

## The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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### SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Godfrey, a newspaper reporter, is talking with his friend Simmonds, a detective, when the janitor of the Marathon, an apartment house, comes in with the story that a murder has been committed. At the Marathon, Miss Croydon, an acquaintance of Godfrey, is found with a pistol in her hand in a room with a dead man. She denies being responsible for his death and claims that she came to his room to secure family papers which he claimed to possess. She alleges that the murder was committed by a stranger who came into the room, but states that she fired a shot at the assailant of the deceased. The bullet from her pistol was found imbedded in the wall.

Later, Jimmy, a well known crook, is arrested for the murder, but he insists on his innocence until told that Miss Croydon will appear as a witness against him. Then he suddenly asks to be locked up.

Drysdale, fiance of Miss Croydon, calls on Godfrey, who tells him the story of the murder. Drysdale explains that he called at the Delroy residence on the night of the crime and found Miss Croydon, absent and her sister, Mrs. Delroy, greatly agitated. Miss Croydon returned suddenly and declined to explain her absence. Drysdale expresses faith in the innocence of Miss Croydon.

At the coroner's inquest Miss Croydon states positively that Jimmy, the Dude, is not the guilty man, and he is released.

Godfrey secures the record of the Croydon family, who formerly lived in France, but removed to England. Edith Croydon, eldest daughter, was educated in France; left school suddenly on account of ill health; subsequently married Richard Delroy of New York. Croydon and wife died in England, leaving fortune to daughter Grace.

Lester, an attorney, interested in the murderer, secures suite 14 in the Marathon as lodgings. He searches the rooms carefully and finds a diamond.

Tremaine, a promoter of a railway in Martinique, and his wife, Cecily, are lodgers at the Marathon. Lester meets them and suspects that they were acquaintances of Thompson, the murdered man. Godfrey observes Tremaine making a search for something in Lester's rooms.

The mate of a Martinique steamer recognizes a picture of the murdered man as that of a common sailor who came to New York on his vessel.

Tremaine is invited to a house party of the Delroys and attempts to make love to Miss Croydon. Drysdale overhears a part of his conversation and a quarrel between the two men follows. The gems of Mrs. Delroy's pearl necklace are found to have lost their brilliance and a search to restore their lustre is decided on.

Graham, a gardener of Delroy's, and his son are set to guard the necklace which is suspended from a pier. Later, Graham is discovered dead, his skull crushed from a blow, and the necklace gone.

A button from Drysdale's raincoat is clasped in the fingers of the dead man, and other circumstances point to Drysdale as the murderer. He is arrested and refuses to talk about Graham's death. Lester finds that the diamond discovered in suite 14 is not the one missing from Cecily's brooch. He finds the clippings, hidden by Miss Croydon when Thompson was murdered the Marathon.

(Chapter XXI Continued)

I piled them carefully beside me and started hopefully on the task of deciphering them—of piecing together the story they had to tell me. But the farther I proceeded the more my spirits fell, for they told no story, they seemed to have no relation to each other—no common thread. Apparently, they had been gathered aimlessly at haphazard to satisfy the whim of the moment. One chronicled a wreck at sea; another a bank robbery; a third an escape from prison; a fourth was merely a marriage notice; a fifth told of a row in a sailors' dive, and so on down the list. They were about different people—friends of Thompson's, perhaps; none of them had any connection with Tremaine; they told no story, furnished no clue; shed not a ray of

light on the mystery—they were absolutely worthless.

I laid them down in despair. Yet if they were worthless, why had Miss Croydon taken them? Why had Tremaine sought for them? Were they mistaken too? Had they imagined the clippings told a secret which in fact they did not tell? But perhaps they did tell it—perhaps I had overlooked it. They must have some connection with the tragedy? Why could I not perceive it?

I ran through them feverishly again, but with no better result. At last I laid them down and took up my pipe. I must submit them to a keener brain than mine. If Godfrey were only here!

I heard a step come down the hall, stop at my door. Some one knocked.

I hastily stuffed the clippings into my pocket and opened the door. But it was not Tremaine who stood there. It was Godfrey.

"Well, of all things!" I cried. "I was just wishing for you. Come in."

With that quiet smile of his he stepped over the threshold.

"That must mean you've got some new problem to solve," he said, still smiling.

"I have; the worst yet; impenetrable as the countenance of the sphinx. But first give me your coat and hat."

They were dripping with water, and for the first time I heard the rain beating savagely against the windows.

"I happened to be across the street talking with Simmonds," he said, "and I thought I'd run over and see you a moment."

"When did you get back from Washington?"

"Just this evening, and I've got to put in tomorrow at Boston, worse luck!"

I handed him a cigar and took one myself. I confess that the match with which I lighted it was not wholly steady.

"Come," said Godfrey, smiling in sympathy with my excitement, "what's the great discovery? Some news from the house party?"

"No, I haven't heard a word from the house party."

"What is it, then? Out with it."

"Godfrey," I cried, "I've found the clippings!" And I plucked my hand into my pocket and drew them forth.

He was out of his seat in an instant. "The clippings? Not the ones?"

"The very ones!" I nodded triumphantly.

"Let me see them. But wait," and he held himself back. "I confess you surprised me, Lester. I wasn't expecting such a bomb. This is great luck. Where did you find them?"

I told him of Higgins' chance remark that had put me on the track, and in the same breath related what Cecily had told me of Tremaine and his encounter with his zombi.

"Good boy!" Godfrey commended when I had finished. "You're worth all the rest of us put together. You see, we're beginning to get the threads in hand. Now bring the clippings over here to the desk under the light."

I laid them on the desk and he sat down before it.

"But here," he said, starting up again, "you'll want to see them too!"

"No, no," I protested. "Sit down. I have seen them," and then suddenly I remembered how I had been disappointed. They contained no secret, they gave us no clue.

"So," he said, sitting down again; "so you're in the secret, then?"

"I've looked them over," I repeated despondently, "but I'm not in the secret. They don't tell any secret or anything else that concerns this case. I don't believe they'll help us a bit, Godfrey. They're about everything under the sun but the one thing we're interested in."

I went back to my chair and applied myself to my cigar; I hardly dared look at Godfrey, his disappointment would be so intense. A silence of three or four minutes followed, broken only by the rustling of paper and the howling of the wind about the building.

Then I glanced at Godfrey. His cheeks were flushed, his eyes were beaming with triumph.

"What!" I cried, starting up. "Do you think?"

He looked up with a little nod.

"Yes," he said; "they tell us the whole story, Lester."

### CHAPTER XXII.

FOR a moment I thought that Godfrey was joking. How could that tangle of haphazard clippings tell any story? And if they did, how could it be connected with the one which we were trying to decipher? Then, at a second glance, I saw how in deadly earnest he was. There could be no doubting it. He had read into them some meaning which I had failed utterly

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"Godfrey," I cried, "I've found the clippings!"

"Well, of all things!" I said.

"I intend that you shall wait till I get them arranged. I'll build up the story as I go along, and I want you to ask any questions or point out any defects that occur to you. Of course it will be only a study in probabilities, but between us I think we can get it pretty straight."

He got up from the desk with the clippings in a neat little pile and sat down in the chair facing mine. He took a meditative puff or two before he began.

"We'll have to start with a few general observations," he said at last. "It's evident that Thompson wouldn't have carried these clippings around with him for so long unless they in some way concerned him. It's evident that Miss Croydon would never have dared to take them unless she was pretty certain that they somehow vitally concerned her. It's evident that Tremaine wouldn't have taken so much trouble to look for them unless he was mighty anxious to find them. We arrive, then, at our first conclusion—namely, that these clippings necessarily shed some light upon the tragedy recently enacted in this room and upon the connection of these people with each other."

"Yes," I agreed; "unless all these people were mistaken in their estimate of the value of the clippings."

"That, of course, is possible, but I don't think it probable. At any rate, let us disregard that suggestion for the moment and proceed along the other line. What light is it possible for these clippings to shed on the murder of Thompson? Obviously it must be only by explaining motives. The majority of them seem to be concerned with the adventures of a Frenchman who goes under various names, but who, I am sure, is one and the same person. He must, then, be either Tremaine or Thompson. But Thompson was evidently not a Frenchman, and Tremaine pretty evidently is, though

his contact with the world has served to rub away a good many of the marks. I think we're pretty safe, therefore, in assuming that the Frenchman of these clippings is Tremaine. As we go on I believe we'll find some internal evidence confirming this. 'You agree with me thus far?'"

"Perfectly," I said, "admitting your first premise that these clippings are really concerned with the case."

"That, too, I believe, we'll soon be able to prove by internal evidence. Of course, if they haven't any connection with it, they'll soon lead us into chaos. But there's another thing. We mustn't expect too much from them. We mustn't expect a story complete in all its parts—it's bound to be fragmentary. The wonder is that Thompson succeeded in keeping this many links in the chain. Maybe in his more prosperous days he had a mania for clippings. At best we mustn't be disappointed if there are long gaps in the story."

"Yes," I agreed again. "That's evident enough."

"Very well. We'll begin with the clippings, then, substituting Tremaine's name for the one used. The first clipping is merely a marriage notice, announcing that on the 23d of August, 1883, Tremaine married one Terese Bertigny at Dieppe. Let me see. Tremaine was then probably about twenty years of age. No doubt he was born at Dieppe, so that the name given here, Victor Charente, is his real one. You'll notice that he's retained his first name, which is a bit of corroborative evidence."

"Or a mere coincidence," I supplemented.

"I'll wire our correspondent at Dieppe to look up this Charente. Perhaps he can get a photograph. That would settle the question."

I nodded. Yes, that would settle it, for Tremaine at forty was probably not greatly different from Tremaine at twenty.

"The second clipping," proceeded Godfrey, "shows us that our hero soon wandered from the straight and narrow path, and gives us, too, a little light upon his personal history. In the spring following his marriage—April 16, 1884, to be exact—while assistant manager of the ship supplies house of Briquet Freres, he absconds with 60,000 francs. He is believed to have gone to America, to have been smuggled out of the harbor by a friendly American captain. Surely, it is not impossible," he added, "that this friendly American captain was Thompson."

"Very few things are impossible," I commented. I began to be impatient with Godfrey. He was permitting his prejudice against Tremaine to warp his judgment.

"Well, we'll keep that for a hypothesis, anyhow. And he turned to the third clipping. 'This,' he continued, 'shows us that he indeed came to America. It is dated July 23, 1885, and states that a young Frenchman and a tramp skipper named Johnson—ah, you see?'"

I did, indeed, see. Here was the first appearance of Tremaine's zombi—of his familiar devil. I looked at Godfrey with the liveliest admiration. This constructive reasoning was something which I certainly was quite incapable of.

"So that J on Thompson's arm was the initial of his real name," observed Godfrey. "I thought it was; it had been there a long time, and an effort had been made to erase it. After

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Visit of Legislative Committee.

A party of ten members of the Legislature visited Washburn, Panhandle and Amarillo and the canyon north of this town Saturday. Amarillo met them with a special train and "showed" them what they wanted 'em to see touching the ground plan of the "Bowman bill."

Some complaint was made because they failed to come on to Canyon City, where preparations had been made to entertain all hands. Amarillo people included, but there is small room to stand on for this for, as The News is informed, these Representatives were the guests of Amarillo and she, under all the rules of war, at last, had a perfect right to withhold from them a sight of Canyon City, as this would have injured their case. The special was stopped at the stock pens—the ragged edge of the town, and then it returned to Amarillo.

Some of our citizens, however, took the evening train for Amarillo and one of the party, Chas. McAfee, was an invited guest at the banquet given by Amarillo people to these Representatives. At the conclusion of this banquet Canyon City people at Amarillo, including Mayor Jasper N. Haney, County Judge Henson, J. Frank Smith, J. I. Campbell and T. H. Rowan were given a hearing by these Legislators as to the views entertained here relative to the bill in question.

It is reported that these ten Legislators composed a committee appointed by the House for the express purpose of coming up here and getting in actual contact with the cold facts. This is not probable and barely possible—if it was a committee it was, to speak the most for it, an informal one. Treating it as a committee, however, our Canyon City people who were given a courteous and attentive hearing before it believe that our side of the controversy has lost nothing by its visit to the Plains.

Governor Against Railroad Schemes.

Almost the whole of East Texas is being stirred up to prevail

upon Governor Campbell to not veto the Santa Fe consolidation bills, provided they succeed in getting through the Legislature. Friends of the Governor, near friends, to the number of hundreds, have visited the Capitol already with this object in view, but so far all efforts in this direction have failed—the Governor stands pat on his campaign promises, that nothing of this character shall become a law if he can prevent it.

It is believed at Austin, by members of both the House and Senate, that the measure proposed by the "Bowman bill" is well within this prohibited list and that even should it get through to the executive he will kill it as he has already said he would—the others.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

In the press of many other duties, we have failed to give the notes from the school for some time. The fine weather has been very favorable to school interests and the good work are clearly shown in the work of the pupils and more especially in the attendance. Thus far 388 pupils have entered the school, but there are not that many on the roll now, as some of the number have moved away from town and others are out for various reasons. The report for the last month shows that the average daily attendance was about 300. Also, that there were few pupils who were tardy during the month. The work of the literary societies is very satisfactory now. The members have ordered and secured neat pins, and there is a good friendly rivalry among the members. All seem to be doing what they can for self-improvement.

On last Friday the K. Cs. rendered a very interesting program. A request had been granted to allow the two societies to play a game of ball after the program was rendered. At the conclusion of the program all the members went to the ball ground. After more or less interest had been shown the score stood 5 to 2 in favor of the K. Cs.

An effort to secure some books for the library was made last Friday. An opportunity was given to the pupils to give money to buy a book for the library. The money was promised on condition that it is entirely satisfactory with the parents for it to be given. We hope that the parents will understand the children were to get permission to give the money before we call for it. The pupils responded very liberally

and many of them have paid for the books. The books will be selected and ordered just as soon as the money is paid in.

We have a number of books in the library but there are only a few that are suited to the needs of the lower grades.

We desire to call the attention of the parents to the importance of having the children get to school on time. There are not many who are tardy often, still with a little help from the parents it could be decreased some and the work improved greatly. A pupil coming into the room late hinders the work of those who are on time. If it comes in after the class has been started, it has lost a part of the lesson. We wish also to have the pupils encouraged to do some part of the studying at night. I know that it is claimed by some that they can do all the work that is required during the day. I have investigated the matter to some extent and have failed to find a pupil who studies none from the time he leaves the building till he returns to it who does entirely satisfactory work. As a rule a great deal of time is required to explain things to him that were mastered by those who studied at night. Thus the work of the class is hindered. Kindly look after the study at home and we will have better results during the day. If possible, do not request that your children be excused from school before the close of the day. If it is necessary for them to leave before the close of the day, a written request will be appreciated and it will give us better oversight of the pupils.

SUPR.

The Daily-Panhandle records the names of the gentlemen forming the visiting Legislative committee as follows: Representatives Graham, Terry, Henderson, Strickland, Terrell, Jennings, Bell, Davis, Brady and Rayburn. That paper also states that Messrs. Logue and Bishop of Washburn, joined in the sight-seeing in the vicinity of the contemplated change.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)  
"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best remedy that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

Program of Teachers' Institute.

To be held at the school house in Canyon on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 1907.  
10 a. m. Call to order, address by county superintendent.  
10:15 a. m. Organize and enroll members.  
11 a. m. How to teach fractions to beginners, paper by Miss M. Lula Harris.  
1 p. m. Roll call.  
1:10 p. m. Uses of examination in the school room, Prof. W. F. Johnson.  
1:45 p. m. What books and journals should the teacher read, paper by J. D. Cleveland.  
2:10 p. m. "Keeping in" as a method of discipline, Miss Ellen

Donald.  
2:40 p. m. How to make our country schools more attractive, paper, Miss Laura Wiggins.  
3:10 p. m. Demonstration of "Busy Work" (with class present), Mrs. A. H. Thompson.  
SECOND DAY.  
9:30 a. m. Roll call.  
9:40 a. m. Course of study for rural schools, S. G. Moore.  
10 a. m. How to teach percentage, Miss Elizabeth Sweeney.  
10:40 a. m. Should we require all pupils to take part in literary work, Miss Maud Brandon.  
11:10 a. m. Teaching history to beginners, Miss Belle Shotwell.  
1 p. m. Roll call.  
1:10 p. m. Importance of report cards, paper, Miss Dixon Lair.  
1:30 p. m. How to teach writing in the public school, paper, Miss Vernie Tye.  
2 p. m. How can we induce trustees and patrons to visit our schools, paper, Miss Ona Long.  
2:40 p. m. What should a farmer boy be taught who has no chance to enter high school, J. W. Dixon and Miss Lillie Leonard.  
There will also be suitable entertainment on Friday evening at 7:30 by teachers, pupils and others.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

George Abbott and wife and Roy Hopkins of Deaf Smith passed through our midst en route to Canyon where they went trading.  
Ed and Emma Hoffman went to Canyon Sunday.  
H. S. Burnham visited Hereford last week.  
We are glad to hear that The News goes into so many homes in different states, and to relatives and friends who are anxious to hear from the Plains every week. We would be pleased to have other correspondents from different localities.  
Grip has visited every home in our midst but no serious result. Among those yet sick are A. B. Cage and two children and Paul Johnson.  
F. Hoffman, L. A. Pierce and B. T. Johnson attended court on Monday.  
No preaching Sunday on account of inclement weather.  
No news this week as every-

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"EVERYTHING BUT DEATH"

I suffered," writes Virginia Robson, of Easton, Md., "until I took Cardui, which cured me so quickly it surprised my doctor, who didn't know I was taking it."

body has been confined closely. Jessie Pierce went to Canyon Tuesday.

B. T. Johnson returned from Goodnight highly pleased with the school work at that place. Nine have gone from our community there to attend school.

TASSIE.

Married—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Charles Campbell, in Amarillo, Texas, at 9 o'clock a. m. Sunday, February 3rd, 1907, Mr. J. K. Drinnon to Miss Ida Fields, Rev. J. T. Burnett of this city officiating. There were only a few relatives and intimate friends present. The groom is a promising young business man, connected with the

Fulton Lumber Co. at this place, while the bride is the popular and accomplished daughter of Dr. C. E. Fields of Canadian. Their many friends here and elsewhere wish them bon voyage.

To Land Owners.—If you have lands for sale see Crider Land Co. We have not the money to buy it but will find men who have. Our Mr. Crider is now up North and will spend most of his time there talking up our country and soliciting buyers.

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Blank deeds in any quantity at this office. Also Vendor's Lien notes, either plain or lithographed.



**TOWN & COUNTY**

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Fine Candies—Best in town at Wilson's.

Something about the Santa Fe cut-off on first page. Read it.

Mrs. D. A. Park is now in Fort Worth.

The ground hog certainly saw his shadow here on the 2nd.

C. C. C. C.—Regular meetings 2nd Thursday nights each month. J. FRANK SMITH, Secy.

Elder Stockard went to Claude Tuesday to be absent three or four days.

Hereford is to have a third bank—one under the State laws by local people entirely.

D. G. Mabie, recently from Sioux City, Iowa, now of Happy, was in town Monday.

Several from Ceta, among them our old friend J. T. Wesley, were here Monday.

T. C. Thompson was in town Monday. He says he may have to move away in a few months.

All kinds of Racket Goods School supplies and Confectionery at Wilson's. Try us!

A. B. Axtell and I. W. McClure spent several days at Washburn this week.

Plenty of trunks now at Canyon Mercantile Co's. A big line from which to select.

Very few in town this week outside of those connected with district court proceedings.

For Sale—Solid oak dining table good as new. Apply at this office.

L. T. Lester was at Austin several days last week, returning home Saturday.

Land For Sale—One-half section near the station Happy in Randall county. Address John A. Benson, New Windsor, Ill. 444

Dummitt has closed a contract for the "Panhandle Short Line"—Hereford to some point on the T. & P. It is said to be similar to the one entered into by Hereford with respect to right-of-way and bonus.

**For Rheumatic Sufferers.**

The quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and deep seated muscular pains. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

J. M. Craig returned the first of the week from his long stay with relatives at Kingston. His family is still down there.

For Sale—Complete course in Plumbing, Heating and Gasfitting in I. C. School—less than half price. Write me. Address "C. M.", Box 695, Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. S. V. Wirt left Wednesday for Shawnee, Oklahoma, in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her mother who resides there.

T. B. Ketter was here the first of the week looking after the shipping of his household goods to his new home, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Major Gordon is now engaged in the usual first stage proceedings of building a railroad from Silverton to Plainview. As the Looking Beacon remarks, "there is some chance for it no matter how slim, or Major Gordon would not be working it."

W. F. Taylor was in town again this week. The last time The News man saw him he was trying to get a citizen from about Ceta to tumble to his glowing account of the Cordell country. Maybe Taylor wants to unload and return to Canyon City.

Grip in its various forms has visited many homes in town during the past week but no fatalities so far and none are looked for. From reports it is epidemic over the state.

S. N. Green of Amarillo, was in town en route to Plainview Tuesday. He is now engaged in the egg and chicken business and wants the trade in that line. See his ad in this paper.

Geo. C. Long returned Monday from a trip to Cordell, Okla. He bought there, the residence property in town from J. B. Thomas and a quarter section of second bottom land one and one-half miles from town. He expects to move there in the spring.

**Fire Insurance!**

STROUD & WILSON

Only the best Old Line Companies represented. For rates and other particulars see F. P. WILSON.

**Mrs. Gatewood's House Burns.**

Monday morning Mrs. Gatewood's house and contents were destroyed by fire. It was situated in the western portion of town: was a two-story frame of nine or ten rooms and cost when put up last year between \$1000 and \$1200. The fire was caused by a lighted lamp, left in a small store room by Mrs. Gatewood, coming in contact with some of the clothing. Furniture and all contents, including the personal effects of some twelve boarders, was all lost. There was no insurance.

A subscription list circulated on the ground during the fire and in town afterwards by L. C. Lair footed up something like a thousand dollars on Tuesday.

Carpenters are at work on a new building which is to be a duplicate of the one burned, on the same lot, and it will be completed and ready for occupancy the first part of next week.

J. A. Edwards is having a brick building erected at Lake View, N. M., and when finished it will be known as the First National Bank, with a capital stock of \$30,000 and Mr. Edwards as president. Now this town, Lake View, has a population of some 600 and is growing every day. For the present Mr. Edwards is living there.

You should see our new line of white and fancy vests. They are new styles and are marked right as to price.

CANYON MERCANTILE CO.

A letter from Ceta giving a very interesting account of a social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mayo, in honor of their son's wedding, failed to reach this office in time for publication last week, as was evidently intended by the author. From all accounts the whole neighborhood was there, refreshments were served and a jolly good time was had. The News man wants to be at the next wedding feast held at Ceta.

**Canyon Hardware Co.**  
R. G. OLDEMAN

**INVITATION!**

**WE** invite you to call and inspect our extensive line of **VELIE VEHICLES**, a full car of which we have just received, and now have on the floor for your inspection and AD-MI-RA-TION. The accompanying cut will bring before the mind of the reader this celebrated line manufactured by the John Deere Plow Co., and embracing all the latest and most up-to-date styles that time, talent, money and skill can offer. Every job is sold under a strict guarantee as to SUPERIORITY of quality and workmanship, thus relieving the purchaser of the possibility of getting inferior goods.



**Canyon Hardware Co.**

District Court	Local Weather Record.	No. 7961 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Canyon National Bank. At Canyon, in the State of Texas at the close of business, Jan. 26, 1907.
<p>Convened Monday with Judge Kinder of Plainview, on the bench, our own district judge, Browning, being unable to attend on account of the serious illness of his wife.</p> <p>The work of the grand jury consists of four indictments, one felony and three misdemeanors. The felony case is for embezzlement and against T. I. Logan who had his examining trial before Judge Henson last week. The grand jury was discharged Wednesday evening.</p> <p>The State vs. T. E. Baird, forger charge, taken up Monday, was given to the jury Wednesday night and on Thursday morning the jury returned a verdict of guilty, assessing the penalty at two years in the penitentiary.</p> <p>The petit jury was discharged yesterday for the term.</p> <p>The case now on trial is that of August Lemm vs. F. Hoffman, a suit for land or for money judgment on note given for it.</p> <p>Judge Kinder will have to leave us after tomorrow and if court be held next week a special judge must be elected from among the eligible lawyers.</p> <p>J. M. Pyeatt of Claude, was in town yesterday en route to the Lubbock country.</p> <p>Married—Tuesday evening at the court house, by Judge Henson, Ira H. Robertson and Miss Georgia Johnson.</p> <p>Rev. T. F. Robeson will preach at the Methodist church Sunday if Bro. Hawkins' is unable to be out.</p> <p>Lost—Or mislaid somewhere about town, a brown-colored overcoat. Leave at this office and obtain one dollar left by the owner.</p> <p>Next Thursday night is regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club. Important business. All members should come and citizens, not members, are cordially invited to be present.</p> <p>The oldtime prediction touching the ground hog and his shadow on February 1st may not apply on the Plains. If it does, however, look out, for the day was clear.</p> <p>Albert Bratton left Tuesday morning for Plainview where he goes to take charge of the wholesale grocery of the Nobles Bros., who have recently put in a branch house at that point.</p>	<p>Cold at night with ice in the mornings one-fourth to one-half inch thick and pleasant sunshiny days tells the tale of the weather for the past week.</p> <p>Sam Lofton will qualify as assignee of the Redburn &amp; Co. bankrupt stock.</p> <p>An elegant line of trunks, suit cases, hand bags, telescopes, etc. Call and see them.</p> <p>CANYON MERCANTILE CO.</p> <p>Something like seventy-five prospectors divided among the several land firms came in on yesterday's excursion. Hall &amp; Abbott had twenty-five from Indiana and Michigan.</p> <p>Died—This morning, Miss Della, the invalid daughter of Mrs. Upshaw. She was about seventeen years old, has been paralyzed for a long time and death came as a welcome relief from further suffering.</p> <p>The Panhandle Short Line, through its promotor, J. H. Ransom, asks Lubbock \$20,000 cash bonus, eighty acres for depot and stock pens and right-of-way through the county and Lubbock has set about to get it.</p> <p>Death—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Conner's baby, a little girl about four years of age, died Tuesday morning. The child was taken sick Friday or Saturday with an acute attack of membranous croup and grew worse until the end came.</p> <p>The Daily Panhandle says that the number of polls paid at Amarillo by the first was less than 700. Three hundred and thirty-two was the total of those paying in Canyon City. Not so much bigger than we are after all.</p> <p>Just received a fresh shipment of the celebrated East Texas Yellow Yam Potatoes, in fine condition. A select shipment of cranberries. Fresh vegetables twice each week, at</p> <p>CANYON MERCANTILE CO.</p> <p>Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite.</p> <p>"We prefer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to any other for our children," says Mr. L. J. Woodbury of Twinning, Mich. "It has also done the work for us in hard colds and croup, and we take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by S. V. Wirt.</p> <p>Be a News subscriber.</p>	<p>RESOURCES.</p> <p>Loans and discounts \$100,070.66</p> <p>Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 3,245.37</p> <p>U. S. bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00</p> <p>Premiums on U. S. bonds 508.59</p> <p>Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 9,520.00</p> <p>Due from national banks (not reserve agents) 8,318.10</p> <p>Due from approved reserve agents 49,839.87</p> <p>Checks &amp; other cash items 125.00</p> <p>Notes of other national banks 1,135.00</p> <p>Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents 22.13</p> <p>Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:</p> <p>Specie 5,797.30</p> <p>Legal-tender notes 3,350.00 9,147.30</p> <p>Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation) 625.00</p> <p>Total 195,057.11</p> <p>LIABILITIES:</p> <p>Capital stock paid in 50,000.00</p> <p>Surplus fund 5,000.00</p> <p>Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 3,404.54</p> <p>National bank notes outstanding 12,500.00</p> <p>Due to other nat'l banks 8,000.00</p> <p>Individual deposits subject to check 105,936.47</p> <p>Time certificates of deposit 1,180.00</p> <p>Cashiers' checks outstanding 6.10</p> <p>Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed 9,480.00</p> <p>Total 195,057.11</p> <p>State of Texas, County of Randall, ss: I, I. L. Hunt, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p> <p>I. L. HUNT, Cashier.</p> <p>Correct Attest:</p> <p>R. W. O'KEEFE } W. C. BAIRD } Directors. J. M. BLACK }</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Feb., 1907.</p> <p>J. A. TATE, County Clerk. By R. B. REDFEARN, Deputy.</p> <p>J. H. Bell of St. Marys, Kansas, writes The News that he will "come down" about March 1st. And referring to the remark made by an Iowa man, mentioned in this paper recently, that he, the Iowa man, expected to see Randall county go Republican two years hence on account of the influx of Hawkeyes of that persuasion, assures The News that this calamity will not befall us, Kansas Democrats, also coming here, will more than balance the account.</p> <p>Born—This morning to Mr. and Mrs. Worth Jennings, one more daughter.</p> <p>This office will pay 3 cents per pound for a limited quantity of clean, white cotton rags.</p> <p>Spiltz Seed For Sale.—R. A. Campbell.</p>

**Canyon City Supply Co.**

OUR SPRING GOODS are arriving daily and we have a line that surpasses any that we have ever shown. We have put forth every effort to get the cream of the market and we believe we have succeeded. You will find a few of the things that are especially good for early spring in the following:

<p>A nice line of BARNABY Zephyr Gingham just received, absolutely fast color, just the thing for early spring.</p>	<p>We are agents for the celebrated "WORTH" HATS and can assure you that when you have seen the line that you will agree with us in saying that it is the SWELLEST ever seen in Canyon City.</p>
<p>Elegant line of SILK WAIST PATTERNS, the very newest designs and prices the lowest.</p> <p><b>65c to \$1 per yard.</b></p>	<p>Nearly all of our Spring Line of SHOES have come in and we are in a position to fit every kind of a foot.</p>
<p>Our line of WOOL DRESS GOODS for spring was never more complete than it is now—Panama, Serge, Crepe de Chine and Fancy Plaids and Checks.</p> <p><b>35c to \$1.25 per yard.</b></p>	<p>SHIRTS—Well we have them in all the new patterns, both in negligee and soft collars—Perfect in Fit, Honest in Price.</p>

To show our appreciation of your liberal patronage during the past year we have decided to give a high grade talking machine to every family that spends \$25.00 for dry goods with us, and for every \$5.00 additional we will give a 7-inch record. This is no cheap machine but one that you will be proud to place in your home.

**CANYON CITY SUPPLY COMPANY**  
INCORPORATED



No. 5228.  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
**The First National Bank**  
AT CANYON, in the State of Texas at  
the close of business, Jan. 26, 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$375,178.23
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	49,574.81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	4,746.65
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	9,838.50
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	25,815.73
Due from State Banks and bankers	4,047.69
Due from approved reserve agents	101,576.29
Checks & other cash items	2,173.30
Notes of other national banks	1,200.00
Fractional paper currency, notes and coins	26.44
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	2,412.65
Legal-tender notes 19,020.00	21,432.65
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)	5,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	2,650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>703,260.29</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,323.67
National bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other nat'l. banks	107,259.30
Due to state banks and bankers	14,233.20
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	22,504.79
Individual deposits subject to check	308,894.20
Time certificates of deposit	23,045.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>703,260.29</b>

State of Texas, County of Randall, ss:  
I, D. A. PARK, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. A. PARK, Cashier.  
Correct Attest:  
L. T. LESTER } Directors.  
F. M. LESTER }  
J. F. SMITH }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Feb., 1907.  
B. F. BUIE,  
Notary Public Randall Co., Texas.

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*The*  
**Marathon Mystery**  
A Story of Manhattan

By **BURTON E. STEVENSON**  
Author of "The Holiday Case"  
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A man has started on the crooked path he doesn't want any tattoo marks on him; they make identification too easy. For Johnson, then, we'll hereafter read Thompson.

I laughed; I was beginning to be convinced.

"Well," continued Godfrey, "Tremaine and Thompson, then, were arrested in New York July 23, 1885, at a low resort where they were having a carouse. They had beaten and robbed another sailor. It seems that nothing was left of the 60,000 francs, and naturally Tremaine found it difficult to go honestly to work again. The fourth clipping, undated, but probably some months later, shows that Tremaine and Thompson were sentenced to three years each in Sing Sing. But they didn't stay there so long," he added, turning to the next clipping, "at least Tremaine didn't. On the night of Jan. 2, 1886, in the midst of a tremendous snowstorm they managed to hide themselves in one of the workshops and afterward to scale the outer wall."

In the morning Thompson was found at the foot of the wall with his head cut open and nearly frozen. Tremaine got clear away. Thompson was brought around with the greatest difficulty and would say nothing except to indulge in terrible imprecations against his companion. You see," concluded Godfrey, looking up, "we begin to get at the motive."

"Yes," I agreed; "it's very plain, now you've started on the right track. It's a good deal like Columbus' egg."

Godfrey smiled and turned to the sixth clipping, the longest of them all. "It's that way with most mysteries," he said, "and here's the internal evidence that all this theorizing is pretty straight. It's the clew, too, which we've been seeking so long."

"It explains Miss Croydon's presence here?" I asked, intensely interested and deeply stirred.

"Just that!" he said, and shot me a triumphant glance. "Let us see if you can catch it. The clipping is in French, and, though my French isn't of the highest order, I can get the sense of it pretty well. It is dated Suresnes and is evidently a letter from a provincial correspondent to a Paris newspaper, who, like most other provincial correspondents, is delightfully vague. However, I gather from it that on the night of Sept. 16, 1891, a beautiful young English girl—name not given—ran away from the convent school of the Sacred Heart at Suresnes and that the next morning she was safely married to a 'gallant Frenchman'—Tremaine, of course—by the cure of the little village of Petits Colombes. The marriage was quite regular—though no doubt the cure's fee was larger than usual—for the banns had been published as required."

"But still," I objected, "I don't see that that explains anything."

"Let me help you. It was this clipping I happened to look at first the night we found the body. I read two or three lines aloud, then Simmonds put it back in the pocket. It must have been those few lines which told Miss Croydon the nature of the clippings and their importance to her. The date line would have been enough to do that. Besides, if she'd already known of them she'd have taken them before we got here."

"You mean Miss Croydon is the girl who ran away with Tremaine? But, then, she couldn't have been more than ten or twelve years old in 1891."

"Eleven," corrected Godfrey, and I was struck by the radiant expression of his face as he took a yellow paper from his pocket. "Let me read you two sentences from this old report concerning the Croydon family. You ought to have recalled them, my dear Lester."

"Go ahead," I said helplessly.

"Elders daughter, Edith, born in France, Aug. 26, 1874. Educated at school there, but broke down from overstudy and returned to Beckenham, Religion, Catholic." Now," he demanded, "do you understand who it was married Tremaine at Petits Colombes in 1891?"

"At last I saw it, and I could only sit and stare at him, marvelling at my own stupidity. This was the key—the key to the whole enigma. Miss Croydon had taken her sister's place, had tried to buy him off to get him out of her sister's way. It was Tremaine who had opened the door; it was Tremaine whom she had come to the Marathon to meet. But—and I started upright—since they were Catholics, only his death could release Mrs. Delroy! Perhaps it was Thompson, after all, and his death had released her! But, no, and in an instant the whole terrible position of the elder woman burst upon me. She was not Delroy's wife; she was—

"So," I said hoarsely, "Tremaine is, then, the true husband of Mrs. Delroy?"

"Let us finish the story of the clippings before going into that," suggested Godfrey. "I confess I don't quite see the bearing of this next one. It's a New York dispatch, perhaps to a London paper, under date of Feb. 18, 1892, and chronicles the loss of the bark Centaur, with all on board, off the

coast of Martinique. The Centaur was bound from Marseilles to Fort-de-France, with a cargo of wines and muslins. Let us leave it for a moment and pass on to the next one, which is the last.

"This is dated Sydney, Australia, Oct. 23, 1896, and relates how a daring scheme to rob the Bank of New South Wales was frustrated by a sailor who had been a member of the gang, but who got frightened and informed the police. The ringleader, a Frenchman, was captured and would receive a term of years in prison. There are four copies of this clipping, which no doubt means that it is the one which Thompson was sometimes in the habit of sending to Tremaine to remind him of that Australian experience.

"Now, don't you see, we reconstruct the whole story. Tremaine, starting out as a defaulter and robber, escapes from prison, leaving his partner in the lurch, treacherously, no doubt, since it awakened his violent anger. There isn't any hatred more vindictive than that of one criminal toward another who has betrayed him. Tremaine finally goes legal to France and succeeds in entangling Edith Croydon, then only about sixteen, in marriage. We know how fascinating he is, and it's not wonderful that he should be able to mislead an inexperienced girl. Of course what he wants is money, and so she writes to her father. He comes for her and takes her home, no doubt paying Tremaine a handsome sum to take himself off—in fact, mortgaging his home to do it.

"Miss Croydon gradually recovers; but she is Tremaine's wife. Yet in 1900 she marries Delroy. She must, therefore, have had good reason to believe Tremaine dead."

"Don't you see?" I cried. "That's the meaning of that item about the foundering of the Centaur, with all on board. Tremaine was a passenger and she knew it."

"Good!" nodded Godfrey. "That's undoubtedly it. Let me see," and he turned back to the clipping; "that was in 1892. His name, perhaps, appeared among the missing; she waited eight years, and at last, believing his death established beyond a doubt, married again."

"Now let us see what Tremaine was doing. In 1896 he was in Australia, planning a bank robbery. He meets Thompson, descended from his estate of captain to that of common sailor. Tremaine takes Thompson in on the plan, and Thompson, to get even for that treachery at Sing Sing, gives him away. Tremaine, no doubt, got a penitentiary sentence. He probably broke jail again, for in 1899 he appears at Martinique, supposedly from South America. He has considerable money, which he no doubt stole somewhere, and perhaps he chose St. Pierre as a safe place to stay in hiding until the hue and cry after him was over. He would have some acquaintance with the island, if he landed there from the wreck.

"Thompson learns where he is—perhaps even sees him at St. Pierre—and puts a bouquet to his revenge by drying him into fits of rage by reminding him of that Australian treachery. But at last he sends him a message which brings him to New York."

"Yes," I said, "and I have engaged my brain in vain trying to imagine what that message could have been."

"Well," remarked Godfrey, "while we can't, of course, give its actual text, I don't think it very difficult to guess its general tenor. We know what Tremaine came here to do—he came to blackmail Mrs. Delroy. It's pretty safe, then, to suppose that the message told him that she was blackmailable—in other words, that she had married a rich man. No doubt Tremaine's money was running low, and he jumped at this chance of replenishing his purse. Thompson was working his way toward St. Pierre to join him, and actually reached there on the Pariana just as Tremaine was leaving. Perhaps Tremaine had tried to play Thompson false a second time.

"Now," he continued, "let us see how nearly we can reconstruct the scene which occurred in this room. Tremaine supplies Thompson on the voyage up with whisky, and agrees to keep him supplied, believing that he may be useful—not daring, at any rate, to make an open enemy of him lest he spoil his game here. Thompson had only to speak a word to the police to put Tremaine back in Sing Sing to serve out his unexpired term. Arrived at New York, he establishes himself in that suit across the hall and spends a week or two in looking over the ground, ostensibly boosting his railroad scheme. Thompson, who has been in jail, joins him and takes these rooms.

"At last Tremaine is ready—or perhaps his lack of money forces him to act. He writes a note to Mrs. Delroy telling her that he's alive and wishes to share in her prosperity. He demands that she meet him in these rooms, asking for Thompson. That leaves him free from suspicion should she show the note to her husband and should he attempt to have the writer arrested for blackmail. But she isn't so sensible. Perhaps she disregards his first note; perhaps she's unable to decide what to do. She has, of course, been thrown into a panic. He writes again. In despair she seeks the advice of her sister, and Miss Croydon, who is by far the stronger of the two, offers to come here herself, see the man and find out what he proposes to do.

"Tremaine has secured Thompson's key, given him some money and sent him out to get drunk. But for Jimmy the Dude he would probably have stayed away—probably in the lockup—but Jimmy brings him home. Tremaine has to make the best of it, since there isn't time to get Thompson out of the way again. Anyway, he's so dead drunk that Tremaine anticipates no in-



"Tremaine picks up the iron pipe and spears him down."

terference from him. He saunters him in the bedroom and sits down to wait for Miss Croydon.

"She arrives promptly, despite the rain, and we can imagine that the dialogue, which followed, was not of a milk and water kind; both of them are full of fire, and they trade the sparks freely.

"Thompson is aroused by the voices or perhaps wakes naturally, comes into the outer room and interferes. He is still half drunk; perhaps he threatens Tremaine. At any rate, Tremaine picks up the iron pipe and knocks him down; then in a sudden black frenzy of anger, remembering Australia, seeing how Thompson will always stand in his way, he draws his revolver and shoots him through the heart. That done, he walks out, closes the door, goes to his room and at a favorable moment leaves the building."

"He leaned back in his chair and applied a fresh match to his cigar."

"That," he concluded, "is my idea of the story. There's one person who can fill in the details. I'm going to apply to her as soon as I get back from Boston."

"You mean Miss Croydon?"

"Yes," he nodded; "and I think Tremaine is pretty near the end of his adventurous career."

"There's one thing," I remarked after a moment—"that diamond I found on the floor here didn't come from Tremaine's pin. I tried it last night, and it didn't fit."

Godfrey smiled as he placed the clippings carefully in his pocketbook.

"I know it," he said; "I meant to tell you. It came from a ring belonging to Jimmy the Dude. I saw him tonight across the street. Simmonds had him in for another sweating—Simmonds isn't quite convinced yet that Jimmy's innocent—and I noticed a ring on his finger contained a cluster of little diamonds. One of them was gone, and when I questioned him he said he'd lost it somewhere the night Thompson was killed. He probably dropped it here as he was helping Thompson to bed."

"That's it, no doubt," I agreed. "But it breaks one thread of evidence."

"We don't need it!" declared Godfrey confidently, as he arose to go. "We've got a chain about Tremaine, Lester, that he can't break, and we'll compel Miss Croydon to forge the last rivet."

But in my dreams that night I saw him breaking the chains, trampling upon them, hurling them from him. I tried to hold them fast with all my puny strength, for I fancied that once free he would sweep over the earth like a pestilence. Then, suddenly, it was not Tremaine, but Cecil, I was holding. She turned to look at me with a countenance so terrible that it paled me. Her eyes scorched me with a white heat, burnt me through and through. Then she raised her hand and struck me a heavy blow upon the head—again—again—till, blindly, in agony, I loosed my hold of her and fell.

(To be Continued.)

**To the Stockholders of the Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Co.**

You are hereby advised that the Board of Directors have called a meeting of the stockholders, to be held in the city of Amarillo, county of Potter, State of Texas, at the principal office of the Company, on the 16th day of March, 1907, to consider and act on a proposition to authorize the execution by the Company of a mortgage on all of its railroad properties now owned and hereafter acquired, to secure bonds in the sum of \$15,000,000.00, such bonds to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and to be payable thirty years from date thereof, so much of said bonds as may be required therefor to be used in retiring the bonds of the Company now outstanding, the balance of said bonds to be used for construction and extensions and such other purposes as may be determined by the Board of Directors, and that this notice is given to you by order of the Board of Directors.

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