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Notice of Trustee's Sale

The State of Texas }
County of Lynn }

Whereas, by virtue of authority vested in me (W. K. Ray) as Trustee, named and appointed in a certain Deed of Trust, recorded in Vol. 2, page 331, Deed of Trust Records of Lynn County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 9th day of March, 1903, by G. M. Coughran, Cecil May Coughran, and G. W. Coughran, for better securing the payment of three certain promissory notes of date March, 9th, 1903; one being for the principal sum of \$400.00 and due in ninety days from date; the second one being for \$400.00 and due in two hundred and ten days from date; and the third for \$325.65 due on Jan. 1st, 1909, all bearing ten per cent interest per annum from maturity till paid, providing for ten per cent attorney's fees, if placed in the hand of an attorney for collection, and all executed by the said G. M. Coughran, Cecil May Coughran, and G. W. Coughran, payable to the order of the Lynn County Bank at Tahoka, Texas; all of which notes are better described in said deed of trust to which reference is here made. That note No. 3 for \$325.65 has been paid off in full, and a credit of \$74.35 on note No. 2 for \$400.00.

The property conveyed and mortgaged by and in said deed of trust is described as follows:

Town lots situated in the town of Tahoka, Lynn county, Texas, together with all improvements thereon, to wit:

Lots numbered one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), in Block numbered ninety-one (91).

Lots numbered three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), in Block numbered eighty-six (86).

Lots numbered three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), in Block numbered one hundred and eight (103).

Lots numbered one [1] and two [2], in Block numbered one hundred and thirteen [113].

Lots numbered five [5], six [6], seven [7], eight [8], in Block numbered one [1].

Lots numbered one [1] and two [2] in Block numbered one hundred and eight [108].

Said deed of trust also provides that upon default in the payment of any of said notes, the said W. K. Ray, Trustee, shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered, when requested so to do by the legal owner and holder of said notes or any of them, after such default, to sell the said land at public auction, for cash, at the door of the county court house in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, after having advertised same as the law directs.

And whereas, the said Lynn County Bank is the holder and owner of said notes, and the said G. M. Coughran, Cecil May Coughran, and G. W. Coughran have made default in the payment of the two notes of \$400.00, each above described, due in 80 days and 210 days after their date, and the same are now past due and unpaid, principal, interest, and attorney's fees, by reason thereof and as pro-

vided for in each of said notes and in said deed of trust, the said Lynn County Bank has declared each of said notes and all of said indebtedness immediately due and mature, and has heretofore so notified the said debtors, and whereas, each of said two notes are now past due and unpaid, and have been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, same now aggregating principal, interest, attorney's fees and costs of advertising, the sum of Eight Hundred Thirty Seven and 89/100 [\$837.89] Dollars; and whereas, I have been requested by the said Lynn County Bank to enforce said trust, and I will offer for sale, between the legal hours of Ten o'clock a. m. and Four o'clock p. m. at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the First Tuesday in January A. D. 1909, the same being the Fifth—5th day of said month, at the Court House door in the town of Tahoka, Texas, Lynn County, the above described property, with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging.

WITNESS my hand, this the 16th day of December, A. D. 1908.

W. K. RAY, TRUSTEE.

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM
AT THE METHODIST CHURCH
DEC. 24th, 1908.

Address of Welcome,

Rev. J. T. Howell.

Quartet { Myrtle Porter,
Beulah Womack,
Harry Whipp,
John Coughran,

Organist:—Gay Harrougthy.

Song.—Quartet.

Recitation.—Beulah Womack.

" Ruth Ray.

" Mattie Dyer.

" Maud Ellis.

Song.—Quartet.

Ushers, Toney Chisum, Sumner Clayton.

Distributing Committee—Ruby Black, Myrtle Porter, Julia Crie, Ruth Shattuck.

Decorating Committee.—Maud Ellis, John Coughran, Myrtle Porter, Arthur Black, Beulah Womack, Ruby Black, Julia Crie, LaVina McCarley, Sumner Clayton, Ella Dillard, Irvin Shattuck, Horace Shattuck, Mrs. Crie.

See our new line of Jewelry.

Thomas Bros.

ATTENTION FARMERS.

Two new railroads are building toward Lynn county and next year our cotton and other farm products will have to be hauled out 28 miles in one direction and 45 in another; as against 75 or 80 miles in every direction at the present time. With such favorable conditions, new settlers by the thousand will come to Lynn county to buy homes and make a living by farming if we are careful to supply them with information about the agricultural possibilities of the county. The News wants to do its part of this good work and wishes its country readers would write letters describing their farming experience in Lynn county. All such letters will be published in the News for the benefit of our readers living at a distance who are interested in the future development of Lynn county.

This is not all we hope to do along this line. Some time during the winter, the News management will endeavor to have printed in a number of large newspapers and magazines a series of illustrated



Our readers should keep their eyes on The News Advertisements, for the merchants using our columns certainly have The Goods.

articles telling all about the many advantages our county offers the homeseeker. To do this we must have some pictures. Now if any of our readers have any big fat hogs or any other fine live stock or anything you have raised the past season that is a little out of the ordinary, just let us know and we will take a picture of it. The News is especially anxious to secure a view of one of the wholesale hog killings which are all the rage at this season of the year. If we know a day or two beforehand we will be on hand to take the picture if the day is bright and the place is not too far out. Late next summer we hope to get out a nice little picture book to send the cousins back east who want to see how things look out our way.

If conditions are favorable, there will be a Lynn county exhibit at the Dallas, San Antonio, Abilene, San Angelo, Shreveport and Oklahoma City fairs next fall and right now is the time for everybody to begin to make preparations for it. Prepare the ground well and get the kind of seed best adapted to our soil and climate. Proper cultivation will do wonders. The ladies and children can do splendid work by raising fine gardens, pretty flower yards and fancy poultry. Spare moments devoted to this kind of work are not only a source of pleasure and profit to the individuals themselves, but to the general public as well. Let everybody do their level best during the coming year to demonstrate what sort things will grow in Lynn county.

NOTICE.

All parties knowing themselves to be indebted to us will please call and settle by January 1st, 1909, as we must have the cash to enable us to meet our obligations. Remember, if your account is only \$1.00, it will help us that much, and will extend your credit that much in the future in case you should need credit. Thanking you, one and all for your patronage in the year 1908 and asking our share of it in the future, we remain,

Your friends,
B. H. BLACK & SON.

The Captain
of the Kansas
BY LOUIS TRACY
Author of—The Wings of
Morning Pillar of Light.
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round of the ship, the captain found Elsie sitting with Isobel and Mrs. Somerville on the promenade deck. She was binding Joey's foot, and he knew then why the dog had scampered off on three legs as soon as the cabin door was opened.

Lifting his cap, with a smile and a general "Good morning," he bent over Elsie.

"Well," he said, "surely you owe me at least one kiss!"

If her cheeks were red before, they became scarlet now. But his kindling glance had warned her that he would adopt no pretense, so she lifted her face to his, though she did not dare to look at her amazed companions. Courtenay explained matters quite coolly.

"If Elsie has not told you already it is my privilege to announce that she and I have signed articles," he said, with a smile. "That is, we intend to get married as soon as the ship reaches England."

"Indeed, I congratulate you both most heartily," said the missionary's wife.

"Events have marched, then, while we were stranded on that wretched island," tittered Isobel. Her voice was rather shrill. She, too, was excited, not quite mistress of herself. She did not know how far Gray's statements might have prejudiced her with the captain. She had already sent De Poinclet a note urging him to deny absolutely all knowledge of the plot to steal the boat and attribute the American's summary action to his mistaken rendering of the Spanish patois used by the Chilean sailors. "You feel sure that we shall see no more of the Indians?" asked Isobel quickly.

"I think so. One never can tell, but if they have the grit to attack us again I shall regard them as first class fighters."

Isobel meant to be on her best behavior. Her pact with the Frenchman was discreditable, but smooth words might restrain tongues from wagging until she could leave the ship. Moreover, the vicissitudes of life in these later days were not without their effect.

"I shall resume my rounds," said Courtenay to Elsie. "I expect to be received reproachfully by Walker. He made great progress yesterday. Let me whisper a secret. Then you may pass it on in strictest confidence."

He placed his lips close to her ear. "I am dreadfully in love with you this morning," he breathed.

"That is no secret," she retorted.

"It is. You and I together must daily find new paths in Eden. But my less poetic news should be welcome

also. Walker says he hopes to get steam up tomorrow."

"Well, tell us quickly," cried Isobel, with a show of intense interest when Courtenay had gone. Though his manner betokened that the affair was something which concerned Elsie alone, she was on fire until she learned that his "secret" alluded to the restored vitality of the ship.

For once her expressions of gratitude were heartfelt. Mrs. Somerville even

wept for joy. This poor woman, after living twenty-five years in the oasis of a mission house, was a strange subject for storm tossed wandering and fights with cannibals.

"It will be a real manifestation of Providence if we ever reach England again," she cried, dabbing her eyes with a handkerchief. "I'm sure John and I have said so many a time during the past week. To think of the ship's blowing up in the way she did! It makes me all of a tremble, it does."

"Oh," broke in Elsie, thinking that the information she possessed would help to calm the older woman, "we have made a good many discoveries since—since the boat went away without me, I mean. But do tell me—how did those horrid Chileans manage to cast off the tackle before Mr. Gray or some of the other men were able to stop them? Of course it is matterless now in a sense, but at that moment it

looked like leaving those on the ship to certain death."

Mrs. Somerville was stricken dumb. The American's shooting of two men on White Horse Island had naturally called for a complete explanation on his part, and she did not know how to answer Elsie's question. Before she could gather her wits Isobel intervened.

"If you had been in that boat, dear," she said sweetly, "you would realize the topsy turvy condition of our brains. Even Mr. Gray himself, the coolest man on board, imagined we might sink any moment, so what can you expect of those excitable Chileans? What are the discoveries you spoke of?"

"Well, some one placed dynamite among the coal."

"But who would do such a thing?"

"That is hard to say. The captain believes that the culprit will be found out through the insurance policies. You cannot tell how surprised I was to hear him mention Ventana's name in connection with it."

"Ventana's name?"

The blood ebbed away from Isobel's cheeks, leaving her pallid as a statue. There was a gasp in her voice which startled her own ears. Lest her agitation should be noted too keenly she bent forward and propped her face on her clinched hands, staring fixedly at the distant cliffs in a supreme effort to appear apathetic. Elsie heard that dry sob, but her friend's seeming indifference misled her.

"Yes," she said, wondering a little whether or not Christobal's veiled hint regarding a bygone tenderness between the two might account for Isobel's hysterical outburst on the night of the ship's breakdown. So, pondering unspoken thoughts the while, she told the others exactly what Tollenache, Christobal and Courtenay had said and even revealed to them that which Courtenay himself did not yet know.

"You remember the poor fellow who got into trouble soon after we sailed from Valparaiso?" she said. "His name is Frascuelo. He was wounded again in last night's fight, but not seriously, and he and I are quite chums. He assures me that he was dragged by a man named Jose Anacleto, who took his place among the coal trimmers—"

"Oh, Miss Maxwell, come quick!" screamed Mrs. Somerville, for Isobel had lurched sideways out of her chair in a fainting fit, and the missionary's wife was barely able to save her head from striking the ship's rails.

Joey was shot out of Elsie's lap with such surprising speed that he trotted away without any exhibition of lameness. He was quite disgusted for at least five minutes, but it is reasonable to suppose that a dog of his intelligence would brighten up when he heard the wholly unlooked for story which Christobal was translating to Courtenay word for word as it was dragged hesitatingly out of Suarez.

The Argentine miner had been badly injured during the struggle for possession of the promenade deck. Owing to loss of consciousness, supplemented by an awkward fall, he might have choked to death had he not been rescued within a few minutes. He was very ill all night, and it was not until midday that he recovered sufficient strength to enable him to question the Indians on

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FRIDAY, DEC. 18, 1908.

NEWS FROM LYNN.

J. E. Ketter and family will move to Tahoka in a few days, thus enabling Mr. Ketter to be more conveniently located to attend to his mercantile business. His home here has been rented for next year to Mr. Huddleston of the southeast part of the county.

County Judge G. W. Perryman made Lynn Public School a pleasant visit and most timely and interesting lecture last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Hatchett of Tahoka accompanied by their small son, Master E ward, made a flying visit to relatives out here last Sunday. Little Miss Joyce Ketter returned to town with them Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jane Marchbanks and her children Lona and Bieha visited Mr. Nelson's family Sunday.

Mr. Hawthorne of the Edith community has been helping D. H. Hatchett gather corn for several days past.

Oscar Farmer has gone to Big Springs on a real estate deal this week.

Mr. Nelson is on a trip to the railroad for coal and other supplies.

Mrs. H. S. Hatchett is spending a part of this week visiting in Tahoka.

Mrs. T. A. Marchbanks visited Mrs. M. W. Meacham Friday.

T. M. Ccstephens and family called on Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hatchett Sunday afternoon.

George Milliken and Miss Cleo Mc Gougill came out from Tahoka to Mrs. Dora Milliken's Sunday.

W. H. May spent a short time at Rev. Hatchett's Saturday.

Elmer Meyer spent Sunday at William and Elmer Gardenhire's.

Leslie Faw and his father, L. H. Faw, of Redlands N. M. left here for their home some days ago. Leshe is convalescent from a spell of typhoid fever which kept him at Post under a physician's care for some time.

J. A. Shaw and W. H. Robison of Morgan passed en route to Tahoka with some of the fleecy staple last week.

THE TAHOKA RESTAURANT

IS OPEN AGAIN FOR BUSINESS
All short orders filled promptly. When in town would be glad you would give us a call.

can carry a line of Watkins goods
J.A. WILSON PROPRIETOR

MORE THAN 400

of the seasons latest patterns are now on display at Tahoka Tailoring Co., in the back end of E. D. Skinner & Son's office

PERFECT GARMENTS

Cost you no more than the ill fitting, ill wearing ready made kinds. Come and see us and you will be agreeably surprised with our patterns and prices.

Tahoka Tailoring Co.,
 Anson Coughran, Prop.

Boyce Hatchett has rented his place to John Lee of Stephenville, Erath county for the ensuing year. Mr. Lee is expected to arrive soon.

Mr. Holloman, one of the cowboys from the John E. Slaughter ranch was in our community buying feed last week for Slaughter's saddle horses.

ANDERSON.

North Side Barber Shop is still doing a smooth business.

NEW LAND FIRM.

Bob Chambers and J. R. Dillard have gone into the real estate business. They are to be a permanent firm. They have taken the Tahoka Real Estate Office on the South side for one year. An order for stationery was placed at the News Office of sufficient quantity and quality to assure us these gentleman mean business and expect to conduct an extensive correspondence. We are glad to welcome them; the more live land agents we have, the sooner our county will be settled.

Suggestions About Christmas Presents.

FOR FATHER

Wool jackets, mufflers, Ties, gloves, socks, handkerchiefs, hats, caps, underwear, easy chairs, valises, hats, slippers, pins and charms of secret orders, rings, scarf pins, suit of clothes, nice overcoat.

FOR MOTHER AND THE GIRLS.

Easy house shoes, carpets, rugs, linoleums, dress patterns, nice, neat collars and ties, warm Ladies' sweaters, blankets, comforts, linen and lace handkerchiefs, sewing machines, cut glass dishes, fancy clocks, statuary, shirt waist boxes, pictures, late novels, combs, purses, hand bags, silverware, jewel boxes, handkerchief boxes.

For the children and young people, an endless variety of all kinds of toys, and other articles of wear that are useful and good.

My motto was and will be for all time, "Best values and living prices." Come in and see my stock; it is up-to-date.

JACK ALLEY.

WEST SIDE SQUARE.

Horse Shoeing \$1

If you want the best shoeing in town you will get it at the Tahoka Shoeing Shop. Blacksmithing wood work and repairs

Ray & Reamy.

Mr. Lewis, of this place, informs us that Ballinger is sure of a railroad. They are not sure what system is most interested; but Morgan Jones, a manager of affairs in railroad circles, completed the deal, and the citizens are jubilant over the great times in store for their town. Ballinger is Mr. Lewis's former home, and he is naturally greatly interested.


Dr. Ballinger, dentist, of Lubbock, will be in Tahoka the week following the third Sunday in each month. Office at the Tahoka Drug Store.

All kinds of jewelry for Xmas; watches, rings, bracelets, anything you want at Thomas Bros.

Misses Mattie B. Murphy and Hattie Sanders, of Lubbock, nieces of Mrs. Alley, are in Tahoka to spend the Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Alley.

VOTING CONTEST.

The picture in JACK ALLEY'S Show Window will be given away to the most popular lady in Lynn County. Each \$1.00 cash purchase will entitle you to one vote. Lady receiving most votes up to Dec. 24th nine-9 o'clock gets the prize. Votes counted Christmas Morning.



TOYS!

TILL YOU CAN'T REST
 Also Appropriate
 Gifts of all Kinds.
SEE THEM AT

**B. H.
 Black
 & Son
 THE
 STORE
 AHEAD**



LOOK

AT THE BOYS' AND
 YOUTHS' SUITS AT
 COST
 From \$1.00 to \$5.00
B. H. BLACK & SON
 THE STORE AHEAD

Santa Claus Letters

Santa Claus requests all little children to write Santa Claus letters to him while he is at my store. These letters will be issued daily on a store bulletin board, and some will be printed in the newspaper. Don't fail to write to Santa Claus for what you want.

Address,
SANTA CLAUS,
 Care OTIS SHOOK'S STORE.



All children visiting my store will be supplied with cards to be distributed among their neighbors and friends. Whenever the bearer of the card buys goods to the value of \$1.00, the child who gave the card and whose name will appear on the card, will be credited with five cents. At the end of the holiday season FIVE DOLLARS in GOLD will be given to the child whose card shows the largest amount of cash purchases; this is of course in addition to the money credited to the child. Help your child win this prize by buying here.

REMEMBER! SHOOK'S STORE.

Encourage your children to get cards and work for the great prize

**\$5.00
 in God!**

Let your children write a letter to Santa Claus at Shook's Store.



Lynn County News Supplement

KING-NEVILL.

Mr. Frank King and Miss Olive Nevill were united in marriage at the home of C. M. Whipp, Friday Dec. 11th. Mr. Whipp performed the sacred rites, which united two loving hearts. After the ceremony the young people went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ben King at their home in the country. The young people returned to Tahoka Sunday afternoon and took supper with Mrs. Millman, who is an intimate friend of both the bride and groom.

Mr. King is a steady young man of up-right character and has a host of friends to offer congratulations on the realization of his fondest hopes. Miss Olive has lived in Tahoka for several years, and is loved by all who call her friend. She is a lovely girl, and Mr. King is fortunate to have won her for himself. Her many friends join the News in wishing her all the happiness life can hold.

Mr. and Mrs. King will be at home to their friends in Tahoka after their return from Big Springs.

Coleman Wells and wife have gone to Iredell, Bosque county, to visit Mrs. Wells' father and mother. They will be absent for sometime.

A full assortment of silverware, knives, forks, tea spoons, table spoons, butter knives, in fact every thing you could wish in silverware can now be found at The Hardware Store.

Mr. Ketner has put in a system of acetylene lights, which add greatly to the convenience of the store, as well as the looks. Tahoka continues to improve in every way.

See the Fabro Matting at Alley's first in style, first in quality, and first in the hearts of those who buy the best. Very desirable for rugs, where both beauty and comfort are desired. 40 cents per yard.

Jeff Woods and wife are visiting at the home of Mr. Phenix. Mrs. Woods is a sister of Mr. Phenix. They have just returned from Mineral Wells, where they have been for Mr. Woods' health.

Mothers, you may not want your daughter to work in the various lines of employment open to women, but your daughter may be left alone in the world some day and it is then that a thorough knowledge of the business branches, such as Shorthand, Typewriting &c. will be of great help to her in earning her own way in the world. A training in the Abilene (Texas) Business College will prove the safest investment against want that one can find.

R. A. CHAMBERS,

TAHOKA REAL ESTATE CO.

If you are interested in Lynn County lands, write us for a list of genuine bargains, we have them, both for speculation and for the man who wants a home. Buy a home where you can make a good living and your land will double in value.

We want to increase our list of bargains; if you have anything to sell; list it with us.

J. R. DILLARD,

Sale of all Kinds of Personal Property.

AT JACK ALLEY'S RANCHE,
TAHOKA LAKE, DEC 29th 1908
FOR CASH.

I will sell wagons, farm implements, hogs, furniture, Rugs carpets, dishes, pictures, and a little of everything. Free dinner and big dance at night. Come all.

John G Cox, of Temple, was in Tahoka Wednesday on business. He is the claims adjuster of the Santa Fe. Also, he is an old time friend of Mr. Honea, who knew him when they were both in Temple.

No more wrinkles in Mi-lady's fair face, or her pretty shirtwaists either; for Santo Claus is going to bring her one of those lovely shirtwaist boxes at Jack Alley's Store. The first of their kind ever brought to the Plains, and absolutely necessary to the comfort of every dainty woman.



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"I have organized a vigilance committee in my time."

board.

Courtenay wished specially to find out what chance, if any, there was of the Alaculof attack being renewed.

It was obvious that some of the maimed Indians recognized Suarez, notwithstanding his changed appearance, the instant he spoke to them. At once they broke out into an excited chattering, and Suarez was so disconcerted by the tidings they conveyed that he stammered a good deal and seemed to founder in giving the Spanish rendering.

"This fellow is telling us just as much as he thinks it is good for us to know," said Courtenay sternly when the interpreter avoided his accusing gaze. "Bid him out with the whole truth, Christobal, or it shall be his pleasing task to escort his dear friends back to their family circles."

Being detected, Suarez faltered no longer. A ship's lifeboat had been driven ashore lower down the coast. Fourteen men had landed. They were captured by the Indians after a useless resistance in which three were killed. The dead men supplied a ghoulis feast next day, and the others were bound securely and placed in a cave in order to be killed at intervals, an exact parallel to the fate of Suarez's own companions five years earlier.

But on this occasion a woman intervened. Suarez confessed very reluctantly that there was a girl in the tribe to whom he had taught some words of his own language. He declared that the relations between them were those of master and servant, but the poor creature had fallen in love with him and had become nearly frantic with grief when he disappeared. It was difficult to analyze her motives, but she had undoubtedly freed the eleven sailors and led them over the rocks at low water to a cave on Guanaeo hill, believed by the Indians to be haunted. The Indians dare not follow, but they took good care that no canoes were obtainable in which the unhappy fugitives could reach the ship, and they were confident that hunger would soon drive them forth.

Courtenay's brow became black with anger when he understood the significance of this staggering story.

"It comes to this," he said to Christobal. "The men who got away from the Kansas in No. 3 lifeboat fell into the hands of the savages early on the day of the ship's arrival here. Suarez slipped his cable that night, being aware of the time that eleven white captives were still alive. Yet he said no word, not even when he heard that we had seen one of the boat's water casks in a canoe. What sort of mean fiend can he be?"

Suarez needed no translation to

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WE WANT YOU to let us prepare you for making a success, will you spend a few weeks in study and training with us and in this way enable us to prepare you to enter the business world as a first class accountant or stenographer? If you will write us that you are interested, we will send you our special holiday rates and you can start the New Year right by enrolling in Abilene Business College, Abilene Texas for a thorough training in the business branches.

Jack Alley has moved town and will make his home here, as his merchantile business has grown to such an extent that he is compelled to devote all his time to his interests in Tahoka.

Parents who are in doubt as to what to get your son or daughter for a Christmas present, should write to Abilene Business College for their special Christmas Gift rates. No better present could be given than a scholarship in this well-known college. Mention Christmas rates when you write for particulars. Abilene Business College, Abilene, Texas.

Mr. Meacham has moved from the place which he recently sold, to a place a little further south, where he says he fine water and plenty of it. The man who purchased his place has moved on it and is settled for the year.

We now have a nice stock of jewelry. Come and see it.

Thomas Bros.

Miss Bonnie Morton, of Lamesa, is visiting the Misses Reed, and will spend the Holidays with them at their lovely home in the West Side.

Read the Vacation Notice of the Howle Commercial College in this issue.

Misses Maud Ellis, Beulah Womack, Ruby Black, Mattie Dyer, and Ella Dillard were pleasant callers at the News Office Monday afternoon. It is seldom that our sanctum is visited by so many pretty girls in one afternoon.

Winston Joplin has rented the Alley place seven miles north of town and will occupy it for the ensuing year.

Mr. Dosch's father came in Thursday to spend the holidays on the plains.

Lelus Hutto is suffering from a very painful affection of the eyes. Some kind of a growth formed on his eye, causing him considerable pain and inconvenience.

Mrs. Courtenay Mitchell of Carney, Texas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Napier.

A new delivery wagon has been installed and will be a great convenience during the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Alley is in receipt of some post cards and a folder from Scotland sent her by her friend Mrs. J. Wilson Boyle of Eam who is visiting the home of her ancestors in that far-off land. The folder portrays some of the beauties of the Scottish landscape and the ancestral home of the Boyies.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Duckworth of Post came in Wednesday to purchase presents for their Christmas tree.

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The T. & P. Hotel in Big Springs was complete destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The hotel was one of the old landmarks in Big Springs and will be sadly missed by the traveling public. We did not learn the origin of the fire or whether or not the building was insured.



The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac

For 1909, ready Nov. 15, 1908, best ever sent out, beautiful covers in colors, fine portrait of Prof. Hicks in colors, all the old features and several new ones in the book. The best astronomical year book and the only one containing the original "Hick's Weather Forecasts." By mail 35 cents, on news stand's 30 cts. One copy free with Word and Works, the best best \$1 Monthly in America. Discounts on almanacs in quantities. Agents wanted. Word and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo. Every citizen owes it to himself to his fellows and to Prof. Hicks to possess the "Hicks" forecast—the only reliable.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE KANSAS
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grasp the purport of Courtenay's words. He besought the senior captain to have patience with him. He had escaped from a living tomb and felt that he would yield up his life rather than return. Therefore when he saw how few in number and badly armed were they on board the ship he thought it best to remain silent as to the fate of the boat's crew. In the first place, he fully expected that they had been killed by the Indians, who would be enraged by his own disappearance; secondly, he alone knew how hopeless any attempt at a rescue must prove; finally, he wished to spare the feelings of those who had befriended him. Of what avail were useless mind torturings regarding the hapless beings in the hands of the savages?

There was a certain plausibility in this reasoning which curbed Courtenay's wrath, though it in no way diminished his disgust.

"Ask him to ascertain if the Indians believe the white men are still living," he said. A fresh series of grunts and clicks elicited the fact that the smoke column seen the previous day on Guanaco hill had not been created by the tribe. Suarez begged the senior captain to remember that he had spoken truly when he declared that its meaning was unknown to him. Probably from what he now learned the girl who threw in her lot with the sailors had built a fire there.

Courtenay turned on his heel and quitted the cabin. Christobal, well knowing how the demons of doubt and despair were afflicting Courtenay, followed him to the upper deck. Boyle was in the chart house, and Tollemache. Each man noted the captain's troubled face.

Courtenay obtained a telescope. With the tact which never failed him, even in such a desperate crisis as this, he handed the doctor his binoculars. Then both men looked at the summit of Guanaco hill. Though it was high noon and the landscape was shimmering in the heat mist created by the unusual power and brilliance of the sun, they distinctly saw a thin pillar of smoke rising above the trees. Courtenay closed his telescope. He made to approach Boyle, evidently for the purpose of giving some order, when Christobal said quietly:

"Wait! I have something to say to you. You ought to remain on the ship. Let me go!"

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"Yes, I. After all, it is only a matter of taking command. One man cannot go alone. He could not even pull the lifeboat so far; hence what you can do I can do, and I have no objection to doing in that way."

"Why should either of us die?"
"You know better than I how little chance there is of saving those men. You may deem me callous if I suggest that the reasonable thing would be to forget the miserable statement you have just heard. Oh, please hear me to the end. I am not talking for your sole benefit; believe me. Greatly as I and all on board are beholden to you, I do not propose giving my life in your stead because of my abounding admiration for your many virtues. Well, then, since you are so impatient as to be almost rude, I come straight to the point. If you take command of a boat's crew and endeavor to save the men imprisoned over there, you will almost certainly throw away your life and the lives of those who help you. In that event a lady in whom we are both interested will suffer grievously. On the other hand, if I were killed she would weep a little, because she has a large heart, but you would console her. And he odd thing is that you and I are fully aware that either you or I must go off on this fool's errand. There is one other to take the vacant place. Now, have I made myself clear?"

"While I command the Kansas I am responsible for the well being of the ship, her crew and her passengers. I could never forgive myself if I left those men to the mercy of the Indians. I cannot permit either you or Tollemache to take a risk which I shirk. Boyle and Walker must remain on board—lest I fall. Now, Christobal, don't make my duty harder. Shake hands! I am proud to claim you as a friend."

"Huh," said Boyle, strolling toward them. "What is it—a bet?"
"Yes," laughed Courtenay, from whose face all doubt had vanished, "a bet indeed, and you hold the stakes. Have you seen the smoke signal yonder?" And he pointed across the bay.
"Yes," Tollemache found it again twenty minutes since.

"It means that eleven of our men are there, expecting us to save them. Hoist the ship's answering pennant from the main yard swung out to starboard. Build a small fire on the poop and throw some oil and lampblack on it. If they don't recognize the pennant they will understand the smoke. Get some food and water stowed in the lifeboat and offer £5 a head to six men who will volunteer for a trip ashore."

"I go in charge, of course, sir?" said Boyle.
"You remain here and take command during my absence. I want two revolvers for a couple of the crew, and I shall take my own gun. Please make all arrangements promptly. I am going to my cabin for five minutes and shall start immediately afterward."

This was the captain speaking. His tone admitted of no contention. Boyle hurried off, and Courtenay went into

his quarters.

"What do you think of it?" Christobal asked Tollemache as the latter appeared to be sauntering after the chief officer.

"Courtenay is a hard man to stop," said Tollemache, vanishing down the companion. The Spaniard was left alone on the bridge. He paced to and fro deep in thought. He scarce dared probe his own commings. So complex were they, such a queer amalgam of noble fear and base expectation, that he could have cried aloud in his anguish. Big drops of perspiration stood on his forehead when Courtenay came to him.

"For God's sake, don't go," said he hoarsely. "Do you know you are placing me on the rack?"

"Your sufferings are of your own contriving, then. Why, man, there's no reason for all this agony. I have written to Elsie, briefly explaining matters. Here is the letter. Give it to her if I don't return. And now pull yourself together. I want you to cheer her. Above all things, don't let her



The Spaniard was left alone on the bridge.

know I am leaving the ship. I'll just swing myself overboard at the last moment. I can't say goodby. I don't think I could stand that."

CHAPTER XVII.

ISOBEL'S drooping was of brief endurance. Elsie and Mrs. Somerville supported her to the stateroom, and there Elsie sat with her a little while soothing her as one might comfort a child in pain.

Isobel, stupefied by some haunting knowledge which appeared to have a vague connection with the misfortunes of the Kansas, yielded to Elsie's gentle compulsion and endeavored to close

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her eyes.
Through the open port Elsie heard a man walk rapidly along the deck and halt outside the door. She half rose from her knees to answer the expected knock, thinking that Mrs. Somerville had sent a steward to ascertain if Miss Baring needed anything, but the newcomer evidently changed his mind and turned back. Then came Courtenay's voice, low, but compelling:
"One moment, M. de Poincillit. A word with you."
"Another time, m'sieu'. I pray you pardon me now. I find I am not strong enough yet to venture on deck."
"Oh, yes, you are, m'sieu'. I want to give you the chance of your life. Mr. Gray has told me of your behavior, and he charitably added that your cowardice and treachery might have arisen from ungovernable fear. Now, if you wish to atone for your conduct, here is an opportunity. I am taking a boat ashore to try to save some of my men who are imprisoned there. There is a

fair risk in the venture. The outcome may be death. Will you volunteer to take an oar? That would whitewash your weather marks."
"It is impossible. I am too feeble. I cannot row."
"Ah, you swine! Can it be possible that you are a Frenchman? What sort of countship is it you boast of?"
"Sir, I am a passenger on this ship."
Courtenay's voice was raised a little. "Mr. Boyle," he said, "give orders that if this skunk shows his nose inside the salon again he is to be kicked out. He can eat his meals in his stateroom or in the fore cabin with the other savages."
Elsie heard every word. She fancied, too, that Isobel was listening, though she gave no sign. But the unknown cause of the captain's anger was as naught compared with the statement that he was about to leave the ship. She had heard the lowering of the boat without heeding. He was already climbing down the ship's side. Soon

he would be far from her, perhaps never to return, for he was not one to paint imaginary ills, and had he not told De Poincillit what the outcome of the undertaking might be? She found Isobel looking at her with frightened eyes.
"Did you hear?" came the tense whisper.
"Yes."
"And you are content to let him go?"
"Ah, God! Yes, content."
"But it is folly. He is the captain. He should not go. We have risked enough already. Who are these men for whose sake he leaves you and all of us?"
"I know not, nor do I greatly care. May heaven help me and them. We are his first care. Let it be mine to leave him unhindered in the task he has undertaken."
Isobel was cowed into silence. Elsie's hero worship had reached a height beyond her comprehension. She would never understand how a woman who loved a man could send him voluntarily to his death and her shallow mind did not contemplate the possibility of Courtenay's refusing to be swayed by any other consideration than that which his conscience told him was right.
Thus at arm's length, as it were, they waited until they caught the sharp command "Give way there!" and the splash of oars told them that the boat had really started on its journey shore-

ward. Then Isobel, glancing furtively at her companion, saw the tears stealing down her cheeks, and the situation came back from the transcendental to that which was intelligible to her lower ideals.
"I am sorry," she whispered, catching Elsie's hand timidly. "I said what I thought was for the best. At any rate, it is too late now."
Too late! The other girl groped blindly for the door. She felt that she would yield to the strain if she did not go on deck and catch a parting glimpse of the man who had become dearer to her than life itself.
On the poop she found Boyle, Christobal, Gray and Walker. A number of Chileans were leaning over the rails of the main deck. All the men were talking earnestly. It was ominous that they should cease their conversation the instant she appeared. One man may conceal his fears, but twenty cannot.

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She brushed away the tears determinedly and looked at the boat, already a white speck on the green carpet of the bay. She could see Courtenay distinctly. Some magnetic impulse must have gone out from her, because she had not been watching him longer than a couple of seconds when he turned and waved his hand. She replied instantly, fluttering a handkerchief, poor girl, long after it became impossible for her to distinguish whether or not he returned her signals.

At last she turned to Mr. Boyle, who was nearest to her.
"Who is sitting next to Captain Courtenay?" she asked, and she had a fleeting impression that he was anxious for her to speak, so quickly did he answer.
"Tollfemache. He shinned down the ladder as the first volunteer. The skipper ordered him to get out, but he said he was deaf. Anyhow, I'm glad

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Mr. Waddins of Cottle county, formerly of near Lehigh, Okla., arrived in our community Saturday afternoon with his family to visit his old friend, Mr. Vernon and family. He has located north of town.

Mr. Lee Womack and family spent Sunday in Tahoka.

Mr. G. W. Harrison was in the Tahoka neighborhood Saturday helping his son J. H. move to Tahoka.

Last Saturday eve a merry crowd assembled at the home of Mr. Shattuck and passed the time in talking, laughing and a few Christmas amusements.

Mr. Barnes, who lives on the Elliott place, was in the county capital Monday.

Mr. Izard of Midway and son Willie were in our neighborhood getting some mules Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon, the Elliott boys took the remainder of their Lynn county property and started to Memphis, Hall county, where they will make their future home. We regret very much to lose such good people, but hope that they will prosper in their new location.

Miss Mattie Dyer spent Sunday night with Misses Odessa and Johnnie Henderson.

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