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TEXAS LANDMARK FAST CRUMBLING

Once Proud Seat of "Law West of Pecos" Is Now Crumbling Ruins.

WHERE JUDGE BEAN PRESIDED

Town's Name, Eagle's Nest, Vanishes From Map and Only Memory Remains of the Judge and His Rulings.

San Antonio, Tex.—With its foundation posts wobbling like old men's legs, its floors showing ugly gaping holes, its porch roof shorn of the last lumber, its door hanging to a single hinge—at Langtry, Tex., once known as Eagle's Nest—what remains of the town's most famous old landmark, crumbling to wind and rain.

Once proud seat of the "Law West of Pecos"—the old town and throne of Judge Roy Bean, the "Law West of Pecos," are withering away.

When no one was left to travel a drop to drink, in the "Good Old Days," many humorous and many sentimental stories regarding Judge Bean have been handed down by friends and relatives, many of whom are living in or adjacent to San Antonio today.

It was in a day when enforcement of the law went far and far between, and when the men with the quickest trigger finger and the steadiest nerve were monarchs of a large portion of what they surveyed.

Bean was justice of the peace of precinct No. 4 and the ranking representative of the law for hundreds of miles north, south, east and west of him. Equipped with a copy of the statutes of Ohio of the vintage of 1835, a sense of fair play, and a strong conviction of what the law should be even though it were not so written down in the books, he put up his sign:

Judge Roy Bean,
Justice of the Peace,
Law West of the Pecos.

In addition to being chief magistrate over everything "West of the Pecos," Judge Bean conducted a thirst-quenching emporium typical of the day. The saloon was in the hall of justice, and from behind the bar came the splashes of authority backed by a brace of perfectly good six-shooters.

Judge Bean's "Law."

Two Mexican men and women walked to Judge Bean's court one day and informed him that they wanted a change; that they wanted to swap husbands. The judge made diligent inquiries of each of the four, found all to be of the same mind, charged each of the men \$15 and a dozen bottles of beer and called it done.

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BOSNIA IS HARD HIT

Suffers Greatly in the Wake of the War.

Factories and Railroads Hurt by Upset—Food and Clothes Cost High.

Sarajevo, Bosnia.—Bosnia may be a long time recovering from the effects of the war.

Factory production is almost at a standstill, railroad transportation is irregular and uncertain, stores are bare of stocks, imports are much reduced, clothing and food are high in price, and there is much idleness among the people. The crops this year, however, are abundant and there is sufficient food to meet all needs.

The German and Hungarian signs which formerly appeared above the store windows have given place to placards in Serbian and Sarajevo has taken on quite the appearance of a Serbian town. The Serbian inhabitants are of course quite content with the Belgrade government, but the Germans, Austrians and Turks are not quite so happy.

There is a disposition, however, to accept conditions as they are and to hope for a resumption of the commercial activity and advantages which the people enjoyed at the hands of the Austrians. The friends of the Serbs and Jugo-Slavs hope that with time the Serbian government will be able to match the prosperity and progress which the Austrians and Germans brought to the country.

Among the population America enjoys great prestige and respect. This is largely due to the timely help brought to the country by the American Red Cross and the United States food administration. Until the arrival of these relief agencies Americans had never before appeared in Bosnia in any considerable number.

The presence of the officers of the Red Cross and the food administration had a splendid moral and educational effect among the Bosnians. Much of the rancor and harsh feeling engendered by the war has been removed, and through the work of these Americans the larger part of the people now look upon the United States as a friend, not as a foe.

Ohio Has Landlord Who Refuses to Profit

America's most remarkable landlord has been discovered at Akron, Ohio. He is a man who not only will not profiteer, but during the last six years has not increased the rents on his tenants at all. He is renting six modern five-room frame dwellings today at the same price which he charged the first year his tenants moved in. The houses rent at \$30 a month. Other smaller houses here are renting at \$50 and \$75 a month.

NOME LOSES ITS LAST PAPER

Nearest Source of News This Winter Will Be 1,000 Miles Away.

Nome, Alaska.—Trappers, miners and others of this far northwestern corner of the continent who for years have looked to Nome for their news of the outside world, will receive no regular news report this winter, as the Nugget, Nome's only newspaper, has decided to suspend publication. Fairbanks is the source of news for this part of the country.

Nome, once one of the camps of the North, at a ported several newspapers, so many people are leaving steamer that a newspaper pay.

BUY GERMAN DIAMONDS

Anglo-American Company 1,000,000 for African Holdings.

London.—A dispatch to the change Telegraph company Johannesburg reports the purchase of 1,000,000 of all Germany's private interests in the diamonds of Africa by a former German street A. Rica.

Some protests are expressed what is called the "secret" deal, and allegations are made the purchase was effected through due influence in political quarters.

Maybe while the Germans are fighting about who started the U.S. war they will come to some agreement as to who stopped it.

However, the fellow who would prefer to see the fellow who is disposed to be patient and in the meantime make the most of the war.

The End of a Perfect Day



CIVIC CLUB MARKET DAY TOMORROW IN ATHENA WESTON HAS PROSPECT OF FARM BUREAU SCHOOL ATHENA THIS YEAR HAS NO PUBLIC X-MAS TREE

The Civic club met Tuesday afternoon in High school auditorium and reports from all committees appointed to solicit for the market day were made and most encouraging progress was noted. No other business was transacted, but plans were discussed relative to tomorrow's sale and with the moderation of the weather, a most successful market day is anticipated.

Roll call was answered with current items and so much interest was derived from the plan that it was decided to continue this for the next meeting, which will be on the first Tuesday in January.

Market day sales will begin promptly at 10 o'clock tomorrow forenoon in Watts & Rogers' fine new store room, and will continue so long as there remains anything to sell. A goodly supply of edibles and suitable articles have been donated by the good housewives of Athena and others, so there will be large variety to select from.

Together with this event the opening of the Watts & Rogers store, one of the finest in the inland Empire, will take place. With its modern heating plant, splendid architectural appointments and the large stock of new goods on display, the firm is ready to devote its share to the club's market facilities.

BENEFIT DANCE GIVEN BY THE ATHENA-WESTON POST

Advertising matter announcing a benefit ball to be given at the Athena opera house on Christmas eve, December 21, by Athena-Weston Post, American Legion, is out.

The proceeds derived from the ball will go into the treasury of the Post to be used for the expenditures of the organization, which is starting out with a membership that includes practically all serve men who went to war from Athena and Weston.

Admission tickets at \$1.25 each being held by Post members and they are meeting with the hearty support of the public. One of the large crowds of the season is expected at Athena on the evening of this benefit ball.

Committees on invitation, music, oration, etc., have made necessary arrangements and assurance is given that a pleasant time will be enjoyed by all who attend the dance.

Myant's jazz orchestra will furnish music for the occasion, and the Opera house will be put to the best of condition for dancing.

There is good prospect that a farmers' school will be held in Memorial Hall next February under auspices of the Extension Service of the Oregon Agricultural College. The granting of such a valuable source of instruction to Weston will depend largely upon the growth of farm bureau membership here and on Weston mountain. Sim J. Culley is in receipt of a letter from Fred Benning, county agent, from which the following excerpts are taken:

"I want to arrange with Professor Hyalop and his assistant, Mr. Carpenter, to conduct a grain production, handling and grading school in this county some time in February. This will be a two-day school and will take up practically the same work as will be given under this head during Farmers' Week at the college."

"What would you think of the success of such a school if it were held in the Weston community hall some time in February? This year these extension schools will be held under the auspices of the Farm Bureau, and the membership in any community in such a school. One day of this school or part of one day could be given over to potato work in which the people on the mountain should be interested. Professor Hyalop is secretary and inspector for the State Board of Seed Potato Certification. I am extremely anxious to do what I can to build up the Weston Mountain country as a seed potato section and believe that Professor Hyalop would be of material help on this subject."

"I suggest that you talk this matter over with the other members of the Weston Farm Bureau committee and see what they think about the advisability of holding such a conference. If you can secure 30 or 40 Farm Bureau members in the vicinity of Weston there is no doubt that we could swing this proposition without any expense, and the school alone will be worth more than the membership fee to the Farm Bureau."

Farmers' Week at Oregon Agricultural College begins December 29.

The fiercest winter weather in years in this section—some say the coldest ever known—broke Tuesday with a warm and welcome chinook. It first visited the mountains, and then swept down upon the lowlands, dissipating a prolonged cold snap. The lowest temperature was reached Friday night, when the official record was 22 degrees below zero. Ukiah, in the south end of the county, reported an estimated minimum of 52 degrees below, the bulb of mercury having frozen at 48 below.

Next in order is a union of husbands with demands for hot biscuits, daily, time out a half for walking the baby night, 50 per cent increase in spending money, two pairs of decent socks per week and the freedom of the seas.

For the very first time in the history of the town, probably, Athena kiddies will go through the Yuletide without a public Christmas tree. Some will have the Christmas tree in the home, where Santa will distribute his pack, and others will utilize the old-time medium of the stocking hung by the chimney corner. At any rate, Santa Claus will not permit the cold weather to deter his annual visit, and will be on hand as usual.

At the churches, Christmas programs will be given Sunday morning, and gifts dispensed among the children. The Christian program will be at the Sunday school hour, which will be given over to the little folks, the auditorium being the place of meeting.

The Baptists will have Sunday morning also, when a splendid program will be given by the Bible school and church combined, at the church hour.

At the Methodist church a short Christmas service will be held at the Sunday school hour, and a regular Christmas program will be given on the following Sunday, December 28.

ATHENA GUN CLUB WILL SPONSOR SHOOTING MATCH

On next Sunday, December 21, the Athena Gun Club holds its first big shooting event since its organization of over a year ago, when it will have as visitors, trap shooters and rifle marksmen from all over the county at the club grounds to compete in match shooting for turkeys, beef and pork.

The club grounds have been put in tiptop condition for the big event and invitations have been sent to the members of the different gun clubs to be present for the occasion and a big time is anticipated.

Besides beef and pork to be shot for arrangements were made whereby the club came into possession of a large number of turkeys. The birds were secured from flocks in different parts of the county. Forty will come from an Echo breeder dressed, ready for the bake oven. There will be lots of prizes to furnish great sport for all who may attend Athena's first big shooting match.

Mrs. Warren Raymond, eldest daughter of Robert Coppock, died Tuesday in a North Yakima hospital after an illness of several weeks. The funeral occurred yesterday in Walla Walla, her home, and was attended by many friends of the deceased. She leaves a son and daughter, Robert Raymond and Miss Marguerite Raymond, besides her father, two sisters—Miss Mattie Coppock and Mrs. Lina Read—and three brothers—A. R. and Frank Coppock of Athena and Alf Coppock of Pullman, Wash. All were present at the funeral.

HAREMS YIELD YOUNG

Boys and Girls Sold into Captivity Being Rescued.

Under Allied Rule Turks Are on Good Behavior and Kurds Are Quiet.

New York.—How 50,000 or more Armenian and Syrian children, stolen by Turks and Kurds and sold into harems or Arab encampments, are being rescued from captivity and worse through the efforts of the near East relief, now that the near East is under allied rule, is told by Ilev. E. O. Jago, who has just returned from western Asia.

"It is no uncommon sight in Aleppo, Syria," says Mr. Jago, "to see scores of children brought in by the searching parties. The children are all dirty, ragged and starving, and many of them have been tattooed by their Arab masters."

"Broken hearted mothers and sisters pace up and down the line of the rescued hoping to see their son or daughter or brother, stolen three or four years ago. Many times there are happy reunions, but often the quest is in vain, and broken-hearted mothers seem to despair of ever seeing their loved ones again."

An important feature of Mr. Jago's work since the country was rescued from the fanatical domination of the Turks has been the recovery of these stolen children. From parents and friends all information possible about the missing ones was obtained and this was sifted down and turned over to the British commandant of the district, who, in every instance where the information was definite, has succeeded in recovering the stolen children. Among the rescued are many young girls whose fate in the harems has been too terrible to describe.

Under the British regime in Armenia and that of the French in Syria the Turks are in their good behavior and in many cases are co-operating with the near East relief workers. Even the brutal Kurds, long the oppressors of the Armenians, are quiet, but those who know them best believe they are only waiting for the withdrawal of the allied forces for another orgy of murder and pillage upon the offending Christians.

FRENCH POLIUS ASK OFFICE

Cry "New Conditions, New Men," as They Stand for Election to Chamber Seats.

Paris.—"For new conditions, new men," is the rallying cry of the former soldier element for the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

Some of the many veteran organizations demand that the men who fought the war should alone be charged with the work of reconstruction. Others demand that 50 per cent of the candidates of each party for the chamber of deputies be recruited from the soldier organizations.

Among the former soldiers who will seek election is the "ace" of French military aviation, Rene Fonck, who it is reported, will run on the same ticket with Georges Mandel, right-hand man to Premier Clemenceau.

WAR HITS SWISS FORTUNES

Depreciation of Foreign Securities Amounts to Huge Sum—Hotels Suffer.

Berne, Switzerland.—Six billion francs is the sum representing the loss suffered by Switzerland, as a result of the war, according to an estimate by M. Sarselin, president of the Swiss Bankers' union of this city. Of this 2,400,000,000 francs are accounted for by depreciation of German securities and 1,500,000,000 francs by depreciation of Austro-Hungarian securities held by Swiss citizens.

The losses suffered by the hotel world are put down as amounting to 400,000,000 francs. The majority of Swiss private fortunes are invested in foreign government and foreign industrial undertakings, the value of which has declined 40 to 50 per cent.

Widow Neptune Poisons Woman.

Ventura, Cal.—While walking through Forest Park, Cal., near the river bank, Mrs. A. E. Thomas of Santa Paula was struck on the hand by an unknown species of reptile. The poison spread with remarkable rapidity, the arm swelling to twice its normal size within a few moments' time. By applying first aid remedies, Mrs. Thomas was removed from danger until medical assistance could be secured.

Oldest Canadian Dead.

Vancouver, B. C.—Charles Joseph Leroy, believed the oldest man in Canada, died here, aged one hundred and four years and two months. He was born at Versailles, France, the son of one of Napoleon's soldiers. Leroy fought in the Union army in the American Civil war.

MOST ELOQUENT SPEECH OF WAR

Credited by Baruch to Donlin, President of the Building Trades.

Was Made in the Dark Days of the War When the Cry from France Was "Men, More Men"—Never Got into Print.

LITTLE TALK CLEARS THE WAY

Washington.—The most eloquent speech made during the war, according to Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the war industries board, never got into print. It was made in the dark days when the cry from France was "Men, more men," and the supply available in the draft was running low.

"General Crowder," says Mr. Baruch, "served notice on the board that he must have something like 300,000 men, and the question was where they were to come from. The draft had taken out everybody available, and the only way was to take men from industry. Hence the appeal to the war industries board."

"We put men to work on it, and in due time a plan for weeding them out was presented. Among other things it put the private chauffers out of business, as well as education and men in the white goods such. This would not have been enough, and the placing of women in men's work in the trades had to be considered—a real dilution of labor."

Labor Called In.

"The scheme was all right, but when it came to us for approval we found that everybody except those most important had been consulted. I mean the representatives of labor. So they were called in and the scheme, as well as the necessity back of it, were explained to them."

"As might be expected, there was a lot of opposition to putting women in the men's trades and the putting of the men thus released into uniform. During it all one man sat still, giving not the slightest indication of what he thought of the thing. After about everybody else had had his say he took the floor."

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "this thing is very simple. If I am going home Saturday night with my week's pay in my pocket and a guy steps up and tries to take it away from me, I am a fool if I keep my left hand on the wad and try to beat him off with my right. If I see that the chances are that he will get me and the wad and go after him with both hands, I'll save the wad and get him."

Use Both Hands.

"Now, Mr. Chairman, that's the case here. This German guy is just around the corner. If we keep one hand on our wads he'll get us and our wads, too. If we use both our hands we'll save the wads and get him. Unless we get him, if he gets us, our wads or anything else won't be worth much. So I say, Mr. Chairman, let us take both our hands out of our pockets and get after him. So far as I'm concerned, you can have every man in the building trades that can pass the doctors, and the boys, I'm sure, will back me up."

John H. Donlin, president of the building trades department, was the chap that did the talking. His little speech settled the question, and all the way was left clear to us to weed all the men out of industry that might be needed.

"Fortunately, as it happened, we did not need to 'dilute' labor, but Donlin's little speech took us over what was one of the nastiest situations in the war. It was the most eloquent speech made during the war and one of the most effective."

Husband Took Covers, So His Wife Sues

New York.—The argument arose, the bill stated—

"Over their respective equities in the bedclothes of their conjugal couch, in the course of which he succeeded in wresting from your matrix and retaining some 50 per cent of said coverings, and struck her in so doing."

The fact that it was bitter cold on that November night in 1915 when the above-mentioned incident transpired in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Herman is not regarded by Mrs. Herman as an extenuating circumstance. Hence she has entered suit for divorce.