpose of building a municipal light plant, by the overwhelming vote of 321 to 11. The organization in February planted 72 pecan trees along the Santa Fe right-of-way; Sent delegates to the recent meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and extended invitation to that body to hold its meeting next year in Ballinger; Is endeavoring with apparent good success to locate a flour mill and grain elevator; the League is having a bronze tablet placed in memory of one of their soldier heroes; Is maintaining a live Retail Merchants Credit association; Is undertaking a revival of the Runnels County Fair, etc., etc.

The foregoing are but a few pertinent facts as to what live civic organizations are accomplishing for their home towns and counties—these are but a few of the salient features. Much other good is certain also to be accomplished. The intelligent answering of correspondence and letters of inquiry is certain to accomplish additional, even tho' less noticeable, results. The mere fact that these towns and counties are supporting a live civic body bespeaks praise for them.

As The Standard remarked in opening this editorial: "Isn't it about time to start something in Brady?" In this period of reconstruction and economic upheaval, do we not have need of an organization which shall not only stand ready to make the most of opportunities, but one which shall, as well, put forth its efforts, backed by a united citizenship, to make opportunities for our own civic and industrial betterment?

All prophets, star-gazers, moon-walkers and weather observers who have been predicting frosts in April because of thundering in February are requested to raise their right hands. The vote is unanimous—pass on to the seat of the righteous!

ADVERTISING LESSENS TAXES.
Looking over an old East Texas paper, printed forty years ago, we noted that the subscription price was \$2 a year. Two dollars has been the standard price in most States for years and years. The publisher always lost money on the \$1 paper unless he started up, collected a big bunch of subs, and then suspended publication before he sunk the money in trying to get out fifty-two issues of his paper.—Tyler County Messenger.

Any publication whose subscription pays the cost of production and a fair profit to the proprietor might become an object of worship by modern publishers. There is scarcely one such publication in these more or less United States. When State Press was a boy there came into his home a certain magazine whose subscription price was eight dollars a year, it shouldn't have needed any. When the newer monthlies appeared they put the subscription price down and made up the difference with advertising. The result was that some of the new ones prospered and the older one shriveled up. Advertising did it. Advertising today makes possible many newspapers and magazines. And as newspapers and magazines contribute greatly to the education of all the people it may be set down as true that the men of business who spend money for advertising are contributing largely to the maintenance of the greatest of our public schools—the press. Therefore let no man who has to pay school taxes condemn advertisers and advertising. They are helping very much to educate all classes of people. Besides, advertising pays the advertiser—glory be!—State Press, in Dallas News.

Ye gods! A map appearing on the front page of the Fort Worth Record Wednesday morning shows Texas divided into five states and Brown county in "East Texas." Brown county doesn't want to go into any new state at all, but the idea of placing us in East Texas is ridiculous. As the map is drawn Brown county would be in East Texas, and would be on the border of North Texas, Panhandle Texas and West Texas. If any proof were lacking that this is the "heart of Texas," the map provides the necessary evidence.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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NEW BUNGALOW HOME CONTRACTED BY J.M. FULLER

J. M. Fuller let the contract for a modern bungalow residence, to be erected on the property in East Brady, known as the M. E. Shore place. Upon completion, the new home will be occupied by Mr. Fuller and his bride. The property purchased is nicely located, and adjoins the homestead of Mr. Fuller's parents. The residence at present occupying the lot is being torn down to make room for the new dwelling.

The new residence was planned and contracted by W. J. Shore, and Mr. Shore states that work will be started by the end of this week. The plans call for a 5-room bungalow, with sun parlor, breakfast room and bath, and the contract price will run close to \$6,000. The new home will be most attractive in the newest style of architecture, with pebble dash gables, columns and foundations, this part of the work being in the hands of A. J. Bay.

When completed, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller will have one of the most attractive, as well as one of the most modern and comfortable homes in the city.

June Coopender Residence.
Mr. and Mrs. June Coopender have occupied their beautiful new bungalow home, recently completed by W. J. Shore, and are now comfortably domiciled. The new residence is not only of a most pleasing style of architecture, but provides every convenience and comfort. It is of rock construction, with stucco finish, this part of the work having been done by Contractor A. J. Bay. The interior is handsomely finished, and the large basement gives a splendid place for storage. All in all, Mr. and Mrs. Coopender may justly be proud of their new residence.

W. I. Myers Improvements.
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Myers have just had their home on South Blackburn street completely remodeled, the interior being rearranged to give added comfort, and being redecorated in the latest and most pleasing fashion. A new bath and glassed in sleeping porch have also been added to the home, making both for additional comfort. W. J. Shore had charge of the improvements.

Dan Cottrell Store.
Dan Cottrell has purchased a half block of land from Savage Bros. and which is located at the extremity of North Bridge street. Mr. Cottrell has just completed the erection of a store building on his new property, and announces that he will open a grocery store and market for the convenience of the citizens on the north side, and as well for those passing on the Brownwood and Santa Anna roads. Not content to wait for business to come to him, Mr. Cottrell expects to go after business by placing a delivery wagon in service for the purpose of making calls semi-weekly, tri-weekly, or daily, if necessary, in order to supply customers with fresh beef. Dan is a hustler, and his past experience will stand him in good stead in making his new venture a success.

\$100 Reward, \$100
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

The New Tongue
Two girls were quarreling. "You are always saying mean things about people," said one to the other. "The trouble with you is you've got a chauffeur's tongue."
"A chauffeur's tongue?" echoed the other girl.
"Yes," was the answer. "It's always running people down."

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TO THE LADIES.
Patronize a home institution. Have your Hemstitching and Piecing done in Brady. Mail orders receive prompt attention. SINGER SEWING MACHINE SHOP. Phone 40.

How about your watch? Is it keeping correct time? If not, let us remedy the trouble for you. Satisfaction guaranteed. A. F. Grant, Jeweler, east side square, Brady, Texas.

The milk and cream used in making Schill's Ice Cream is bought from Brady people. Eat Made in Brady Ice Cream and help Brady people, and keep Brady money in Brady. Phone 20. SCHILL ICE CREAM CO.

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FORT BIBSON MAN WAS SELDOM WELL

After Suffering for 21 Years He Regains Health By The Use Of Tanlac.

"Thanks to Tanlac, I am now in splendid health after twenty-one years of suffering and am eighteen pounds heavier than I was before," declared John W. Thomas, the well-known proprietor of Thomas' Meat Market and Grocery Store, located on Chestnut St., Fort Gibson, Okla.

"If ever a man went through the rubbers," said Mr. Thomas, "I did. After a meal I would hardly get up from the table before my food soured I bloated up with gas and began to feel miserable. My nerves were shattered and I would roll and toss all through the night and get up with a sick stomach and a weak, tired out feeling. I had no appetite to speak of, and fell off in weight until I was almost a living skeleton and hardly felt fit for anything. No medicine I could find seemed to reach my troubles, and my condition went on from bad to worse until I became seriously alarmed.

"Last November I started on Tanlac, and before I had finished the first bottle my appetite picked up and I began to take on new life and energy. I kept right on with my Tanlac and now I am like a man made over. My appetite has come back in full force and what I eat agrees with me perfectly. I sleep like a boy and get up mornings feeling fine. My friends all say they never saw anything to equal the way I have recovered my health. It's all due to Tanlac, and I will verify this statement personally to anyone who doubts it."

Tanlac is sold in Brady by Trigg Drug Co., in Mercury by J. T. Matlock, in Rochelle by C. W. Carr, and by all leading druggists.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mayhew Produce Company have shipped another car of live poultry to New York City, the car leaving Brady Sunday night, routed over the Frisco and in charge of Milton Robbins. The car is expected to arrive in New York next Monday. Word from Wilson Jordan, who left ten days ago in charge of a previous carload of poultry, has advised the Mayhew company that he has disposed of the shipment, finding a splendid market for the birds. He will visit this week in Boston, and then will return to New York awaiting arrival of Robbins and his car.

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CHAPTER I.—In the village of Bingville thirteen-year-old Robert Emmet Moran, crippled son of a poor widow, is known as the Shepherd of the Birds. His little room, the flower garden of Judge Crooker, and every flying thing he sees from his window. The painting of pictures is his enjoyment, and little Pauline Baker, small daughter of a neighbor, the object of his boyish affection. To him, J. Patterson Bing, the first citizen of Bingville, is the ideal of a really great man.

CHAPTER II.—The village becomes money mad, reflecting the great world in its state of unrest. The Bing family is a leader in the change. To them the village has become "provincial." Pauline Baker, victim of her surroundings, elopes with a stranger, and her parents are unable to trace her.

CHAPTER III.—Severe winter weather brings distress to Bingville. Spoiled by false prosperity, the citizens have failed to look ahead, and many suffer absolute privation. The Reverend Otis Singleton, one of the few in the village who seek to stem the tide of extravagance and folly, effects a reformation in Hiram Blenkinsop, town drunkard and general "black sheep."

The spirit of the old, dead days spoke in the voice of the Judge—spoke with a kindly dignity. It had ever been the voice of Justice, tempered with Mercy—the most feared and respected voice in the upper counties. His grave, smooth-shaven face, his kindly gray eyes, his noble brow with its crown of white hair were fitting accessories of the throne of Justice and Mercy.

"I'll go this afternoon. Thank you, Judge!" said Baker, as he left the office.

Pauline had announced in her letter that her husband's name was Herbert Middleton. Mr. Baker sent a telegram to Pauline to apprise her of his arrival in the morning. It was a fatherly message of love and good-will. At the hotel in New York, Mr. Baker learned that Mr. and Mrs. Middleton had checked out the day before. Nobody could tell him where they had gone. One of the men at the porter's desk told of putting them in a taxicab with their grips and a steamer trunk soon after luncheon. He didn't know where they went. Mr. Baker's telegram was there unopened. He called at every hotel desk in the city, but he could get no trace of them. He telephoned to Mrs. Baker. She had heard nothing from Pauline. In despair, he went to the police department and told his story to the chief.

"It looks as if there was something crooked about it," said the chief. "There are many cases like this. Just read that."

The officer picked up a newspaper clipping, which lay on his desk, and passed it to Mr. Baker. It was from the New York Evening Post. The banker read aloud this startling information:

"The New York police report that approximately 3,000 girls have run away or disappeared from their homes in the past eleven months, and the bureau of missing persons estimates that the number who have disappeared throughout the country approximates 68,000."

"It's rather astonishing," the chief went on. "The women seem to have gone crazy these days. Maybe it's the new dancing and the movies that are breaking down the morals of the little suburban towns or maybe it's the excitement of the war. Anyhow, they keep the city supplied with run-aways and vamps. You are not the first anxious father I have seen to-day. You can go home. I'll put a man on the case and let you know what happens."

CHAPTER THREE

Which Tells of the Complaining Coin and the Man Who Lost His Self. There was a certain gold coin in a little bureau drawer in Bingville which began to form a habit of complaining to its master.

"How cold I am!" it seemed to say to the boy. "I was cold when you put me in here and I have been cold ever since. Br-r-r! I'm freezing."

Bob Moran took out the little drawer and gave it a shaking as he looked down at the gold piece.

"Don't get rattled," said the redoubtable Mr. Bloggs, who had a great contempt for cowards.

It was just after the Shepherd of the Birds had heard of a poor widow who was the mother of two small

children and who had fallen sick of the influenza with no fuel in her house.

"I am cold, too!" said the Shepherd.

"Why, of course you are," the coin answered. "That's the reason I'm cold. A coin is never any warmer than the heart of its owner. Why don't you take me out of here and give me a chance to warm around?"

Things that would never be said to other boys often spoke in the Shepherd's mind.

"Let him go," said Mr.



"I Am Cold, Too," Said the Shepherd.

Indeed it was the tin soldier, who stood on his little shelf looking out of the window, who first reminded Bob of the loneliness and discomfort of the coin. As a rule whenever the conscience of the boy was touched Mr. Bloggs had something to say.

It was late in February and every one was complaining of the cold. Even the oldest inhabitants of Bingville could not recall so severe a winter. Many families were short of fuel, the homes of the working folk were insufficiently heated. Money in the bank had given them a sense of security. They could not believe that its magic power would fail to bring them what they needed. So they had been careless of their allowance of wood and coal. There were days when they had none and could get none at the yard. Some men with hundreds of dollars in the bank went out into the country at night and stole rails off the farmers' fences. The homes of these unfortunate people were ravaged by influenza and many died.

Prices at the stores mounted higher. Most of the gardens had been idle. The farmers had found it hard to get help. Some of the latter, indeed, had decided that they could make more by tending at Millerton than by toiling in the fields, and with less effort. They left the boys and the women to do what they could with the crops. Naturally the latter were small. So the local sources of supply had little to offer and the demand upon the stores steadily increased. Certain of the merchants had been, in a way, spoiled by prosperity. They were rather indifferent to complaints and demands. Many of the storekeepers, irritated, doubtless, by overwork, had lost their former politeness. There were days when supplies failed to arrive. The railroad service had been bad enough in times of peace. Now, it was worse than ever.

Those who had plenty of money found it difficult to get a sufficient quantity of good food, Bingville being rather cut off from other centers of life by distance and a poor railroad. Some drove sixty miles to Hazelmead to do marketing for themselves and their neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Patterson Bing, however, in their luxurious apartment at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, knew little of these conditions until Mr. Bing came up late in March for a talk with the mill superintendent. Many of the sick and poor suffered extreme privation. Father O'Neill and the Reverend Otis Singleton of the Congregational church went among the people, ministering to the sick, of whom there were many, and giving counsel to men and women who were unaccustomed to prosperity and ill-qualified wisely to enjoy it. One day, Father O'Neill saw the Widow Moran coming into town with a great bundle of fagots on her back.

"This looks a little like the old country," he remarked.

She stopped and swung her fagots to the ground and announced: "It do that an' God help us! It's hard times here. In spite o' all the mon-

ey an' hard times, it looks like there ain't enough to go 'round—the ships 'a' takin' so many things to the old country."

"How is my beloved Shepherd?" the good Father asked.

"Mother o' God! The house is that cold, he's been layin' abed for a week an' Judge Crooker has been away on the circuit."

"Too bad!" said the



"How is My Dear Boy?" the Good Father Asked.

dying and the dead I ave hardly had time to think of you.

Against her protest he picked up the fagots and carried them on his own back to her kitchen.

He found the Shepherd in a sweater sitting up in bed and knitting socks.

"How is my dear boy?" the good Father asked.

"Very sad," said the Shepherd. "I want to do something to help and my legs are useless."

"Courage!" Mr. Bloggs seemed to shout from his shelf at the window-side and just then he assumed a most valiant and determined look as he added: "Forward! march!"

Father O'Neill did what he could to help in that moment of peril by saying:

"Cheer up, boy. I'm going out to Dan Mullin's this afternoon and I'll make him bring you a big load of wood. I'll have you at your work tomorrow. The spring will be coming soon and your flock will be back in the garden."

It was not easy to bring a smile to the face of the little Shepherd those days. A number of his friends had died and others were sick and he was helpless. Moreover, his mother had told him of the disappearance of Pauline and that her parents feared she was in great trouble. This had worried him, and the more because his mother had declared that the girl was probably worse than dead. He could not quite understand it and his happy spirit was clouded. The good Father cheered him with merry jests. Near the end of their talk the boy said: "There's one thing in this room that makes me unhappy. It's that gold piece in the drawer. It does nothing but lie there and shiver and talk to me. Seems as if it complained of the cold. It says that it wants to move around and get warm. Every time I hear of some poor person that needs food or fuel, it calls out to me there in the little drawer and says, 'How cold I am! How cold I am!' My mother always tells me to keep it for some time, but I don't know what to do with it. Please take it away and let it go and let me keep the money."

"Well done, boy," the good Father seemed to say with a look of joy as he now perceived that the enemy was in full retreat.

"There's no worse company, these days, than a hoarded coin," said the priest. "I won't let it plague you any more."

Father O'Neill took the coin from the drawer. It fell from his fingers with a merry laugh as it bounded on the floor and whirled toward the doorway like one overjoyed and eager to be off.

"God bless you, my boy! May it buy for you the dearest wish of your heart."

"Ha! ha!" laughed the little tin soldier, for he knew the dearest wish of the boy far better than the priest knew it.

Mr. Singleton called soon after Father O'Neill had gone away.

"The top of the morning to you!" he shouted, as he came into Bob's room.

"It's all right top and bottom," Bob answered cheerfully.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" the minister went on. "I'm a regular Santa Claus this morning. I've got a thousand dollars that Mr. Bing sent me. It's for any one that needs help."

"We'll be all right as soon as our load of wood comes. It will be here tomorrow morning," said the Shepherd.

"I'll come and cut and split it with you," the minister proposed. "The eloquence of the ax is better than that of the tongue these days. Meanwhile I'm going to bring you a little jag in my wheelbarrow. How about beefsteak and bacon and eggs and all that?"

"I guess we've got enough to eat thank you." This was not quite true, for Bob, thinking of the sick, whose people could not go to market, was inclined to hide his own hunger.

"Ho, ho!" exclaimed Mr. Bloggs, for he knew very well that the boy was hiding his hunger.

"Do you call that a lie?" the Shepherd asked as soon as the minister had gone.

"A little one! But in my opinion," said Mr. Bloggs.



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LOCAL BRIEFS.

J. E. Bell, representing the Purina Mills, was here from Brownwood yesterday, superintending the painting of some striking signs for the company's local representatives, Mayhew Produce Co.

W. J. Hampton dropped in on us Thursday after an absence of three months. He is just out of the sanitarium at Brady, where he was operated on for a carbuncle February 22. He is getting along nicely now.—Eldorado Success.

B. M. Stratton, Deputy State Fire Marshal, was here from Austin Monday, and in company with Fire Marshal Henry Miller, made a thorough inspection of all business property, and secured data for his report to the State Fire commission on local fire hazards.

C. C. West and son, Carson, returned home from Brady Saturday, where they had fattened a lot of sitters, shipping them to the market. The market averaged about \$7.50 per hundred.—Eldorado Success.

The Rev. S. C. Dunn returned Friday from Midland, where he held a highly successful two weeks' revival meeting. Following the close of the meeting he went to Miles, Texas, where he was in attendance upon the conference for several days, returning to Brady in time to again occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Murray Tiffany of St. Louis, in sending in his renewal to The Standard, says he is greatly interested in McCulloch county oil developments, since he holds two quite valuable leases here, both of which are part of Stanza & Co.'s holdings in the Hill ranch. Mr. Murray is a railroad man, being employed with the M. K. & C. at St. Louis. He expects to visit McCulloch county within the next few weeks.

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plastering done on the court house by Contractor A. J. Bay so entirely to its liking that they have commissioned Mr. Bay to rebuild the chimney tops on the courthouse, and also to point up the cracks in the walls of the courthouse. The chimney work has been completed, and the new tops add both to the appearance of the courthouse and the safety of the chimneys themselves.

E. M. Gray, who lives on the Kerr place north of Brady, yesterday reported that the first Sunday night had bitten his corn down for the third time. At that, Mr. Gray says he is lucky, since he fully intended to plow his corn Saturday, and was only kept from doing so by the high winds. He believes if he had plowed the corn, the frost would have killed its root, stalk and branch. He has 13 acres in corn.

Hubert Adkins, accompanied by Oscar Westbrook and Clarence Snider, as escorts, journeyed to Waco last week, where on Friday he was one of a class of several hundred who took the Shrine. Hubert took part in the grand public parade, and also made a safe journey over the burning streets of Waco. Adkins and Westbrook returned Sunday to Brady, but Mr. Snider went from Waco to Wichita Falls, Texas, to attend the Grand Commandery in session there.

There are two mighty happy and proud individuals in Brady—J. Shropshire for one, because he has just acquired one of the handsomest new Special Six Studebaker cars purchased from Simpson & Co., local representatives; and Burl T. Wiley, for the other. Burl, as salesman for Simpson & Co., sold the beautiful car to Mr. Shropshire. "No trouble to sell the Studebaker to a man who really wants a car," says Burl. "I let him try the Studebaker, and he can't resist the tempta-

