

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Providence doesn't seem to work overtime lowering our rent for us.

A woman has a queer idea about anyone who wears false hair unless it's herself.

Clergymen are very useful to serve as examples of a job you can't make any money in unless you marry it.

One nice thing about real modesty is the way it doesn't feel called upon to blush when there is no occasion for it.

Still Waters.

I have been silent, dear, you say, for long,
Aye; yet reproach for this I reckon wrong.

Does not the proverb say
That deepest waters run not loud, but still?
The shallow babblings of my rhyming rill
Content me not to-day:

My happy heart beats to rhythm sweeter
Than can be bound a slave to rhyme and meter.

Why pen should I employ
When to the music of your love so strong
My life is vocal with the sweetest song?
I live the poem joy.
—Maud Scofield Beeson, in the Century.

The Old Man on Deck.

Say, 'I'm a ol' rheumatic—
An' it tackles me in spring,
But you jes' play a fiddle,
An' I'll hit the "pigeon-wing!"

They say the old man's done fer—
A-goin' down the hill;
But you jes' play a fiddle,
An' I'll "double-shuffle" still!

Thar's life an' joy amazin'
In this ol' worl'—left an' right;
Ef thar's Cain yit fer the raisin'
The ol' man's out o' sight!
Atlanta Constitution.

Sweet Sunset.

Give me bright eyes at sunset,
And silence o'er the scene,
With deeper shades and softer hues,
Than through the day have been.

Give me bright eyes at sunset,
And music on the sea,
Give me those fairy siren strains,
Of Nature's melody.

Give me bright eyes at sunset,
That in the waning light
They'll grow in dreams of beauty,
And speak a sweet "good night."
—La Touche Hancock, in New York Sun.

Chains of gold are stronger than
chains of iron.

He is a worthless being who lives
only for himself.

Beware of enemies reconciled and
meat twice boiled.

Aye be merry as ye can, for love
never delights in a sorrowful man.

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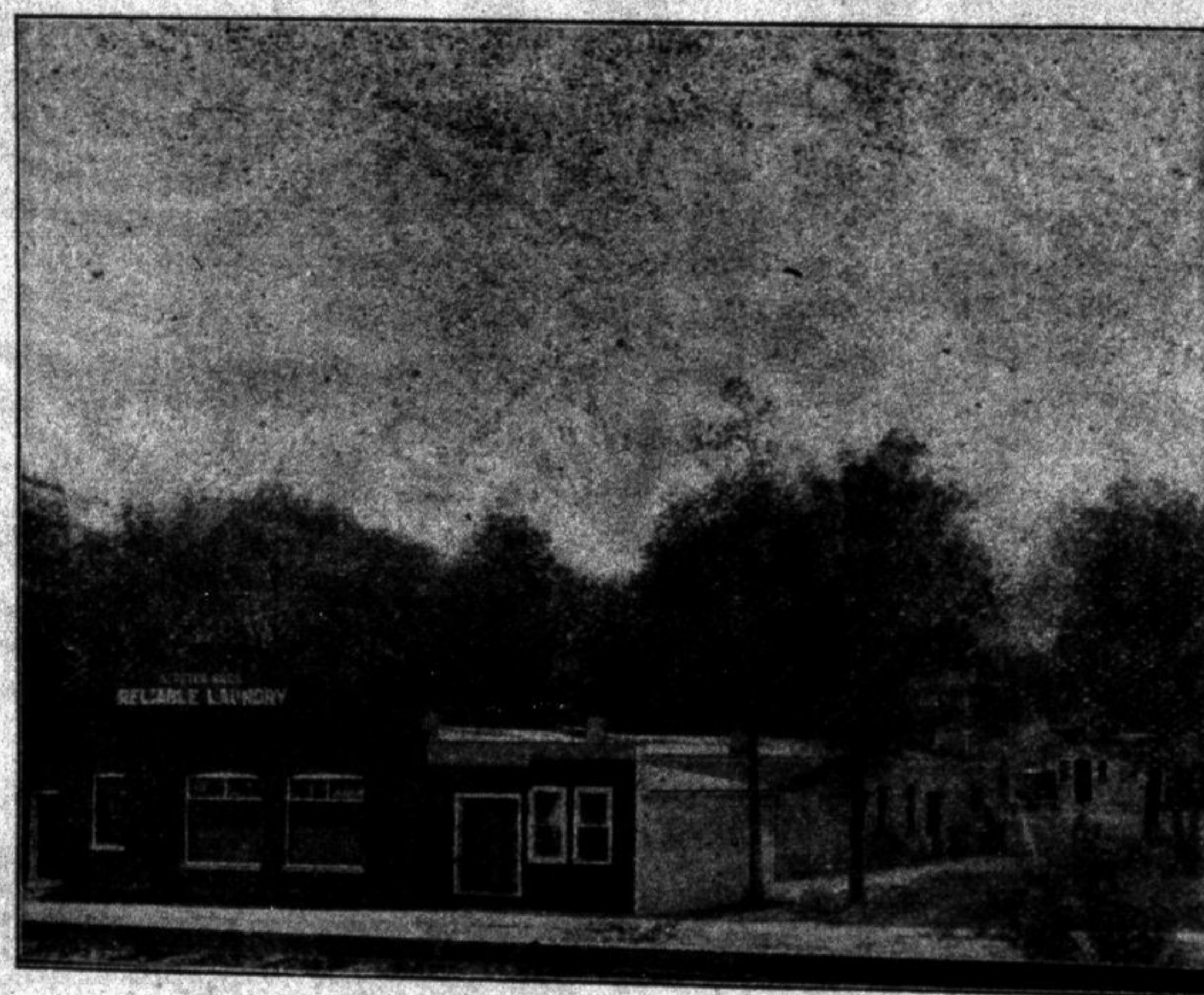
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