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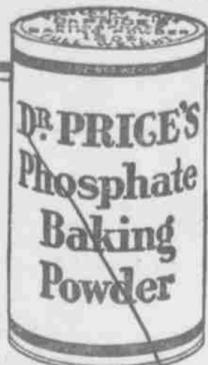
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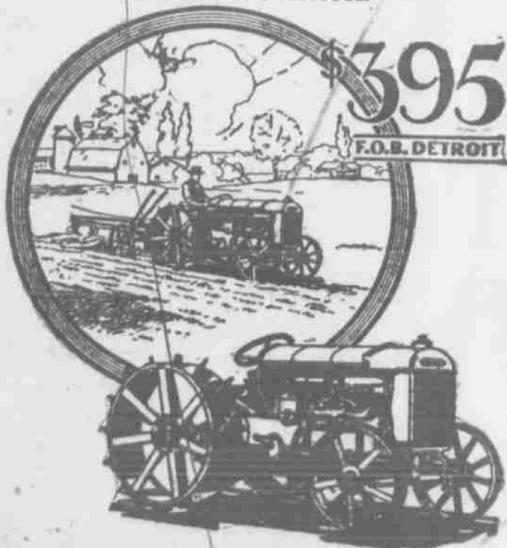
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### THE THREE WISHES

You remember that delightful little fairy story, "The Three Wishes." A fairy appeared to a poor wood-chopper as he was at work in the woods. "Make three wishes," she said, "and they will be granted." He hurried home to tell his wife the wonderful news. As he ate his supper of dry bread and milk, they discussed the three wishes. "We can wish for an empire, great riches, and a large family," they said. "They were disciples of the late T. B." Then they fell into an argument as to how many boys and how many girls would be most desirable. The argument waxed warm. The man became irritated. His meager supper vexed him. "I wish I had a sausage for supper," he said. And there it was. Then there was great lamentation. "One wish had been thrown away. How should they use the two remaining wishes? The discussion again waxed warm. The man again lost his temper. "I wish this sausage was hanging from the end of your nose," he finally said to his wife. And it was so. Two wishes gone! More lamentations. Only one wish left. The wife wailed, "What happiness would there be in an empire, or great riches, or a large family, while a sausage was hanging from one's nose?" There was no peace for the poor man till he wished the sausage away. And he was only a poor wood-chopper ever after.

That was in the good old days of the good old fairies. So far as I have been able to observe, that race of fairies has long been extinct as the dodo. It would seem that the average farmer hasn't heard of that tragedy. Most of us are impatiently waiting for some old-time fairy to do for us the things we feel ought to be done.

Yes, the old race of fairies is dead, but a new race has taken its place. The new fairy appears to the American farmer, not with an offer of three wishes, but with the offer of an unlimited number. In substance the offer is, "Ask what you will and it shall be done." The only condition is, the asking must be up to the standard.

What can we ask? Do I remember, or am I only dreaming that a few years ago, without the shedding of a drop of blood, the American people paid the sugar pirates from twenty to thirty cents per pound for sugar, while the warehouses were full of bursting with sugar? And some of these sugar pirates are today still beseeching congress to pay them the difference between what they received for the sugar they had received when the bubble burst and what they would have received but for the collapse! Don't you think the American people would just as readily pay us thirty cents for our hogs and cattle and sheep if we would only ask? All we need to do is to master that wonderful art of asking.

Other interests have secured some very satisfactory legislation in the past just for the asking. Don't you think we could go and do likewise if we would only ask? We have control of the commissary department of the modern industrial system. We also control a large block of votes in our modern political system. We simply need to tune up our asking apparatus to the proper wave length. Our legislators are constantly "listening." They are anxious to know what is "in the air." But unless we ask and ask in the proper wave length, how are they to know that we are "in the air" with a request?

Two of the conditions necessary to effective asking are, organization and ballots. The way to get some things is to organize and go after them. The way to get other wishes granted is to vote right.

We are on the eve of an election. Will conditions be unchanged by the election? If they are changed will it be for the better or for the worse? That all depends upon the voters. The way to get good laws enacted and enforced is to begin now and keep at it. Attend the precinct caucuses and see that good men and women are selected as delegates to the county convention. These delegates will then see that the right kind of candidates are selected. And then all of you go to

the polls and see that the best of these candidates are elected and then back up these officers in performing the duties they are elected to perform.

I have heard from reliable sources that there are some good Republicans. Perhaps equally reliable sources claim there are some good Democrats. It is also rumored that there are some bad Republicans. I once heard it intimated that there are some bad Democrats. I have also seen some newspaper reports to the effect that some members of the Socialist party were not angels. Neither Republican, nor Democratic, nor Socialist platforms can be so beautifully written that a racial in office would be sure to give us a beautiful administration. The recall is a very useful club in time of need, but the proper place for the recall is before the election. To judge from the way some people vote, you would imagine they believed a bad Republican is better than a good Democrat, and vice versa. There are also some who seem to think that any kind of a Socialist is better than any kind of a Republican or Democrat. The Socialists would put so many restrictions about the officer that he couldn't go far wrong. I do not believe it is possible to put strings enough on a crook to keep him straight. How can we expect an incompetent man to make a competent officer? The English king is supposed to be robbed of all dangerous royal prerogatives so that no matter how bad he is he can do no particular harm, but I once heard an eminent historian make the remark that a real strong-minded king could still find enough royal prerogatives lying around loose to enable him to make things interesting for a while.

Wouldn't there be a howl if half the people were disfranchised? Yet sometimes half of them disfranchise themselves by staying at home on election day. We are born rulers of the greatest nation of the world and we relinquish all claim to the throne and are content to be political blanks. When we make blanks of ourselves it is no wonder that Wall Street takes us at our word and handles us as mere pawns in the great game of Big Business.

Did you ever stand around the streets for awhile and "listen in" to see how many different kinds of fool the farmer is, in the minds of business men and professional men and street loafers and politicians? It ought not to take long to convince ourselves that we are fools and to know that we are fools is the first step toward wisdom.

Most of us feel wise enough to criticize any officer from the president down to the dog catcher. The man who isn't wise enough to vote isn't wise enough to criticize the government. More than that, the man who doesn't vote has no moral right to criticize the result of other people's voting.

Did you ever notice any particular difference between a Democratic and a Republican? Did you ever notice any particular difference between a Republican and a Democratic? (Of course, I understand how Henry Errett would answer, "There is so much more Republican prosperity.") Let the soap box orators settle that point. Did you ever notice any particular difference between a Republican grafter and a Democratic grafter? Can you see any particular difference between a Democratic administration that allowed the treasury to be looted of millions of dollars and a Republican administration that neglected to recover the loot from the looters?

Good people are in the majority. Good office seekers are in the majority. If all the good farmers would do their duty at the primaries; if all the good farmer delegates would attend and do their duty at the county conventions; if all the good farmers would do their duty at the polls we would have good officers and good government, regardless of the name of the party in power.

The fairy appears today and grants you three wishes. You will have the kind of officers, the kind of laws and the kind of law enforcement you ask for at the coming election.

C. E. ANDERSON.

## UNION COUNTY NEW MEXICO

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### NEW HOME

Bean threshing is well advanced, with yield running around zero. Everyone as busy gathering their crop as if it were a bumper.

Mrs. Paris was some better Saturday. She has been at the hospital for several days.

Ira Sefton was at home the latter part of the week. The consolidated school at Mankler began Monday. The truck came on the route with Leo Butt acting as pilot, engineer, brakie and conductor.

The chicken supper the 14th was a grand success from every angle.

We are thankful to everyone for their support, from publisher to the bottom of the list. We are grateful to the Rotarians for their patronage and entertainment. They gave us several addresses on different subjects, and some helpful demonstrations on organization and co-operation.

When we got everything rounded in we perfected an organization to be known as the New Home Progressive Club. We are well equipped with the exception of an electric prod.

### SEDAN

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shaka of Mineola, Kans., have returned home after a short visit with his brother, E. E. Shaka, and family.

Mrs. P. K. Taylor, who has been visiting this summer with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Bushnell of Clayton, is visiting old friends near Sedan, Mrs. Taylor is a real "old settler," having come to this vicinity when fences were not to be seen anywhere.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of W. E. Summers on Tuesday, Sept. 12, by the following families: W. I. Pogue, J. W. Duckworth, C. A. Cole, James Orr, R. I. Foster and Miss Ruth Smith, Mrs. P. K. Taylor and A. B. Christerson. Ice cream was served and the guests dispersed wishing for more such social occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Canon and four children of Kingsley, Kans., were overnight visitors at the C. H. Lewis home, Tuesday, Mrs. Canon being a sister of Mr. Lewis, and are on their way overland by auto to make their future home in California.

Mr. Wiley, of Joplin, Mo., nephew of John F. Wiley, after a pleasant visit at Sedan left Saturday with the party of men with whom he had traveled to New Mexico, the rest having gone on to Clovis during his stay here.

Miss Ora E. Jones of Warrensburg, Mo., after a week's pleasant visit at Tyrone, Okla., with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holland, arrived in Sedan to have charge of primary work again at Sedan. Mr. and Mrs. Holland accompanied her.

Mr. N. W. Oliver, principal of Sedan school, motored to Des Moines this week-end to bring Miss Doris Harris to Sedan, where she will again teach 7th and 8th grades, school beginning Sept. 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bushnell and sons Tom, Gene and Perry King of Clayton, were Sunday guests at the James Orr home, as were Sunday Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Parsons and Miss Ruth Smith and Elizabeth Cole, Jr. Dr. J. S. Carrington attended the funeral of Cy Miller, who was laid to rest in Thomas cemetery by the side of his mother.

The study of the book of Philipians is in progress at Sedan U. B. Church at the Sunday night services conducted by Ruth Smith, pastor in charge.

C. E. elections were held Sunday night Sept. 17. The following officers were elected: Miss Ora E. Jones, vice president; Miss Verna Love, Secretary; Miss Allie Lewis, treasurer.

Remember the classes in hygiene and home sick care, by Miss Willis, government nurse, to begin Sept. 25, at Sedan.

### Married

Miss Emma Louise Gibbons, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gibbons of Sedan and Mr. Ralph Hancock of Paoli, Ind., at the Baptist parsonage at Dalhart, Texas, on Thursday, Sept. 14, 1922, Rev. Hicks of the Baptist church officiating.

Mrs. Hancock was well and favor-

ably known here, having lived in Liberty school district, which was known for years as the Gibbons settlement, since she was seven years of age, when she came to this vicinity with her parents, from Indiana. This young couple had only met two weeks ago, but had corresponded for several years, having been introduced by letter by Sedan's former pastor, Rev. D. I. Hammond, whose home was in Indiana prior to coming to Sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shaha, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, accompanied them to Dalhart, the bridal couple leaving Thursday night for their future home in Indiana.

The best of wishes for success and happiness and the worth-while things of life go with this couple from the many friends of the bride, and those who had the pleasure of an acquaintance with the groom during his short stay at Sedan.

"CYGO."

### AMISTAD

The new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Steele, Thursday night, proved to be another daughter.

Guy Shepard left the 9th for Lockney, Texas, where he will attend school again this year.

Mrs. Shepard's mother has been visiting her, the past week.

We certainly were glad the Rodeo brought a little rain with it, both days, the 14th and 15th.

The school teachers from Las Vegas have come up to be ready for school, Monday.

Dr. Brosier took Howard to Mosquero, the 11th, where he would take the train for Albuquerque, to attend college.

There was a good crowd present

at the Rodeo both days. The Rodeo ended without any serious accidents happening, but there might have been as Florian Duke was knocked down by a steer, and D. C. Heynolds' brother had the misfortune of having his horse fall over his roped calf and onto him. He had his left foot hurt, but not seriously.

Even the young men and the big girls with the bobbed hair liked the "Kupie Queens" of the Rodeo.

The prairie fire which was south of Chris Connel's place, gave a number of people quite a lot of anxiety until several cars of people went to locate it.

John Gill and wife transacted business at Romero, the 13th.

Earl Jackard was down from Clayton to attend the Rodeo.

Mr. Harrel and his cowboys camped at Brans during the Rodeo.

The Meeks brothers were up from Logan to take part in the sports.

A number of the young ladies were sympathizing with John Zurich because he lost the relay race Thursday, on account of his uncinched saddle leaving him sitting on the race track—just a second.

It was noticed that several of the junior high school girls had escorts at the Rodeo.

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