

# Mason County News.

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## 15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jul. 21, 1905—  
 Little Miss Willie Baze is quite sick with typhoid fever.  
 Miss Eva Lindsay is at home from a visit in Burnet. Miss Smart returned home with her.  
 T. A. Doyal sold his 300 acre place to Wm. Hofmann for \$2700.  
 The law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in Mason county goes in effect at midnight, July 27th.  
 T. C. Bell of Fredonia, sold his 70 acre farm to Zip Gilbert for \$1300.  
 Max Martin is preparing to add a second story to his residence.  
 Dillon Bridges will soon erect a steam laundry in Mason.  
 Mr. Herman Hill and Miss Temple Mangum were married Wednesday morning.  
 Mrs. J. D. Beck, Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale and little Misses Margaret and Julia are at home from a visit to Corinth, Miss.

## 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jul. 26, 1895—  
 John Fulton was quite seriously hurt Saturday by falling from a hack. No bones were broken.  
 Rudolph, the 8 year old son of Chas. Martin, was badly hurt Tuesday by a horse running into a barb wire fence with him.  
 Miss Hermenia Mebus is visiting Mrs. Corker Boyd at Llano.  
 The following participated in a pleasant social at the home of P. C. Beard Monday evening: Misses Daisy Wheeler, Mollie King, Constance and Mary Schmidt, Maggie Bowser, Nora Harris; Messrs. Bob Beard, Ed and Will Broad, Chas. Stapleton, Frank Moody, Ed Mebus, Paul Doole, Chas., John and Will Harris, Lee Gattiff, Will Sands.  
 Cone, the insurance man from Llano, accompanied by Jesse Smith, was in Mason a short time the past week.

## TEETH THAT FIT

My soft rubber suction plates are guaranteed to fit any mouth. My bridge work is guaranteed to give satisfaction. I make all known removable bridges and the old style stationary bridge.  
 Have your impression taken in the morning and wear your teeth home that night. ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

**Dr. H. W. Lindley, Dentist**

LADY IN ATTENDANCE

Phone 81

Brady, Texas.

## PRIMARY ELECTION OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Mason County last Monday, the following were appointed as Presiding officers of the Democratic Primary Elections, which are to be held on July 24th and August 14th:—

- No. 1. Mason, W. E. Jordan.
- No. 2. Wagram, Charlie Thomas.
- No. 3. Katemcy, Arthur Prater.
- No. 4. Grit, J. W. Wilson.
- No. 5. Streater, Tom Caylor.
- No. 6. Grossville, S. K. Shearer.
- No. 7. Hilda, Adolph Kothmann.
- No. 8. Loy, Val, H. W. Keller.
- No. 9. P'ville, Dan Jordan, Jr.
- No. 10. Capps, J. S. Capps.
- No. 11. Fredonia, B. R. Ellison.
- No. 12. Pontotoc, J. F. Barrett.
- No. 13. Eaton, Wm. Schneider.
- No. 14. Ranch B'ch, L. F. Clark.
- No. 15. Bauer, H. Hasse.

about the death of loyal and patriotic Frenchmen. For these crimes the quartet were required to give up their lives. An account of their execution is given in the continental edition of the London Daily Mail.

Known as "The Ogress."

Shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning a great gray-blue car drove slowly up the turf slope and came to a standstill just behind the firing parties. The car contained Toque and Lemoine. Toque got out at once and stood by the car, apparently perfectly calm and talking to his counsel. Lemoine sat back in his seat with his coat collar buttoned up, remarking in a normal tone of voice: "It is too cold. I prefer to wait here till the others arrive."

A few minutes later a car containing Herbert, still in military uniform, arrived and then last of all Alice Aubert, whose ugliness won her the title of "the Ogress." She was accompanied by two nuns of the Order of St. Joseph de Cluny. Alice Aubert had prior to leaving the prison of St. Lawrence attended mass and taken communion. She had been praying all the way to Vincennes and held in her hand a beautiful ivory crucifix given by the nuns.

As soon as she got out of the motor car the whole party set out to cover on foot the 50 yards which separated them from the execution posts. Toque went first, followed by Lemoine, both stepping out with hardly a sign of emotion, and accompanied by their counsel and the venerable Abbe Gespeltz, chaplain to Vincennes. Then came Herbert. He was the only one who seemed terrified and dazed. Before leaving his cell back in the city he had welcomed the magistrates with a burst of laughter. "You are going to take me for a walk. I am very pleased," he had said. Now he was frightened.

Last of all came Alice Aubert. With her short hair, loose and wind driven, she carried her head high and her eyes were fixed straight before her. In her hands she held clasped to her breast her crucifix. "I do not mind dying," she said, "if I go to heaven. I am only sorry for my relatives and those who have to die with me. Please pray for me and them."

The Coup de Grace to Toque.  
 The final preparations made, the nuns embraced Alice Aubert and then the chaplain solemnly blessed them all.

As the small party of assistants, nuns, the chaplain and counsel withdrew, Toque tried to raise his right arm, and in a strong voice shouted: "I affirm I am innocent. Vive la France!" Only Herbert allowed the soldiers to blindfold him, the others including the woman Aubert, stating that they preferred to face death with open eyes.

Meanwhile the four firing parties, each consisting of 12 men in double lines, were ready. The first line knelt for the second line to fire over their shoulders. A sergeant major, with drawn sword, stood at their side, and in crisp military tones gave the order to fire.

There came a deadly silence. Alice Aubert, Herbert and Lemoine were dead. Toque still lived, and four non-commissioned officers, revolver in hand, gave the coup de grace. Even then, although shot through the right temple, Toque showed signs of life, and another shot was necessary to put an end to his existence.

Use your phone and tell the News the news. Phone 57.

## HOUSE PARTY

Mrs. Walter Lindsay is entertaining this week with a house party for a few girl friends. Her guests include Misses Marie Brockman, Cleo Wood, Julia Bierschwale and Lula Mildred White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lemburg are the proud owners of a new Buick-Six automobile.

## AUTO ACCIDENT

In an auto accident which occurred last Sunday afternoon on the Fredericksburg road, Miss Sarah Puckey suffered a broken collar bone and other occupants of the car received some severe bruises, but not of a serious nature. The car was occupied by Chas. Hightower, Bennie Evans and Misses Sarah and Mary Jane Puckey, Elizabeth White, Sweet Oatman. The accident happened when Chas., who was driving attempted to pass a car in front of him and in pulling out of the road ran into some rocks tearing three wheels from the car and upsetting it. The occurrence rendered Miss Mary Jane Puckey unconscious from the shock and she did not recover until Sunday night. The auto was almost completely demolished and it seems to be a miracle how the occupants escaped with their lives.

## PREPARE FOR REUNION

The Clean Town Club has requested the News to state that arrangements have been made for "trash hauling day" Friday, July 30th. The wagon will be around on that day and it is URGENTLY REQUESTED that everybody get their premises cleaned by then and the rubbish hauled away so that the town will look its best during the reunion.

The Clean Town Club will hold a regular meeting at the court house next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and it is urged that all members to be present.

The auto accident of Sunday should serve as a warning to car drivers to be careful, but it seems such accidents don't remain impressed on car driver's minds very long at a time. We hope, however, that this will help to make people drive carefully during the reunion, when there will be an enormous lot of traffic in and around Mason.

## SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

All those who are willing to contribute money, food stuffs, clothing, etc. to relieve the terrible suffering, the starvation of the women and children in Germany and Austria, may communicate with Mrs. Max Martin, Chairman.

## Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

## FREDONIA ITEMS.

Quite a number of young folks spent a very enjoyable afternoon down at round hole Friday.

Miss Ella Baxter was the guest of Miss Edith Bellows at Mason last week end.

Mrs. J. L. Latham, Mrs. Dr. McKnight and pretty daughter, Mary, are visiting on Deer Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown of "Plea Gap" entertained the young folks with a cream supper Friday night. Those from Fredonia that attended were Mike Malory Miller, Howard Holt, John Ellison, Ellis Kelso, Buck Ellison, Alfred Shafer. Mrs. Pearl Fritzie is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. R. Ellison.

Mrs. W. R. Haley has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ellison chaperoned a crowd of young folks to the river one day last week. All report a most enjoyable time. "Lompusa and Polly!"

## A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. R. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

## BITTEN BY RATTLE SNAKE

Miss Ida Matheny, daughter of T. E. Matheny, was bitten on the ankle by a rattle snake last Saturday morning while tying fodder. Dr. McCollum was summoned and dressed the wound and she is said to be getting along nicely. They had corded the limb in three places and her sister had sucked the poison from the wound before the doctor arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Cas Brown and son returned to Mason Friday from El Paso, where Mr. Brown had gone with view of locating. He will leave soon for San Angelo and other points to look around.

Mr. J. Tinsley of Dallas, was here a short time last week visiting his brother, A. Tinsley, and renewing acquaintances.

Douglas Coalson and wife of Brownwood and Jim Coalson of Brady, were here for a short visit last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay.

The family of Mr. Louis Leifeste enjoyed a family reunion and a barbecue on the Llano river one day last week.

Mrs. J. D. Eckert is at home from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Leifeste at Dallas.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Reeder will be pleased to learn she has completed her special course at the State University. She has accepted a position in the Extension Department of the University for this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Eliebracht spent Sunday with relatives at Brady, returning Sunday evening.

Geo. Todd went to Llano last week for a visit.

W. L. Leifeste was here a short time last week from Dallas visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Schmidt and child and Mrs. Payne and son Tom left Saturday for their home at Abilene, after a visit here and in near Antonio.

Pete Jordan, who has been attending school in San Antonio, has returned home.

Rube Birt was here from McCulloch county last week. He says the grasshoppers have taken his crop.

E. M. Womack was over the past week from Brady helping G. C. Hubbard install some new machinery at the Perry gin.

Mrs. Bertha Todd is visiting in Llano this week.

## MICKIE SAYS

YEAH, THESE ARE KINDA PUNK TIMES 'T BE RUNNIN' A PAPER, WHAT WITH PRINT PAPER UP IN TH' CLOUDS 'N EVERYTHING—BUT THEY'RE ONE CONSOLATION—WHEN ALL TH' PENITENTIARIES ARE BULGIN' OUT WITH PROFITEERS, US NEWSPAPER GUNS WILL BE RAMPAGIN' 'ROUND LOOSE JEST TH' GAME AS PER USUAL!





**Hensch--Bierschwale**

Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock Mr. O. A. Hensch and Miss Lizzie Bierschwale were united in marriage. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bierschwale, Rev. Robt. Moerner officiated. Only immediate relatives of the bride witnessed the happy event. Shortly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hensch left for a few days trip to San Antonio and New Braunfels.

This marriage is the culmination of a courtship of several years. Both the bride and groom are popular members of Mason's social set and have many friends who will gladly join the NEWS in extending to them every good wish.

**MR. ALFRED GAMEL**

On Monday evening at six o'clock Mr. Alfred Gamel died after an illness of but a few days. Mr. Gamel was sun stroke early Saturday morning while tying top fods.

Mr. Gamel was born in 1862 on Big Buff Creek in the same place where he died. He was 58 years and a few days of age.

He is survived by one son and one daughter; two sisters, Mrs. M. F. Chamber of Mason and Mrs. J. F. Molligan of Kockville and one brother, Mr. Tom Gamel of the Blue Mountain country.

Funeral services were held at four-thirty Monday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Garrett. Interment was made in the Gamel cemetery.

Contributed.

**PARADE**

On the morning of August 4th the first day of the Reunion, a street parade, headed by the band, will be held. The parade will be formed at the Southern Hotel at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 o'clock will start. Decorated cars, trucks and vehicles will come first and the undecorated vehicles will bring up the rear. There will be two cash prizes awarded: \$35 for the best decorated vehicle and \$15 for the second best decorated vehicle.

The parade will make one complete trip around the public square and then go on to the grounds, where announcement of the winners and awards will be made.

We urgently request that everybody who possibly can will decorate their car and enter the parade.

Parade Committee.

**AN OPEN LETTER**

Ft. Worth Texas, July 17, 1920.  
Mr. Carl Runge,  
Attorney at Law,  
Mason Texas.

Dear Friend Carl:—

If you are not already committed otherwise I would appreciate your supporting and working for Judge W. M. Key for the Supreme Court. It has been my thought that you are allright anyway, but I know how busy we all get and it occurred to me that perhaps like myself you had not given this race the special attention that the present situation commending that great and important court demands.

In my humble judgement there is no more opened and reliable jurist in Texas, nor one who would keep to sustain the reputation and traditions of our final appellate tribunal more than would Judge Key.

Not only do I feel an interest in the Court as a citizen but have a personal and friendly interest in this good man.

With very best wishes, I am,  
Very sincerely yours,  
S. C. Rowe  
(Political Advertisement)

The prize given by the Banks of Mason to the Mason County Club Boys in their contest was won by Leonard Wood according to advice from County Agent Brown Murray Kyger was second and Clifton Sorrells was but one point off for third place. The prize consists of a trip, which is to cost about \$300.00. Murray says he has the largest sow in the County and will make the most yet.

Hurray! for the Club Boys

**DIPLOMACY WINS**

By REBECCA T. FARNHAM.

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Detective Joe Mitchell of Spoffordsville presented a figure of utter dejection, as he jogged along the country road in his little buggy. Had anyone chanced to see him, he would have guessed that Joe was on his way to his only source of consolation—Martha Jackson. And rightly, for the buggy rolled past the neat farm houses, and began to climb a hill road, which led to but one place—Martha's home.

Martha, tall and spare, with shiny black hair, and eyes that never seemed to smile, had lived alone, remote from the life of Spoffordsville for many years, working the little farm herself, and having only the bare necessities of life. She rarely came to the village, but she had managed to attract in these few trips the detective, Joe Mitchell. Three years ago he had begun to direct his mare's steps toward the farm on the hill, and now the way was well-known to both horse and master.

"I've got bad news, Martha," said Joe, as he sat down in the shabby rocker in the equally shabby "front room."

"Bad news?"

"Mr. Pennington tells me that he'll give me just two more days on this case. If I can't find the goblet in that time, he'll call a detective from the city."

Martha's eyes clouded as she heard his disappointed tone. "They're making a lot of fuss over a little silver cup," she said, scornfully.

"It's an heirloom, that's why. Alice Pennington had it for a wedding present, but it's been in the family for years. Now they're offering all this money to get it back again."

"And you won't get the money." The voice had such despair in it that Joe hastened to go on.

"I don't mind that so much, although I was counting on it. It's my reputation that I care about. If the city detective finds it when I can't, what'll I be good for afterwards?"

The buggy rattled down the hill, and Martha turned back into the house. "It was just for bad news that he came," she sighed, "and I hoped that it would be—for something else."

The wedding of Alice Pennington, the daughter of the only wealthy man that Spoffordsville owned, had produced a great sensation in the town. Mr. Pennington, out of public spiritedness, had invited all the townspeople to his daughter's wedding, and so eagerly was the invitation accepted,

that practically everyone appeared, including the recluse, Martha.

When the silver heirloom was found to be missing from the display of wedding gifts, the local detective was hired to solve the mystery.

The next morning a youth of about thirteen years entered the detective's office.

"Hullo, Joe," said the intruder, intently.

"Hullo, Bill," replied the detective to William C. Ramson, Jr.

"I've got news for you," said William. "I know where the goblet is."

"Where?" cried Mitchell, leaping to his feet.

William was cautious. "You know I expect part of the—er—"

"Of course! But quick! Tell me where it is."

"Hitch up and I'll show you," agreed the boy.

Ten minutes later Bill Ramson, with the detective at his side, was guiding the horse along a familiar road.

"Here we are," he said, triumphantly.

Joe looked quickly around him. "What! You don't mean—She ain't—"

Bill nodded. "Yes, she has. Last night I was up here, and happened to peek in the window, and she was holding that little cup."

Joe was silent; then he made a snatch for the reins. "Give me them," he cried. "We'll turn out of here in double quick time. Do you think I'd accuse her?"

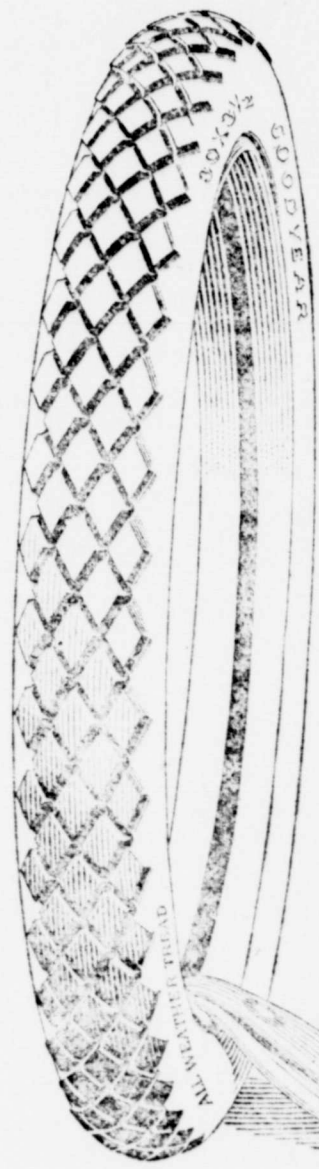
"All right," said Bill, cheerfully. "Don't then. But I will," and he began to get out of the buggy.

"No, you don't." Joe yanked him back again. An idea had come suddenly to him. "You keep quiet about this, youngster," he said, "that's part of your agreement, understand? Now you get out of sight. I'll go in."

Inside the house with Martha, Joe found his plan very hard to carry out. "Martha," he said suddenly, "will you marry me?"

The question was put none too abruptly.

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The tired eyes took on another light, and gave him her answer. But Joe had still more to do, although the hardest was over.

"Martha," he said, after a few minutes. "I want to confess something before we go any further. I think the time for me to say it is now. I—got foolish drunk on hard cider up to Jim Slater's place one time."

There was a deep silence, and Joe waited breathlessly.

"Joe," finally came the answer. "I've got something to confess, too. I took that cup at the wedding. It was so pretty, and I'd never had anything nice. I just picked it up and—I took it home here, and then you were the detective, and I didn't know what to do. But take it. Here it is."

Spoffordsville had much to talk about the next few days. The cup had been found, though no one seemed to know exactly where; there was another wedding, also, one to which everyone had long been looking forward; and best of all, in the eyes of the younger set, was that handsome new bicycle, owned exclusively by William C. Ramson, Jr.

In reporting his experience, Mr. J. C. Huste, of Rock Bridge Bath, Va., stated: "My horse is the best advertisement you would want for Dr. LeGear's Stock Powders. He was in a run down fix and poor and I thought he would die soon. I got some of Dr. LeGear's Stock Powders—and today he is as fine a locking horse as you can see in this section. I only used a few boxes of Dr. LeGear's Stock Powders."

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For District Judge 33rd. Judicial District—

J. H. MCLEAN

For District Attorney 33rd Judicial District—

GEORGE E. CHRISTIAN

For District and County Clerk—

S. C. BROCKMAN  
ROBT. E. LEE

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TOM STRONG  
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HERMAN SCHUESSLER  
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WILLIE O. BODE  
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For County Judge—

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For Commissioner Precinct No. 1—

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For Commissioner Precinct No. 3—

BEN BRANDENBERGER  
G. W. HERRING  
ED W. JORDAN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4—

HENRY HOERSTER

tery" has been cleared, at last, in mid-Paris. For 1,200 years Parisians have been pointing to this plot of ground with wise nods. But for the war, its story would have run through the world already. Doubtless, time is ripening for Isaac's long-held "reminder" to be released. Why, the proletariat around Notre Dame are talking about "it" more than any!

I asked a butcher, in the Parvis, says Sterling Hellig in the Springfield Republican. "It is subterranean," he said. "In the revolution, my grandfather helped to seek it; but it was too well hid (waving his hand across the split of the river). Now the ground is clear."

"It is rooms filled with the jewels of kings!" said an old dame selling oranges. "Once there was a crow on Notre Dame that looked toward it." Victor Hugo knew all about the crow. His "Claude Prolo" spent hours, "calculating the angle at which the raven looked from the west porch" of the cathedral. There is a sad bird still, high up there among the gargoyles, vast and sinister, draped in bat-like wings as in a mourning veil.

Most Mysterious Objects of Paris. They are the chimeras of Notre Dame, regularly misnamed the gargoyles—the most mysterious objects of Paris. Climb the towers of the cathedral. High up, you come to this gallery of the roofs, whence, amid a population of gigantic stone creatures, you have Victor Hugo's bird's-eye view of Paris. Tourists are more struck by the strange population of carved monsters than by the shining city.

There are gigantic bulls and bears, a contemplative elephant on his hind legs, a two-headed panther, owls and vultures of the pit. In vain, for centuries, have visitors inquired the meaning of the collection. In particular, the human-like figures arouse wonder—genii, titans, demons, of stern thought, evil dignity and bad, unyielding purpose; meditating, staring into the far distance or peering down, right close beside them, into the city.

There is but one single figure of a real man. He is Isaac (all Parisians know him), a preternaturally young-looking old man with a venerable beard. We shall meet him again. He peers down, more anxious than any, but benevolent and kindly, as if checking off those demons.

Calling them gargoyles explained nothing. Every gothic cathedral has its grotesque stone roof-spouts, to spout off the rain water; and Notre Dame has 100 real ones which pass unnoticed beside these vast upright features. With their purpose unknown, their common attitude had led folks, in all countries, to ask finally: "What are they looking at?" And the Paris populace answers, as it answered always: "They are looking at the mystery!"

Men have carried a theodolite up there, to measure exactly, if possible, "what they are looking at." Naturally, the first thought is a treasure. But the ground of Paris, all around here, has been dug up and rebuilt a dozen times. All but one area. It is the very area they seem to watch.

Hotel Dieu Torn Down. The old buildings of the Hotel Dieu covered the watched area. Now, at last, they are torn down. It is a queer event. The antique hospital of Paris was founded by St. Landry, bishop under Clovis II, about A. D. 656, for the poor of the cathedral chapter.

The old buildings just demolished (patched, decayed, remodeled, but always covering the surface ground heretofore) rose up in what remained (when they were begun) of the still more antique gardens of the palace of the city, extending to the Roman citadel or palace of the baths. As late as the year 1100 it was still known as the semi-royal territory of Laas, always enclosed and protected, being just outside the island. And when

Philip Augustus, about 1190, built the new wall of Paris, he took in just this strip of the old garden's surface, leaving outside, just beyond them, the now most ancient little old church of Paris—that of St. Julian-the-Poor.

From the foundation in the gardens, the old Hotel Dieu buildings, their courtyards and dependencies, were always on this spot—till yesterday. They were enlarged, fell into decay, and were restored; old wings fell in, and new additions rose; but the area, which is now to be a public square, was never parceled into private property—the crown, by unavowed traditional policy, kept private owners at a distance from this strip of the antique gardens by the river. They were camouflaged by a charity.

About this time (you see) there was a man who found "it," unless, indeed, he were "its" originator, which is extremely unlikely. He was the famous Nicolas Flamel, reputed by the Paris of his day to have accomplished "the grand work," i. e., transmuting base metals to gold.

Paris' Lost Treasure. Time passed, Nicolas Flamel outlived his students and his taste for gorgeous gayety. In his old age he made the extravagant liberalities to Paris churches, and particularly to the cathedral, which connect his name with the "mystery" and confirmed his reputation as a transmutter of metals and a "jewel molder." Did he do it? Victor Hugo tells how half the alchemists of Europe dug vainly in Nicolas Flamel's cellar up to 50 years after his death!

These lost treasures are historical. There is no cause to scoff. They existed. They were acquired by one or a few. They were hidden by prudence, for the nine days' wonder to blow over, or not to divide up, and those who helped to do the deep, ingenious hiding were regularly strafed, that their knowledge perish with them.

This particular lost treasure, reposing always, by tradition, in Paris, is the treasure of Narbonne. It is plain history. You will find it in Gibbon, Adolphus, Gothic chieftain, having forcibly married Placidia, daughter of the Emperor Theodosius, in the house of Ingenius, most illustrious citizen of Narbonne, in Gaul, on the Mediterranean seacoast, where she and hers sought refuge, took with her as her "dower" what became known as the Gothic treasure—fabulous salvage from her ravaged land.

Time embroiders old traditions, but there is always something in them. Who knows from what elements of a persecuted, grateful and prophetic race (what banker-seers, merchant-poets, doctor-searchers) originated the popular figure of the Wandering Jew as benefactor of the chapter of Notre Dame and watcher, neutralizer of the demon, final pointer and last memorizer, for these last days, of what revelation of antique culture, riches, splendor! It is a good day for a memorizer. Once again the cupidity of masses has found its gospel—"take!"

We undersigned citizens of Kimble County, being ex-soldiers of the late war and Confederate Veterans, wish to say that we have carefully examined a circular in behalf of B. J. Stewart, a candidate for Representative and signed by four ex-soldiers and that the facts stated in said circulars are correct.

- Dave Turner
  - F. B. Petty
  - Carroll D. Collier
  - Gilford Evans
  - Almor W. Pierce
  - Clint Smith
  - Ex-Soldiers,
  - John S. Durst
  - R. J. Pickett
  - J. L. Bishop
  - G. W. Randle.
- Confederate Veterans  
(Political Advertisement)

## PEN-SCRATCH WILL STANDS

Admitted to Probate Following a Contest.

A will which Isaac Frank Stone of Greenwich, Conn., former president of the National Aniline and Chemical agency, signed merely with a scratch of the pen, was admitted to probate here by Judge Radford, following a contest, in which Grace Stone Loyd of Lynchburg, Va., daughter of the testator, asserted that her father was of unsound mind when he executed the will. The estate, as estimated on the petition, amounts to \$700,000. Grace Stone Loyd is to receive \$100,000 outright and the income from \$100,000, the principal to revert to her children on her death.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheppard of Oklahoma and daughter, Mrs. O. C. Reid and children of Junction, were here for a short time this week visiting friends.

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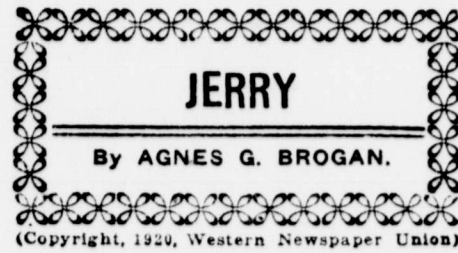
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## STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT  
EARLE WILLIAMS IN "THE BLACK GATE"  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
SECOND EPISODE OF "SILENT AVENGER"  
COMEDY—"SQUABS AND SQUABLES"  
TUESDAY NIGHT  
WM S HART IN "BORDER WIRELESS"

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents



When Aunt Truscott wrote suggesting that I come to her for a visit, I knew that something was up. Aunt Truscott is not generous with her invitations, and I suspected mother had asked for this one. I thought that I knew the reason: Ever since Aunt Sarah returned from Clover Lea—that's the poetical name of Aunt Truscott's estate—with glowing tales of the wealthy bachelor who was expected to arrive to take possession of the big house next door to aunt's, I had noticed mother and Aunt Sarah, too, watching me in speculative fashion. Once, I heard Aunt Sarah remark as I sat on the veranda:

"Abigail is too friendly with young Persons—who you know amounts to nothing."

And mother had understandingly replied:

"I agree with you that it would be well to send her away for a time where she might meet with somebody worth while."

I chuckled. Tortures could never persuade me to accept Bobby Persons. Glory! What a joyous restful time it would be; and Aunt Truscott, the grim old dear, was quite agreeable. For the first time I forgave her my inherited name of Abigail.

The first cloud on my horizon appeared when I ran aunt's roadster plumb into a spotted dog who ran across my path. The dog was injured, I found, but not so badly as I had feared. His eyes sought my face trustfully as I lifted him into the machine and drove into aunt's barn, where we kept the roadster. I was bending over the dog and trying to find the extent of his hurt, when a young man came through a side opening in the barn.

"Tell me where he is hurt," I said. "I ran over him."

The red-haired young man stared at me, then in an instant he was on his knees examining the dog, who weakly wagged his tail.

"Just bruised, I guess," he said at last. "We will have to make a bed for him here. I'm afraid it wouldn't be wise to carry him over next door."

"Next door!" I exclaimed. "Then the dog belongs to the rich bachelor!"

It was out before I realized that I was probably addressing the rich bachelor's chauffeur. The dog had wagged his tail at this young man's appearance and the man had called him "Spotty."

"Who?" he asked stupidly. "I mean, I endeavored to correct my mistake, that the dog must belong to your employer, Mr. Wainwright. Mr. Obadiah or Hezekiah, or something—Wainwright. You work for him, don't you? Are you the chauffeur?"

"I am," the young man promptly replied. "I'm chauffeur and plumber, and everything else for Mr. Wainwright's car. Don't I look it?"

"Do you think," I asked fearfully, "that Mr. Wainwright will miss his dog and hunt him up? And would he be very angry if he found that I had run into Spotty? Angry enough to bring a case of damages?"

"He can be mighty angry," the young man honestly admitted. "But, I'll take the risk with Spotty. Just bring out a little supper for the dog tonight—then call 'Jerry' through the garage door. I'll come."

Jerry did come, and he not only looked after Spotty but gave aunt's roadster an overhauling that it had needed for months. Then he drove me down a beautiful moonlit road to show a certain pretty spot which had escaped my notice. Jerry was the nicest companion! Jolly and entertaining in a most respectful way, and with the frankest blue eyes I think that I have ever seen. Jerry's face was nice, too, in a good-natured way, when the motor grease had been washed off between the freckles. I liked the freckles, too. They seemed all a part of his wholesomeness, and

one night when Spotty got up and trotted out of the barn and it came to me that I was not to meet Jerry any more. I turned to stare at him as though I had never seen him before. And, in truth, I never had seen him in this new understanding way. Jerry, the chauffeur was the man I loved. There was no getting out of it, or around it. And, as I sat there with the sweet-scented breeze blowing in through the open door between us, it seemed to me that I must always have known of my love for this man from the moment he had bent in his dirty clothes over Spotty's maimed figure. Jerry leaned toward me now as I stared and his big hands took mine and held them.

"So you have found it out, Gaff dear," he said. "Why, I've known all along of my love for you, and of yours for me," he added daringly. "Let's go in and tell Aunt Truscott. I can't let you go back home alone, dear. I'm going with you as your husband."

"They won't be pleased at home, Jerry," I faltered, "but that doesn't matter. Nothing in all the world matters," I said wonderingly, "but just only you."

"They'll be pleased, all right," Jerry remarked when he had kissed me, "for I'm the bachelor you had heard of, himself. Not Obadiah, or Hezekiah—but Jeremiah, Wainwright instead—from next door!"

## MARRYING FOR PRETTY FACE

Browning's "Andrea del Sarto" Raises Question Whether Beauty is or is Not All-Sufficient.

Should a man marry a girl with a pretty face simply because she appealed to his artistic eye?

Back in the thirteenth century Andrea del Sarto, master Florentine painter, married a hatter's widow, "a woman of pretty face and sensuous figure," but she didn't appreciate his painting and "his soul starved."

Robert Browning caught the introspective struggle of the artist against "self-imposed shackles" and the poem was interestingly interpreted in a reading by Dr. Edward Howard Griggs at Witherspoon hall before the University Extension society, says the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

To the largely feminine audience the reading was a warning to treat masculine temperament with careful consideration.

To the men present it raised the question whether they should give a pretty girl a civil service examination before marriage.

"Nature makes them so beautiful," said Dr. Griggs in speaking of beautiful women who do not appreciate talented husbands, "that you think there must be surely something of the higher mental self in them."

But as Browning shows in his poem of the painter and as Dr. Griggs pointed out, "kings and masters may appreciate the talent of a man, but his wife merely worries about the next pay envelope."

## Why Most Men Seek Wealth.

Every vigorous man needs some kind of contest, some sense of resistance overcome, in order to feel that he is exercising his faculties. Under the influence of economics a theory has grown up that what men desire is wealth. The less active members of a community often do in fact desire wealth, since it enables them to gratify a taste for passive enjoyment, and to secure respect without exertion. But the energetic men who make great fortunes seldom desire the actual money; they desire the sense of power through a contest, and the joy of successful activity. The only element of truth in the economic theory that these men are actuated by desire for money is this: owing to the fact that money is believed to be desirable, the making of money is recognized as the test of success.—Hon. Bertrand Russell.

Seth Martin had the misfortune of chopping off a part of his big toe on the left foot a few days since while chopping fence posts.

Mrs. T. A. Saunders and Mrs. L. Snow came in Wednesday from Fort Worth.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge



# MASON BUSINESS FIRMS EXTEND A GLAD HAND AND A HEARTY WELCOME TO VISITORS TO MASON DURING THE CONFEDERATE REUNION U. C. V. AUGUST 4-5-6, 1920.



We are expecting 20,000 people here for these 3 days and our committee has prepared to entertain them, and it will be in a manner that will cause Mason and her citizenship never to be forgotten.

The noted reunion grounds, which Mr. J. W. White has donated for the occasion, will accommodate thousands and thousands of people. There's plenty of shade, an abundance of clear, sparkling water and lots of room for campers. Come and camp with us.

## Lots of Fun and Amusements

The Fredericksburg Military Band will furnish music throughout the three days; there will be a dance platform on the grounds with special music for this feature; there will be a base ball game every afternoon; the band will give a concert each night; on the second day a big goat roping contest will be staged; on the last day a free barbecued dinner will be served to everybody.

## CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS THESE ENTERTAINING FEATURES?

We answer the question for you, NO! Then plan now to spend Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 4th, 5th and 6th, in Mason. You'll regret it if you are not here and WE WILL TOO, and we sincerely trust nothing will keep you away.

## COME, WE EXPECT YOU AND AWAIT YOU WITH A MOST HEARTY WELCOME!

E. LEMBURG & BRO. General Merchandise	E. F. STENDEL Groceries	W. C. HENRICH Dry Goods and Notions	BROWN & KING Barbers	FRED E. KEY Blacksmith and Woodworker
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MCCOLLUM AUTO CO. Overlands and Buicks	FIRST STATE BANK Guaranty Fund Bank	HOFMANN DRY GOODS CO. Dry Goods and Notions	MAYO'S GARAGE Leon F. Mayo, Prop.	LAMAR THAXTON Attorney at Law.
OTTO SCHMIDT Rubber Welder	MASON NATIONAL BANK Capital and Surplus \$100,000.	COMMERCIAL BANK (Uninc.) Capital Stock \$100,000.	L. F. ECKERT Ford Sales and Service	MASON COUNTY NEWS Martin D. Loring, Manager

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THE MAYO STUDIOS  
Kodak Dept. 108 1/2 West Broadway  
Brownwood, Texas.

(Mention name of paper when answering this advertisement)

Call the News the news.

Mrs. E. G. Bogusch and Miss Louise of Detroit, Mich., who have been visiting in Mason, have gone to Llano for a visit.

Mrs. Jennie Hamilton left Sunday for her home in Chickasha, Okla., after a several week's visit here.

### CITY MEAT MARKET

Choice and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Fine light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green hides. We sell strictly for CASH.  
W. A. Zesch, Prop.

Mrs. A. W. Kooch left Friday for Austin, after a visit here with Mrs. Todd and other relatives.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

Milk coolers, we make them to order. F. Lange.

Mrs. A. DeCalb Lewis is here from Ammonsville visiting with relatives and friends.

If you owe us you know it and we need it.  
Walker Bros.

Misses Alice, Mary and Ida Mae Lemburg went to San Antonio a few days ago for a visit with relatives.

Wear Diamond tires on your auto. They last longer and are moderately priced.  
Star Garage

Use your phone and tell the News the news. Phone 57.

While playing last Thursday evening, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Martin fell and broke its collar bone. Dr. McCollum was called to attend the child and it is said to be getting along nicely.

Every small spender who has a Bank Account in the long run is worth more to every member of our community than a dozen large spenders who have no Bank Accounts.  
THE COMMERCIAL BANK (Unincorporated)

Mr and Mrs. Frank Bickenbach visited relatives in Llano a few days last week.

Mrs. Will Schuessler, Mrs. Glenn Smith and Miss Carrie Schuessler returned home Monday from a visit to San Antonio.

Mrs. Hester Pape of Seguin is a guest of Mrs. Wm. Leafeste of the Plehweville section.

### VULCANIZING

I am prepared to do expert vulcanizing. Bring me your tubes and casings. Otto Schmidt.

Mr and Mrs. Willie Hoting and children returned to Brenham a few days ago, after a visit in Mason with relatives.

## TO THE VOTERS OF "MASON COUNTY"

This is the last chance that I will have before Saturday's election to solicit your support and influence in my behalf as a candidate for representative of this, the 115th Legislative District. I would like to have met all voters of the district personally, but the district is so large it was impossible for me to do so.

I earnestly solicit your support and promise a faithful discharge of the duties of this important office if elected.

Respectfully,  
B. J. Stewart.  
(Political Advertisement)

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Shows start at 8:15 sharp.

Mrs. Hulda Mae Plueneke has returned home from a visit in San Antonio and Seguin.

Miss Sadie Lindsay, who has been a student at C. I. A. at Denton the past year, returned home last Sunday.

### CAR LOAD OVERLANDS

We can deliver a few new Overlands.  
McCollum Auto Co.

Galvanized and painted roofing at R. Grosse's Lumber yard.

Mrs. D. H. Bickenbach went to Austin last week for a consultation with physicians regarding her health.

We are prepared to give you expert service on storage battery work of all kinds. Bring your battery troubles to us.  
Star Garage.

Mr and Mrs. Jim Brandenberger left Sunday for Brownwood, where Mrs. B. will consult a specialist regarding her health.

Wesley Bogusch was here a short time from Llano Sunday.

## 50 Years Ago



A young man who practiced medicine in a rural district became famous and was called in consultation in many towns and cities because of his success in the treatment of disease. This was Dr. Pierce who afterward moved to Buffalo, N. Y. He made up his mind to place some of his medicines before the public, and he put up what he called his "Favorite Prescription," and placed it with the druggists in every state in the Union. For fifty years Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has sold more largely throughout the United States than any other medicine of like character. It's the testimony of thousands of women that it has benefited or entirely eradicated such distressing ailments as women are prone to. It is now sold by druggists in tablet form as well as liquid.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—"Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an excellent medicine. I have taken it for feminine troubles and when run-down, weak and nervous, and it was very quick in building me up and relieving me of my trouble. I always feel better."—Mrs. H. E. WILLIAMS, 2424 Freeman Street.

We have just received a new lot Diamond casings. All sizes.  
Star Garage.

M. B. Owings, a mechanic at the Star Garage, was severely burned about the hands and head last Friday from an explosion of some vaporized gasoline in the crank case of a car on which he was working and struck a match for light.



**AMENDMENT**

**RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.**

House Joint Resolution No. 7.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new Section, to be known as Section 60; providing for the compensation of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there is hereby added to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, a new section to be known as Section 60 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which shall read as follows:

Section 60. Compensation of Public Officials: All State, district, county and precinct officers within this State shall receive as compensation for their services a salary, the amount of which, the terms and methods of payment and the fund out of which such payments shall be made, shall be ascertained, declared and fixed by the Legislature from time to time; provided that the Legislature may make such exceptions as it may deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all other provisions of this constitution fixing and declaring the compensation of officers by salary, fees or otherwise and all provisions for salaries or other compensation for public officials, executive, legislative or judicial.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the General Election Laws of the State, and the ballots for said election shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters, the following words:

"Official Ballot" "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials." "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials."

Those voters who favor such amendment shall erase by marking a line

through the words "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." Those who oppose such amendment shall erase by marking a line through them, the words "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election.

Sec. 3. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

C. D. MIMS,  
Secretary of State.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

**AMENDMENT**

**AUTHORIZING ONE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT AD VALOREM TAX BY CITIES AND TOWNS OF FIVE THOUSAND OR LESS POPULATION.**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less than one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent, and making appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and all taxes shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties accruing to said cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a

vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year," and all voters opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. MIMS,  
Secretary of State.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

**AMENDMENT**

**RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart an-

nually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether embraced by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all those opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation of said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. MIMS,  
Secretary of State.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

**DROPPED 19,800 FEET WITH TWO PARACHUTES**



Lieut. John H. Wilson—"Dynamite" as his friends call him at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex.—a few moments before he "took off" on the flight which ended with his world-record-shattering parachute drop. He leaped backward from the plane when 19,800 in the air with a parachute in each hand. The descent occupied 17 minutes and he drifted about 10 miles, narrowly missing a church steeple at the end. The former American record was 8,000 feet and the world's record, made by a Frenchman, 14,000 feet. Lieut. Dunton, who piloted the plane, followed Wilson in his erratic flight.

**BUBONIC PLAGUE IN U. S.?**

**Death From Dreaded Disease Reported From Pensacola, Fla.**

After the announcement by state analysts that the death of George Gardina at Pensacola, Fla., was due to bubonic plague, city and state authorities immediately launched a clean-up campaign to prevent the spread of the disease.

Though Gardina's was the only case reported, public officials have begun a survey of the city to localize dangerous areas. They will conduct a rat extermination campaign, and make sure that no rats reach shore from incoming vessels.

**Little Girl Lost Life to Save Brother.**

Although she saved her little brother from being run down by a Reading railway train at Cumberland, Pa., May Eckman, eleven years old, lost her life. She died 24 hours after, both legs having been amputated.

**Farmer Gets 2 Chicks From 1 Egg.**

Two fully developed Plymouth Rock chicks have been hatched from one egg on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ouse Lewis of Markleville, Ind.

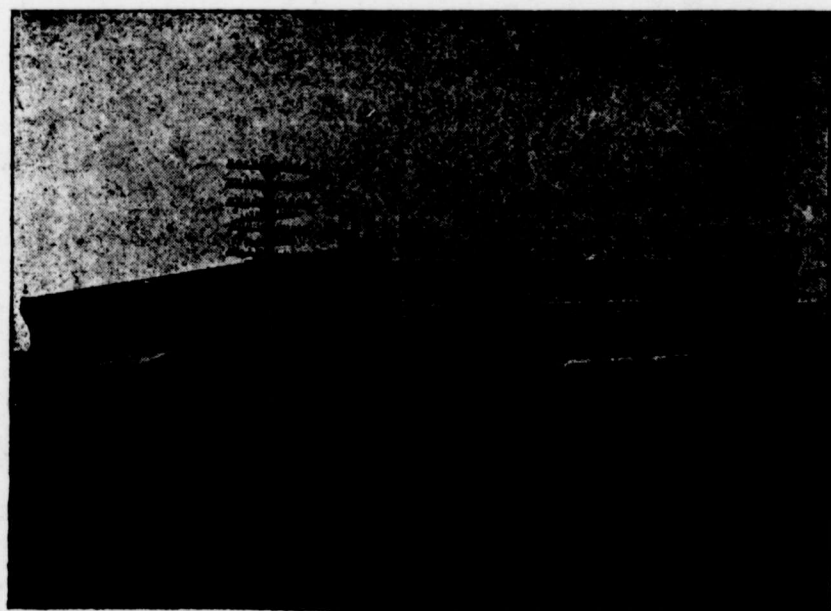
Give me your next job of vulcanizing I guarantee my work. Otto Schmidt.

**MASON'S LARGEST**



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Agents From Other Countries Demanded Cold Hard Cash, but Queen Put Up Such Good Argument That American Agreed to Take Payment in Roumania's Bonds—Queen Has Been Over Every Foot of Country and Knows Its Resources.

Queen Mary of Roumania displayed her business ability and her faith in her country by putting through an important deal in locomotives not long ago. The Roumanian railways were in sad need of the new engines. There were American, French and English agents there to sell locomotives, but for money only. None of them had enough faith in Roumania to sell them anything except for cold hard cash.

Then the president of an American concern who had been selling locomotives to Poland came to Roumania. An interview was arranged between him and the queen, who presented such a strong argument on the future of her country and its resources that the hard-headed business American agreed to furnish locomotives and rolling stock and to take in payment Roumania's national bonds.

**Knows Her Land.**  
The queen believes in Roumania and she knows how to convince others because she has been over every foot of its ground. During the days that she was princess she traveled by train and by automobile and on horseback until she has come to know all of the resources of her country and a great many of its people.

Here is what she said to the Associated Press correspondent about her country: "The queen of a small country! Those who are accustomed to see rulers of a great land can little understand what it means. It means work and anxiety and hope, and a great tolling for small results. But the field is large, and if the heart is willing, great is the work."

For all her beauty and fine clothes, the queen is not afraid of dirt. This fact is shown in her boundless admiration for the dusty plains and dustier roads of her country. One day during the German occupation of Roumania she was riding along one of the dusty roads of Bessarabia, when she saw and picked up an ill clad little orphan girl that was part of a group of refugees, but seemed to belong to nobody in particular. The queen gathered up the child in her arms and took it home thinking later to find its mother. To date the mother has not been found, so the queen has adopted the little girl as a member of her own family.

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most adopted is Miss Anne Shaw of Philadelphia, who has been in Roumania with the American Red Cross for more than a year. Miss Shaw came to know the queen through her Red Cross work, and then, especially Princess Elizabeth with whom she has struck up a fast friendship. The queen heartily approves of the friendship, and when Miss Shaw is about the house, the queen treats her as a younger sister.

Queen Mary is a good judge of human nature. When she receives a stranger she puts him through a sort of third degree. She places him a chair facing a lighted window, whereas she sits with her back to the light and if the stranger meets with her approval, as a person to be trusted, she then is apt to remark: "I think that light is too strong for your eyes," and asks him or her to change the seat.

Mrs. Wils Leslie and children returned to McAllen a few days ago after a visit in Mason.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

**Farmer Cuts Throats of Three Women.**  
Objections of his family to his proposed marriage is believed to have led John Johnson, a farmer of Sweetwater, Tenn., to kill his mother and two sisters by beating them with a hammer and cutting their throats. He also killed himself after wounding Mrs. Bertie Cathart, his fiancée.

**Mexico No Longer Haven for "Roums."**  
Wholesale arrests of foreign bolsheviks in several of the larger cities have been made by order of the Mexican provisional government. This activity is regarded as indicating that the radicals who enjoyed Carranza's favor are no longer popular in Mexico.

**Suits From Cloth Half Century Old.**  
Suits from homespun, woven by his mother 50 years ago, is the manner in which Frank Hepp of Berwick, Pa., is battling the high cost of clothing.

Jess Leslie and family left last week for McAllen, after a visit in Mason. Irwin Bellows accompanied them for a visit.

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# WANDA-ROSE

By MILDRED WHITE.  
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The little girl who had been wandering uncertainly about the corridor of the great office building paused at last before a glass door.

"James Lorrimer," she spelled audibly; "Attorney and Counselor at Law." Then the little girl opened the door and peeped inside.

A young woman bending over a typewriter looked up and smiled reassuringly.

"That's Mr. Lorrimer, isn't it, sitting there in the farthest room behind a desk? I'll go and find him myself."

"Who sent you in here?" he asked.

"No one sent me," the little girl quietly returned. "I just came." She seated herself in a wide chair at the opposite side of the desk. "I came by myself on the street car; I found your name last night among the lawyers in our telephone book. It's a business visit and I brought all the money in my bank to pay you. I've got over a dollar. Please tell me how to get unadopted."

"To get unadopted," he repeated. "So you don't like the adoption business, eh? Well, how did it happen? And what is your name, young lady?"

"I'm Wanda-Rose," the child answered with dignity, "and I don't like being adopted very much. It happened when the beautiful lady visited our orphanage. She liked me because I made her smile; it had grown very hard, she said, for her to smile, so she managed with the directors to adopt me and took me home with her. She was the first mother I'd ever had. Some one found me long ago in the orphanage garden, when I could hardly talk at all, and what I called myself sounded like 'Wanda,' so that's the name they gave me. My beautiful lady added 'Rose,' she says I'm like a rose to her. But, please, will you make me unadopted?"

The big man got up and lifted the tiny figure to his knee.

"I'm afraid that I don't understand all this, Wanda-Rose," he said, whimsically. "If your beautiful lady is also kind, why wish to be unadopted?"

The child raised reproachful eyes.

"As if I'd ever wish to be," she said. "It's for her sake that I'm doing it. So that he will come back again."

James Lorrimer shook his head.

"I will have to ask you to explain further, Wanda—"

"Rose," she finished, severely. "He went away two years ago; you see he was my beautiful lady's husband. Ellen, that's the cook, says that they were very happy together until my lovely lady's sister died and she took her little boy to raise. She was so fond of that boy; he was delicate, Ellen says, and my mother—I call her mother, you know—had to stay with him a great deal. The boy's name was Roger, and Ellen says that my mother's husband got very 'noyed about Roger. An' he'd talk cross when he wanted her to go some place an' my mother couldn't because of Roger, an' she'd cry, and then by an' by her husband went away, an' my mother told Ellen he was never coming back, an'—he never did."

The lawyer arose abruptly and put the child from him. His brows were drawn together again and his gaze was darkly piercing.

"Well?" he asked.

Wanda-Rose settled herself again quietly in the big chair. "Well, Roger's father married after that, Ellen says, an' he took Roger away; an' my mother used to cry a great deal, she was so dreadfully lonely. Not for Roger, Ellen says, but for her husband. He didn't know that she was lonely, of course, or even that Roger had gone; he just kept on staying away. Then my beautiful lady began to visit the hospital and orphanage, an' brings us toys an' roses, an' she called me 'her rose.' I liked to make her laugh; she had such a pretty laugh—like birds singing when you hear them in the morning. An' one day she took me home with her to be her little girl. But I couldn't keep her laughing because she cried so much over the photograph in the frame in her room; an' I asked her was it her husband's photograph and was he ever coming back? She just put her head down then and cried harder than ever an' she said: 'Never, darling, now—I'm afraid.' So I thought that 'now' meant me—that he'd never come 'now' you see, 'cause I was here—like Roger. An' he'd gone away because of Roger—or Roger is what started the trouble, anyway, Ellen says. So I came down here to get unadopted. Lawyers do such things, don't they?" Wanda-Rose paused.

"You ought to be gladder to do it than anyone else," she said, shrewdly.

James Lorrimer stood for a long time looking down into the street below. Then he came to bend over the little waiting girl, and his face was very tender.

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for the sake of your beautiful lady, Wanda-Rose?" he said. "And do you think that she could still find happiness with a husband who had been so unkind? For if you do, we are going together, you and I"

The child sighed happily.

"She'll want us both," she said, "because, you see, she loves us."

"Me?" asked the big man. The one tremulous word was all that he could say. Wanda-Rose nodded confidently.

"She told me that she loved you. That's why I thought you'd be glad to know, when I hunted you out in the telephone book."

**Keep Up Old Custom.**

"Wetting the block," an ancient English custom, is still kept up in many villages in Berkshire and Hampshire, says London Tit-Bits. The shoemakers of these two counties used to meet together on the evening of the first Monday in March and celebrate the fact that they had ceased working by candlelight. On these occasions there was sometimes a supper provided by the employer, and there was always a little to drink. After the meal was ended the block candlestick was placed in the middle of the room, and the shop candle was lighted, and when all glasses were filled the oldest hand poured the contents of his glass over the candle to extinguish it.

Last week the Mason base ball team went to Llano and won a 7 to 3 game from the Llano team and on Tuesday the Pontotoc team came over and played the Mason boys a game. This game resulted in a tied score of 2 and 2. Mason goes to Fredericksburg on Sunday for a game. Our boys are playing some good ball now and the Reunion games are likely to be exciting and interesting.

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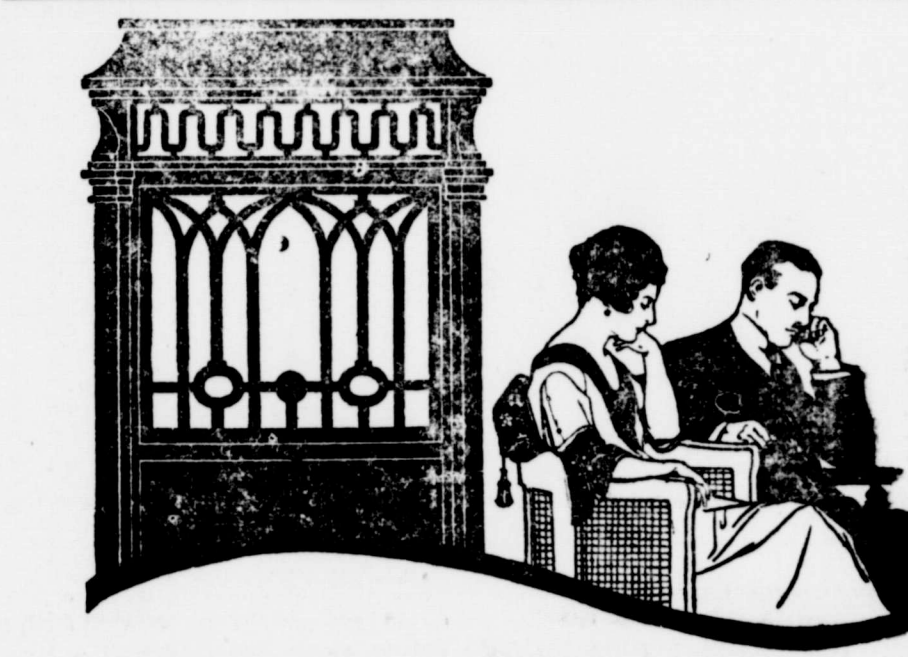
**For Next Week**  
The News has a nice article on the Mason and Llano County Club Boy's Encampment on the Llano river last week, but we are compelled to hold it over for next issue on account of time.

**YOUR DRINKING CUP**  
At the barbecue in Mason on the last day of the Confederate Reunion every one will be expected to furnish their own drinking cup. The committee is making this request for sanitary reasons.

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### CITIZENSHIP HAWKED AS COMMERCIAL COMMODITY

#### Fashions in Allegiance in Cities of Levant Change Like Hat Styles.

Citizenship is a commercial commodity which is hawked about in the cities of the Levant with an indifference which makes westerners wonder whether the mixed commercial populations there are capable of patriotism and devotion to any country.

An American business man in Constantinople who was recently employing a number of agents asked many applicants what their citizenship was. Without exception the men produced passports from most of the Balkan states and expressed a willingness to assume any citizenship necessary and to switch allegiance as circumstances might demand.

Most of the Levantines who had German and Austrian citizenship have very speedily taken Czecho-Slovak papers or say they have become Jugoslavs. It is just as easy for them to change their nationality as it is for the chameleon to change his colors.

Many Levantine firms have shuffled the citizenship of their members in such a manner as to have no difficulty in meeting any business emergencies which may arise, and make claims on the various consular and diplomatic representatives for assistance in their commercial operations.

The fashion in citizenship changes

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In Constantinople and other near-eastern ports just as the style in hats. Greek citizenship has recently become very popular because of the good treatment Greece had at the hands of the peace conference and the general belief that Great Britain is definitely behind Greek commercial interests and expects to do its business largely through Greek intermediaries.

### BETTING IS PERMITTED

But Gambling Barred, According to Denver Magistrate.

To risk your money on the exact course of the Missouri river is not gambling, according to Police Magistrate Bray of Denver.

When police officers heard suspicious sounds such as "I raise it," along with the clinking of silver dollars, emanating from a downtown room, they investigated. Three men were arrested for gambling, but the arresting officer was unable to say what game they were playing.

"We were not gambling," said the spokesman of the trio when arraigned before Magistrate Bray. "It was like this. I said the Missouri river crossed the Canadian line, while the other two men said it didn't so we were making a wager. I still maintain that the Missouri does cross the Canadian line."

The men were exonerated of the gambling charge, and the opposing sides were reaching for their coin to make another bet on how the Missouri ran when they left court.

### MAN LIVED ALONE

Busy Trapping on an Island and Did Not See Anyone.

William Lively of Sheridan, Mich., an ex-Isle man, has just returned from Isle Royale, in Lake Superior, where he spent the winter. He was the only human being on the island during that time. At any rate, Lively did not see another person.

The former soldier put in his time to good advantage and says he was too busy to get lonesome. He trapped throughout the cold months and recently went to Eagle River, Keweenaw county seat, where he collected \$457.20 in bounties on 11 wolves and 21 weasels.

The value of the pelts will bring his revenue from these alone to nearly \$1,000. In addition, he got other fur-bearing animals on which no bounty is paid, so his winter's work proved profitable.

### EATS WITHOUT CHEWING

His Jaws Locked Eight Years Ago, Man Lives on Liquid Foods.

Eight years ago, John Bippus, twenty-five years old, of Chester, Pa., ate his last solid meal. Since then he has been living on soft and liquid foods. He has eaten approximately 8,700 meals without moving his jaws.

When seventeen years old Bippus, an iron worker with an iron nerve, was shot through the face. The bullet caused him to lose the use of his jaws as it splintered the hinges and ripped away certain ligaments and sinews. The man's jaws closed to within a small fraction of an inch, and surgeons have failed to place them in motion.

### PUT ON SUGAR RATION

Government Allots 34,000,000 Pounds for Five-Month Period.

Thirty-four million pounds of sugar will be available for commercial canners and preservers during the five months from June 1 to October 31, according to the department of justice.

The canning industries said they were facing a serious situation due to the threatened shortage of sugar. The refiners have promised that the supply would be available at a reasonable price.

Obliging Hen Does Alarm Clock Duty. Depositing an egg upon her owner's bed each morning, a hen, owned by J. A. McKenzie of Bend, Ore., then wakens him by pecking at his nose and leaves by way of a window.

### LIGHT REACHES US FROM FIRE 200,000 YEARS AGO

Harvard Astronomers Observe Developments in Connection With Celestial Conflagration.

Developments in connection with a celestial conflagration that took place more than 200,000 years ago are being observed with marked interest by Harvard astronomers. The conflagration or "flare" took place inconceivable millions of miles from the earth—a distance so great that its light rays are just reaching here.

The attention of the Harvard scientists was attracted to the matter by the announcement by Lick observatory of California that an enlargement of the diameter of the arc of Nova Aquila had been noted. About two years ago "nova," or new star, appeared in the constellation Aquila.

According to theory this nova was caused by the collision of a small star with a "dark nebula," the friction causing a great conflagration or flareup.

The illumination would travel through space at the rate of 186,000 miles a second. Astronomers were able to estimate how far away the spot was by recording how long it took for the bright spot to attain a given size. It is computed that the flare is 217,120 "light years" distant from us. A "light year," which is the distance traveled by a ray of light in 12 months, is approximately 5,781,600,000,000 miles. This number, multiplied by 217,120, gives roughly the distance from earth to Nova Aquila.

It is obvious that the collision causing the light now being seen more clearly occurred more than 200,000 years ago.

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Pay \$600,000,000 in Excessive Prices for Supplies in Last Three Years.

Excessive prices for coal, petroleum, steel and steel products, cars, locomotives and other equipment have cost the railroads of the United States at least \$600,000,000 during the last three years, according to a report by W. J. Lauck, consulting economist for the railroad labor organizations, to the railroad labor board. The report fixes 12 per cent as the amount of profiteering tribute which the roads have paid to the producers.

Unless the wave of profiteering is checked, Mr. Lauck declared, it will cost the roads more than \$1,000,000,000 during the years 1920, 1921 and 1922.

### Richest Indian's Marriage to Stand.

Efforts to annul the marriage of Jackson Barnett, millionaire Indian of Henryetta, Okla., and Mrs. Anna Lowe Barnett, his young wife, who eloped with him, will be discontinued by the government.

### Sugar Combination Sales Violate Law.

Attorney General Palmer has ruled that the practice of grocers in requiring that a certain amount of other commodities be purchased with each pound of sugar is a violation of the federal trade commission act.

### Found \$1,400; Refused 50-Cent Tip.

A 50-cent tip offered to Robert Swan, bell boy in a hotel at Dallas, Tex., was refused by him after he had returned \$1,400 to a man who had left his wallet on a desk in the lobby.

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