

The O'Donnell Index

Increased Attendance in Public School

School opened again Monday after a suspension of a few days on account of measles breaking out in the student body, with forty-eight new pupils, bringing the total enrollment up to 406, and it is thought that within one more week the attendance will reach 425.

This will bring school conditions to the point where relief in the matter of securing more room must be had. Before the holidays the school was crowded to what was considered capacity, but the superintendent and teachers have managed in some way to crowd two kiddies where only one studied last year. Relief must be had before another season and now is the time for the patrons of the school and the citizens of the district to begin to devise ways and means for remedying the crowded conditions.

Good Pictures at State Theatre

The State Theatre is exhibiting some fine pictures this season and the public is showing its appreciation of the fact by packing the house at each performance. On last Saturday night the reels had to be run through the machine four times to accommodate the crowd to see "Just Tony" in Tom Mix or Tom Mix in "Just Tony," whichever way one wanted to view the picture. This is a story of a mustang that forsook the leadership of his herd to repay his friend for being rescued from the cruel treatment of a fiend who was administering a whipping. After being turned loose on the desert to return to his herd, the super-horse, Tony, would not leave his friend. It gave a lesson in kindness to dumb animals and it was seen by so many that great good will come from the lesson to the young people.

W. L. Walker of Honey Grove, has joined the happy throng of farmers in this section, having purchased the Burkett place three miles northwest of town. Mr. Walker and sons will cultivate about 140 acres of their 160 acre farm this year. Mr. Walker's former home was in one of the most prosperous farming sections of the state, but believes that when this country is fully developed it will equal Fannin in the production of crops.

Judge J. W. Elliott of Tahoka, was a business visitor Tuesday.

Fruit and Shade Trees Should Be Set Out

According to Ben Moore, who has made a study of plant life indigenous to the Plains country and of imported trees and shrubs says that the time is here to begin setting out fruit, shade and ornamental trees, and that no farm in the South Plains country will be complete without an orchard and should also have its quota of shade trees. He says that peaches, pears, plums, apricots and apples do well here, and has never known a complete failure of the few orchards in the country to produce fruit. Of shade trees, Mr. Moore advises the planting of black locust, elm, hackberry, pecan, cottonwood and sycamore. These trees grow rapidly, in summer make a nice shade and in winter act as a windbrake.

This is a work that must not be neglected and to do it intelligently, it should be carried on under the supervision of a farm demonstration agent. A tree planting campaign should be encouraged in every community on the Plains and every home would soon be nesting in a grove of vivid green with an orchard on the side to produce fruits that can be grown only in this country.

Plant trees.

Editor Hill Visits City of O'Donnell

E. I. Hill of Tahoka, editor of the Lynn County News, was a business visitor in O'Donnell, Saturday. This being Mr. Hill's first visit here since becoming a citizen of the county, he was agreeably surprised to note the great improvements going on in the town and surrounding country.

The Lynn County News is the best paper published on the South Plains and the people of Lynn county in general and Tahoka in particular, are to be congratulated upon securing as a citizen and editor a man of Mr. Hill's ability. With Mr. Hill as editor, the News is going to be one of the great factors in transforming Lynn county from a land of pastures to the best farming community on the Plains.

A box supper will be given at New Moore school house night, Friday, and an invitation is extended to everybody to attend. The proceeds will go toward securing funds for playground equipment. This is a splendid opportunity for the business men of O'Donnell to go out and get acquainted with the people of this neighborhood.

Citizens Hold Meeting to Discuss the School Situation

A meeting of the citizens of O'Donnell School District was held at the school auditorium Wednesday night to discuss the problem that confronts the board of trustees in the matter of taking care of the students during the next school term. A large number of the patrons of the school were present.

The meeting was called to order by superintendent Fletcher, and A. C. Fairley was elected permanent chairman. For the information of those who were not acquainted with the situation, Prof. Fletcher explained that there was an attendance of 406 pupils presided over by ten teachers and they were crowded in six rooms. He stated that if the attendance kept increasing he would have to drive nails in the walls to hang the children up, as the building was taxed to capacity to care for the present attendance.

W. J. Adams spoke in favor of a new building to be used either as a high school, or constructing one for the junior grades and using the present building for a high school, the building to be constructed to meet the requirements of the State Board of Education. He stated that he wanted to see a school in O'Donnell with a sufficient number of credits for its graduates to be received in the Universities without examination, stating that to send children away to preparatory schools was an expense of money and time that could be averted by the building up of the home school.

H. L. Hohn, president of the school board, explained that according to the rendition of property made last year, the total valuation of the district was a little less than \$1,000,000 and only about \$25,000 could be realized from a bond issue at the present time. A. A. House was of the opinion that this amount of money was sufficient to construct a building to care for the lower grades for a few years and use the present building for the higher grades. Forest Brown suggested that upon representation to the State Board of Education a ruling might be secured to secure a larger amount of money on a new rendition of property values and erect a building of sufficient capacity to take care of the children for several years. Several others voiced the opinion that it would be better to construct a new building then to add more rooms to the present building, and upon motion of Mr. Adams a vote was taken the result which showed those present were unanimously in favor of a new building.

Before the meeting closed, upon motion of Mr. Hohn, a committee consisting of the school board was appointed to consider the best plans for relieving the situation with the money available. As soon as the committee formulates its plans, a petition praying for an election to vote bonds will be presented to the School Board.

The ring of the hammer and the song of the saw can be heard on every side in O'Donnell. Building, are going up so fast that it seems they rise as if by magic. Some are building nice homes. Others are building garages to live in until carpenters and material can be secured to construct homes. The building boom is not confined to the residence section alone, but business houses are going up on the downtown streets, and plans and rumors of plans are in the making for the greatest building boom in O'Donnell of any town in Texas.

Will Cultivate 1,100 Acres This Season

Nick Schooler has always had faith in Lynn county as a farming section of great opportunities and has shown this faith by his works in having a farm of 600 acres planted to cotton the past season. Just how much money Mr. Schooler realized from his crop, the Index does not know but it convinced him that the road to opulence and great wealth led right down the cotton rows, and so this year he will add 500 more fertile acres to his farm, making 1100 acres he will have in cultivation. When he succeeds in shaping his farm up to his satisfaction, Mr. Schooler expects to place all his worries on the shelf, get some cityfied clothes and "sit pretty" the rest of his life.

Off to Market to Buy Spring Goods

C. A. Baldwin left today for St. Louis on a buying expedition for the Jones Dry Goods, for which he is the manager. Mr. Baldwin stated before leaving that he would purchase the largest assortment of spring and summer goods his store has ever carried and that the new goods would begin to arrive within a week after he arrived at the market. There will be thirteen other buyers for the chain of Jones Dry Goods stores in West Texas who will join Mr. Baldwin in St. Louis and all will purchase supplies for their stores together, thus making a great saving in the cost of goods.

A. A. House made a business visit to Lamesa Friday.



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Lots of writers who pursue a literary career are never able to catch up with it.

DEMAND "BAYER" ASPIRIN

Aspirin Marked With "Bayer Cross" Has Been Proved Safe by Millions.

Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for 23 years. Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin. Imitations may prove dangerous.—Adv.

Conscience has nagging down to fine art.

INDIGESTION, GASES, UPSET, ACID STOMACH

"Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest, surest relief for indigestion, gases, flatulence, heartburn, sourness or stomach distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief. Correct your stomach and digestion now for a few cents. Druggists sell millions of packages of Pape's Diapepsin.—Adv.

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Texas News

The election held at Alvin recently to vote \$20,000 improvement bonds for shelling the streets and building concrete culverts, carried by a vote of 128 to 54.

A high mark for land—\$350 per acre—was reached at Taylor a few days ago when Martin Hodde, one of Taylor's farmers, purchased 58 acres.

The contract for the new Raymondville High School Building has been awarded upon a bid of \$35,509.

Contract for a modern \$30,000 high school building at Lyford has been awarded.

The sum of \$13,765 State aid has been allotted to Angelina County rural schools. Thirty-eight schools have met the requirements to participate in the aid fund.

Construction of the state highway leading through Montgomery County from north to south will be started at once, and the work continued until the job is completed.

An issue of \$60,000 Jim Hogg county road bonds has been approved by the attorney general's department. These bonds mature serially and bear 5½ per cent interest.

Kleberg County, according to a statement made by Harry McCollum, inspector in charge of tick eradication work in the county, is tick free with the exception of eight small premises.

The maintenance tax for the Center independent school district was increased from 35 cents to \$1 at a special election held Saturday. The proposition carried by a vote of 301 to 75.

The street lighting system of the residential district of El Campo has been tried out and pronounced very satisfactory. The work of installing the poles and wiring has been going on for the past two months.

Norman Speer, who has been serving as assistant warden of the Huntsville penitentiary since September, has been appointed as temporary warden by the board of prison commissioners until a permanent appointment is made.

The county commissioners' court of Gelveston County has been asked by the Harris County engineer to aid in the construction of a concrete bridge at Clear Creek, separating the two counties, which is to be constructed in accordance with plans for an improved, permanent type of highway in the future.

Actual construction work on the new biology building of the University of Texas has been started, and the excavation work has been practically completed. Preliminary work on the building has been going on for several months. An appropriation of \$300,000 was made for the construction of the biology building.

The injunction proceedings brought by the American Book company and Charles Scribner and Sons against S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, to force use of the company's text books in the schools, was set for February 6 by the supreme court. The case involves the validity of contracts for books signed by the state text book commission.

The Bastrop County Farm Bureau has elected the following officers: President, Alf Griesenbeck; vice president, Ollie Hill of Smithville; secretary-treasurer, J. C. Lawrence of Elgin. The board of directors is composed of R. A. Meyers of Bastrop, Henry Gensel of Elgin, A. M. Wusterhausen of Paige, John B. Goertz and W. S. Whitworth of Red Rock. Fritz Kuhen was elected as representative to the state convention at Dallas.

Total gross receipt taxes of \$4,114,280 were collected by the state for the year ending Sept. 30 last, according to a statement issued this week by the state controller's office. The figures have just been compiled. The amount collected the previous year was \$3,574,486. Over \$3,000,000 of this year's tax is represented by that from oil wells, an increase of almost a million dollars.

The last 30 days has proved more productive to the custom officers and rangers at Laredo than six months previous to that time. Bad roads and rainy weather were probably in a sense responsible for the smugglers and bootleggers going into the business on a wholesale basis and it has been a period of harvesting for the officers, speaking from a liquor point of view. During the last two weeks more than 3000 bottles of tequila valued at probably \$15,000 was confiscated by the government agents, together with some six cars, 30 horses and 15 riding saddles. One seizure alone resulted in obtaining 1680 quarts of tequila.

TO ANNOUNCE BOOK WINNER FEB. 4

AUTHOR OF PEACE PRIZE TO BE PRESENTED WITH \$50,000.

SEND OUT THE BALLOTS

John W. Davis, Ex-Ambassador to Great Britain, to Give Out Award.

New York.—The name of the author of the winning plan, No. 1469, of the American Peace Award created by Edward W. Bok, will be announced on the night of Feb. 4, and the author will be presented with the \$50,000, payment of which, under the conditions, was subject to no condition except the jury's choice.

The policy committee, with the acquiescence of Mr. Bok, postponed the announcement of the authorship of the winning plan in order that in the "referendum" now being conducted throughout the country the plan might be voted upon solely on its merit.

The name of the author will remain unknown not only to the general public but also to Mr. Bok, the members of the jury and the policy committee, except one member, until Feb. 4.

The meeting on Feb. 4 will be held under the auspices of the Philadelphia Forum and the policy committee of the American peace award. The \$50,000 will be presented by John W. Davis, ex-ambassador to Great Britain, and members of the policy committee of the American peace award.

Representatives of the ninety-odd national organizations which form the co-operating council of the American peace award and which are chiefly responsible for the conduct of the "referendum" will attend the meeting.

The referendum will not be over by Feb. 4 and can indeed hardly be completed before the middle of February at the earliest. But by Feb. 4, much of the voting will have been done and the referendum will have reached a stage when most of the ballots are in the hands of voters, though the collection and returns will be still to be made.

The second half of the award, \$50,000, is payable under the conditions, "if and when the plan passes the Senate or if and when the jury of award decides that an adequate degree of popular support has been demonstrated for it."

FOR MER HEAD TEXAS PRESS BODY DIES

Was Prominently Identified With the National Editorial Association and Had Traveled Extensively.

For Worth, Texas.—J. R. Ransome, one of the best-known newspaper men in Texas, died here Sunday night at the Baptist Hospital, where he had been a patient during the last week. He was 56 years old and had been in poor health for the past two or three years.

Last October he moved from Cleburne to Dallas and since that time had been editor of the Oak Enterprise. For 37 years he was the publisher of the Cleburne Daily Enterprise, but retired from that business before moving to Dallas. For nine years he was postmaster at Cleburne, serving under the Wilson administration.

Mr. Ransome was at one time president of the Texas Press Association, and was also prominently identified with the National Editorial Association and had traveled extensively. Several newspaper men who now serve on Texas and other publications received their early training at his office in Cleburne.

He was born in Blakely, Ga., 54 years ago and had numerous relatives in that state. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, belonged to all of the Masonic bodies and had his Shrine membership in the El Paso Temple. He was past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias at Cleburne and also past exalted ruler of the Elks at that place.

Mr. Ransome is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Keating Ransome, who for years assisted him in his publication business; two sons, Keating and Ransome and William Roberts Ransome, and two daughters, Mrs. E. K. Meade, formerly Miss Ruth Ransome, and Miss Johnnie Ransome, who is connected with The Dallas News and the Dallas Journal. The funeral was held in Cleburne, Texas.

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If you don't keep a secret it's no longer a secret.

Best Way to Relieve Pain is by direct outside application and the best remedy is an Allcock's Plaster—the original and genuine.—Adv.

The less said about a fuss the better.

Eye infection and inflammation are healed overnight by using Roman Eye Balsam. Ask your druggist for 25-cent jar or send to 372 Pearl St., N. Y. Adv.

Getting His Wood Cheap

Is there a parable concealed in this apparently humorous story in the Arizona? Some social philosophers would say so.

A traveler on the desert came upon a lone stock raiser on the lower Colorado River. The chief object of interest on the barren ranch—was a giant heap of firewood, and curiosity caused the visitor to ask the stockman how in the world he happened to possess it.

"Well," the man drawled, "last year this here brush came piling down the river at flood time, and so I just rounded up a bunch of Indians and told them they could have half of all they drug ashore. Golly, them Indians worked!"

The abuse of money is the root of considerable evil.

Imitation is the sincerest of flattery.

Fresh, sweet, white, dainty clothes for baby, if you use Red Cross Ball Blue. Never streaks or injures them. All good grocers sell it.—Advertisement.

The successful borrower gets credit for his efforts.

Only the Best Ingredients are used in Brandreth Pills. For constipation they have no equal. Take one or two at bed time.—Adv.

Knock or Boost?

Swinhem had invented a new hair restorer and had sent a large number of sample bottles out to various well-known people in the hope of securing some testimonials for advertising purposes.

"I don't know whether to publish this testimonial or not," he said to a friend who was calling on him as he was opening the letters.

"What does it say?" inquired the other.

"Well, it says," said the proud inventor, "before I used your hair restorer I had only three bald patches, now I have only one."

Sleepiness Elusive

Sleepiness is such an elusive function that it visits you in your evening chair, but flees as soon as bedtime arrives.

What We Forget Between 15 and 50

Schools teach, and nearly every home applies the rule against coffee and tea for children.

When middle age comes, a great many people remember the facts about the caffeine drug of coffee and tea, and how its regular use may disturb health. Often they have cause to remember what it has done to them.

How much better it would be not to forget—and avoid the penalties!

Postum is a pure cereal beverage—delightful, and safe for any age—at any time. Good for breakfast at home, for all the family; good for lunch at the club or restaurant; good with the evening meal; good with a late night dinner—good on any occasion. Postum satisfies, and it never harms.

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Postum for Health

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Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

URNS IN THE ROAD

WHATEVER may be your affluence or influence, your station on this sphere, your power of conquest or good-fortune, there is in the natural progression of things a probability that you may some day come to a turn in the road.

At every swing of the pendulum time is working wondrous changes. Overnight the topography of a country may be so scarred by an earthquake or scoured by a flood that it is unrecognizable.

An empire may crumble; wealth may be swept away; pride subdued and humility exalted. At the dawning of the morning we are amazed at the sudden transformation.

We are in a flash brought face to face with a turn in the road over which we have for years been traveling complacently in fine company and fancied security.

We have given no thought to the future, having been too deeply engrossed in our worship of gold. In the hasty pursuit of wealth we have grown blind to the beautiful things around us and unmindful of others.

We have forgotten that we are but

travelers on our way to an enduring country beyond the limits of earth, and where there are no turns in the road.

We have seen others lose their way and given them no attention.

We have seen them shudder, sink and give up hope.

We have turned our backs, stopped our ears and walked on confident of our strength and sure of our step.

But when we ourselves come to the turn in the road all is different. We fall then into that state in which by some subtle transformation we become other things.

We see with new eyes, speak in a trembling voice, controlled by strange and terrible emotions.

For the first time in our lives we realize that we are but sojourners, tossed about like chips upon the sea, at the mercy of the tides and winds.

By some miscalculation we have lost our way. We are swept with tremendous force in a new direction, overwhelmed and awed, just as have been millions of others who have gone before us, and if we lack the faith, we turn sick as we face the vast nothingness and drop out of the running.

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The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says some people seem to take a special delight in mixing new drinks, now they're not supposed to have any at all, and she wonders what this H₂O that she hears so much about is like.

SCHOOL DAYS

Men You May Marry

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a Man Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: He has just lately come to your burg, to take a job—he has come from a larger place. Wants to know all about your town. Yet never stops talking of how they did things in Xville, what great fellows they have there, what good lookers the girls are, what rushing business they do and what swell parties they give. He dresses usually in brown from head to heels and his shoulders have well built-in scaffolding to train 'em up. He is jovial. Likes you because you look like the good lookers in Xville. Likes change and variety.

IN FACT

Change has kept him from changing much.

Prescription to Bride:

Never appear unless you are all dressed up.

Change your hair dress often—keep all fashion books about.

Be his household "movie".

Absorb This:

TO HAVE IS NOT ALWAYS TO SCOLD.

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Copyright THE LONG, LONG TRAIL

Mother's Cook Book

Men's souls are pitched in different keys.

Some like a lark rise strong of wing Above the clouds of suffering And cheerily mount and sing Till gloom grows glad and suffering men Smile, listening, and take heart again.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT

FOR a company dish try the following:

Filet of Beef.

Trim the filet neatly and lay into a deep dish with an onion cut into slices, two bay leaves, a sprig of parsley, whole pepper and salt and olive oil to baste it well. Let the filet lie in this marinade for six hours, turning occasionally, then roast in a hot oven; let it be rather underdone. Serve surrounded by macaroni cooked as follows: Put into a saucepan one-half cupful of tomato puree, three tablespoonfuls of butter and two or three tablespoonfuls of meat gravy; season with pepper and salt to taste. Bring to the boiling point and simmer for a few minutes, then add a little at a time some previously cooked macaroni. Toss all lightly and add three tablespoonfuls of grated cheese just at the last.

Creme de Marrons.

Take one-half pound of large chestnuts, cut a cross on each and boil them in plenty of water until the outer skin can be easily removed. Then pound them in a mortar and pass through a fine sieve into a dish; add a few drops of milk to soften the mixture. Beat the yolks of three eggs with one-half cupful of cream and the same of milk, add one-fourth cupful

of sugar, a few drops of vanilla, and strain the mixture into a double boiler. Stir the mixture over the fire until it thickens, then add a little less than half an ounce of gelatin, which has been soaked in cold water and dissolved over heat. Pour this custard gradually over the chestnut puree, mix well, then pour into a hollow mold. When ready to serve, unmold and fill the center with whipped cream, sweetened and tinted with pink sugar.

Breakfast Mackerel.

Soak a salt fish skin side up, change the water until most of the salt is removed. Place in a dripping pan skin side down and pour over a cupful of thin cream. Bake in a moderate oven until the fish is tender. Season and serve hot with baked potatoes.

Glazed Sweet Potatoes.

Wash and peel six medium-sized potatoes. Cook ten minutes in boiling salted water. Drain, cut in halves lengthwise and put into a buttered pan. Make a sirup by boiling three minutes one-half cupful of sugar and four tablespoonfuls of water, add one tablespoonful of butter. Brush the potatoes with sirup and bake basting with the sirup. When the potatoes are tender and covered with sirup remove and serve.

Nellie Maxwell
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Crocodiles' Stomachs.

African crocodiles frequently carry a great assortment of bracelets and trinkets in their stomachs.

THE PEAKS OF LIFE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

WHO has not seen some crimson flow'r?

Whose heart was red as embers? Who has not known some mighty hour One evermore remembers? Among the trees upon the crest One tree stands higher than the rest. One note in all night's madrigals The heart especially recalls.

We live in moments such as these, Our hours of joy or sorrow; For his yesterdays of ease Will recollect tomorrow?

Some love we won, some love we lost, Some mountain, not some plain we crossed,

We shall remember, joy and strife— We live upon the peaks of life.

In hours of pain we learn to cling To something worth believing, And joy perhaps we learn to sing The better after grieving. A heart that never knew a pain Is like a land without a rain, Is like a land that never knows A springtime flood, or summer rose.

So let us thank our God for this, Our Maytime, our December, The first embrace, the parting kiss, The things that we remember, The day with neither rain nor sun Brought never flow'rs to anyone— Thank God for joy, and grief, and strife;

We live upon the peaks of life.

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First Linen Clothes Dark.

First linen clothes, so costly that only kings and nobles could afford them, were dark and discolored, because the art of bleaching had not been learned in older times.

for Economical Transportation



The Economical Quality Car

Chevrolet prices are not the lowest on the market, yet Chevrolet economical transportation averages lowest in cost. This average cost considers the purchase price, interest on investment, depreciation and all operating and maintenance costs.

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SUPERIOR Touring	495
SUPERIOR Utility Coupe	640
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THE INDEX

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Entered as second-class matter September 28, 1923, at the post office at O'Donnell, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

G. H. Bailey of Goree, after spending a couple of weeks here doing some carpenter work on the Keny farm, left Friday for his home. From all indications, the O'Donnell fever took on Mr. Bailey and he will probably return to make his home here.

Mrs. J. R. Sanders has opened a store in the room on the north side of the lobby of the State Theatre and will specialize in bric-a-brac and a general line of variety goods. The small boy has found this store to be headquarters for tops and other toys.

Miles & Campbell make a specialty of cleaning and pressing fine ladies' wear.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Haynes of Munday came in Sunday to take

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We wish to announce
We have just installed a new
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and are better prepared than ever to do your work with neatness and dispatch
Suits made to order
Satisfaction Guaranteed

We make a specialty of
Cleaning and Pressing
Ladies' fine Suits

We call for and deliver your work

possession of their newly acquired land. The place is not improved and they are busy building a new home and otherwise getting ready for the bumper crop that is sure to come next season. They purchased a part of the Orson land.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanders had as their dinner guests last Sunday, H. V. Kenaster of Big Springs, S. P. Keny, part of his time living in Knox City, but most of his time living in O'Donnell, and Horace Potter of Goldthwaite. A big fat turkey with all the et ceteras that go to make an ideal dinner, was served, and the guests showed their appreciation of the excellent feed by spending the day and finishing the turkey at supper.

Harry Wiltbanks, of the bustling firm of realtors, Keny & Wiltbanks, of Knox City, was here last week on business. If Mr. Wiltbanks has any ambition to run for office, all he will have to do is move over here and announce, as there are enough satisfied Knox Cityians in Lynn county who have purchased land through his firm to elect him.

BUCK JONES

At the State Theatre Saturday in a new Fox Production
The Footlight Ranger
Another one of the good kind.

S. M. Minter was suddenly seized with an attack of acute rheumatism last Sunday morning and was unable to take his run out on Rural Route No. 1 Monday. Substitute A. C. Fairley taking his place.

I. N. Wright is constructing a nice six-room bungalow on his lots near the northeast corner of the square. Horace Potter, a late arrival from Goldthwaite, has the contract for the construction of the building.

We want your tailoring business,
Miles & Campbell.

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Showing only the best in high class Motion Pictures.

We Strive to Please

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FREE SERVICE

Gas, Oil, Accessories,
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In fact, you will find anything carried in a first class Drug Store.

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At your service for
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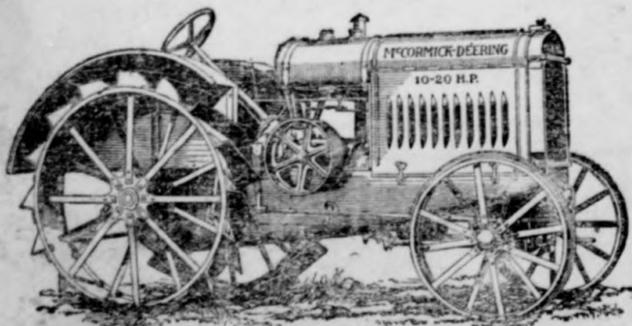
I am equipped with two Tractors and two 5 Disc Plows and will make contracts to break land in any size tracts. See me for terms.

All work guaranteed to be satisfactory

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Come and see this tractor and we shall be glad to demonstrate for you at any time on your farm

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RATES REASONABLE.

Wimberly & Pugh

Shoe and
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First-Class Workmanship.

WEST SIDE.

LOCALS

Shorty Wright returned from Dallas Sunday where he had been visiting for the past three months. Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Singleton

and son of Tahoka, were visitors in town Sunday.

Well Dressed men and women have their clothes pressed at our place.—O. I. Luellan, The Tailor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baldrige were visitors from Tahoka Wed-

nesday.

CEDAR POSTS—For good cedar posts, cheap, see Lightfoot & Fairley, at Fairley Real Estate Co's office.

The aged mother of John McKee died at his home in the Joe Bailey neighborhood Friday night and was buried Sunday at the Draw cemetery.

Ladies' work a specialty—O. I. Luellan, The Tailor, Phone 52.

J. H. Bose of Brackenridge, arrived last week, purchased a lot on the north side of the square and is now erecting a temporary iron frame building to be used as a five, ten and twenty-five cent store. Later, Mr. Rose will put a brick on the property.

Ladies, if your coat suit or dresses need cleaning, pressing or altering, take them to Miles & Campbell.

Have you paid your city and county poll tax? A receipt will be absolutely necessary when voting time comes if you expect to vote. Pay your tax now and save wishing you had when election time comes.

We have some good horses and mules, to sell. Terms, payment down and balance payable next fall.—J. W. Boyle & Son, O'Donnell, Texas.

LOST—Fox Terrier, white left ear black, bob-tailed, collar with tag bearing my name. Dog strayed from my wagon on streets of O'Donnell on January 3. Finder please notify, D. G. Phipps.

Rubber Stamps, pads and ink for sale by the Index.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Newman, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Miss Jewell Greenfield, Miss Eurah Brooklyn and Master Jesse Blevins motored in from New Moore Saturday on a shopping expedition.

We make pleated work a specialty. Phone 52, O. I. Luellan, The Tailor

H. E. Brown of Hamlin, one of the Brown brothers, who are doing more to make people love them for the good eats they hand out at the White House Cafe and the O'Donnell Hotel than any bunch of brothers on the South Plains, arrived this week to give the country the once over with a view of locating.

O. E. McMillan, a prosperous young farmer of the T Bar community, was in town Saturday and extended an invitation to the Index force to attend an old-time spelling match at the school house tonight.

W. R. Lyttle, who has been building a house and doing other improvements on the Keny farm, returned to his home at Goree Friday. When Mr. Lyttle came here, he had no idea of falling in love with the country—just came over to help out a neighbor and have a good time generally—but after sizing up the situation here, he made up his mind that he was going to return and join the happy throng from Knox county. Provided he could persuade his better half that this was the best place in the world to live and grow rich. He has a splendid line of argument to present to the lady and it is likely that he will win out and move here soon.

TOMLINSON'S BARBER SHOP

Located on West Side
Satisfactory Service Guaranteed
Call and see us
C. L. TOMLINSON, Prop.

B. M. Whiteker, exhibit manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was a visitor in O'Donnell Saturday. He was on his way to attend the district meeting of the Chambers of Commerce that was held in Colorado Tuesday. Mr. Whiteker was surprised to see so much development going on in this section and stated that he believed O'Donnell had the appearance of being the most prosperous of any the towns on the South Plains.

We clean every day.—O. I. Luellan, Phone 52, West Side

Mrs. R. C. Carroll has as her guests this week, her mother, Mrs. Mary Arnold, her brother, John Arnold, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hirschel Fowler. Mrs. Fowler is Mrs. Carroll's sister. The entire party live at Bomarton.

Mrs. W. T. Burk and two children, Moody and Hazel, arrived Monday from Wichita Falls to join Mr Burk and son, Barton, who have been here for several months. Mr. Burk is very happy to have his family with him again.

Last week, the Hardberger cotton seed advertisement offered seed to the public at \$2 a bushel. As soon as the paper appeared the Hardbergers called the Index and stated unless it was strong enough financially to make good that other fifty cents on the bushel, to change the price to read \$2.50 cents a bushel, the price they instructed the paper man to print. It is a lot easier to apologize and correct the error in the advertisement than it is to pay the fifty cents a bushel.

Eural Robertson is having a three-room bungalow with bath room constructed on his place about two miles west of town. Burke & Caddell are the contractors.

C. C. Reid is having two additional rooms built to his home which will add materially to the comfort and convenience of the place when completed. I. L. Douglas is the contractor who has the work in charge.

The persons holding Lucky numbers 112, 816 and 1118 will bring them in and received your silverware.

O'Donnell Merc. Co.

Friday at the State Theatre
The Ranger and the Law

A western that will please you
Featuring...
LESTER GUENTO

"THE
SUDDEN SERVICE"

Hamburgers, Cold Drinks,
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We keep on hand at all times a complete stock of high class FRESH and CURED MEATS.

BREAD received daily from Lubbock.

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List your land with us
O'Donnell, Texas

WEEK'S PROGRAM

—At—
State Theatre

Monday,
Jan. 28th and 29th.
Dustan Farnum

In
One of his new Fox
Productions

The Yosemite Trail.
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WEDNESDAY

William Russell
In
Colorado Pluck.
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THURSDAY

A big universal production
don't miss it.
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FRIDAY

A big Western With
Franklin Farnum

In the
Lariat Thrower
A dandy good picture
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SATURDAY

William Farnum,
A real star in a real picture that
will please every one.

Moonshine Valley.
another FOX production.

O. E. S. No. 725.

Order of Eastern Star meets
every first and third Wednesday
at 7:00 p. m. All local and visit-
ing members cordially invited.

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We Repair and Build or Recore all kinds of Radiators.
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IMPLEMENT YEAR
Where crops are grown, the Rock Island and Avery farming tools are favorites
Single and Double-Disc Plows
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In fact, everything the farmer needs on the farm
Come in and let us talk over farming implements with you and explain why you can make no mistake in buying our line
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COMPLETE STOCK OF BUILDING MATERIAL
Star Windmills and Piping
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Is Your Car
Balky?
Bring it to us or Call and we will come and put it in First-Class shape.
We have expert mechanics for your service.
Russell's Garage
Fisk Tubes, Tires, Tools and Accessories.

Condensed Austin News

The State Treasurer issued a call to pay 750 State warrants aggregating \$103,637, the high number being 780, which was issued the last of September.

Although Acting Gov. T. W. Davidson has not granted many pardons, the executive office is filled with persons waiting to see him to intercede for someone in the penitentiary.

Dallas County has remitted \$416,000 to the State Treasury, the largest tax payment check of the season. Part of it is for the general fund, part for the school fund and part for the pension fund.

T. H. Shelby, director of the bureau of extension of the University of Texas, was appointed by Gov. Pat M. Neff and represented Texas at the national treaty conference held in Washington, D. C.

Patrick Maguire, almost 94 years of age, died at his home in Austin recently. He was an early resident. A surviving daughter is Miss Mary Maguire, secretary to the bond assistant in the Attorney General's Department.

W. L. Peterson resigned as Deputy Banking Commissioner to become active vice president of the State National Bank of Denison, an old-established institution, the change to occur between Jan. 20 and Feb. 1.

Leo M. Favrot of Baton Rouge, La., with the General Educational Board has been named by Dr. George A. Works, director of the Texas educational survey, to head the investigation work in the negro schools of Texas and their problems.

Judge H. E. Bell of Gatesville, Coryell County, has been elected chief oil and gas supervisor of the Railroad Commission "by a majority of the commission." It is announced by Chairman Gilmore, to succeed R. B. Walthall appointed a member of the Board of Control.

Three additional Texas insurance companies have obtained licenses for the current year from the Commissioner of Insurance, being the Fort Worth Life, the American Life Insurance of Dallas and the International Travelers of Dallas. The Southwestern Life of Dallas was No. 1.

Married women in Texas are still submerged in the identity of their husbands when it comes to making contracts or being sued, the Supreme Court has held. The court reversed a judgment for \$5,754 against Mrs. Roy A. Taylor of Wichita County on the ground that her husband was not joined in the suit.

W. V. Howerton, secretary of the Texas Senate, says he will accept the position of collector of the ballots in the Paddy-Mayfield election contest, and that he may go to Washington later to aid in the count. The official notice of his selection for this territory has not come to him, though he has been unofficially advised of his designation.

R. E. King of Shelby County has been appointed chief clerk of the State Comptroller's Department to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. T. Gaston, elected chief of the division of budgets and appropriations on the State Board of Control. Mr. King has held a position in the Comptroller's division since the beginning of Comptroller Lon A. Smith's first term three years ago. More recently he has been secretary to the Comptroller.

At its regular monthly meeting the State Board of Education directed State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marrs to notify the State Frison Commission that the sum of \$85,000 is due the schools from the State Railroad, \$40,000 of it being matured bonds and \$45,000 nine years' interest. Some time ago Mr. Marrs directed the board's attention to this debt and asked that it be paid. The amount now is expected to be paid.

The net deficiency in the general revenue fund of the State has gone over \$6,000,000, the peak point in the present condition. The actual deficiency on the books is \$4,802,970, to which must be added the \$500,000 of the first quarterly payment of the \$2,000,000 appropriation to supplement the available school fund. This last now is in course of being drawn and the warrant will come in the regular order, as outlined in an opinion by the Attorney General.

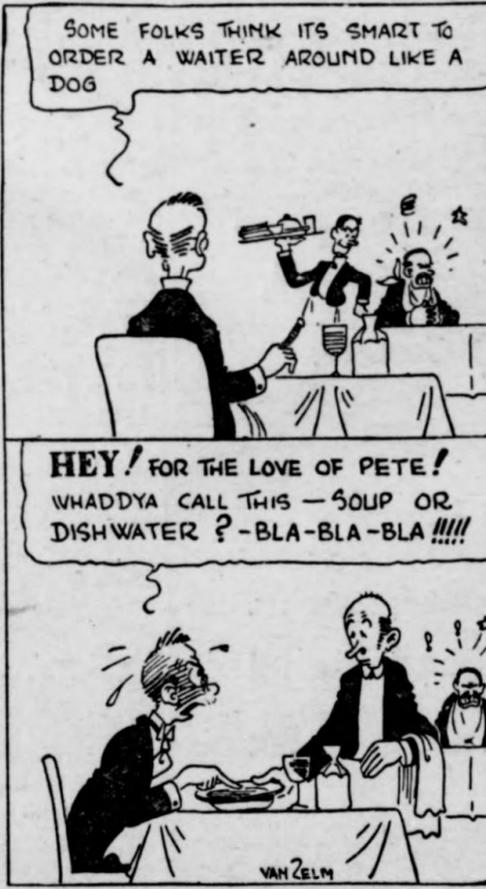
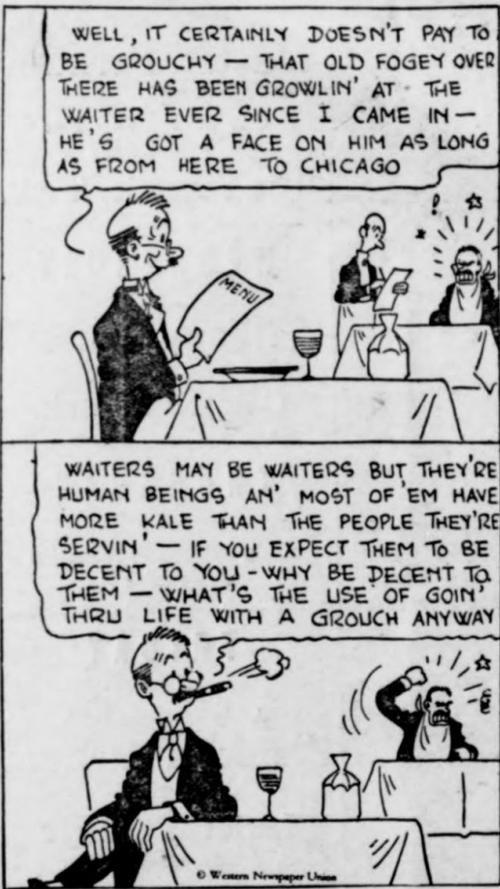
OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



TEACHING SIS HOW TO SKATE.

It's Different When YOU Have a Kick



MAKING SURE.
"Why didn't you call for help when he kissed you?"
"I was afraid some one would hear me."



BARGAINING
Mr. Lovelorn—Gladys, will you be the partner of my joys and sorrows?
Miss Goldlox—What are you offering me, the joys or the sorrows?

Fact About the Moon

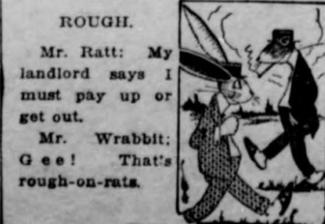
The popular impression that the full moon has the power to clear away clouds disappears slowly, notwithstanding the almost unanimous pronouncement of scientists against it. That may be largely due to the fact that so great an authority in his day as Sir John Herschel regarded the idea as probably correct. After a study of the Greenwich observations it was suggested that the impression may be due to the fact that a change from the cloudy to the clear state is much more likely to attract attention when there is a full moon in the sky, and many meteorologists agree with this.

Wall Paper Designs.
Jean Papillon, the second wood engraver to bear the name, was the first to plan and execute continuous repeating designs in wall papers, matching on the sides the sheet that was placed next to it. These were first used in 1688 and were soon an established fashion.

Brimstone's the Thing.
Sin takes a man to perdition. A dead tree makes better firewood than a live one.



ONE GOOD THING
"What do you think will be the effect of prohibi'?"
"For one thing it will save a lot of women the trouble of marrying men to reform them."



ROUGH.
Mr. Ratt: My landlord says I must pay up or get out.
Mr. Wrabbit: Gee! That's rough-on-rats.

Take It at Night
Makes Morning Bright

St. Joseph's
LIVER REGULATOR
for BLOOD-LIVER-KIDNEYS
The BIG 25¢ CAN

THE BEST WAY TO GET YOUR IRON

PHYSICIANS have prescribed Gude's Pepto-Mangan for 30 years because of its supply of iron. They found that it was readily absorbed, did not irritate the stomach and quickly toned and strengthened the system. At your druggist's, in both liquid and tablets.

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BOSCHEE'S SYRUP

Allays irritation, soothes and heals throat and lung inflammation. The constant irritation of a cough keeps the delicate mucus membrane of the throat and lungs in congested condition, which BOSCHEE'S SYRUP gently and quickly heals. For this reason it has been a favorite household remedy for colds, coughs, bronchitis and especially for lung troubles in millions of homes all over the world for the last fifty-seven years, enabling the patient to obtain a good night's rest, free from coughing with easy expectation in the morning. You can buy BOSCHEE'S SYRUP wherever medicines are sold.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

Old Standard Remedy for Chills and Malaria. 60c

FROST PROOF Cabbage Plants

Early Jersey, Charleston Wakefield, Flat Dutch, Succession. Postpaid, 100, 20c; 500, 75c; 600, \$1.00; 1000, \$1.50. Charges collect—1000, \$1.00; 5000 at 90c; 13,000 at 80c. Bermuda Onions, Lettuce, Collard, Kale, Brussels Sprouts, Beets, Kohi-Rabi plants same price. Satisfaction guaranteed.
D. F. Jamison, Summerville, S. C.

A good many families have a "breakfast room," but they don't call it that. It's the kitchen.

Mrs. Eva Tidmarsh

Health Brings Beauty
Girls, Read This!

Pueblo, Colo.—"When my daughter, now Mrs. Eva Tidmarsh, was sixteen, she suffered terribly at times as many girls do, and did not feel real good at any time. She had pimples all over her body. A friend told me to get her a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, as her daughter had taken it and had derived wonderful relief from it. My daughter took three bottles and now she is perfectly well—never has a headache or backache. We both never forget to recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."—Mrs. Lula Davis, 108 E. Evans Ave

Your health is most important to you. It's easily improved. Obtain Dr. Pierce's Prescription now, in liquid or tablets, from your druggist or send 10c for trial pkg. of tablets to Dr. Pierce's Invalid Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., or write for free medical advice.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 4-1924.

THE RED LOCK

A Tale of the Flatwoods

By DAVID ANDERSON

Author of "The Blue Moon"

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CHAPTER XI—Continued.

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"An' did y'u this t' take the ol' man by su'prise? Did y'u, lad?"

He opened his mouth in another upheaval of silent merriment, his still sinewy shoulders heaving up and down and jostling his iron-gray locks about his ears.

"Jist bracin' y'urself fr the rish, werdn't y'u?"

"I—I—thought y'u was b'hind the log."

The old ranger's eyes danced and his mouth spread wide.

"I wus."

"Yes—but how?—w'y I had m' eyes on that log every second."

"Egzac'ly"—the sinewy shoulders heaved up and down again—"calc'lated y'u would. 'Stid o' keepin' y'ur eye on the log, y'u ort 'a kep' it on the pass to the highest cover—ol' Injin trick—show y'u some time."

The young man glanced at the log, noted the space of practically open ground that must have been crossed in order to reach the nearest cover, and turned to his aged companion in frank admiration.

"Wonder if I ever will be as handy as you?"

"Tain't likly—y'ur life don't depend on it, like mine use'n to sixty years ago. Y'u're far handier a'ready than any other man in the woods. But woodcraft will never ag'in be what it once't wus. People even k'nda ook down on it, now'days. They're s' wrapped up in book l'arnin' an' lan' crabbin' an' money graspin' that they think it's a kind of disgrace—some of em—t' even l'arn t' shoot. No, no, woodcraft will never ag'in be what it once't wus—never ag'in."

A faint suspicion of bitterness, of homesickness for scenes long gone—for the stimulating uncertainties of the perilous trail—quavered in the old man's tones. He stooped, plucked off a tender shoot from a sassafras sprout and stood chewing it meditatively.

"How come y'u left y'ur trail a' open this morning?" asked Jack. "I picked it up where y'u jumped the road."

The question seemed to recall the old man's straying thoughts.

"Yes, an' y'u ort 'a' picked it up long b'fore. Y'u crossed it twice b'fore ever y'u come down the bluffs—once't about a hundred yards west o' the pheasant's nest, an' ag'in a leetle north of whar y'u stood lookin' down at Hen Spencer's ol' cabin. Y'u didn't hardly act like y'urself this mornin'—y'u acted kinda keerness an' fur away, like—so I left the trail open a leetle thar at the road an' at the crick."

The young man turned away and stood gazing out across the brush-tangled hollow.

"And me thinkin' t' take by su'prise the famous ranger that found the trail of the great Tecumseh, when it was hid from the best of the runners," he said warmly—"and you was jist playin' with me."

At reference to the far-famed achievement of his younger days, the shoulders of the old hunter seemed to grow a little more erect, while his dark eyes glowed with a faint suggestion of the fire that in his prime had made them the hardest pair of eyes on the border to pass unseen.

"Well, not jist playin', nuther." He chewed hard on the sassafras sprout a moment. "You must 'a' purt nigh run into that gal a leetle bit ago?"

A statement with the force of a question—the young man started, but hid the movement by fumbling with his sore shoulder. The terrified face of the mountain girl freshened in his mind, with the dread of discovery in her startled eyes. He hitched the blouse loose from his shoulder and glanced out across the hollow without meeting his old friend's look.

"What gal?"

The old man jerked a hand toward the opposite bluff.

"Aw, I jist glimpsed one a-peakin' along through the brush yonder an' 'lowed mebbe y'u might 'a' run across'er."

He stood chewing the sassafras shoot and looking away down the hollow in the direction of Black Rock. The young man breathed easier—the girl's secret was safe. The hawklike eyes had missed the chance meeting—seemingly the one thing they had missed, as his next words half startlingly disclosed.

"What did y'u make o' them tracks y'u foller'd yister'd'y—'fom them bushes on the edge o' the cliff back o' y'ur cabin an' past the ol' log? I see'd y'u'd be'n foller'n' 'em as I crossed the trail m'se'f this mornin'."

The young man bent an amazed look upon his aged friend, lost in wonder at his marvelous woodcraft.

"I got a look at the man that made 'em," was his slow answer, "while he laid b'hind that log a-watchin' me straighten up the fence. I don't think

he knows I saw 'im, but I did—it was the feller that stirred up all that rumpus at the schoolhouse night b'fore last."

The old man threw away his sassafras shoot; an eager seriousness crossed his face.

"That wus Black Bogus."

The younger man stared.

"No!"

"Hlt were."

The woodsman fell suddenly thoughtful; glanced away across the hollow toward where the double trail led through the woods. The old man studied him curiously. It may be each was thinking the same thought—that strange resemblance that had so puzzled them both—but neither let fall any inkling of it to the other.

"Al knows 'im," Uncle Nick went on after a moment. "He's a friend of Loge Belden's—an' he thinks mebbe he's harborin' up thar with 'im."

He jerked his thumb up the hollow toward where a section of the warped roof of Loge Belden's squalid cabin barely protruded above the bushes; seemed to weigh his next words before letting them fall.

"Anyhow, I thought I'd p'int m' nose up the crick an' kinda throw an eye on Loge's cabin t' see if 'e is."

"An' if 'e is—?" the other questioned, having caught the curious look.

The caution of a lifetime in the woods prompted the old hunter to look guardedly in every direction before answering.

"Don't let on y'u know it"—he came a step nearer—"but Al says Belden b'longs t' the same gang o' cutthroats down Vincennes way that Black Bogus does, an' he thinks more 'n likly they're plottin' t' crack ol' Slime Colin's safe."

The hardness that had come at the mountain girl's warning crept again into the woodsman's eyes, but he made no comment.

"I 'low y'u neen' t' be told they ain't neither one got much time fr you, after what happened at the post office an' at the schoolhouse—a' they're the kind that won't stay licked, an' the kind that strikes in the dark."

Jack picked up the heavy shotgun from where he had laid it aside when about to rush upon his old friend, thoughtfully blew a dead grass blade out from between the hammer and the lock, but offered no word. The old man again bent his furtive look upon him and went on.

"Black Bogus—their fifty sherrifs a-lookin' fr him, an' a standin' reward of five thousan' dollars, dead 'r alive—"

The young man flinched, looked keenly at the other.

"Uncle Nick—y'u wouldn't—!"

"No, I wouldn't," the old man replied with instant readiness to the half-implied imputation. "I've shot men in my time. I never sold one."

He stepped around the great sugar maple, motioned for the other to follow, and stole away along the brow of the bluff, quite obviously in serious earnest.

The young woodsman fell into the trail. Steeped in the caution that came from much living alone, he said nothing, but it was the one thing that had brought him to the woods that morning—to have a look at Loge Belden's cabin.

Reaching a point, at length, a short distance below where the suspected cabin squatted, they crept down the bed of a dry wash-out and through some thickets of brier and hazel until they lay within less than a hundred yards of its crude and mud daubed walls.

There seemed to be no one about except the comely mountain girl, who came to the open door a time or two to look out, as if she expected come one—some one that she would rather not see, to judge by the troubled expression of her face—a face whose tragic sadness had so impressed the woodsman at that strained and hurried interview.

It was late in the forenoon when, above them on the hillside, they heard the swish of a brush swinging back into place after having been dragged aside. Uncle Nick held up a cautious finger, and they crouched lower in the cover.

There came the snap of a dry stick; a man emerged from the swaying bushes and stole toward the back door of the cabin, passing within a dozen steps of where they lay. There could be no mistaking the powerful form and truculent face with its stubble of beard—it was Black Bogus.

CHAPTER XII

Ashes of the Past.

It was little enough that the red-roofed cottage saw of the young preacher—breakfast by candle light; supper the same; an hour of twilight with Texte on the rustic seat at Whispering spring. The rest of the day he spent in the study at the parsonage, where, at the insistence of the venerable widow, he lunched. He proved to be a very studious man. It was a

rare thing indeed to see him in daylight when his peering eyes were not poring over a book, with another usually tucked under his arm.

Jack Warhope had not yet climbed the bluffs to the woods on the morning of that eventful day that flared forth the startled face of the mountain girl with her hurried warning; its dawn still clung to cliff and scar, and many candles were still alight in the village, when the preacher left the parlor bedroom and came out on the porch.

Texte was already on the lawn, flitting about among the flowers and gathering a bouquet for the breakfast table.

She was like them—the flowers; as much a part of the rich life of the lawn as they. Life—it radiated from every curve of her pliant body; it was the one thought that came first to mind when looking on her. There were butterflies in the mellow glow already arched above the rim of the east and sifting in through the cool trees adrip with dew, but she was more alive than they.

At sight of her, a-tiptoe by a lilac bush and reaching up for one of its choicest blossoms, the studious concentration left the face of the man on the porch and there came over his features a curious sadness—a sadness touched with fire, as if within him had suddenly flared up some desperate battle of the soul.

The girl had heard the step on the porch. With the coveted blossom in her hand at last, she placed it with the others, and turned with a smile of sensible frankness.

The precise and studious concentration instantly returned to the eyes behind the spectacles, the stoop came back to the capable shoulders, and, with the quick, mincing step that was as much a part of him as the frock coat and neck stock, he came down off the porch and joined her.

With the stately and somewhat ponderous courtesy of seventy years ago, he had taken the shears, begging to be allowed to cut the flowers, when the slam of a gate drew their eyes to the back of the yard. The old banker was just coming from the barn, his step leaving the rumpled trail in the gray dew of the lawn, his rugged face apparently full of its accustomed strength and color.

"W'y, father, I expected you'd stay in bed a while this morning yet, after that—faintly spell the other night."

"Bed! No place fr a well man after daylight"—he pulled himself up to the last inch of his gaunt height; stretched up his arms; filled his chest with the dew-washed air; expelled it with an explosive exclamation that scared a couple of blackbirds in the branches above; and the crags and battlements of his grim old face smoothed themselves out into an expression as near as they could come to a smile—"an' I am a well man—fit as a fiddle."

"But, father, you don't think of goin' to the office t'day?"

"Aw, I reckon y'u'd all r'ar up if I did."

"I'm so glad—and won't it be nice t' have y'u at home all day ag'in! I wish y'u never would go back t' that horrid ol' office ag'in."

The old man put his arm around her and patted her shoulder.

"You're a good gal, Texte. I dunno what y'ur ol' father would do without y'u, now that—that—"

He stopped; let his eyes stray up the river and far into the east, all flushed and spangled with the close coming of the sun; the girl bent her head; the preacher stood fumbling the shears in his hand.

"Mebbe I will quit the office one o' these days."

His eyes were still lost in the east; he spoke as if his heart was there. His daughter raised her head and searched his face.

"You alwys say that, but y'u never do."

"I dunno, better walk out than be carried out, they say, an' I've come almighty nigh that very thing a time 'r two—heap nigher"—he brought his eyes back out of the east, noticed the hurt on his daughter's face and patted her shoulder.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Real Test.

The disconsolate-looking tramp was sitting with his back to the hedge, eating some food out of a piece of newspaper.

Presently a woman, out for a stroll with her pet dog, came along. The little animal soon scented the food, and immediately ran up to the tramp and tried to take something out of the paper. The tramp's grimy face immediately became suffused with a smile, which the lady put down in her own mind as "rather nice in that sort of a person."

"Shall I throw the little dog a bit?" asked the tramp, as her pet still sniffed at the food.

The woman was much gratified with this appearance of kindly interest and gave her assent. The tramp seized the dog by the scruff of its neck and tossed it over the hedge, remarking: "And if he comes back, ma'am, I might throw him a bit more!"

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LOCAL ITEMS

Jeff Davis and family of Plains, are new arrivals. Mr. Davis is a carpenter and contractor.

Judge Ires Prosser returned first of the week from a visit to his family in Roscoe.

Mr. and Tom McNeill of Three Rivers, came in Tuesday and have joined the happy colony out at Newmoore.

Cleaning, Pressing, Altering and Dyeing, Phone 52.—O. I. Luellan West Side.

John L. Greenfield return from a week's visit to Dallas Monday evening.

W. Aldrich, representing the McCormick-Dearing farm machinery, was a business visitor first of the week.

Found—Cotton attachment to planter. Owner will find same at Index office.—J. W. Boyle & Son.

Sewing neatly done. All work guaranteed.—Mrs. Francis Page.

D. M. Estes of the T Bar neighborhood was a visitor at the Index office Thursday of last week.

LOST—\$5 reward for envelope of notes made in my favor, believed to be lost near the post office. C. A. Miller.

Orieas Burns came in from Shawnee, Okla., Tuesday to make his home here.

Bell Burleson has just completed a six-room apartment house north of the postoffice.

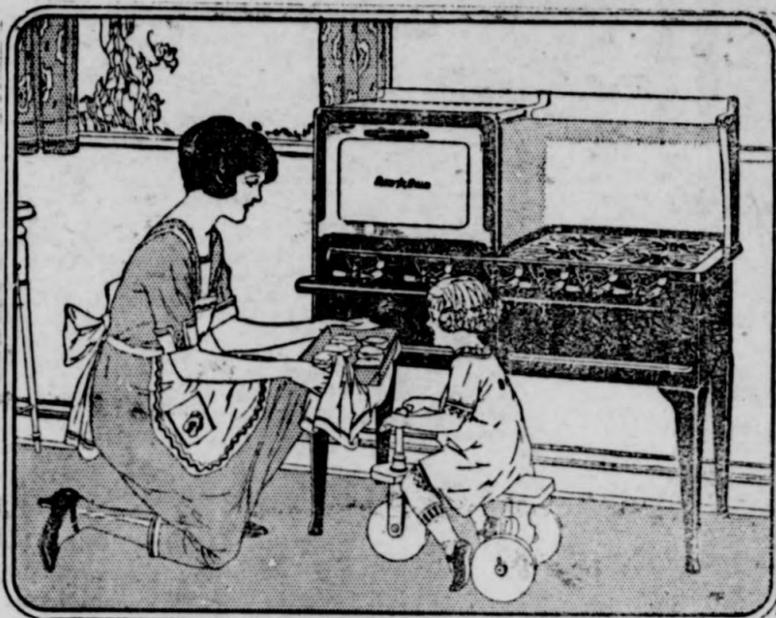
T. R. Stocking and family arrived this week from Rochester and are at work improving the place recently purchased out of the Orson tract.

E. L. Gary arrived this week and is now at work on the place recently purchased near Pride. Mr. Gary is from Erath county.

Gomer R. Wilson of Hamlin, was a business visitor here Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanders and daughter were visitors in Big Spring last week.

M. M. Wallace of Amarillo an insurance man, was here Saturday with a view of opening an office.

FOR SALE—One guaranteed Lloyd Woves baby buggy, good as new at a bargain. See Mrs. Lee Cargile, Route 1.

The home of Jim McKee, who lives near Joe Bailey, was discovered on fire Sunday night, but the flames were extinguished before any serious damages was done.

R. E. Cheney and sons, Gaston and Galle, are new arrivals from Greenville. They are carpenters and contractors and are constructing a nice home for G. A. Haney in the southeast part of town.

Will Williamson is building a 14x28 addition to his home a mile and a half south of town. Burk & Caddell have the contract for the improvement.

Boyd Hatchett, a prominent citizen of Tahoka, died at his home in that city last Saturday and was buried Sunday. Mr. Hatchett had lived in Lynn county for many years and had many friends. A large number of friends from O'Donnell attended the funeral. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Doak have gone to the Rio Grande Valley to spend a few weeks. Miss Jo Doak is visiting her grandparents in Jones county during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Doak.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet in regular session Saturday afternoon and all the Methodist ladies of the town are requested to be present. There will be no special program, but the hour will be devoted to study.

The farm home of Jim Parker, who lives a few miles east of town, was burned Tuesday night. The fire had gained too much headway before being discovered to save any of the contents. Quite a sum of money was subscribed by the citizens of O'Donnell to assist Mr. Parker in rebuilding.

C. B. Kilgore, manager of the O'Donnell Business College,

states that he is meeting with splendid success in organizing a class for the opening of the school on February 4th. He will start construction in a few days on a building of sufficient capacity to take care of the school for the present.

Ben Moore, ex-postmaster, has moved from town to his farm three miles northwest and is busy getting ready to plant a crop.

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