

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS

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## Just a word in passing About OUR NEW LINE Of Dress Shirts

We Have Just Received a **BIG SHIPMENT** of New, Nobby Dress Shirts in Broad Stripes and Guaranteed Fast Colors. These shirts were booked at prices prevailing last summer when cotton was considerably cheaper than now, and so we are in position to give you an exceedingly good shirt and at the right price. We do not handle a job shirt--which can always be bought at a price, but these are the genuine Ferguson-McKinney make and dressers of taste, understand that this implies Quality-Fit-Workmanship and absolutely Fast Dyes. Get the best, you are entitled to it.

**KNIGHT & BRASHEAR**

### Simplified Spelling

R. R. 5, Fort worth Tex.,  
Jan. 24th, 1917.

**Guanty State Bank,  
ov Tahoka Texas,**

Gentlemen— Herwith I encloz checs and xhanj aggregating \$4575.50 which I wish to deposit with u. This makes \$14216.80 I hav on dposit with u and I shal let it sta with u, til I find us for it, for the stat ov Texas iz responsibel to me for it, unles I agre to accept interest on it from u; and u ned not rit me u wil pa me interest for itz bing on dposit, with u for I wil not accept eny interest under eny circumstances; for wer I to accept a promis from u to pa me interest on it, if u shud go "busted", I mit luz my mony. But, if I do

not let u promis to pa me eny interest and u go under, the stat ov Texas wil pa me and al other persons getting no interest on the dposits which ar not securd, within a fu das yor falur, the full amount ov our dposits from the dpositors' garranty fund which the Commissioner ov Insurans and Banking alwaz have on hand.

I am very anxus to by som stock in a good bank at eny county set in Texas at a fair pris, and if u know ov any such stoc for sal, I will appresiat it, if u wil refer the sales to me.

Respectfuly,

**John L. Jackson.**

We are indeed glad to have Judge Moore to locati among us, and we wish to call attention to his card in the Professional Columns of the News.

H. F. Ausmus, a sign painter who has been making his home in Tahoka for the past several weeks, left Wednesday for Crosbyton where he will remain several weeks. he will return to Tahoka.

Oscar Roberts left Wednesday for Midland, on business. He will be gone several days.

One of J. H. Edwards little boys is suffering foom pneumonia this week. We hope the little fellow will soon recover.

Mr. Adams, senior member in th firm Adams Hardware Co., has purchased lots in North Tahoka, east of the A. D. Shook place, and is improving them. He will build a handsome residence on these lots in the near future.

Money is made by ad reading.

### A Need of a Publicty Law

An effort will be made by the Texas Press Association to have the present legislature pass an adequate publicity law, one that will meet the demands of a growing state, to take the place of the present makeshift which was passed possibly fifty yearr ago, when there was not an average of one news paper to each county in Texas. The passage of such a law as proposed is one of the crying needs of the times for several reasons. Legal notices that are now posted on bulletin boards should be published in newspapers where people will read them. Every act of the county commissioners should be published as paid advertising, and every dollar of the public's money should be accounted for through the public prints and paid for. Such a law would be a good thing in more than one way. It would inform the tax payers as to the disposition of their money and at the same time make county officials more careful in the expenditure of public funds, as well as put an effective check on official grafting. Here in Angelina county about every two years the disrrict judge appoints a finance committee to audit the books of the various county offices. The work usually requires 2 or three weeks, at an expense to the tax payers of several hundred dollars. Their report is finally made and pigeonholed, and not one citizen in a hundred ever knows what the report contains. They pay for the auditing, and should know what they are paying for—but they don't. The city of Lufkin recently employed an auditor at an expense of several

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### Scholarship For Girls

The Daughters of the American Revolution in Texas, has founded a scholarship in the University of Texas in 1913. The residue from this scholarship this year will be \$300. Only women may appl. Application should be made to Mrs. Neil Carrothers University of Texas, Austin Texas. The scholarship will be awarded in April for the 1917-18 term.

### Notice of Lease

I have leased the Bus, Bee Cafe to Hemmett & McFarlane for a period of ninety days and wish to thnk my friends and patrons for past business and ask a continuance of same with my successors. You will receive the same excellent service and courteous treatment.

C. A. Heam, Prop.

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### Arenian Relief Fund

The following subscriptions have been received by Judge C. H. Cain to be forwarded by him to the associations heanquarters in New York:

Mrs. J. V. Dyer.....	\$2.00
Miss Willie Slover.....	2.50
Rev. R. F. Dunn.....	2.00
Mrs. C. H. Caid.....	2.00
Total.....	8.50

The Armenians have been neglected by the various associations organized for the relief of the war stricken countries, and are one of the most deserving people of the war theatres, according to advises sent out from officers of the Armenian Relief Fund Ass'n.

C. C. Blanks of Lamesa, spent Sunday in Tahoka.

Read the News want ads.

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## Gibson-Sorreles Lbr. Co.

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### Lynn County Singing Convention at Lynn

The Lynn County Singing Convention will meet with the Lynn Class the fourth Sunday in Feburry, in regular session. On Saturday night before the convention the class will give a musical concert. Among the numbers on the program will be several quartetts, and instrumental treos. Several noted singers from outside are expected to attend.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring some-one with them. Dinner on the ground Sunday and a royal good time for all.

W. G. Parks left for his home in Dallas, Wednesday to spend a few dass.

Money is made by ad reading. Read the ads in this issue.

### Dr. Gentry Returns From Holiday Vacation

Dr. D. O. Gentry, Optometerist, will returns Saturdap from an extended vacation, and will remain at his office with Dr. J. H. McCoy, in the J. S. Wells Bldg., several days. Any one troubled with their eyes could not do better than call on Dr. Gentry and have their eyes examined.

### GEO. J. B. WRIGHT

Tinner and Plumber at Tahoka Hardware, Your patronage solicited. Work reasonable as prices of labor and material will permit. All work unconditionally guaranteed.

Dr. I. E. Smith will spend a few days in Tahoka. read his local on page 2-

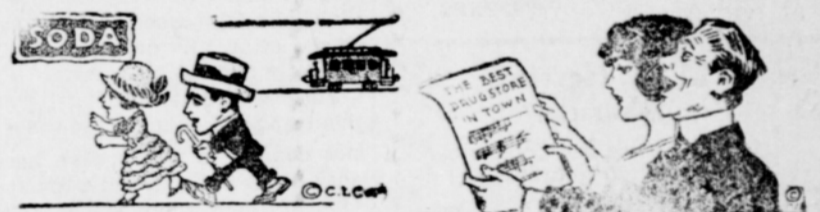
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**The Grip of Evil**

**FOURTEENTH EPISODE**  
**Humanity Triumphant.**

The Appeal.  
The fuse was a slow one. Evidently  
it had been selected in order to pro-  
long the agony. Bill Reilly's nerves,  
less under control than Burton's, yielded  
to the strain and he started to find  
fault in upbraiding the wretches with  
whom he once had fraternized but who  
now hated him with a deadlier hatred  
than the man they regarded as chiefly  
responsible for the gang's threatened  
disruption.

But, like all criminals, they were  
cowards at heart, and fled the danger  
zone long before the hissing serpent  
tongued the chairs could release its  
irreversible venom.

Burton felt quite resigned to this  
last stroke of an outrageous fortune.  
Was he ready to die? Did he really  
resent being thus left from life in the  
plentitude of his physical and intel-  
lectual powers? He did not know.

Bill Reilly felt some regret that he  
had not succeeded in accomplishing  
what he set out to do—rescue John  
Burton from the hands of the Hell-  
cats. He wished to free Burton, not  
for himself alone, although he had  
great admiration for the titled million-  
aire who treated all men as his equal,  
but he did desire in a measure to pay,  
in the one way he could, Grace Coe  
for the kindness she had shown him.

He regretted he had ventured alone  
into the hands of the Hell-cats and  
wondered how he might have let  
Blanche Griffin be more of a help to  
him in the work he had cut out for  
himself. He wondered whether Grace  
Coe, when she heard of his refusing the  
work, would believe Blanche's story,  
that he had done it to aid Burton or  
would think that he had suffered a  
change of heart.

No sooner was the room emptied of  
the cut-throat gang, not one of whom  
dared even the slight risk of watching  
the actual explosion of the bomb  
through an open window or doorway,  
than he made a determined effort to  
free himself. He succeeded almost at  
once, and with a whoop of triumph  
wriggled out of the chair.

By this time nearly three-quarters  
of the fuse was consumed, so this daring  
fellow, without the slightest hesitation,  
picked up the bomb and hurled it  
through the porch far out into a dis-  
heveled garden. Banging the door, so  
as to obviate any risk of injury by fly-  
ing metal, he raced back to Burton's  
side and began untying him.

The Hell-cats had gone about their  
business more leisurely with the mil-  
lionaire, and the knots defied Reilly's  
nimble fingers at first. He had only  
partially extricated the man whose life  
he had risked everything to save, when  
the infernal machine exploded with a  
deafening detonation.

But Reilly never ceased his efforts.  
Ere it was possible to distinguish the  
light of day again John Burton stood  
at liberty by his side. The respite  
thus gained did not endure long. The  
Hell-cats understood how they had  
been fooled, and swarmed back like  
angry bees returning to a disturbed  
hive. The almost defenseless pair car-  
ried no effective weapons, but seized  
the chairs which had formed their sac-  
red altar, and defended themselves  
valiantly against all comers.

Such desperate attacks as composed  
this gang of gnomes, however, were  
not minded to risk broken heads and  
sore noses in a fair hand-to-hand fight.  
One of them whipped out a revolver  
and fired point-blank at Reilly. The  
bullet struck him in the breast and  
he slumped and fell. Burton, giving  
his faithful companion agonized  
glance, was momentarily taken un-  
awares and sooth yielded to an attack  
of force.

The whole dramatic scene ended al-  
most as quickly as it had begun. Bur-  
ton was now a prisoner again, and  
poor Reilly lay sprawling on the floor,  
little caring what further suffering a  
vicious foe might have in store for  
him.

For a few seconds it looked as  
though the brains of both men would  
have been shot out then and there.  
But, as Burton ascertained subse-  
quently, Mother Flannigan had been  
an interested spectator not only of the  
fight but of Reilly's unexpected re-  
lease with its sequel in the explosion  
of the bomb outside the house. The  
old hag herself, aided by Two-Gun  
Jake, had experimented with fuses of  
various lengths and meant making a  
last attempt to extort ransom from  
the principal victim before it was too  
late.

Knowing that the gang did not pos-  
sess a second bomb, she determined to  
change her tactics, and intervened  
shrewdly at the very instant one of her  
henchmen was drawing a pistol with  
intent to fire point-blank in Burton's  
face.

"You wait for orders, you boob," she  
screamed. "Who told you to butt in?  
Put away that gun, and tie him up in  
the chair again!"

Her command was obeyed with diffi-  
culty, since both chairs had been  
broken in the struggle. While John  
was being hauled to a chair, she  
looked calmly into the scowling faces  
of his persecutors.

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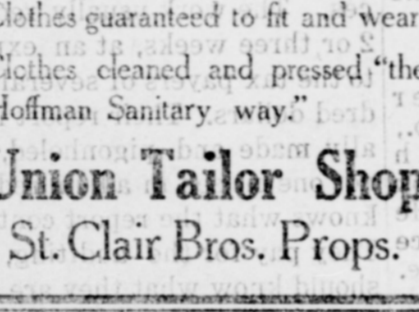
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Tahoka, Texas

And cry of the most determined  
kind.  
Mother Flannigan thrust herself for-  
ward. Her evil eyes blazed into his.  
"Now you're talkin'," she croaked.  
"Do us a bit of good, an' save yourself.  
Will you give us fifty thousand dollars,  
an' keep mum when we turn you  
loose?"

John shook his head.  
"That is not my meaning at all," he  
said quietly. "To buy my life on those  
terms simply implies the triumph of  
evil. I will repay you by help and  
kindness. I will promise you the fair  
treatment which many of you have  
never yet received from society, but  
I absolutely refuse to bargain in terms  
of money."

"You do, eh?" screamed the virago.  
"Well, see about that. You are in our  
hands here, Mr. Marquis, and don't  
you forget it. If it weren't for the  
carelessness of some of these blunder-  
ing idiots you and your pal would have  
gone up a minute since in smoke an'  
fire. You think, perhaps, that the  
cops are after us, an' if you can only  
waste time they'll rescue you. Don't,  
you believe it. To prove my words,  
I'll give you one hour. If, however, at  
the end of that time you don't promise  
to pay down fifty thousand plunks just

self will drive a knife through your  
ribs, an' let the boys here finish the  
job as they like afterwards."  
It was only too evident that the  
dreadful old creature meant what she  
said, but John met her malignant gaze  
unflinchingly, almost with compassion.  
"Very well," he said, "I accept your  
terms of an hour. Bind Reilly's  
hands, and give him some water."

"Now, men," he added, sweep-  
ing the grim circle of Hell-cats with  
his contemptuous glance, "carry out  
your terms fairly and squarely."  
"D'ye mean that you're willing to  
pay the ransom?"

"He thinks he's playin' with us,"  
sneered Mother Flannigan, "but I'll  
teach him. See if I don't!"

Meanwhile some stirring events had  
happened in the city. It will be re-  
membered that Burton had employed a  
Japanese valet during the absence of  
vacation of the smooth-spoken English  
servant who usually filled that office.  
He had come, to like the little brown  
man, and retained him in his service  
so that the two valets alternately per-  
formed the same duties.

When the gunmen made their at-  
tack on Burton's house, choosing the  
hours of broad daylight as the safest  
for their purpose, and depending for  
success wholly on rapidity of move-  
ment, the Japanese happened to be  
in a dressing room adjoining the li-  
brary where his master was at the  
moment attending to some belated cor-  
respondence.

Hearing a sudden hubbub of rushing  
feet and muttered oaths, the little man  
ran in, only to be blacked out forth-  
with. He fell like a pole-axed ox, and  
the Hell-cats did not care whether or  
not he was actually dead. His fate of  
a valet was of no account. What they  
wanted was a bound and gagged mil-  
lionaire safe in the limousine of a fast  
car, and this achievement they carried  
out with a daring and efficiency worthy  
of a better cause.

So the Jap recovered his senses, and  
was able to give the police a fairly lucid  
account of the attack.

Grace Coe was sitting down to a be-  
lated luncheon when her brother ran  
in with an evening newspaper in his  
hand.

"I am sorry to be the bearer of bad  
news, but feel that you ought to  
know the worst. Burton has been  
captured by the Hell-cats! They actu-  
ally took him bodily out of his house,  
and have rushed him in a car to some  
place which the police have not been  
able to locate. I think you can help  
those people at the Settlement."

The words died away on his lips,  
for his very heart was chilled by the  
sight of the wan misery in the girl's  
face. But she rose steadily enough,  
and her voice was extraordinarily un-  
der control.

"I half expected this," she said.  
"Yes, I must do what I can. Don't  
come with me, George. I shall go  
alone. You do not know the ways of  
my poor friends. If you are there,  
they will be dumb, but to me they will  
tell the truth!"

On reaching the Settlement she  
found Blanche Griffin there. Her own  
despair was equalled by that of the girl  
whom she had dragged out of the gutter,  
for the newspaper reports made it  
clear that Bill Reilly, the ex-convict  
who had found redemption, was miss-  
ing as well as the millionaire. Poor  
Blanche was already harboring a  
dream of her own life in a quiet cot-  
tage home, children, and the happiness  
which comes alone from love and honest  
work, and now she was here. That  
vision was rudely shattered. It was  
replaced by a grim and tragic reality.

Wherein John Burton Solves the Prob-  
lem.  
In looking back through the history  
of an individual, as of a nation, it  
would seem as though idle chance  
played the most important part in hu-  
man affairs. It is not so, of course.  
The apparently aimless currents of  
life mingle at last and unite in one  
mighty and irresistible stream of pro-  
gress.

Who, for instance, could possibly  
have imagined any active connection  
between the arrival that day of a  
worn, frayed, elderly stranger at the  
city's central depot with the deadly  
menace threatening John Burton and  
his faithful friend, Bill Reilly? Sure-  
ly not the poor creature himself! On  
leaving the train, she stepped into a  
crowded street, and the bewildered,  
half-frightened, half-despairing expres-

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Don't be taken in by drooping lips and  
heavy-lidded eyes. Show the sheen at  
least, was irresolute of mind and sad-  
ly aware of her own position in the  
general scheme of things.

And the busy chaos of the passing  
multitude she picked out a policeman,  
and approached him timidly. Fumbling  
in a reticule which she carried, to-  
gether with a dilapidated suitcase, she pro-  
duced a photograph.

"Pardon me, mister," she said in a  
quivering, apologetic voice, "but did  
you happen to know a young man who  
looks like this?"

The policeman gazed down at the  
questioner. Slightly amused, he took  
from her reticule a faded and photo-  
graph of the carded-visite order, yel-  
low with exposure, and much stained.  
It might be, with tears.

"No, majam," he said after careful  
scrutiny. "Who is it?"

"My son," came the answer. "I  
haven't seen him for ten years, but a  
man told me he believed he was in this  
city."

"What's his trade?" inquired the of-  
ficer of the law kindly.

The wrinkled and tired face, already  
pallid with fatigue, blanched a little  
more.

"He used to be a locksmith," she fal-  
tered, "but—the man said—that  
my boy wasn't workin' just now."

Then the policeman understood. He  
said, "No," he said. "I haven't seen him.  
He can't be much of a tough, mother,  
or I'd be sure to know him. So cheer  
up! Sometimes things ain't so bad as  
people make 'em out, they're always  
ready to say the worst, you know.  
Tell you what—there's a sort of Set-  
tlement bureau in this town where  
young folk who have gone wrong are  
given a helpin' hand. You may find  
out something about him there. Even  
if Miss Grace Coe doesn't know him,  
someone in the Settlement may be able  
to assist you."

The woman had named the subject  
of the photograph "John William Ev-  
ans," so the policeman was hardly to  
blame if he failed to detect in the lin-  
eaments of a fairly handsome and intel-  
ligent-looking youth the scowling fea-  
tures of Two-Gun Jake. Nevertheless,  
his counsel was good, since it led the  
searcher's faltering steps to Grace Coe  
at the very moment when the girl was  
nearly distracted with grief and fore-  
boding as to the uncertain fate of the  
man she loved.

Even in that hour of storm and  
stress her sweet disposition and spir-  
it self-control permitted her to listen  
to the elderly woman's story. She  
bent over the photograph, but could  
only return it sadly.

"No," she said, "I have never seen  
your son, Mrs. Evans."  
It happened that Blanche Griffin was  
standing near and heard what passed.  
Though she, too, was necked with mis-  
ery, she almost unconsciously scruti-  
nized the smirking youth in the print.  
"May I look at that?" she asked.  
Taking the little square of pasteboard  
to a window she examined it intently,  
and a half-repression of amaze-  
ment brought Grace to her side.

"It is he, must be Two-Gun Jake,"  
she whispered excitedly. "Of course,  
Miss Coe, you don't know him as well  
as I do, but unfortunately I have seen  
a good deal of him during the past  
four years, and sometimes when in  
Denison he would look just like that.  
Oh, if this should be his mother, how  
fortunate for us!"

"But how?" demanded Grace, intu-  
itively realizing that Blanche would not  
Concluded Next Week

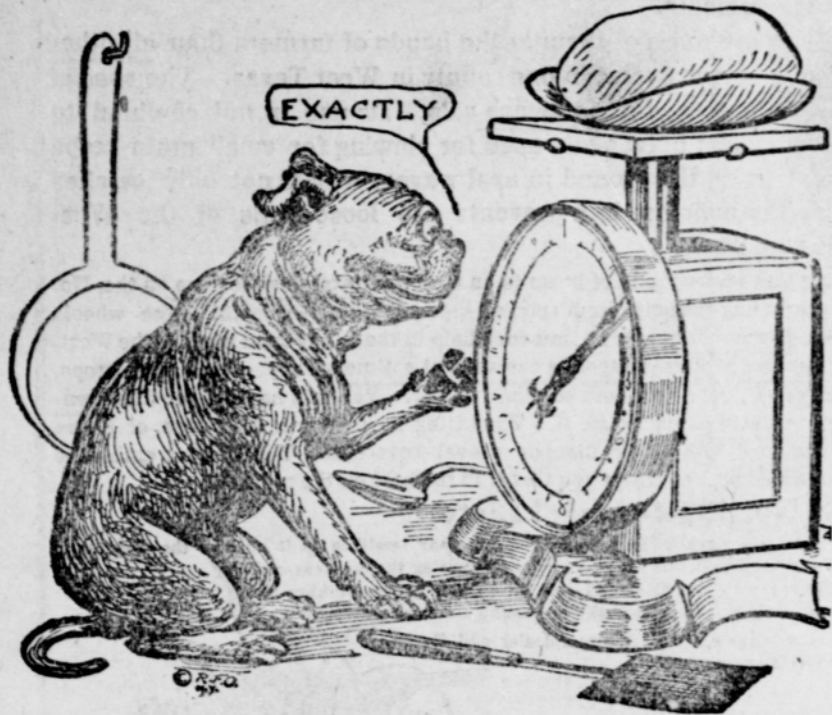
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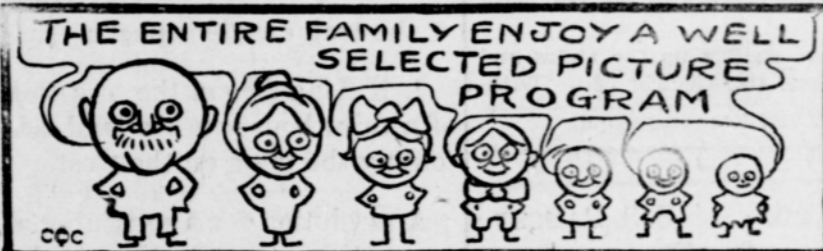
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### BIG ROUND-UP TO BE FEATURE EVENT OF FAT STOCK SHOW

The greatest and biggest Wild West production ever staged will be the principal attraction offered March 10 to 17, inclusive, by the National Feeders and Breeders Show at Fort Worth. The cream of the Pendleton, Oregon, "Let 'Er Buck," the Cheyenne, Wyo., and Kansas City round-ups, will be in Fort Worth to participate in the festivities of the week. About \$3,000 in purses and prizes will be given to winners of contests.

Miss Lucille Mulhall, a string of Oklahoma broncho busters and the meanest horses known have been signed for the Round-Up. The contests are thrown open to the world and any cowboy from any country has the privilege of getting into the game. Homer Wilson, an experienced wild west showman, is assisting the National Feeders and Breeders management in the production of the big feature event of the show. Entries are coming in from riders as far away as Oregon, Idaho and Montana and about half the performers of two wild west road shows have signified their intention of participating.

So that there will be no squabbling as to prize money the management has laid down these rules for guidance: "All horses and steers will be drawn for in the bucking contest. Anyone not ready to ride will be disqualified. Every rider will ride each day." Riders are requested to bring their reins, saddle, flank rope and outfit.

In addition to the regular stunts of the Round-Up literal prizes will be given for grab races, potato races, pick change and all novelty events. Judges for all stunts will be chosen from the ranks of the cowboys. Cowboys and cowgirls desiring to enter the contests should mail applications to Homer Wilson, arena director; Ed R. Henry, secretary-manager of the National Feeders and Breeders Show, Fort Worth.

Along with the Round-Up will be a horse show for Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana horses. Two classes will be shown each night during the week and Saturday matinee. Liberal prizes have been hung for these events and already a large number of Texas and Oklahoma horses have been entered. The saddle horse classes are filling rapidly and it is expected that this division will give the best show in the history of the business in the Southwest.

Some noted high school horses have been entered and one or two trick circus horses will appear at each performance.

It is to be remembered that the cattle breeders of the Southwest will this spring have the opportunity of fattening their bank accounts to the extent of more than \$22,000, the amount of the premium list in the Fat Stock Show division. In addition to the regular purses offered by the National Feeders and Breeders Show, many of the Breeders' Associations have hung valuable purses. This is true in almost every class of beef animals. The different Breed Associations of the hog division have announced substantial prizes.

The fifth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry Association, also, promises to be better in every respect than and previous show.

Any number of special features are being worked up for the show. The management promises to make the event alluring for all, even for the man or woman who has not the slightest interest in livestock. Looking to this end an automobile show, carnival attractions, side shows and vaudeville have been booked to entertain those who are not interested in the stellar events of the big show.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Still, it is not incurable. Catarrh is a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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### Added Impetus To Plains

#### Dairying interest Given

Amarillo is to have a creamery with an ultimate building investment of \$100,000, the plant to be in operation by 1918. In the meantime the company is pledged to maintain market for any butter fat that offered for sale at any station in the Panhandle and Plains country.

The establishment of this plant in Western Texas will add great impetus to the dairy industry in this section, which will mean many thousands of dollars in increased revenue.

It is estimated that there are 100 head of dairy cows in this district at present, and it is the intention of Commercial organization to interest farmers in the purchase of 3,000 more of these cows. The yearly income from this source would be better than a half a million dollars.

Bert Williams of Amarillo came down Saturday to attend the funeral of his Aunt, Mrs. G. W. Snyder. He returned Tuesday morning.

The legislative committee on constitutional amendments has reported favorably upon a joint house resolution submitting and amendment providing for a special tax to furnish free text books in Texas Public Schools. This amendment should be passed.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Nicholson passed thru Tahoka Wednesday enroute to their home in New Mexico from a visit to relatives in Hamlin, Texas. Mrs. Nicholson told the reporter that she liked New Mexico first rate, but the best place she had ever lived was in Tahoka.

C. W. Green, proprietor of The Alcove Confectionery, placed an order last week for 10,000 Campbell Cigaretts, the largest order ever placed by a retail firm for any single brand of cigarettes. Tahoka is coming to the front, and C. W. is staying along with the van guard.

Prof. J. Watson, principal of the O'Donnell public school was a Tahoka visitor Saturday on school business.

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## The Grip of Evil

In Burton, a worker in a steel mill, inherits an English title and decides he will spend his life in an attempt to solve the mystery of the Grip of Evil.

### THIRTEENTH EPISODE

#### Substantial Evidence

Temporarily, she who knew Grace, Geo Coe, but she was really on a trail to find out more singular things about the success of her philanthropic schemes. Perhaps the cautionary in handling and safe-guarding sums of money belonging to people tends to weaken a bank's credit in human nature.

#### Chem's Bid on Shells

The United States Navy has awarded the Secretary of the Navy has awarded a contract amounting to over \$3,000,000 for 14 and 16-inch shells for the Navy because of very low prices offered by the English

nothing of the basis upon which the bids were made, but the published to know the facts upon themselves bid for this work.

years ago we took contracts for 4,200 14-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000. Up to now a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended, in materials, etc., on these \$522,881, and we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts.

In addition, a literal interpretation of contract might make us liable for the sum amounting to \$618,000.

of our experience, and have on basis, we bid for 16-inch shells at the same rate per shell which the Navy Department awarded a 14-inch shell year ago.

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ber, "Two-Gun Jake," had been captured. But the gang was broken up and its members scattered. Mother Flannigan's whereabouts were not even known, and Jake's accustomed haunts were no longer enlivened by his swaggering presence.

The authorities were woefully mistaken, however. The Hell-cats were not minded to take defeat so easily, and their murderous plans, though foiled once, were soon renewed.

Grace Coe was hardly to blame if she was blind to the shadow of impending disaster.

"I am sure you are mistaken, Mr. Burton," she said sweetly. "You must learn to think right. Implicit trust in mankind is the first onward step along the road to redemption."

"You must not imagine that no progress is made in the work of regeneration merely because you have met with failures on the way," she urged, laying an impulsive hand on his arm.

"Look at Bill Reilly's case! And Blanche Griffin's! The man was a daring burglar, yet he resisted temptation when his former associates could have extracted a fortune from you. And picture what it means to the girl to abandon forever the glare and glitter of the night clubs.

"Come with me, Mr. Burton. I will submit two of my wifis to a severe test. It may be cruel, but if they survive it they will benefit, while your cynicism will sustain a heavy shock."

John protested that he was by no means cynical, but Grace laughingly held to her purpose. She unlocked a drawer in the desk at which she was sitting, and took out a roll of currency notes. She counted the money, which amounted to quite a large sum. Then, halving it, she placed one-half on the desk and pocketed the remainder.

Crooking a finger at John, she led him into the outer hall, where Bill Reilly and Blanche happened to be seated at the moment.

"Mr. Burton and I are going out," she said to her proteges. "We shall be away a couple of hours, or longer. If you two have nothing better to do, you might take care of the office until I return."

"Where are we going?" inquired John, when Grace and he were out of earshot.

"For a spin in your car," she answered gaily.

"But is it wise to leave so much money on your table? There must have been nearly two thousand dollars in the pile. Is it even fair to tempt those people in that way?"

"If I am wrong," came the earnest answer, "I shall suffer the loss with resignation, and you will be strongly entrenched in the position of the superior male who can say 'I told you so.' Meanwhile, let us forget these problems for at least forty miles."

John fell in with her mood. How might any young man do otherwise? They enjoyed the run amazingly, and by some miracle contrived to talk lightly of that great world which both had seen through such very different spectacles. They were absent a good deal longer than the two hours stipulated for, but when they came back, found Bill Reilly and Blanche Griffin seated in the office. Each was apparently absorbed in a book, and the pile of bills lay untouched on the table.

Grace chatted with her humble friends for some time before she affected to discover the money with astonishment.

"How careless of me to leave those notes on the table!" she cried. "Why, if you two hadn't been here, someone might have crept in and walked off with the lot!"

It was peculiar, almost an unfortunate coincidence that the girl's artless maneuver should have succeeded in the very hour when the forces of mischief were gathering within a short half-mile of the settlement building.

"Mother" Flannigan and her chief henchman were even then perfecting a plot which would place Burton in greater peril than he had ever before encountered during his adventurous life, while George Coe was unconsciously assisting in its development.

The young man had gone straight from his father's office to the flat in which he had installed Virginia Griffin, Blanche's sister. This girl was primarily responsible for his financial embarrassment. She was somewhat prettier and younger than Blanche, and her demands for money, jewelry, clothing and all the varied fripperies of a fashionable existence were quite merciless in their frequency and extent.

At the instant his familiar ring was heard on the electric bell she was describing him to Two-Gun Jake as "that poor boob who has gone to try and skin a few more notes off his father's wad."

"Huh!" she cried, when the two were startled by the sound of the bell. "Here he comes now! He mustn't find you on the mat, Jake!"

"Don't care if he does," growled the gangster. "If that sister of his keeps on reformin' the crowd, there'll be none of us left soon. First Bill has gone, then Blanche. You'll be the next, I suppose?"

"Sometimes you get me that mad, Jake, I want to shake you!" muttered the girl, seizing him and thrusting him forcibly into a closet, which she locked. She ran to the door and opened it.

George Coe, however, was not quite such a fool as Blanche deemed him. He noticed instantly that there were two liquor glasses on the table.

"Hello!" he said, glancing around suspiciously; "who's your friend? Is he here with you now?"

"Oh! chuck that jealousy stuff," cried Blanche. "I'm fed up with it. You too worried this morning to argue. Have you brought the money?—that's the only thing I want to hear about."

"Guess that's so," came the sullen comment. "You don't worry 'bout for

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me. "But I do, George, really," she protested, flinging her arms around him in mock abandon. "You know I do. All the same, bills have got to be paid, and I can't find money growing on trees."

"Neither can I," muttered Coe, exhorting himself from her embrace none too graciously. "The old man has turned rusty at last. Goin' to allow me five hundred a month. What do you know about that?"

"What do I know about it, indeed?" shrilled the girl. "Five hundred! And if I don't pay up five thousand before the end of the week those devils at the stores an' the garage will clean out every stick in the place an' sell the car. Now just listen to me, George Coe. No matter what happens afterward, you've got to find this little lot right away."

"I tell you I can't do it," said George doggedly. "My father won't give it to me, and no one will lend me a dime, and I can't even steal it, because I am turned out of the bank."

Virginia began railing at him through a storm of tears. She would soon have been in hysterics, but an unforeseen diversion came from Jake, who unceremoniously burst the frail lock of the closet and bounced into the room.

George Coe, who was no coward, would have tackled him then and there, but the gunman leveled a wicked-looking automatic pistol at his breast.

"You stand just where you are, Mr. Coe," scowled Jake, "or I'll drill a hole through you. When you've got your breath back, an' your heart stops jumpin', pick up that telephone an' tell your sister to bring the money here. She's got it, and you've got to have it, and so have we, and that's all there is to it."

A Useless Sacrifice. Still chattering aimlessly about matters of no import—her object being to dissipate any notion in the minds of the assistants that she had purposely put a strain on their loyalty—Grace Coe was replacing the bundle of notes in a drawer of the roll-top desk when a telephone on the table clanged insistently. Blanche happened to be nearest the instrument, and answered the call. She handed the receiver to Grace.

"Your brother wants a word with you, Miss Coe," she announced.

Silence reigned in the room while Grace listened. Grace's eyes dilated with fear and a note of terror crept into her voice as she turned from the instrument.

"My brother is in some trouble. He says he has been injured. He asks me to come at once."

"Now, in the quick turmoil of the moment, Burton might have hurried the distraught girl to the waiting automobile without another word.

but his downright temperament called for full knowledge before he acted.

"Is your brother at your home, Miss Coe?" he asked.

"No, no; he gave me a strange address. He is in someone's apartment at 435 Olive street."

Blanche Griffin, who had started to her feet at the first mention of George Coe's name, seemed to shrink at hearing the address.

"435 Olive street!" she repeated in a dazed way. "Did Mr. Coe mention the number of the apartment?"

"Yes—34," said Grace.

"Why, that is where my sister lives!" quavered the other.

"Your sister!" broke in Reilly, and there was that in his voice which drew a critical look from Burton.

"Look here, miss," went on the ex-convic, gravely, "it's an unpleasant thing, and I'm sorry for Blanche, but you've got to know the facts before you stir out of this house. Your own brother has rented and furnished that apartment for Virginia Griffin, and she is in with the Hell-cats hand and glove."

"But he spoke to me himself," wailed the girl frantically. "Surely I know my brother's voice? And I am certain he is hurt. The way he spoke convinces me of that."

Then Burton took the lead in his masterful way.

"Of course you must go," he said; "but there is no reason on earth why we should not accompany you."

Olive street lay in the immediate neighborhood, and the swift automobile brought them thither in a couple of minutes. Blanche knew that her sister's apartment was on the third floor.

She sped swiftly up the stairs and herself rang the electric bell. With—

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rived, but shipments are on the way fresh from the Style Controlling Cities of the East. However we are amply prepared to take care of your wearing apparel needs from the opening date of Feb. 1st. We believe we are sufficiently experienced in the Mens Furnishing business to fully supply the wants of the Young Man and his Elders with whatever they desire.

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ssers H. M. Larkin and R. orris have begun the erect- a 75x80 foot frame build- ing the south west key block- ing the H. M. Larkin mer- le building on the south. Larkin will utilize the next to his store, 25x80 to his hardware and imple- stouk.

e remainder of the building ) feet will be leased to H. arter, owner of the Owl- ge, who will move his ga- there and equip it in first- shape.

ter Carter has recently in- ed a complete vulcanizing and we are informed that will add a lathe, drill press milling machine as soon as oves into his new quarters.

n to J. A. Brasher and wife an pound boy wednesday.

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You are cordially invited.

### Tahoka Water Works Sold.

J. L. Chick, who recently mov- ed to Tahoka from Waco, has purchased the Parkhurst build- ing and will have it renovated and will have it repainted. He will begin re- construction work as soon as the water works are ready. Chick has also purchased the water works from A. D. Shook and will remodel the plant to conform with state require- ment for a standard plant. The plant includes the barrel stand pipe in north Tahoka, 3 wells, two pulled by windmills and the other by a fly horse, en- gine, storage and mains. The plant is valued at \$7,000. The founda- tion on which the present stand pipe sets is sufficient to carry a stand pipe of double the present capacity.

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### Citation by Publication

State of Texas. County of Lynn.

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CON- STABLE OF LYNN COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to sum- mon Mrs. Ida Didier and Francis X. Didier by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks pre- vious to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Lynn County, to be holden at the court house thereof in Tahoka on the first Monday in March, 1917, the same being the fifth day of March, 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 6th day of February, 1917, in a suit num- bered on the docket of said court No. 206, wherein J. J. Didier and Mrs. Louis Didier McDonald and husband, W. F. McDonald are plaintiffs, and Mrs. Ida Didier and Francis X. Didier are de- fendants. The cause of action alleged being a suit in trespass to try title to the following described tracts of land: Survey Number 497, Certificate Num- ber 472, Block Number One, E. L. & R. R. Ry. company Survey in Lynn County, Texas. All of Survey Number 61, in Block Number 8, certificate Number 666, E. L. & R. R. Ry. company Survey in Lynn County, Texas. All of Survey Number 09, certificate Number 676, Block Number 8, E. L. & R. R. Ry. company Survey in Lynn and Dawson counties, Texas. Plaintiffs allege that they are the owners of said land, and that Joseph H. Didier, an- the defendant, Francis X. Didier, are the common source of title, and that the defendant, Mrs. Ida Didier has caused to be recorded in Volume 11, page 414 of the deed records of Lynn county, a written claim to a commu- nity interest with Joseph H. Didier and said Sections 61, and 69, and plaintiff pray for the cancellation of said writ- ten claim as recorded. Plaintiffs allege that defendant, Francis X. Didier has heretofore decided his interests in said lands to plaintiffs, and their grantors, said deeds being of record in Volume 3, page 475-476 of the deed records of Lynn county, but said deeds were ac- knowledged before the Mayor of Latty, Ohio, which mayor was not lawfully authorized to take such acknowledg- ment, but that said deeds constitute color of title, and were intended to convey his interests, and plaintiffs pray that said deeds be validated, and made effective. Plaintiffs allege that they have held said land under said deeds

### for more than ten years next preceding this suit.

Plaintiffs pray for judgment, removing said cloud, for judgment for title and possession of said land, and general and equitable relief. HERIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Witness P. H. Northross, clerk of the District court of Lynn county, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court in the town of Tahoka, this the 7th day of February, 1917.

P. H. Northross, clerk of the District court of Lynn county, Texas.

Issued this 7th day of February, 1917.

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Jno. Calloway of Temple, was a Tahoka visitor this week. He came up from Temple last Tues- day and spent a few days with his father, Jno. P. Callaway, pastor at Wilson. He has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. D. Donaldson, of six miles south of Tahoka.

Miss Celeste Ellis of Tulsa, and onetime resident of Tahoka, has recently accepted a position as assistant teacher in the Plain- view school near O'Donnell. She and Prof. Turner spent the week end in Tahoka, Miss Ellis was the guest of Miss Christine Swan.

### -An Up-to-date Meat Market for Tahoka-

## The B & H Market

a place where you can get the best of fresh and cured meats.

In fact any thing that is to be had in an up-to-date market.

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We are going to carry the best. Nothing but good meat will be killed this shop.

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The non interest bearing deposits of this bank are protected by the Guaranty Fund of the state of Texas.

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Pres. Vinson of the University of Texas, is an ardent advocate of military training. He suggests that the course be made elective and added to the curriculum. He states that if 100 students will sign a petition, the U. S. Army

will place an officer on the faculty to teach military training, and the students who take it will be given credit for their time.

Odd Fellows meeting Tuesday night 7:30 every Odd Fellow is cordially requested to be present at this meeting.



### Round Trip Excursion Fares

Dallas: Annual convention, County Judges and Commissioners Association Feb. 8-10 Date of Sale Feb. 7th limit Feb. 12th. Austin: annual Home Economics Week Feb. 12-16 Date of sale Feb. 11 limit Feb. 18th. Ft. Worth: Meeting Texas shoe Retailers Association and Southwestern Shoe Travelers Association, Feb. 13-14 Date of sale Feb. 12th limit Feb. 16th.

Ask Agent for particulars. J. L. HEARE, Agent., Tahoka, Texas.

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Have car fat, well broke work mules; will sell on time or credit, fourteen to sixteen hands high. Car milk cows, fresh. Will have plenty of cows and mules on hand all the time. Slaton Grain and Coal Co. P. O. Box 73. Slaton, Texas. By A. E. Whitehead. 21-23

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I am selling the Culled Early Mebane Improved Triumph Cotton Seed.

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Including Hardware, Implements, Harness and Leather Goods Largest Stock on the South Plains

No Matter How Far You Live You Can Save Money Buying From Us. Nothing Misrepresented

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### Notice.

The State of Texas } County of Lynn }

In accordance with Title 44, Chapter Two, Article 2440, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that I will receive, until ten o'clock, a. m., on Monday the 12th day of February, 1917, sealed bids from banking corporations, associations and individual bankers desiring to be selected as the depository of the funds of Lynn County, Texas, and of the public free school funds of Lynn County, Texas, for the ensuing two years; which said bids shall state the rate of interest proposed to be paid computed upon the daily balances to the credit of said funds, and shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the total amount of said funds for the preceding year; and Lynn County, by its Commissioners Court, has the right to reject any and all such bids.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Tahoka, Texas, this 16th day of January, A. D. 1917.

SEAL } C. H. CAIN, County Judge, Lynn County, Texas. 21-24

### The Grip of Evil

out waiting for the door we opened she rapped loudly on the pane.

A pistol shot barked from the interior. The ominous report might almost have been an answer to her summons. Burton and Reilly now stepped in front of the two women, and the former again knocked loudly. He had his hand on the doorknob and his shoulder against the stout frame, meaning to force the lock, when the door opened in his face and Virginia Griffin, pallid and tear-stained, and evidently on the verge of collapse, appeared only to recoil immediately when she saw so many unexpected visitors.

"Oh, for God's sake," she whimpered, "don't make a fuss, or send for the police! Mr. Coe has shot Two-Gun Jake!"

The men rushed in, followed by the others, and the first sight that met their eyes was the gunman lying on his back on the floor, while George Coe, wild-eyed and excited, was bending over him. The young man still flourished an automatic pistol in his

right hand, and Bill Reilly, inured to such scenes of violence, fancied he meant administering the coup de grace to his fallen adversary. Without further ado, therefore, he caught Coe's wrist and took the weapon from him.

But the victor in the struggle did not resist at all.

"Don't you make any mistake about this affair, you folk," he said, speaking with a passionate vehemence that carried conviction. "This fellow held me up. He forced me to phone you, Grace. Blackmail or murder—that's what he was after. Played me for a poor sucker, too, who couldn't do a thing. But I fooled him. Taking a chance, I closed with him and tried to get the pistol away. It went off accidentally. I swear to God it wasn't my fault!"

Burton, who had missed no word of Coe's heated explanation, had meanwhile lifted the injured man to a couch and was searching for the wound. He quietly determined that the missile was still lodged in the man's body, and every indication pointed to the reasonable hypothesis that it had probably struck and fractured the shoulderblade. If that were so, Jake was in no immediate danger and a skilled surgeon would soon perform a satisfactory operation.

The chance, however, that an overt scandal might be avoided was dispelled by the appearance of a policeman, over whose shoulder peered the anxious faces of many other residents in the block of apartments. The sharp snarl of the automatic had reached many ears and the affair had now passed into the hands of the law. A second policeman arrived quick on the heels of his brother officer.

"Now, what's all this about?" demanded the senior of the two officers. George Coe was breaking into stumbling speech, when Virginia Griffin essayed an explanation in his stead.

"There was a row," she wept. "Nobody meant any real mischief. It was just—"

Bill Reilly thrust her aside almost roughly.

"What's the use o' tryin' to humbug a cop who knows his business?" he said, with a species of grim humor which was gruesome in face of this tragedy. "Jake an' me settled an old score. I grabbed his gun, an' shot him. He drew on me first, but I was a bit quicker'n him at the game. That's all there is to it."

The three women were literally spellbound by this amazing statement. "Which of you people were present while the fight was on?" inquired the senior patrolman, producing a note-

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HIGHEST MARKET PRICES PAID FOR PRODUCE. COME IN ANN SEE US WE WANT TO MEET YOU.

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J. P. MEEK, Proprietor.

book. "Is it necessary that our statements should be taken down now?" demanded Burton.

"You can please yourself," said the policeman. "If you don't choose to clear the air by telling the facts, we'll hold the lot of you. There's such a thing in law, you know, as being an accessory before the act."

A welcome break was supplied by the coming of an ambulance and a police surgeon. The doctor gave Jake a superficial but calm scrutiny.

"This fellow is only blooded a little," he said curtly. "The wound looks worse than it is. No vital organ has been penetrated, and we'll have that bullet out just one minute after the X-ray has located it."

Within an astonishingly short space of time, therefore, the knocked-out gunman, now swearing loudly at all and sundry, was taken off in the ambulance. Burton and George Coe, with Grace, were accompanying Bill Reilly to the station house, where he was promptly liberated on bail, and Blanche Griffin was left with her nearly distracted sister.

Blanche tried to comfort Virginia, but the latter sought solace in whisky. Blanche resolved to remain with her and when opportunity offered emptied the whisky bottle in the sink.

Both girls, worn by the excitement of the day, finally decided to retire. When they were ready for bed Blanche, who since Grace Coe had taken her in hand, had fallen back on the habits of her childhood, knelt at the side of the bed in prayer. Virginia at first sneered at her sister, but later, as she thought of their mother and of their happiness at her side when they were children, she also knelt in prayer beside Blanche.

Bill Reilly, taken to the police station, was released on bail furnished by John Burton and Grace Coe.

Mr. Henry Coe was probably surprised during dinner by the haughty demeanor of his son and the somewhat subdued attitude of a distinctly self-willed daughter. But she said nothing and retired early to rest.

The storm broke next morning at the breakfast table when his furious glance dwelt on the scare-heads of a newspaper article describing the shooting affray.

BILL REILLY, REFORMED CONVICT, CONFESSES TO SHOOTING GANGSTER—GRACE COE AND JOHN BURTON GO ON HIS BAIL.

These sensational captions were more than borne out by the text of the article. Coe's voice was thick with fury when he sought his daughter, who had breakfasted earlier and was then seated at a piano in the drawing room.

"You are becoming a disgrace to your family," he cried, vehemently, smashing a clenched fist into the newspaper crumpled up in the other hand. "This sort of thing has to stop, and stop now. You either give up this reform work or leave my house. And I cut off the supplies, too. Though you own your mother's estate, I am your trustee and I'll put the whole d—nt into the courts so that you can't touch a penny for the next five years."

The man was incoherent with wrath or he would never have sworn in front of a daughter whom he loved devotedly. He could not guess, of course, how acutely the girl's soul was harrowed by conflicting emotions. For once she was tongue-tied, and tried lamely to argue that if she would be consistent in her endeavor to elevate humanity she must help those who depended on her.

Naturally, the irate man would not listen. He insisted on complete and instant submission to his will, and Grace was at her wits' end to obtain some sort of respite, since it was impossible that she could accede to his wishes on an utterly false pretext. At that juncture her brother entered. She saw at once that George, goaded to desperation, was about to confess, and dreaded the outcome of his sordid revelation far more than her father's misdirected wrath against herself.

But George Coe's new-born resolution was not to be gainsaid. Every instinct of manliness in his composition rebelled against the positive injustice inflicted, in the first instance, on Bill Reilly, and, secondly, on a girl whose efforts to ameliorate the lot of the submerged tenth had often excited his wonderment.

"This thing has gone far enough, sis," George said firmly. "It's up to me to face the music. I did that shooting, dad. I was several sorts of a fool, and now I am ready to pay the price. But one thing you ought to know and believe before I say another word, I'm a soft-headed idiot and a

wastrel, but I am no crook."

Disregarding Grace's tests, he surprised even her banker by the quiet which he exposed the truth to him by Virginia Griffin's Jake. He did not spare the least degree. He did not strive to palliate his act, sending to bring the most philanthropic sister.

When he had made another raged at him so from turned and left the room, erally the command that "clear out forever and dare to show his face in city."

But the infuriated man without his daughter, his shoulder as he went out to storm after George's stairs.

"Father," she said, George entirely at fault, him up in the right way taught him to trust his reverent womanhood? Her word and counsel of youth that humanity was wrong, you blame him now if he had acted on the very principle of justice?"

Henry Coe could not be surprised if one of his own had ventured to lecture investment of his money, out the inherent rottenness great corporations which in the financial world. He calmed down sufficiently willing to listen. After he even condescended to ant after his son when he was to come back as banker's return after office.

The next morning Bill Griffin was leaving her settlement house, with the charge of Grace Coe, fessed to her some of the Hell-cats.

"They got it in for Burton have made a plan to kid either take their vengeance hold him for ransom," as

Blanche, surprised at tion, lost no time in rushing to her room. She was Grace Coe, because she was interested in John Burton finding her there, imparting information to Bill Reilly, who the arrival of Miss Coe.

Reilly was surprised that the best way he could ton was to again join it find out their detailed with this information to treat them.

He went to a saloon was certain to find some the Hell-cats. A distorted row in Virginia's already reached the gang-bers were not indisposed story which Reilly put ly, that he was bearing the fray to save Jake from of levying blackmail on murder. Incidentally, he his one-time companions affected to become more they.

"You see, boys," he them, "though Jake was the hospital, we can still guy Burton, and also I my lines to get my brother's wealth."

"It's all right, out of the Hell-cats; "while were having that rough a plan to get Burton."

"Don't talk rot," "the guy was along too."

"I don't mean that," other; "it's a scheme Old Mother Flannigan where by we can get him you in on it. Will you

"Will a duck swim?" Reilly and the Hell-cats started for gang headquarters.

In the meantime Burton to the settlement house, ing seen Grace, decided again. As he was returning automobile he saw Reilly the Hell-cats.

Burton, sorrowing fall, and not wishing her misplaced confidence returned to his home.

Burton, seated in his ing of Grace Coe, re- preme disappointment her to know that he formed assistant had former criminal ways reform was a sham, wanty is in the Grip (END OF THIRTEEN