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ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 COMMISSIONERS C'RT RECEIVES \$33,500 AID ON ITS ROAD

According to information given out by Attorney Carl Runge, in a statement Tuesday, Road District No. 2, of Mason County has been awarded aid in the amount of \$33,500 to be used with an equal amount to be furnished by the Road District in constructing a road to the McCulloch County line from the town of Mason.

It is stated that the aid comes from the Federal Government through the State Highway Department, and that the Road District is to furnish an equal amount in order that the aid may be secured. It is also announced that this road has been designated as the route for the Puget-Sound to the Gulf Highway, and this is given as the reason for the Federal Aid being awarded to Road District No. 2.

Last Spring, this Road District was formed and road bonds amounting to \$26,000 were voted, and actual work on the road has not been started, because it had never been definitely decided which route the Puget-Sound to the Gulf Highway would follow, and consequently no aid could be secured by the District.

After having made a survey of the route through District No. 2, the Highway Department, was of the opinion that the cost of the construction of the road to the County line, a distance of fourteen and two-tenths miles, decided it would cost \$67,000 to construct the road for this distance and accordingly donated half of the cost, which is \$33,500.

It is not known when actual work will commence on the road, but plans are being formulated whereby some definite steps can be taken toward letting the contract for the building of the road as early as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton are contemplating a trip to Oklahoma in the near future to visit their daughters, Mmes. Askew and Wallace and to make the acquaintance of their new grandson, which now resides with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wallace.

Henry Ruegner, Jr., and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, which arrived at their home on the 17th. Henry wears a broad smile and feels justly proud of his parenthood.

Mr. John Eggenberger and Mr. Wilson, of Norman, Oklahoma, left last Thursday for home after a visit of a few days in Mason with relatives and friends. Mr. Eggenberger is a son of our townsman, Mr. Geo. Eggenberger and it is said the two had not seen each other for more than nineteen years until his recent visit. Mrs. Newman Coats, a sister to Mr. Eggenberger, and baby accompanied them to Oklahoma on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale went to San Antonio last Sunday. Mrs. Bierschwale remained for a visit among relatives, but Mr. Bierschwale returned home Tuesday.

Miss Zella Wood, who has been teaching school near Beaumont, arrived home Sunday to remain until after the Christmas holidays. The school house where Miss Wood was teaching was recently destroyed by fire and the plan of rebuilding in a church building was so unsatisfactory that the trustees decided to dismiss school until after the holidays, and during the time intervening prepare a temporary building in which to the term of school may be completed.

E. M. Bratton was here Saturday from his home in the Fegdonia section. He stated the rain of the Wednesday previous was very light but it is thought that it will materially aid farmers who want to break their land.

Little Miss Edna Probst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Probst, of Roosevelt, is at the local sanitarium and is said to be getting along nicely since an operation for appendicitis last Friday. Miss Lottie Leach is nursing the child.

COMMISSIONERS C'RT HELD CALLED SESSION

The Commissioners' Court of Mason County met in call session on Wednesday, November 30, 1921.

The following business was transacted by the Court:

Com. Doell was instructed by the Court to order four Adams Road Patrol Scrapers for Mason County, at the catalog price of \$180 each. One is to be shipped at once for examination and trial, and the other three are to be delivered after the first one proves to be successful and satisfactory.

County Judge, John T. Banks was ordered to enter into a written contract with the firm of Munn & Gully to audit the financial books and affairs of Mason County for a period of two years, beginning December 1, 1919 and ending December 1, 1921, and at a cost to the County in the sum of \$225.

VIOLATION OF GAME LAWS IS OFFENSE OF FIVE HUNTERS

Sheriff Leslie states that indictments against five hunters residing in the Pontotoc section have recently been filed in Chief Justice Thaxton's court. It is alleged the parties were trespassing in two pastures in the southern portion of the county without permission, and it is further alleged they are guilty of slaying two female deer.

COMMERCIAL BANK AT BRADY HAS FIRE. SUN.

(From Tuesday's Brady Standard)

Opportune discovery of a fire which threatened the Commercial National bank building Sunday noon, resulted in the damage being confined largely to part of the fixtures and the interior of the building. When the alarm was sounded shortly before one o'clock, a dense cloud of smoke had filled the bank interior, making exact location of the blaze difficult. The opening of the doors of the bank gave life to the smoldering fire, which rapidly spread over the walls and ceiling. The blaze was extinguished after an hour's hard fight, in which several lines of hose were used.

Indications point to the origination of the fire from a short circuit of the light wire in the stock room on the mezzanine floor. Apparently the fire followed along the wire, burning the insulation, and scorching the stock nearest the wire. When the blaze reached the northwest corner of the deck used by patrons of the bank, a hollow partition wall apparently gave draft to the flames, which did most of their damage to the walls and furniture in this immediate vicinity.

Damage from the fire was greatly added to by water damage, the steam blistering the varnished surfaces of counters, tables and fixtures, and also damaging the adding machines, typewriters and other equipment used. The total damage is estimated to run between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

A guard was maintained at the bank Sunday night, and Monday morning business was resumed, although water soaked records and books considerably hindered the day's work. Today, the bank force is getting somewhat nearer normal.

Aside from damage at the bank, the Popular Dry Goods store, occupying the east half of the building, and also the offices upstairs over the bank, sustained nominal loss from water, the water, following the fire, standing several inches deep on the floor, and running down through the ceiling onto the store below.

ATTENTION! AM. LEG. MEMBERS

Summary Court Martial board of Fort Mason Post American Legion will be in session at next regular meeting, December 12th for the purpose of trying four members for being continuously "A. W. O. L." All members urged to be present. 36-3c Signed—Judge Advocate.

MASON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM LOSES 3RD GAME TO MENARD

In the final football game of the season, played on the Menard gridiron last Thursday, the local team lost the game to their opponents by a score of 14 to 0.

The local team was accompanied to Menard by a large crowd of fans and rooters who saw their team go down in defeat for a third time before the Menard Eleven. The Mason boys had been going thru some hard practice, preparatory to the game on Turkey Day, and it was thought the team would hold Menard for a close game, and it was hoped to win a victory over them, but it was distinctly noticeable that the team of our neighboring town had also been doing some hard work, and the contest Thursday was a hard fought game from start to finish.

The locals played the best defensive game of the season, and appeared to be much stronger on the offense. The Menard squad was hitting the line hard, but were often held for downs and forced to punt the ball out of their territory.

Menard made two touchdowns and kicked goal both times. The ball was carried across for the first score, but the second was accomplished by a long forward pass over the line when a Menard player received it and placed it for a touchdown.

Girls Win Basket Ball Game

The local High School basket ball team defeated the Menard girls on the Menard court on Turkey Day by a score of 16 to 14, a margin of only two points. At times the score was tied, and the contest was intensely interesting and exciting, for it was anybody's game until the last few minutes of play. Mary Kettner, for the locals displayed great ability at throwing goal, while Miss Parker, of the Menard team scored most of the points for the opponents.

PARTIES FROM KNOX COUNTY HERE FOR A HUNTING TRIP

Messrs. John and Fred Stengel, Martin Schumacher and John Albus, residents of Knox County, were in Mason the first of the week and we are informed they were in this section to remain for several days on a hunt. They came down Tuesday from Menard and spent a short time. The two former gentlemen are nephews to our townsman, Mr. E. F. Stengel, who was taken much by surprise at their unexpected visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bogusch and little son and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bogusch, of Breunham, spent a few days in Mason the past week-end visiting among relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. A. McCollum returned home last Sunday after a three weeks' absence during which time she visited with relatives in Brady, Breckenridge, Gatesville and Fort Worth.

Rev. Roy G. Rader, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, announces that the new parsonage is about ready for occupancy, but says his family will wait a few days longer before moving, that the fresh paint may have time to get good and dry.

S. H. Bratton was here last Saturday from the Kamey section and was accompanied by his brother, Jud Bratton, who with his family have been in the county from Mercury, visiting with relatives.

They are awaiting your inspection—Those engraved Greeting Card Samples at the News Office.

COMING TO STAR THEATER

- "Little Red Riding Hood"
- "Straight from Paris"
- "From the Manger to the Cross"
- "Black Beauty"
- "THE OLD NEST"

WIFE OF FORMER PASTOR DIED IN MISSOURI

Local friends of former pastor, Rev. I. E. Wood, of the M. E. Church, South, will regret very much to learn of Mrs. Wood's death, which occurred at Odesa, Missouri, on the 22nd of October. Mrs. Wood's death followed an illness of long duration and was of such a nature that several operations and treatments by some of the greatest physicians failed to restore her health. Her death occurred while she and Rev. Mr. Wood were with relatives at Odesa.

H. R. Zesch was here Monday from his ranch on the river. He stated that he and his wife went to Fredericksburg last Saturday and attended a dance called "the married men's ball". He says the affair was the most enjoyable dance he ever attended.

MASON COUNTY'S COTTON CROP 1531 BALES FOR THIS YEAR

The 1921 cotton crop of Mason County was completed, exceptionally early and according to statistics given out by the Bureau of Cotton Census at Washington, D. C., this year's total crop amounted to 1,531 bales up to November 14th. Up to November 14th, 1920, there had been a total of 3,459 bales ginned in Mason county.

SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING DECIDED ON

At a meeting of the school board of the Mason Independent School District which was held Wednesday afternoon, it was decided to build the new \$75,000 school building for Mason on the property of Mr. Wheeler, just west of the present school building.

F. J. Lemburg, president of the local school board, stated yesterday afternoon, following the meeting that no deed had been signed for the property, but that Mr. Wheeler had informed them that they could secure his property for a site for the building if they desired to locate the new building on his land.

According to information, the school board is to pay Mr. Wheeler \$750 per acre for the land used, and it is stated that two acres of land are to be used for the building. It was the intention of the Board to purchase four acres for the building, but owing to the high price of the land, it was decided to buy only two acres, and to later, purchase sufficient land for playgrounds. The site on Mr. Wheeler's land is about two hundred yards directly west of the present building, and according to plans, it is intended to open streets thru the Wheeler Addition, and if this plan materializes, a street will run on the east, north and west side of the school property.

Mr. Richard Schmidt, who has been awarded the contract for the building of the new structure and the remodeling of the present building, was here Wednesday from Austin, to make arrangements for the hauling of cement and steel for the buildings, and according to his statement, actual work on the building will start early in January, 1922.

Mrs. Higgenbotham, wife of the local baker, underwent a surgical operation at the local sanitarium on Tuesday of last week. Miss Lottie Leach has been nursing Mrs. Higgenbotham and the patient is reported as doing nicely.

Alfred Steinman, who is a windmill worker, states that due to a slack of work he will engage in trapping for the rest of the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bird, of Hamilton, arrived in Mason last Saturday for a visit among relatives and friends. Dan, accompanied by Miss Sarah Puckey, made a business trip to Austin, returning to Mason the first of this week.

F. B. McCollum returned home Tuesday morning from San Antonio, where he spent the past week-end with his family.

22 WOLF AND 19 WILD CAT SCALPS PAID FOR BY CO. WOLF CLUB

Mr. Howard Smith, president of the Mason County Wolf Club, stated on Tuesday that he and D. C. McMillan, secretary of the Club, went over their books Tuesday morning and found that up to that time, a total of twenty-two wolf scalps had been paid for at \$15 each by the Club since the date of organization, November 1st. During the same period of time the Club has paid for nineteen wild cat scalps, according to Mr. Smith. The amount paid for cat scalps is \$2.50 each. This represents a total of almost \$400 which the Club has paid out since organization. Splendid progress is being made by the Club, and every pasture owner of the county should hold membership in the organization and should take an active part in helping to get shed of the wolves and wild cats on our ranges.

SHERIFF MILLER, OF CONCHO CO., TO FACE TRIAL DEC. 5TH.

Sheriff Miller, of Concho county, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Mr. Beuge, a ranchman, who resides near Eden, a few weeks ago is to be tried at Brownwood on a charge of venue. According to announcement appearing in last Thursday's Brownwood Bulletin the trial of Sheriff Miller has been set for December 5th.

Frank W. Keller was here Saturday from his ranch below Loyal Valley. He stated that the Loyal Valley Game Protective Association has stationed in the Loyal Valley vicinity, Mr. J. S. Ward, a State Game Warden. Mr. Keller says Mr. Ward has been there since the opening of the hunting season and expects to remain until the close of the season unless he is called in by the State Department.

MONDAY NIGHT IS MEETING NIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

Monday night, December 5th, is regular meeting night for the Mason Commercial Club. Let's have a large attendance and an enthusiastic meeting.

W. P. Eckert and daughter, Miss Alma, accompanied by L. F. Eckert and Mrs. Ben Eckert, went to San Antonio Tuesday. Miss Eckert underwent a surgical operation there on Wednesday and her father and Mrs. Ben Eckert expect to remain there with her until she is able to return home. L. F. expects to return home this week.

R. H. Kidd, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lorena, and Sam Williams came down from Mr. Kidd's ranch near London to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Kidd and the children. Friends of Mr. Kidd will be pleased to learn that he is now able to navigate without the aid of crutches. Mr. Kidd has been using crutches for almost a year, due to an injury to one of his limbs, and he has experienced much difficulty in securing relief, but we are glad to report that he is now able to discard his crutches.

R. W. Bruce and wife were guests in the home of Mrs. Jennie Reynolds a short time the first of the week while passing through our city en route to their home at Ballinger from a visit in Blanco among relatives. These people have many friends in Mason, and Mr. Bruce will be remembered as superintendent of the Mason Public Schools at one time.

Albert Bierschwale and Misses Maybelle Loring and Sadie Lindsay spent last Thanksgiving Day in Austin. They returned home Sunday afternoon, but returned via San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pluenneke and Miss Ruby Louise Pluenneke spent a few days the past week-end in San Antonio. They were guests of Mrs. Pluenneke's parents on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Phillip Peters, of Stonewall, is here, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin.

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Texas Items

Hidalgo County has voted a bond issue of \$1,250,000 for the construction of concrete highways.

Governor Neff has established a quarantine against pink boll worm at Marilee, on the border of Grayson and Collin counties.

The wool clip at San Angelo will reach 4,000,000 pounds. The clip for the state as a whole will reach 19,000,000 pounds.

Orange and lemon growing around Cuero is assuming the proportions of an industry, and many homes have substantially bearing trees.

The attorney general's department has approved a \$22,000 bond issue of the Tenaha Independent School District. The bonds mature serially and bear five per cent interest.

Examinations will be held on December 20 by the civil service commission for the selection of postmasters for Austin, Houston and Tyler, which be made vacant on January 24.

A. H. Dunlap of Barstow, Ward County, has been appointed a member of the State Board of Water Engineers to succeed the late Judge W. T. Potter, who was chairman of the board.

The state fire insurance commission Saturday granted Lometa the maximum credit of 15 per cent off the final rate account low fire record for the past three years, it not having had an insurance loss in during that period.

The attorney general's department has approved the following bond issues: Frio County special road bonds, \$500,000, serially, 5 1/2%; City of Ferris water works extension, \$55,000, serially, 6%; Dalhart, sewer, \$25,000, serially, 6%; Denton County, road district No. 4, \$117,000, serially, 5%.

By majority of 136 to 1 in an election held at Robstown, the property owners of Water Improvement District No. 3 signified their indorsement of a proposed bond issue of \$300,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the irrigation of some 4,300 acres of farm land embraced by the district.

The largest bond issue ever registered in the State comptrollers' department was received by Comptroller Lon A. Smith a few days ago. The bonds are for the Wichita County Water Improvement district No. 1 and total \$4,500,000. There are 4500 bonds of \$1000 each which necessitates Comptroller Smith signing his name 4500 times.

M. H. Moore, superintendent of the public schools of Fort Worth, is the new president of the Texas State Teachers' Association, and the Texas State Teachers' Association is still that and not the Texas State Education Association, as was contemplated in a new constitution reported to the convention in general session at Dallas Friday.

The Department of Agriculture has called attention of shippers to the requirement of labeling all packages in which wild game birds are shipped, with the name of the shipper and the consignee and a statement of the number and kinds of birds contained in the package. Those violating the regulation are liable to have the shipment confiscated and to face prosecution in the federal courts.

The first solid freight train of coffee to be shipped out of Galveston in more than twenty years departed last week over the International & Great Northern Railway for St. Louis, where it will be distributed to Middle West consuming points. The coffee is part of the cargo of the United States shipping board steamship, St. Augustine, which recently docked at Galveston with 33,000 bags from Del Rio, Brazil.

The attorney general's department Saturday approved the record of a \$220,000 issue of the Amarillo independent school district.

The attorney general's department Friday approved the following bond issues: Gaines County hospital and jail bonds, \$55,000, maturing in thirty years with ten-year option and bearing six per cent interest; Goliad County special road bonds, \$45,000, maturing in twenty years with ten-year option, five and one-half per cent interest; Wichita County hospital bonds, \$75,000, maturing serially, five per cent interest.

Approximately fifty trainmen at Houston, and nearly 600 on the entire International & Great Northern Railway, who walked out in response to the strike call of the general committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on the International and Great Northern, were taken back to work today in conformity to the order of Federal Judge J. C. Hutcheson, issued Nov. 2. The men go back to

NEWS FROM GRIT

Everyone around Grit is happy, as we were visited by a little rain Wednesday.

Friday night, a week ago, a box supper was given in Grit for the benefit of a community Christmas tree. The school house was decorated with the Grit colors, Maroon and Gold. The booth was also decorated with the colors, from which Mr. R. W. White, one of the prominent men of this community, auctioned off the boxes to the highest bidder. The amount these boxes brought was \$38.70.

The people enjoying the ball game Thanksgiving between Menard and Mason were Prof. Montgomery, Johnnie Underwood, Misses Clara Moran, Muriel Johnson, Lois and Lucille White.

Friday night, the Grit Literary Society met as usual and the house was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Anderson Kinsey. A splendid program was rendered. A special number was given by Mr. James Montgomery. The subject for the debate was: "Resolved That Sheep Were More Beneficial to the Country Than Cattle". The decision of the judges' was in favor of the negative side.

Quite a crowd attended church both Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. The Prayer Meeting was well attended Sunday night. Bro. Dan Starks, of Lurch Branch, read a very appropriate lesson. Those attending out of the community were Mr. Sam Wood, Misses Bertice Dees and Mary Wood, of Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Massey, Mr. Richardson and sisters, Mr. Alf Polk and Miss Kate Gamel, of Streeter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery and children, of San Angelo, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Montgomery, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kinsey and family returned from San Angelo, after a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. Johnnie Underwood is sporting a new Ford roadster.

Our school is progressing nicely with an enrollment of 32 pupils.

Bro. Rader, of Mason, will preach at this place Friday night.

—Little Sister.


MR. HENRY SCHAFER HAS GRUBBED MANY ACRES

A most remarkable old soldier is mentioned in the brief of his past life. Mr. Henry Schafer, whose age is 82 years, volunteered to Company D, 6th Texas Infantry at Victoria, Gonzales County, February 15, 1861. He served four years and six months under Gen. Bragg in Tennessee where he received many wounds of minor effect, of which he quickly recovered and reported for duty, with the exception of one, a part of a bomb shell striking him on the top of his head, laying him in the hospital for several weeks.

Mr. Schafer was married but once. He was a stone-cutter by trade. His wife lost her life when they had been married but six months when she was trampled to death by cows while milking. Since that time Mr. Schafer has been grubbing about, making his living at different kinds of work. Most of the time he has been grubbing timber and clearing land, having grubbed more than one thousand acres in Mason County alone, and fully three thousand acres in other parts of Texas. He receives eight dollars per month as a Confederate pension which sum is entirely inadequate for his support. Just why he chose such a hard task as a means of support I cannot get him to answer, but if we would get a lesson worth while it would be well to look upon his retiring with power of how, at his advanced age, has, for forty-five years, been doing the amount of hard work, the old adage, "back to our backs" apply to his sort; he believes in making his bones pay the price of the brow of patriots, we think a lot of deeds we do, but this is one of the old vets that has made his country a better place for us to live in by his long stay with us, and it seems to still be sweet to him. He is quite agreeable and always found to be a fair and square man who has dealings with a lot of us and his life is a great country of ours.

—Stephen Henry News.

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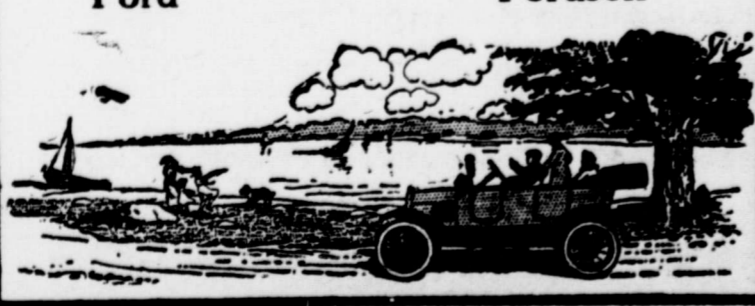
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It has been officially announced that a competitive second-class postmasters examination will be held on December 13th at Fredericksburg.

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The News welcomes the Brown County Advertiser, a new publication of Brownwood, which made its initial appearance on the 17th of November, to our exchange table. The Advertiser is being edited and published by J. E. Mayo, a former resident of Mason and at one time employed in this office. Jesse is a first class printer and we wish him success in his new undertaking. Mrs. Mary Phillips is business manager of the new paper.

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The town of Brady now boasts of a Merchants' Retail Credit Association, which was recently organized, and, no doubt, will prove beneficial to the town.

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Yes, it has been threatening to rain in this section for several weeks. Let her come, goodness knows, we need it.

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We note that the Junction Eagle is carrying the announcement of W. D. Adams, a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Kimble County in the next election. This reminds us that another election year is close to hand. It will be but a matter of a short time until all papers will be carrying political announcements.

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McCulloch County is getting ready for an election on December 20th to decide on the issuance of a \$600,000 road bond issue. That is some money, all right, and if we are capable of realizing just how much such a sum of money really is, we are of the opinion that many miles of good road can be constructed with it. From the reports, McCulloch County citizens are working to put the bond issue over and it is likely to carry. Here's wishing them good luck. Of course, those people will have to increase taxes considerably to float the big bond issue, but in this day and time anything worth while costs money and we all want good roads and should make up our minds to pay for them if we get them.

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If you know of some news items that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

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A headliner in the San Antonio Express says that the first fresh strawberries of the season were on the local market November 14th, the day before Thanksgiving.

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WITTY AND WISE

The writer who escapes criticism is not a writer. He is just a scribbler.—Everett (Pa.) Republican.

Occasionally we see a complexion that reminds us of a poet—born, not made.—Stonewall (Okla.) News.

Unemployment has never yet caused any general auction of people willing to cook, wash, iron and do the upstairs work.—Washington Star.

Germany used to want to write her name on the world. Now the best she can hope to do is to make her mark.—Rochester (Ind.) Sentinel.

The Pullman porter who threw a bandit off his train in Kansas City evidently is opposed to competition.—Webster City (Ia.) Freeman-Journal.

The reason people place very little value on advice is because they don't have to slip out after night and break a law to get it.—Baltimore News.

It's all right to guard the Panama canal, but what we need in these boot-leg days is something to keep enemy aliens out of the alimentary canal.—Trinidad (Colo.) Picketwire.

There has been a good deal of agitation for the past few years anent a new motto for the coin of the realm. Personally, we have leanings toward "Abide With Me."—Creede (Colo.) Can die.

A man claims to have discovered a weed that will cure the tobacco habit. We know what this, but we don't know the name. They make five-cent cigars of it.—Phoenix (Ariz.) Republican.

Isn't it strange that a landlord can win more fame merely by being decent than other men can by devoting their entire lives to good works?—Kansas City Star.

LLANO BOYS WILL BE SENT TO GATESVILLE REFORMATORY

Jesse Welch and Clarence Brewer, who were arrested several days ago on a charge of theft, will be sent to the State reformatory at Gatesville. Welch was convicted in the Juvenile Court before Judge Moore, and Brewer was formerly convicted in District Court, but released upon order requiring good behavior. This order is to be revoked, according to the County Attorney McClunis, and as soon as the order is received from Judge McLean, now at San Saba, the boys will be sent to Gatesville.—Llano News.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:00 o'clock.

NEFF GRANTS TWENTY PARDONS CELEBRATING 50TH BIRTHDAY

Houston, Texas, Nov. 26.—Concluding a tour of inspection of State prisons that has taken him nearly 2600 miles since last Monday, Governor Pat M. Neff was tendered a birthday dinner at the Rice Hotel here Saturday evening by members of the prison advisory committee, who accompanied him on his trip.

Governor Neff yesterday granted pardons to twenty convicts as a "birthday present."

The governor was fifty years old yesterday, the date of his birth being Nov. 26, 1871.

The information was wired to Secretary Walthall from Richmond, where the governor was yesterday inspecting the Imperial Prison Farm on his inspection tour of the prison system. With the pardons granted earlier in the week, the governor has granted fifty-eight pardons on this trip.

He will return to the capitol today.

Gift Ribbons



Each year brings in new sashes, girdles, half-bows and a long list of other belongings to replace those that have had their bright day and passed with the year. Two ribbon girdles, as pictured here, make charming gifts. One of them is made of narrow satin ribbon bordered with a tinsel ribbon and decorated with ribbon flowers. The other is a wide sash of two-toned satin ribbon with loops at each side and a knot at the back.

W. M. JONES BUYS FICKLING BUSINESS AT PONTOTOC

A deal has just been closed whereby W. M. Jones becomes the owner of the Steve Fickling mercantile establishment, and will take charge of the business on the coming Saturday.

Mr. Jones is an experienced business man, with a wide acquaintance throughout this trade territory. He was for several years connected with Moss & Company here, and later manager for the same firm in its store at Valley Springs. Mr. Fickling has always enjoyed a good business at Pontotoc, and it is the intentions of the new proprietor, to add to the stock and render the very best service possible to the people of that trade section.

The people of Pontotoc are to be congratulated on having a man of Mr. Jones type in business there, though they lose the services of a good man in Mr. Fickling.—Llano News.

Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack.

A Merry Clown Doll



This merry gentleman is one of many dolls that may be made of discarded ribbed underwear or stockings. His head is made of a piece of white or pink ribbed stocking and his face painted with black and red paint. For the rest of him two colors are used and he is stuffed with cotton and has a white ruffle about his neck.

ABOLIST HORNS?

The death of a prominent New York man—Gen. Hawkins—as the result of an automobile accident, has brought out a demand in that city for the abolition of motor car horns which may not stand up under the claims of necessity. What may be needed in New York—undoubtedly is needed in Pittsburgh—is a little education in the horse sense use of warning horns instead of their prohibition. Gen. Hawkins was crossing Fifth Avenue to mail a letter when a motorist coming along at a good speed tooted a warning signal, on hearing which, the general stepped back—directly in front of another car coming in the opposite direction, also at a good speed. The driver of the second car also sounded his horn, but neither slowed up. The argument against the use of horns is that without them drivers would slow up instead of expecting pedestrians to disappear, a claim that practice might dissipate. The driver who toots his horn and then runs down a pedestrian would run him down just as well without a horn. What is needed—and traffic policemen need to know it as well as motorists—is education in the fact that pedestrians have the right-of-way and are not expected to run, jump and vanish into the air when a motorist toots his warning. The horn is only to notify the pedestrian that a motor vehicle is approaching, that he may govern himself according to the circumstances. Five minutes' observation at any traffic regulated corner will convince that even traffic regulators regard the streets as for the convenience of men on wheels.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Dec. 4, 1896:

William Waldorf Astor has made the Children's Aid Society of New York City a gift of \$50,000.

The Eastland court house was destroyed by fire on the 29th.

John E. Green has gone to Pontotoc to teach a four months' school.

J. L. Jones, of McCulloch County, bought a lot of 1 and 2 year old steers at Fairland at \$10 and \$13.

A social hop was enjoyed at the Koock Hall last Friday night.

August Schroeder, living near Greenville, died on the 24th ult. He had relatives in Mason County.

A crowd of young folks spent a pleasant day on the Llano river last Thursday. Those present were Mrs. J. W. Gamel, chaperon, Misses May Hamilton, Effie Gamel, Ella Schmidt, Lillie Reynolds, Minnie Murphy, Ivy Murray, Lillian Mebus, Messrs. John and Irvine Mayo, Howard and Wes Smith, Frank Garner, Otto Bogusch, Will and Jim Lemburg, Lawrence Christopher, Chas. Worlie and Misses Anna and Ethel Allmann joined the party in the afternoon.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Brockman, a boy, December 1st.

15 Years Ago in Mason

From Mason News, Nov. 30, 1906:

J. L. Bruce brought in 14 bales of cotton Friday from the Littlefield & White farm and sold it for 10-27 1-2.

Hugh Glenn is exhibiting a stalk of cotton bearing 200 full grown and matured bolls.

Marriage License—Mr. Thos. Hurley and Miss Mary Striegler.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stengel entertained a few young folks last Friday night at lunch.

Jim Garner and wife left last week for Kansas to make their home.

Miss Lee Smith sustained a sprained ankle at school last Tuesday.

W. R. Jennings, of the Fredonia Country, has sold his 120 acre farm to Anton Willmann for \$2,000. Mr. Jennings will move to Taylor County.

Lee Dodd, Cricket Norton and John Watkins returned Sunday from Stanton, where they went prospecting. The two latter, it is said, bought land there, but Mr. Dodd prefers Mason County.

It is announced that Mr. Rufe Deats and Miss Lucy Wychoe, of Llano, are soon to be married.

Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack.

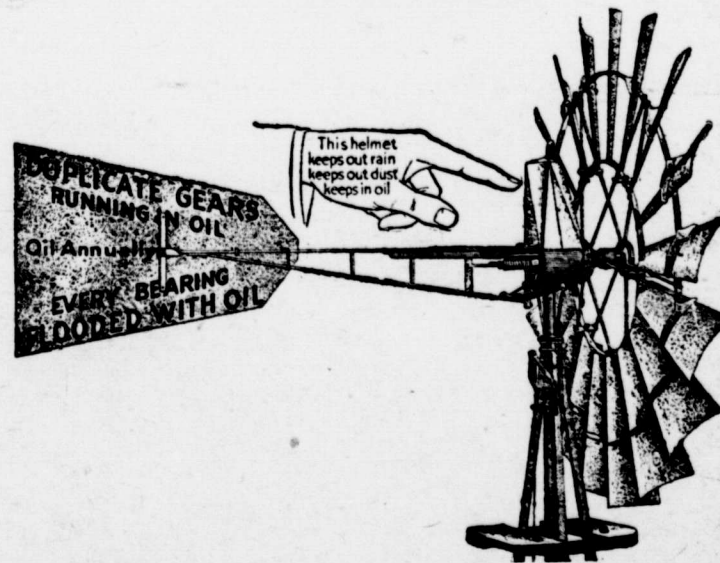
CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and at the death of our beloved daughter and sister. Especially we wish to thank those rendering assistance at the cemetery and to those tendering the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schuessler and Family.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar held each year by the Woman's Missionary Society will be held Thursday evening, December 8th at the Smith Hall.

All parties desiring to donate to the bazaar, are requested to leave their articles at the M. E. Church, South, before Wednesday, Dec. 7th.

The public is urged to attend. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

CHURCH NOTICES

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Rev. E. A. Rector, P. E. will preach at 8:15 Friday night, Dec. 2. The pastor will preach in Mason next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sermons at Behrens School House at 3 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Bro. Rector will come to us again next week and will preach at the following places: Bethel, Friday night; Mason, Saturday night; Loyal Valley, Sunday. The Quarterly Conference will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday. ROY G. RADER, P. C.

The public is invited to attend the Bazaar at Smith Hall on Dec. 8th. An admission of 10 cents will be charged. Call and see our Xmas Display at both our stores, Mason Drug Company.

Miss Ida Stehmann, R. T. N., of Austin, has been in Mason for several weeks visiting with relatives. Miss Stehmann expects to remain here until after the Christmas holidays.

There will be many pretty things to buy at the Bazaar given by the Woman's Missionary Society at the Smith Hall, Dec. 8th.

"Taulac made me feel younger", "It put me back on the pay roll." "I can eat whatever I want now." "I no longer suffer from indigestion." "I gained weight rapidly." These and many more expressions are now heard daily as people tell of their experience with Taulac, Mason Drug Company.

Santa Remembers Baby



Santa Claus never forgets the babies and each year presents their little belongings made in new and pretty ways. This year "nightingales" and bonnets seem even better than their predecessors. A set to match is shown above, made of fine flannel and trimmed with narrow satin ribbon gathered along one edge and feather-stitched down. A frill of narrow lace finishes the cap.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 10c.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Baptist Aid Society

Will meet at the Baptist Church, Wednesday, December 7, at 3 p. m., at which time the following program will be carried out: Hymn No. 234. Prayer. Bible Study—Mrs. C. S. Vedder. Hymn No. 155. Redemption—Mrs. Saunders. What Ails China—Mrs. W. H. Gage. Religious Outlook in China—Mrs. F. Ke. Seventy-Five Million Campaign Achievements in China—Mrs. P. A. Bennett. His Unspeakable Gift—Mrs. C. H. Garrett. Some Baptist Achievements—Society.

A Delightful Dance

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grandstaff entertained with a dance at their elegant and spacious ranch home, seven miles south of town, Friday night of last week. The ball room which is built over the large garage was beautifully decorated in crimson geraniums and pot plants. Music was furnished by the Menard Jazz Orchestra. A mid-night the guests were served with hot coffee, sandwiches, olives and pickles. About a hundred guests were present.—Menard Messenger.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET WITH MRS. S. A. McCOLLUM

The News is requested to announce the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, will hold their next meeting on Tuesday afternoon, December 6th at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. A. McCollum.

Taulac now has the largest sale of any medicine in the world. There is a reason, Mason Drug Company.

Be sure to attend the Missionary Bazaar at the Smith Hall, Dec. 8th.

For the Hostess



Gifts that every woman who entertains will delight in are pictured here and they will be all the more appreciated because they are made by their donor. A set of numbers for card tables is attractive and easy to make. They are cut from white cardboard and have gummied figures in black placed on one side. On this black and white background graceful sprays of gay flowers are painted and the cards are supported by small wire holders.

Melvin Kyger Entertained

On last Wednesday evening, Melvin Kyger entertained with a birthday party at the home of his mother, Mrs. Carl Runge. A large crowd of Melvin's friends were present to help him celebrate the occasion. Various games were played which were directed by Miss Betty Tribble who assisted with the entertaining of the little folks. A feature of the evening's entertainment was a grand march which was led by Olga Fay Wood and Homer Lemburg. After the grand march, refreshments consisting of fruit punch and cake were served on the porch of the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Runge.

Guests present to enjoy the occasion were Olga Fay Wood, Esther Christillis, Modelle Heinrich, Lina Simon, Eunice Green, Eva Jean Kidd, Ruby Lee Plueneke, Nell Curlee Bierschwale, Louise Malarie, Gladys Berens, Clara Rader and Rita King; Homer Lemburg, Bert Zesch, George Garner, Ivy Lee Shearer, Seth Hofmann, Clayton Schmidt, Herbert Schreiber, Dan Plueneke, Byron Brown, Smith Lewis and Melvin Kyger.

After the serving of refreshments, the chief diversion of the evening, was music on the Victrola.

On the 8th of December, the Woman's Missionary Society will hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Smith Hall.

MAINSRING OF THE WORLD!

Writer's Tribute to the Heart of a Woman is Worthy a Place in Any Scrapbook.

First, the heart of a woman is different from any other kind of heart in all the world. It's bigger, it's more tender, it's more "various." It's more susceptible. It's more tolerant. It's more long suffering. It's more kind. It's more generous. It's more lovable. It's more wonderful—than any other sort of heart.

The heart of a woman is the heart of hearts.

If you would know what real suffering is, find a woman's heart that has been broken. Look there into the ashes of its ruins and you shall know; Also, if you would learn of the superlative sweetness of happiness, again search for the heart of a woman who has found the gold behind the glitter of love, and there you shall see such a wonder as your eyes have never before seen.

For again I say that there is no heart like unto the heart of a woman. Its patience is that of Job, plus that of a dozen worlds. And its suffering and forgetting power is greater than the crystallized power of the sun, the moon, and all the stars.

Through gentleness it breathes. Through strength it walks.

But the greatest thing about the great heart of a woman is its love. Its walls are lined with it. Its furnishings are of love in its entirety. While, if you would but peep into the heart of a woman where love is, such fragrance would greet your senses as of the rarest myrrh. And you would believe that heaven is here and now.

The heart of a woman is the mainspring of the world!—George Matthew Adams in the Pictorial Review.

Love the Leveler.

And I say unto you, brethren; there is one crucible in which many unlike things become like, and even as one another, and that is Marriage.

And in the crucible, Marriage, many men adjust themselves to things and conditions that once did gall. Even as though they were hitched in a harness, thus doth the crucible to many men.

And, strange to say, O my brethren, many of these men in the crucible hold themselves as among the happy and blessed of the earth. So that one is most often moved to wonder and to marvel.

For while men set down their signatures with a great flourish beneath national declarations of independence, magni charti and sundry bills of rights in the great private crucible, that is Marriage, these men surrender most often their freedom, even unto the last vestige, there in the crucible to slumber, render and splutter, with vast contentment of soul. Selah.—L. F. M. in Kansas City Star.

Mistake.

Phyllis—Winnie is sorry now that she took Hugh's ring to the jeweler's to be valued.

May—Why? "The Jeweler kept it. He said that Hugh hadn't been in to pay for it as he had promised."—Answers.

Worse Than That.

"Had the shock of my life last night." "Recognize an old flame?" "Worse than that; she recognized my wife."

Bits of Splendor



Plain wide satin ribbon and narrow fancy ribbons, with handsome metallic mounts, are used to make these elegant shopping bags. Ribbons in the richest qualities and most brilliant patterns are chosen for them and they are lined with gay and equally good silks. Besides being bits of the splendor dear to women these bags have the additional value that belongs to a gift made by its donor.

Taulac has made life worth living for millions of people who had almost given up hope. It will do the same for you, Mason Drug Company.

You are urged to attend the Bazaar at the Smith Hall on Dec. 8th. Lots of pretty things for sale.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House, Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 7:30 o'clock.

30 FOR YOU AND 30 FOR ME

After December 1, our posted notice will be strictly enforced. Remember, this means you. All previous hunting permissions have terminated. If you desire to be reported it will be your own decision.

Respectfully,

CHRISTIAN LOEFFLER
J. H. WEIDEMANN

POSTED

Parties are warned against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind on the lands of the undersigned, as same is posted and violators of this notice will be prosecuted. 38-4p
John and James Brandenberger.

TO THE PUBLIC

I regret very much that I will not be in a position after December 1st, to let my Mason County friends hunt in my "Mill Creek Ranch", and I hope that none will ask me for permission after December 1st. The continual chasing of the cattle on seeing a hunter, coupled with the protracted dry spell is beginning to tell on the cattle and if the same keeps up much longer, I will have to put a large feed bill into the cattle. It is necessary for the cattle to remain as quiet as possible during the next few months, and this they will not do if hunters are continually among them. During the month of November, I believe, there have been five hunters in my pasture to every one to be found in any other pasture, and I hope that no one will ask me for permission after December 1st.

Yours truly,
J. W. WHITE.

POSTED NOTICE

Hunting or trespassing of any nature is strictly forbidden on any of the lands owned or controlled by me. Parties desiring to hunt must get written permission or otherwise they will be prosecuted. 32-2mc.
MAX MARTIN.

POSTED

Hunting and trespassing of all kinds is strictly forbidden on all land owned and controlled by the undersigned. Parties violating this notice will be prosecuted. 30-4tc
NAT REEVES.

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that all land owned by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted. 32-5tc
LOUIS G. ECKERT.

POSTED NOTICE

Parties are warned against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by the

undersigned. Violators will be prosecuted according to law.

M. F. CARTER
WALTER FRENZEL

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the public that our pastures are posted against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing. Parties desiring to hunt must get permission.

CHRISTIAN LOEFFLER,
FRANK LOEFFLER,
LEE LOEFFLER.

TRESPASS NOTICE

No hunting with gun or dogs, or trapping or otherwise trespassing will be allowed on the lands owned or controlled by the Loyal Valley Game Protective Association without a privilege card properly signed.
Loyal Valley Game Protective Association. 33-2m

POSTED

All lands owned by us are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind. 33-2mp
PAT AND JOHN ROGERS.

HUNTERS, NOTICE.

This is to warn the public against hunting in the pastures of the undersigned without written permission.

J. W. WHITE,
S. B. CAPPS.

POSTED NOTICE

The general public is hereby warned against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any way upon the land owned or controlled by the undersigned, as same is posted.

H. J. JORDAN,
E. M. BRATTON,
LOUIS WILLMANN.

NO HUNTING ALLOWED

Warning is hereby given that hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind is not permitted in the pastures of the undersigned, as they are posted according to law. Gully parties will be prosecuted.

H. & E. ZESCH.

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that my James River Ranch is posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. Parties violating this notice, will be prosecuted.

S. L. JEFFERS.

POSTED NOTICE

All lands owned and controlled by me are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. I allow no hunting and will prosecute violators of this notice.

AUG. KOTHMANN.

POSTED

All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Any and all parties violating this notice will be prosecuted.

JOHN GEISTWEIDT
WM. GEISTWEIDT
CHAS. GEISTWEIDT
FRANK GEISTWEIDT
L. S. WENDELL.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted according to law, and no hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind will be permitted.

AUGUST WILLMANN
ELI W. DECHERT

POSTED NOTICE

The general public is warned against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned, as same is posted. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

35-2mp
BEN BRANDENBERGER.

POSTED NOTICE

All lands controlled by us are posted, and positively no one is allowed to hunt or trespass thereon.

MOSS & DEES.

POSTED NOTICE

All lands owned and controlled by the undersigned are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any way, and everyone is warned accordingly.

W. L. KOTHMANN
CHAS. LEIFESTE, Sr.
CHAS. LEIFESTE, Jr.

NOTICE

This is to let the public know that I have sold the hunting privilege on all property owned and controlled by me. The purchaser forbids all kinds of hunting and trapping. This also applies to those who had permission, but failed to put in their time up to date. I also agreed to protect the purchasing party.

Respectfully,
E. B. KOTHMANN.

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"THE CHARM SCHOOL"

Featuring Wallace Reid.

SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

CLOCK CURED OF TOOTHACHE

Dentist Carefully Inserts Two New Teeth and Few Rods in Immense London Timepiece.

The clock that hangs eight feet over the junction of the Strand and Fleet street, London, from the east tower of the law courts, has just recovered from an attack of toothache, London Tit-Bits states.

The bells and the intricate mechanism occupy three stories at the top of the tower, and constant service year in and year out has caused the trouble.

When the dynamo which winds up the weights was put into gear recently there was a squeak from the winding apparatus, and a couple of teeth were wrenched from one of the essential cogs.

A clock dentist was immediately called in, and after careful treatment, involving two fresh teeth and the renewal of a number of steel rods, the clock once more strikes the hour with unerring punctuality and has entirely recovered from the weakness developed during recent years.

The rods which have now been renewed had not been touched since 1883, when the clock was first put up.

Few people in London, probably, know that in this clock at the courts they have a mechanism unique in the history of clock-making.

Invented by a carpenter on an entirely novel principle, it is the only one of its kind in existence, an attempt to make a duplicate for St. James palace having proved a failure.

It is so accurate that it does not lose as much as one minute in three months.

The weight controlling the striking mechanism weighs 1½ tons, and hangs on a wire 85 feet long from the top of the tower into the foundations.

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The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church will give a bazaar the afternoon of December 2, 1921, from two to six, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Biersch-wale.

Entrance fee fifteen cents. Refreshments served free. 36tf

Conrad Hartman spent Monday in Fredericksburg on business matters.

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CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.

31-tf J. J. JOHNSON

The News has just received some new Eagle Brand typewriter ribbons for Underwood and Remington machines. Attractively priced at eighty cents.

Hand-Made Toys



Here are two of many animals that are due to arrive on Christmas morning. A black kitty that will stand any amount of hard usage is very easy to make, requiring only a pair of silk stocking tops that have survived the worn-out feet. Cut off the worn feet and trim out the ankles in a curved line to form the ears. Sew a seam along this line, turn right side out and stuff with cotton to form the body. Wind the remainder of the tops with small cord to form the tail and tie a gay bow of ribbon at the end. Two white bone buttons make the eyes and heavy silk floss the mouth and whiskers and Miss Kitty is dressed up with a bow at the neck.

The elephant is made of gray duvetyn, plush or canton flannel and cut by a paper pattern. His eyes are shoe buttons, his tusks white cloth.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack. 32

They are awaiting your inspection—Those engraved Greeting Card Samples at the News Office.

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Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80¢ at News Office.

Fadeless Flowers



Flowers made of petals cut from paper tape and coated with colored sealing wax, are among the novelties that add to the cheerfulness of home and Christmas this year. A cluster of them in several different colors, in a vase that is also coated with the wax, makes a very pleasing bouquet for the living room or dining table. The colored wax is a substitute for paint and a small alcohol flame becomes the brush for making the fadeless blossoms.

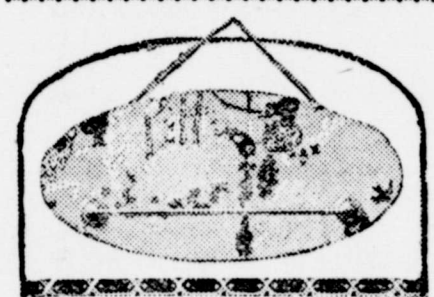
THEORY OF ORDINARY COLDS

Doctor Maxwell Expresses Opinion Trouble Is Due to Development of Bacterial Growths.

I have believed for some years that common colds are due primarily to the development of bacterial growths in the accessory nasal sinuses and that this development is caused by the obstruction of the drainage of these sinuses by the swelling of the nasal mucosa, writes Dr. G. M. Maxwell of Roanoke, Va. Swelling of the mucosa is due in turn to irritation from some foreign substance, such as dust, bacteria and pollen. The bacteria are those ordinarily found in the nasal cavity and cause trouble only when the free access of air into the field is prevented by the swollen mucosa. This opinion has been strengthened by the fact that continuous treatment or spraying with a mild nonirritant astringent will in the majority of cases arrest an acute cold. When a cold holds on for as much as a week I have nearly always found cloudiness in one or more of the sinuses, and get immediate relief by washing out these sinuses with a mild alkaline solution.

Cut Glass, Chinaware and Pyrex Casseroles at Mason Drug Company.

Handy Gifts for Men



Every man, young or old, will appreciate a good-looking rack to place within easy reach of his dressing case. The tie rack requires an oblong or oval board, smoothly covered with cretonne and a small nickel towel rack, which is screwed to the front of it. It is suspended by a silk cord fastened at the back with screw eyes.

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We thank you Who's next? COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sorrells, a girl, November 26th.
Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Stockbridge, a boy, November 17th.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry August Ruedger, a girl, November 17th.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oscar Green, a boy, November 16th.
Marriage License
Mr. Marion Yandeverer and Miss Alice Bishop, November 28th.

TURKEYS! TURKEYS!

We are now in the market for fat turkeys for Xmas market.

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A letter to the News from R. E. L. Clark states that he and family are now at Christoval, and will probably remain there through the winter.

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STATE, NATIONAL, FOREIGN

Happenings the World Over of Important Events Condensed to Good Reading.

WASHINGTON NEWS.
 Establishment of a technical status of peace with the former central powers and enactment of a long train of reconstruction legislation were the principal achievements of the extra session of the sixty-seventh congress, which ended Wednesday.

The War Finance Corporation Friday approved eighty-five advances amounting to \$3,147,000. Of this amount, \$55,000 was to Texas institutions and \$300,000 to Missouri, to be applied on livestock in Texas.

President Harding Wednesday signed the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill and for this signature used a solid gold pen, the property of Senator Sheppard of Texas, one of the authors of the bill. It was with this pen that President Wilson signed the Sheppard bill making the District of Columbia "dry" several years ago.

The anti-medical beer bill was signed Wednesday by President Harding. Signature of the bill on which congressional action was completed last Friday automatically closed the gap in the nation's prohibition laws revealed last March by Attorney General Palmer in an opinion that there was nothing in the Volstead act to preclude the prescription of beer as medicine.

The nomination of Major Robert G. Peck, former Brigadier General of the Thirty-fifth (Kansas-Missouri) Division, to be lieutenant colonel was rejected Wednesday by the senate. The vote was understood to have been 36 to 29 for rejection.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

The daily production of the oil pools of North and Central Texas have averaged better than 140,000 barrels of crude daily the past week, a gain of 700 barrels over the report of the previous week.

Eddie Hearne won Thursday's annual 250-mile automobile race on the Beverly Hills speedway at Los Angeles, Cal., but Tommy Milton, who came in second, took the lead in the race for points toward the national championship. Milton nosed Roscoe Sarles out of the national contest lead when Sarles was forced out of the race at the 180th lap. Hearne's time was 2 hours 16 minutes and 55 seconds. Frank Elliott was third, Jimmy Murphy fourth, Harry Tartz fifth and Eddie Miller sixth.

The Texas board of education will on Dec. 1 make an apportionment of 50c per scholastic for the support of the public free schools. Controller Lon A. Smith having advised the board that receipts to the credit of the available school fund would warrant apportionment of that amount and no more on the date mentioned. This will be the first apportionment for the new scholastic year and will be based on 1,298,282 scholastics. The total per capita apportionment for the new year is \$13.00.

Mrs. James J. Hill, widow of the president of the Great Northern railway, died at her home in Minneapolis, Minn., Tuesday, following a long illness.

Governor Neff Wednesday put into effect his theory of the executive use of the pardoning power by granting pardons to thirty-five prisoners, among whom were three women. These prisoners were from the Huntsville prison, the Wynne and Goree farms, near Huntsville, and the Ferguson and Eastham farms in Madison and Houston counties, Texas.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The betrothal of Princess Mary, only daughter of King George and Queen Mary of England, to Viscount Lascelles was announced Wednesday. No arrangements for the wedding have been made. Princess Mary is only a little less endeared to the hearts of her people than her brother, the Prince of Wales. In recent years she had entered into the spirit of public life, attending all kinds of public functions and interesting herself in charitable work.

The home of the late Count Leo Tolstoy of Russia, which is classed by the soviet government as a national museum, is in danger of collapse. Although the government is running free weekly pilgrimages to the house, no money has been spent in its upkeep, and the Tolstoy family plans to start a worldwide restoration fund of \$100,000.

Several earthquakes have occurred in Guatemala city during the last few days. None of them, however, has caused damage.

The Mexican government is considering increasing the import duties 50 to 100 per cent on a number of articles, including tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, toys, perfumes, cloths and milk, according to wireless dispatches received Friday in Juarez from Mexico City.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Saunders arrived home Sunday from Ft. Worth where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Luther Snow, for several weeks. Henry Saunders and family met them in Brady in his auto.

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Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:
"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.
"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even any housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.
"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.
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LATEST IN THRIFT

By ADDIE GRAVES.

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Old Jim's third wife was dead. All three had been cross-eyed. Two of them—the first two—had been sisters. It seemed as though Jim was obsessed over crossed eyes. A wife without crossed eyes would not seem a lawful wife. Crossed eyes had not crossed his business luck, at any rate, for Old Jim was worth at least \$100,000.

And he could not write his name or measure a load of the lumber which had brought him his fortune.

But he had a way of managing things so the profit balance came out with large per cent. He was very thrifty—so thrifty that when he had the third casket to buy he sought some way to economize.

In his estimation, funeral expenses were wasted expenditure.

He immediately sought the undertaker. This learned gentleman was unboxing the casket of the third cross-eyed wife. Old Jim approached him with no squeamishness.

"Say, John, how much are the handles on the casket valued at?"

John dropped the claw hammer on his big toe and said things not supposed to be said in the presence of caskets. Then:

"I dunno; they allers come on—the same sort on the same sort of caskets; never hed any special orders."

Old Jim viewed the handles as though with begrudging envy. "Well, John, it's awful foolish to bury them handles. Casket handles should be detachable—should be kept with the stands for holding the casket during the service. You just take them off and return them—after the folks has left the cemetery—before you fill the grave. Send them back and get them discounted from the bill."

John carefully straightened some nails he had drawn from the casket box before he replied:

"All right, Jim; maybe it will save enough to pay the minister next time."

Jim lit his pipe, drew in a whiff of smoke, exuding it from his nostrils, threw the match out the window and departed in seeming blank-mindedness. John slammed the door with: "The d—d—d—d I don't-know-what!" The next winter the undertaker died with influenza. His wife had an auction and Old Jim Fuller bought a large box of small assorted hardware. Among the articles were the casket handles, which he had now paid for twice—both times unknowingly. The village doctor spied the handles and offered Old Jim a dollar for them.

A short time after this, Old Jim brought home wife No. 4. Strange it was, her eyes were straight—straight from a clear brain. She proceeded to make the money—and other things, including Old Jim—fly. First, she bought a load of nice, expensive wallpaper and paint and sent for the village decorator. He came without his papering board, for he knew Old Jim had brought a fine board home from the mill for the cross-eyed wives to do the papering in by-gone days. He knew it was in the attic. The new Mrs. Fuller accompanied the decorator to the garret in search of the board. The man pointed to a long row of old hats and bonnets hanging on some nails under the eaves.

"You see them bunnets? Yours will be hanging on that next empty nail

some day, keeping them company."

The straight-eyed wife's eyes almost burned the "bunnets" with lightning flashes. She grabbed them all—her two arms full, some hanging by withered strings, and flung them from the window, when they slowly floated toward the mill-dam.

"Not by a dam-site!" she said, with a grim grin. "Jim's hat will hang there!"

In a moment they had discovered the papering board. The paperhanger continued his free informing: "This board has held all the bodies of Jim's wives. They were all laid out on it. It will hold you some day. Then it followed the "bunnets."

In a box near the board were some paste brushes and a pair of casket handles. The straight black eyes bulged.

"What—what are those?" The paperhanger pretended not to hear. A female hurricane swept toward him.

"If you must know, they are the handles of the last wife's casket—saved to put on yours." The handles did not follow the "bunnets" and the board. A laugh, as when the lightning hits a granite rock and skids down its sides, split the air. The three cross-eyed wives had wept little April showers, most days in their dreary, drug-ging lives. The straight-eyed wife went down to the telephone and ordered a new horse—the best in the stable—a harness and a new buggy. Those were the times before cars were invented or the buggy would have been a limousine.

Old Jim, that winter, fell and broke

A TEXAS WONDER

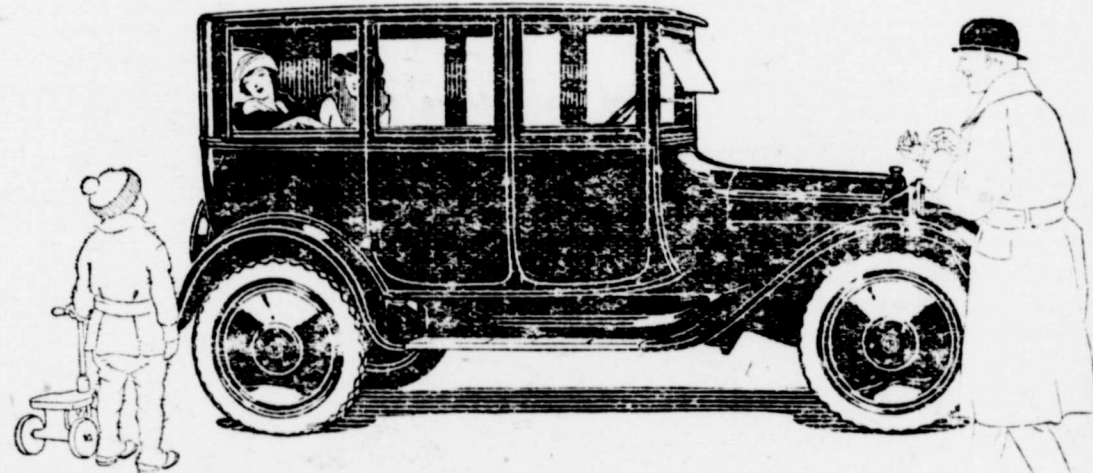
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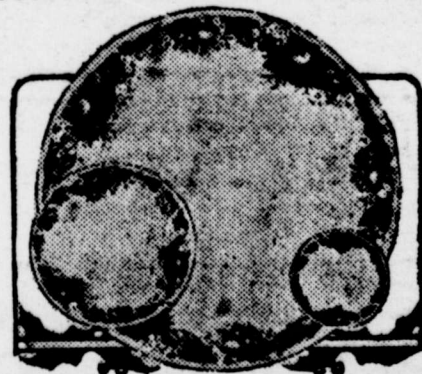


several ribs. Complications set in and his hat hung on the attic nail. He was buried in a cheap coffin—exactly like that of his third wife's. It was delivered without handles. The handles from the attic lowered his casket in the grave. The straight-eyed wife straightway found a new husband, sold the house where three stoop-shouldered, sad and cross-eyed wives had slaved, and departed to another town. The handles were at last beyond resurrection.

Old Jim's thrift was applied to himself.

A. J. Boston is reported much improved from a recent illness and has been able to be up some, following a couple of weeks' during which he was confined to his bed.

Oil Cloth Table Sets



No housewife will fail to enjoy the new table sets of oilcloth with their cheerful borders of gay flowers and fruits. They are much handsomer than the stenciled pieces and many women use them for the dinner as well as the breakfast table. These sets consist of a centerpiece, plate dollies and smaller dollies. The fruits and flowers in the set pictured are in their natural colors and the oil cloth in a deep cream color.

Miss Cleo Wood, who is teaching school in Menard County, was here last week to spend Thanksgiving and the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood. She returned to her school last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wood taking her in their new Overland Four.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
31-1f J. J. JOHNSON.

Dr. W. W. Beach reports Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sorrells, of the Peters Prairies section, parents of a baby boy, which was born last Saturday morning. He stated mother and babe were both getting along nicely.

L. W. Schlaudt was here last week from San Antonio, where he is in the employ of the Stroud Motor Manufacturing Association. Mr. Schlaudt is very much pleased with the progress now being made by the Stroud firm. He left Tuesday after a visit of several days among relatives and friends.

Acetylene Gas Light Plants

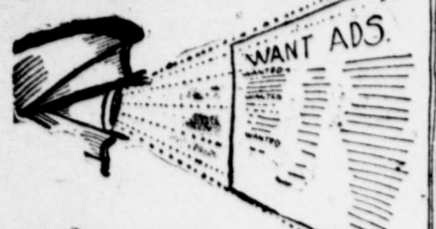
I am prepared to furnish data and information on acetylene gas lights. Let me figure with you if you contemplate installing a plant.
31-1f F. LANGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wells and baby and Misses Leola Holt and Idell Welles were in Mason shopping last Saturday from the Blue Stretch community.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Howard, nee Carrie Willmann, of Lockhart, were here last week visiting in the home of Mrs. Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willmann.

Miss Annetta Moran was here from Menard, where she is teaching school, to spend the past week-end with home folks and friends.

THROUGH THE



WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE—Good size buggy. See L. F. Jordan, Phone 116. 38-1f

WATCH LOST—Lady's wrist watch lost between Hest and Menard on Nov. 24th. Finder, please return to Willie Mae Kidd, Mason, Texas. 38-1f

FURNITURE FOR SALE—A few pieces of second hand furniture at bargain. Apply at Methodist Parsonage, 38-2tp.

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LOST—Between Mason and Kerrville, a Collie bitch about 9 or 10 months old, grayish brown color and looks very much like a wolf. Will pay reward for recovery. Notify E. W. Bode or leave word at News office. 37-1f.

FOR SALE—Jersey Milk Cow, with young calf. Apply to A. V. Gleghorn, 37-2tp.

LOST—On James River road, an auto casing on rim, size 34x4. Finder, please notify Adolph Loeffler. 37-2tp

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The Fairest Wind

By KATE EDMONDS.

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"Do they really forbid our marriage?" demanded Ronald, swelling his broad chest indignantly.

"Positively," and Eva's charming face was woeful enough to soften the heart of the fondest aunt and uncle, but Eva was very young and Ronald had yet to prove that he could do more than spend the money he had inherited from a rich father. He was studying law, and gave promise of becoming a brilliant lawyer, but his love for Eva had interfered with his studies, and then his hobby for flying machines had completed his abstraction. Even now his newest little bi-plane was resting on the green meadows of the Grey estate.

"What did the judge say?" asked Ronald as he glanced aggressively toward the big house half hidden among tall maples.

"He said," said Eva very deliberately, "that when you won your first case we might speak of being married."

"Won my first case—good night!" uttered the affronted young man. "What did your Aunt Ann say?"

"She asked how old you were."

"What does it matter?"

Eva shrugged. "I told her twenty-two."

"And then she said—?"

"A mere boy!"

"Boy?"

"Isn't it dreadful?"

Ronald looked reflectively across the waving green toward his biplane. "I've a good idea—I'll run away or fly away—with you, Eva."

"Dare you do that?"

"Not unless you really want to come, Eva. It's pretty serious, you know!"

"I know—and I won't be really happy until we are married and settled in our own home."

His hand caught hers and held it tightly. They were very young and they were madly in love; perhaps that might condone their elopement. As Eva flew into the house by a side entrance and emerged a few minutes later with a tiny mysterious bundle hidden under her leather coat, she was conscience stricken, for the good judge and his wife had been as par-



Married? He Wanted to Know, Sternly.

ents to her for many years. She owed her education and her social position to their tender care. But she was dazzled by love's first glamor and the romance of flying away with her lover appealed to her romantic spirit.

"I am ready," she said a little breathlessly, as she joined him at the side of the airplane.

He was suddenly serious and rather ashamed of his impetuous wooing. "Did you leave a message for them?" he wanted to know.

She nodded. "The customary note pinned on my pincushion!"

Their getting away was very prosaic. Ronald was for waiting to see whether there was really going to be a wind squall, for the black clouds were piling in the northwest.

"We will go south," urged Eva, and we can land on the flying field if necessary, and as it was growing late he followed her suggestion.

They got away fairly well, but the wind suddenly veered and the plane bucked viciously.

"Shall we land?" demanded Ronald. "I am afraid for you."

"I am all right," she shouted. "I like this."

They ascended and seemed to strike

a quiet lane of air and traveled swiftly.

"Where are we going?" screamed Eva.

"Danver."

"How far?"

"Fifty miles—I know a preacher there; good friend of mine."

"I had always planned a gorgeous wedding—with eight bridesmaids and—everything."

"What's that?" bellowed the prospective bridegroom.

Eva repeated it in a staccato voice. "No bridesmaids at this affair," he yelled back.

Eva shook her helmeted head. She was rather disappointed. Somehow, an airplane elopement was not quite sporting, to say the least. No one would pursue them in a flying machine. A motorcar would have been different—then the judge might have climbed into his great car and bade the chauffeur to "drive like the dickens"—aye, that would have been a great race—and romantic, Eva sighed and the wind tore the sigh away from her. It was growing black again, and she could see that Ronald was fighting to keep control of the plane. The wind was veering around, and the plane fought back like a human thing.

"We are going home!" she shrieked above the wind.

"I can't help it," he roared desperately.

Eva sobbed. Never had elopers had such a dismal time, she thought. Fancy screaming all the time, to rise above the noise of the engine! She hoped Aunt Lucy would not find the note—it would upset them so, and they had been so kind, and Aunt Lucy would have loved to make a wedding for her!

"I want to go home!" she shrieked at her love.

"I'm taking you there, ain't I?" he bellowed inelegantly.

There was a terrible moment of suspense as they neared the old house. The engine died suddenly and the plane teetered, wavered in the topmost branches of the tallest, widest-spread maple near the house, and one wing of the big plane scraped a window shutter off, and brought the whole family to the guest chamber where the judge tossed up the sash and looked out at them—two very young, conscience-stricken birds in a lofty nest!

"Married?" he wanted to know, sternly.

They explained sheepishly.

"We found your note," he said, transfixing his niece with a judicial eye. "You are both guilty—and this scare served you right; but young man you took a long chance in this wind and you've shown that you have a great deal to learn. I'll talk to you both about the moral side of it—and the ingratitude—there—there—"

for Eva was crying, and Aunt Lucy was holding out her hands to the girl. "Ronald, I sentence you to one year at hard labor—and Eva the same sentence—making your own wedding clothes—and then we shall see—about the wedding."

"A real one in the house," protested Aunt Lucy.

"And seven or eight bridesmaids," added Ronald anxiously.

"Thanks, your honor," smiled Eva through her happy tears.

NELL GWYN AND CHARLES II

New Sidelight on History Dealing With the "Merry Monarch" and His Frail Friend.

Nell Gwyn was a mock wife of Charles the twice, or as called at home, Charles the Second. Nell was the daughter of a poor, but proud family, had ambitions to go on the stage, once saw a show from an orchestra seat and worked in the poor quarter of London as a girl, observes a writer in the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Nell was an expert on the quality of lemons, was very, very fond of lemons, so took a fancy to King Charles. Later she soured on him, but until then she and the king did a lot of fancy stepping around the Soho district.

Nell seemed to like Charles for himself and often told him she'd like him just as well if he were a chambermaid in a garage. Charles loved Nell also, and often claimed that she, of all his feminine acquaintances, was the most constant, but that she was awfully cranky—too frank and hurt his kingly feelings, often treated him like a deuce.

King Charles died before Nell—which in those days was unusual for kings had a habit of disposing of their queens via the poison ivy route when a new queen loomed on the horizon. That Charles was fond of Nell was shown by his last speech, when he said: "Don't let Nell starve." But he took good care not to bequeath her anything but a questionable past.

After Charles' death Nell went back to lemon peddling and often when cuddling a citron her mind would wander back to "Charles," the biggest lemon she ever handled.

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YOUTHFUL DREAM

By MILDRED WHITE.

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Barrie, in college days had been an athlete, and fond of the great outdoors. Resting beneath a spreading tree, with arms clasped idly above his head, he had dreamed dreams of an adventurous future with some congenial "nut-brown maid" by his side. Instead, Barrie had fallen early in love, and sacrificed his dream to necessity.

It was his adverse fortune, to love, and marry a white flower of a girl, who, unlike the hardy brown-tanned maid of fancy, exacted tender care and the support due the clinging vine. Barrie tried not to love Lillian; stubbornly he had fought against her charms, all to surrender the more eagerly at last. And Lillian proved a good wife, faithful to the details of his home keeping, sweet natured always, and lenient to his whims.

When Barrie, irritably insistent, grumbled at the confines of city life, Lillian, unmoved, packed his bag and cheerfully bade him good-bye, as he hurried woodland on some lonely vacation. Sometimes it seemed he was really hurrying away from Lillian. Her dainty perfections wearied him. But after dogged days of freedom, tramping unfamiliar country or fishing in wild and isolated places, Barrie was sure to come, shamefacedly and humbly, back to Lillian's welcoming hospitality. Her smile would be as sweet when he returned as it had been on his departure. And this satisfied imperturbability of her's brought to him merely impatience. Mallory came back to the office one day with enthusiastic tales of a month spent out West.

"Give me your route, Mallory," he said brusquely, and the next day found Barrie on his way to the lonely places.

The office could manage well at this time, he said, without him. When he was on his way, Lillian called Mallory to ascertain any possibility of danger in Barrie's outing. To her Mallory enthused on life in the open, as he had to her husband. When Lillian turned from the telephone the wondering light in her eyes gave place to understanding. Barrie's first weeks on the ranch found him joyously content.

"This is something like it," he told Dan of the ranch, "this morning's ride was like a tonic."

Big Dan smiled.

"You take it alone tomorrow," he said. "I'm going over early to Hastings. At Hastings—" Dan's smile changed to a conscious laugh—"there's a new girl. Not any like her in this part, so we all go over to see her."

"She makes the kind of flap-jacks for the boys your mother used to make—and she lets us crowd into her cabin and eat 'em. Somebody named her 'Prairie Flower,' out of a book he'd read; but say! that girl can ride! Goes flying on her white horse like a streak. She's as brown and red tanned as an autumn leaf, and she wears a red cap on her head—hair that's crinkly and brown, too, like a leaf, and when Prairie Flower laughs—say, it's like a lot of birds singing in the morning."

Barrie grinned.

"Dan!" he exclaimed, "you are in love."

"We all are," Dan answered.

"Dan," Barrie exclaimed, decidedly, "I am going with you tomorrow morning to Hastings. Not that I've any foolish notion concerning this ranch girl, but I do want—to taste some old-home-week flap-jacks."

Barrie scarcely knew, himself, what impulse moved him, but he was guiltily aware as the two rode out in the morning light together of a long memory, persistently buried, of the nut-brown maid of youthful dreams.

It was, perhaps, by contrast that

Lillian seemed almost wearisome in her perfect sameness. The boys were evidently stopping for their morning call at the picturesque cabin.

"She's got up early, I guess," a disappointed caller explained, "to ride over to Blue Ridge. She does that sometimes, with her big bulldog. Nothing can't hurt her with that beast around."

Satisfaction was in the gruff tone. Barrie realized now how protectively the Prairie Flower was regarded by her rough companions. Determinedly Barrie cantered toward Blue Ridge.

"If she don't want anyone along, why do you go and disturb her?" Dan complained.

But something hanging in the cabin had caught Barrie's eye. An amazingly familiar something—a blue and gold embroidered apron that Lillian, across their own living room table, had spent many evenings working upon. Surely there could be no other apron so ingeniously original, for he, himself, had whimsically drawn this design on the blue linen. Instinctively and illuminatingly, the truth came to him. Lillian, in her faithful love, had followed to be near, in his isolation, and yet not to trespass, Lillian, growing and molding herself into an understanding of his old, longing dream. He opened his arms as she slipped from her white horse to run to him. Browned, yes, but starry-eyed and radiant.

"We will come here," she whispered after a time of silence, "whenever the longing seizes you, Barrie."

And Barrie's smile was a lover's smile, as he called her his "nut-brown maid."

The Cold South.

From the observations made within recent years by Antarctic explorers there has been recalculated the average temperature of the southern Hemisphere as compared with the northern, and the results differ, in some respects, from those heretofore accepted. It is found that the mean temperature south of the equator, for the entire year, is about two and three-quarter degrees lower than north of the equator. But the annual variation of temperature in the northern hemisphere is twice as large as in the southern, our summer temperature being much higher and our winter temperature perceptibly lower than those of the corresponding seasons in the southern half of the globe.

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NEED GLASSES?

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We wish to thank everyone for the kind deeds shown our son and brother during his recent illness and at his death. The floral offering was beautiful and we certainly appreciate it.

H. O. BROCKMAN AND FAMILY.

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The son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black is reported recovering from an operation which he underwent at the local sanitarium on Wednesday of last week. Miss Ida Steinmann, a trained nurse of Austin, has been nursing him.

Wm. Hofmann left last Thursday for Mt. Pleasant for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Montgomery, and family. He expected to return after an absence of about a week.

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