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Corner Stone of the Baptist Church Laid

The corner stone to this splendid church building was laid in the presence of more than 500 people. The service took place last Monday at 5 p. m., opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation," followed by the invocation by Rev. W. S. P. McCullough.

Addresses were delivered by Mayor Geo. D. Lee and Rev. John S. Thomas. The pastor, Rev. Wilson C. Rogers, then told of the heroism of his people in undertaking the building. Mrs. Willis, the only charter member left of the organization of the church in Big Springs, placed the tin box of mementoes in the stone, which was sealed in the stone by J. S. Cherry with cement. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. P. Wilson. This church building will be quite an ornament to our town and we are glad to see the work progressing on it so nicely.

Money in Hogs.

A panhandle farmer has marketed \$2,500 worth of hogs in three years from one sow. He began three years ago with one Berkshire sow, and she has had yielded pigs that have brought him \$2,500, and he now has 170 head of hogs which he is feeding. This man raises feed as well as live stock, making a combination that is bound to win. This is a fine hog country; all kinds of feed stuff do well here, and if our farmers will turn their attention to stock farming and not attempt to raise so much cotton, in a few years we will have a prosperous country.

Hogs are selling higher now

than they have ever sold and fat cattle are demanding a good price and always will, as the great ranges are gradually growing smaller and in a few years range beef will be a thing of the past. Good horses and mules also command good prices and find a ready market. Feed and stock require much less labor to raise and market than cotton, and the returns are much more satisfactory.

District Court.

The honorable district court of Howard county met Monday morning at ten o'clock with Hon. James L. Shepherd on the bench. The grand jury was empaneled and Judge Shepherd charged the jury at length upon such matters as would probably come before them.

Court met for the afternoon session and the petit jurors were excused until Tuesday morning, when they were discharged for the term.

All of the most important civil cases were continued until another term of court in order to get a more definite opinion as to the legality of the court, as there have been some changes in time of holding court in this county.

Four of the petit jury were fined \$10 each for failing to answer to their names when called Monday morning.

Bill Coots refused to answer questions asked by the grand jury and was fined \$50 and ordered to jail to remain until the fine is paid and he will answer questions.

Dr. Hall returned Saturday from Chicago, where he has been the past two months taking a post graduate course.

Program of the Fifth Sunday Meeting

The following is the program of the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Big Springs Baptist Association, to convene with the Cedar Bluff church, four miles east of Big Springs, on Thursday night, Oct. 28.

Introductory Sermon—Elder Ira Parrack.

FRIDAY

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Services—Elder F. M. Rollins.

10 a. m.—Is It Obligatory Upon Us as Baptists, Regardless of Other Denominations, to Take the World for Christ?—Opened by Elder I. D. Hull.

11 a. m.—Sermon—Elder Davis, Westbrook.

12 m.—Dinner.

2 p. m.—The Relationship of the Pastor and the Church—Opened by Elder A. R. Watson.

2:30 p. m.—Is Every Baptist, Individually, Under Scriptural Obligations to our State Mission and all our Denominational Interest?—Opened by Elder Wilson C. Rogers.

Question Box, Conducted by the Moderator.

8 p. m.—Sermon—Wilson C. Rogers.

SATURDAY

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises—Elder B. Wilson, Jr.

10 a. m.—The Best Class of Song Service for Church Worship—Opened by J. A. Kinard.

10:30 a. m.—God's Purpose in the Salvation of a Soul—Opened by Elder B. Wilson, Sr.

11 a. m.—Sermon by Elder Pinkney Hawkins.

12 m.—Dinner.

2 p. m.—How to Create a Better Sunday School Interest in the Churches of our Association—Opened by Elder Joe Bell.

2:30 p. m.—What the Women Can Do in the Church—Mrs. S. H. Morrison.

3 p. m.—Executive Board Meeting; Open Session.

8 p. m.—Sermon by Elder S. C. Shippy.

SUNDAY

10 a. m.—Sunday School Mass Meeting.

11 a. m.—Sermon—To be supplied.

15 m.—Dinner.

2:30 p. m.—Mass Meeting, Buckner Orphans Home.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon—To be supplied.

BY COMMITTEE.

Capital City Letter

Austin, Tex., Oct. 13, '09.

Sinking into a chair late Saturday afternoon the governor remarked that he had had a very busy day and was tired; he might with equal truth have said that he had had an arduous and trying week and had received several severe jolts. First came President Millner of A. & M. College, complaining that the funds for the proper maintenance of the institution are entirely inadequate, then the physicians complaining of the governor's delay in providing for the location of the leper colony created by act of the Thirty-First legislature; then came El Paso with strictures upon the governor's unwillingness to meet Presidents Taft and Diaz in that city, practically compelling the governor to promise to attend.

President Millner told the governor that urgent need exists for a larger mess hall, properly equipped; for more equipment for the assembly hall and for the dormitories; for more tents to house the large students who have been unable to secure other accommodations, and more funds for the maintenance of the institution, the appropriation of \$50,000 made by the legislature being totally inadequate.

During the session of the city and county health officers here the past week, a resolution was offered calling upon the governor to take steps at once to secure the selection of a site for the isolation and care of lepers. The resolution says that six months have elapsed since the law was enacted and that if something is not done soon it may become a nuisance. Opposed to this action of the body, a number of the physicians openly oppose carrying into effect the law providing for the leper colony, declaring that the disease is neither infectious nor contagious, and that it would be absurd to spend \$50,000 in establishing the colony and pay a superintendent \$3,000 annually to care for a half dozen or not exceeding a dozen of these unfortunates in the state.

In accepting the invitation to visit El Paso on October 16, and attend the meeting of President Taft and President Diaz, the governor says that he never refused it and has been wrongfully reported as having declined it.

The report of cotton ginned in September, just given out by the agricultural department, shows that 3,154 ginneries turned out 818,072 bales during the month, or 216,065 bales less than were ginned in September last year, but then the crop was just beginning to be picked, and now it is estimated to be three-fourths in, with a total of 1,015,277 bales ginned in the state so far this season.

Commissioner Kone has addressed an open letter to the farmers of the state urging them to begin plowing now, to plow deep, harrow constantly and fertilize thoroughly, to select the best seed and take care not to plant too deep, and stating that with these suggestions complied with and a fair season next year, a bountiful harvest may be expected.

The fire rating board is now holding its daily sessions and conferring with representatives of insurance companies seeking to reach some uniform basis for the fixing of fire insurance rates.

According to a statement issued from the attorney general's office, nearly \$10,000,000 of bonds were approved by that department during the fiscal year ending Sept. 1, and of this

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Cop—Nar then, out of it! Mixed bathing ain't allowed!—Ally Sloper.

Hé Bit.
Ex-Police Commissioner Bingham of New York said of graft at a recent dinner:

"The grafter isn't so easily caught; he isn't quite so naïve as an old fellow they used to tell about in Andover."

"This old fellow was suspected of tampering with the church collections. A couple of clumsy traps that were set for him failed to work. Then one day a young deacon walked past his house leading a new horse."

"That's a fine horse, deacon," the old fellow shouted. "Did you buy him at the fair?"

"Yes," said the deacon. Then, as the other came nearer, he added: "I bought him with my pickings out of the collection plate."

"The old man looked horrified. "Good gracious!" he said. "I've often taken myself to buy a hat or a pair of trousers; but, deacon, in takin' enough to buy a horse, ain't ye committin' a positive sin!"

True Representative of Race.
Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg may claim this distinction, that he is the first German chancellor to wear a beard. Bismarck hastened to shave his off when he entered upon diplomacy, and showed his rivals and enemies a massive jaw and clear-cut chin; and he shaved to the end, with an interval enforced by neuralgia in the early '80s. As a soldier, too, Caprivi shaved, all but his mustache, and so did Hohenzollern and Bulow. But Bethmann-Hollweg is gaunt, rugged, hirsute, pan-Germanic.

Poverty and Consumption.
That poverty is a friend to consumption is demonstrated by some recent German statistics, which show that of 10,000 well-to-do persons 40 annually die of consumption; of the same number only moderately well-to-do, 66; of the same number of really poor, 77; and of paupers, 97. According to John Burns, the famous English labor leader, 90 per cent. of the consumptives in London receive charitable relief in their homes.

FOOD QUESTION
Satisfied with Perfect Satisfaction by a Dyspeptic.

It's not an easy matter to satisfy all the members of the family at meal time as every housewife knows.

And when the husband has dyspepsia and can't eat the simplest ordinary food without causing trouble, the food question becomes doubly annoying.

An Illinois woman writes: "My husband's health was poor, he had no appetite for anything I could get for him, it seemed."

"He was hardly able to work, was taking medicine continually, and as soon as he would feel better would go to work again only to give up in a few weeks. He suffered severely with stomach trouble. "Tired of everything I had been able to get for him to eat, one day seeing an advertisement about Grape-Nuts, I got some and tried it for breakfast the next morning."

"We all thought it was pretty good although we had no idea of using it regularly. But when my husband came home at night he asked for Grape-Nuts."

"It was the same next day and I had to get it right along, because when we would get to the table the question, 'Have you any Grape-Nuts?' was a regular thing. So I began to buy it by the dozen pkgs."

"My husband's health began to improve right along. I sometimes felt offended when I'd make something I thought he would like for a change, and still hear the same old question, 'Have you any Grape-Nuts?'"

"He got so well that for the last two years he has hardly lost a day from his work, and we are still using Grape-Nuts." Read the book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkg. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new case appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

The revenues of the Dallas postoffice increased 17.94 per cent in September over the same month last year.

One person was killed and eight others injured Friday at Greene, Ia., forty miles north of Waterloo, in an accident on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

The Government began at Wewoka, Okla., Monday, to pay the Seminole Indians a per capita of \$20 on an amount aggregating \$60,000. This is the regular annuity payment.

Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Dalton, Ga., Friday morning, accompanied by a booming sound. Houses were shaken throughout the town, but no damage is reported.

The 8-year-old daughter of Wm. Reed, living west of Moran, was bitten by a large rattlesnake Friday, from the effects of which she died.

Three sharp and distinct earth shocks were felt at Salt Lake City Monday night. The first occurred at 7:42 and the last at 7:45. All three were felt at points in Idaho.

In order to replenish the depleted supply of corn in the Republic of Mexico, the duty on that cereal has been temporarily rescinded by the United States.

The International Smelting and Refining Company of Boston has under consideration the question of erecting a large smelter at El Paso, Texas. The \$10,000,000 stock will be listed on the Boston Stock Exchange this week.

A seawall constructed with concrete with ballast abutments, sixteen feet high and twelve feet thick at the base, is to be built by the Government around Fort McRee at the entrance to Pensacola, Fla., harbor.

Mrs. Mary Harriman, widow of Edward H. Harriman, is the wealthiest woman in the world. The estate left by the railroad magnate is valued at \$300,000,000, according to a statement by a close friend and business associate.

G. Y. Clayton, a farmer of Scottsville, Tex., is exhibiting in Shreveport a sheaf of tobacco he raised on his farm this year. On two-fifths of an acre he harvested 500 pounds, which he reports he can dispose of on the local market at 20c a pound.

Two hundred thousand bushels of corn have been ordered by telegraph from the United States by the Government of Guanajuato, Mexico, to relieve the acute distress occasioned there by the cold weather, which killed all the growing crops.

Because he worked for the Pennsylvania Road back in the sixties, when Andrew Carnegie was superintendent, James Fagan, of San Antonio, an aged switchman, is richer by \$40,000. Mr. Carnegie set aside years ago a sum for distribution among employees.

Two men were severely burned and \$20,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire caused by the explosion of gasoline in Dallas Monday afternoon.

Free city mail delivery will be inaugurated in Taylor on November 1.

After burning for probably two and a half hours early Tuesday night flames were extinguished which had caused damage estimated at over \$100,000 in Galveston.

The West Texas Industrial Academy, a negro institution in Goliad, was destroyed by fire, Sunday apparently from incendiary origin. The building had just been completed and about \$3,400 worth of furniture and fixtures was destroyed with it.

A large section of the viaduct over the New York Central tracks in Buffalo, N. Y., was wrecked by dynamite Tuesday morning.

A company is being organized in Memphis, Tex., for the purpose of testing for oil some six miles southeast of that place.

Seventeen persons were killed and ten severely injured in a collision between a freight train and a construction train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe near Topeka, Kan., Friday. Among the dead are eleven Mexicans. The others killed were trainmen or section hands.

About 8 o'clock Thursday morning the W. K. Shipman mill and elevator at Sweetwater, together with two cars standing on the siding, was completely destroyed by fire. Damage \$10,000.

Scholars from all over the world, as far away as Capetown, gathered Wednesday to do honor to A. Lawrence Lowell on the occasion of his inauguration as president of Harvard University, vice Charles W. Eliot, resigned.

Mrs. W. G. Taylor, wife of a hotel keeper at Myrtle, La., was killed Tuesday night by her 8-year-old son, who accidentally discharged a shotgun.

Further tests are to be made of the lime producing rock which is found in the hill near Brownwood as indicated by the fact that certain large manufacturers of lime have asked for additional samples of the stone.

After a brief but thrilling fight in Forest Park, St. Louis, just at dark Thursday, Glean H. Curtiss made an unexpected descent, falling almost seventy feet. The aviator was badly shaken up, but no bones were broken, and he was not injured. One of the propellers of his machine was smashed.

Benjamin S. Eaton, father of the Southwest irrigation project, whose plans created hundreds of millions of wealth, is dead in Los Angeles.

By the accidental discharge of a target rifle at noon Sunday, Paul Pickard, 7 years old, of Decatur, was killed. The ball penetrated the brain.

Oklahoma's cold wave continues and a drop from 71 to 45 degrees in the thermometer has elicited many calls for aid from the poor.

When the Supreme Court opened Monday in Washington only seven of the nine Justices were present. Associate Justices Moody and Packham are both absent on account of serious illness.

City Tax Assessor L. W. P. Dooley of Hillsboro has completed his tax rolls for 1909, which shows a total assessed valuation of property amounting to \$3,104,590.

Two little children, aged 5 and 2 years, of H. Boven, living in El Paso, were playing with matches Sunday when the dress of the younger became ignited and the child was fatally burned.

The body of an unknown white man was found floating in White Oak Bayou above the Katy passenger station Sunday afternoon in Houston. Apparently the body had been in the water about ten days.

The first frost of the season was noticed at Brownwood Monday morning, but was not of sufficient amount to do any damage to crops or gardens. The thermometer registered 35 degrees.

Fifty men are at work blocking out ore at the mines of the El Paso smelter company's tin mines in the Franklin Mountains, twenty miles north of El Paso.

A revolution has broken out in Santo Domingo. The insurgents Monday attacked Dejahon, a town near the Haitian frontier, but were repulsed by the Government troops.

The Department of Commerce and Labor report the marvelous growth of exports from the United States from \$194,000,000 in 1899 to \$410,000,000 in 1909.

Two men were killed and three seriously injured on the Fort Riley military reservation Junction City, Kans., Monday, by the explosion of a 4 1/2-inch field piece during the artillery tests now under way.

Using six charges of nitroglycerin, a gang of robbers forced their way into the vault of the First National Bank in Lewisville, Texas, at an early hour Monday morning and secured \$6,500 in money.

The heavy rain and wind of Friday night did considerable damage in the southwestern part of Smith County. It is learned that many trees were uprooted and several houses blown from their foundations.

As a result of the hurricane which struck the southern coast of Florida Monday morning, Key West is a mass of wreckage, the damage to property is estimated at \$2,000,000, and martial law was proclaimed by the mayor.

As the result of a pitched battle Monday at Cotennial, south of Shreveport, three are dead.

The total number of persons injured during the month of July, August and September by Chicago street cars was 1,011, and the fatalities for the same period forty-seven.

In a collision near Farmer City, Ill., Tuesday night, between a special from Springfield and a southbound passenger on the Illinois Central, four persons were killed and thirty injured, several fatally.

Unofficial results of the balloon races which started from St. Louis Monday give St. Louis No. 3 the Lahn cup for distance, with 550 miles in forty-two hours and forty minutes.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company Friday issued offer of a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and final conviction of the person or persons responsible for the wreck of its passenger train near Temple Wednesday morning.

Delegates from 450 humane societies in the United States were in St. Paul Tuesday attending the American Humane association meetings.

The Ketchell-Johnson fight, scheduled for October 12, in San Francisco, was postponed Monday night until October 16.

The Texas Oil Company completed the derrick one mile south of Moran September 28. A strata of rock was struck at thirty feet, but they soon went through that. Water is bubbling up and gas escaping from the well now, necessitating casing. Oil was found.

Reports from the isolated districts of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, Mexico, show that a great deal of destitution still exists throughout these districts, and the suffering has been made more acute by the sudden cold wave which has prevailed in Northern Mexico during the greater part of last week.

E. L. Mellerson of Ft. Worth Tuesday notified the La Porte, Indiana, authorities he knew the whereabouts of Mrs. Belle Guinness, the alleged murderer. He declares the woman is hiding near Fort Worth. He requested photographs identifying her.

The extension of the field of operations in Africa, to which Spain is now committed by dispatch of reinforcements to Gen. Marina, the Spanish commander, is further complicated by the possibility of a regular declaration of war between Morocco and Spain.

Early Wednesday morning the Santa Fe officers in Galveston were notified of the derailment of the St. Louis-Chicago-Galveston Express at Temple. The accident occurred at 1:30 a. m. One man, the engineer, was killed, being crushed under the train.

HALF OF KEY WEST DESTROYED BY STORM

OVER 500 HOMES WRECKED AND 100 SHIPS CAST ON THE BEACH.

TROOPS FIRE ON THIEVES

Property Loss Between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 as Result of Gulf Storm.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 13.—Half of the city is practically in ruins, over 500 homes have been destroyed and more than a hundred ships wrecked as a result of the hurricane which swept this city Wednesday afternoon. Seven churches and nine of the largest cigar factories in the South also were destroyed. Hundreds of men are now at work cleaning up the streets under the direction of Mayor Fogarty.

As soon as darkness fell Thursday night thieves began their raid on the homes and office buildings destroyed by the storm. The police were unable to cope with the situation, and Mayor Fogarty immediately called for the Key West Guard, the local military organization, and the city was placed under martial law.

Scores of arrests were made, the police and soldiers in many instances firing on the vandals. In the residence district the streets in many instances were rendered impassable by the ruins of the houses. Whole buildings were picked up by the gale and hurled across the street and only the advance warnings of the Weather Bureau prevented a heavy loss of life.

Along the water front the beaches were strewn with the wreckage of small boats of all kinds, hardly a building was left standing, while piers and wharves were all swept away.

At the time the storm broke Wednesday there were nearly 100 vessels in the harbor, the majority of these being swept to sea or broken up on the beaches.

Property loss is said to be between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

FOUR KILLED; SEVERAL HURT.

Accident Occurs On Katy Near Greenville—Horses Lost.

Greenville: Four were killed, several others injured, four fine race horses burned to death and several other horses hurt in a wreck on the Katy near Kingston, Texas, shortly before 4 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Property loss is said to be between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

Government Loses Case.

Indianapolis, Ind.: Judge A. E. Anderson of the United States Court of this district Tuesday dismissed the proceedings against Delavans Smith and Charles R. Williams, proprietors of the Indianapolis News, who were resisting removal to the District of Columbia for trial under Grand Jury indictment charging them with having committed criminal libel in publishing articles alleging that there was a corrupt profit of \$28,000,000 in the sale of the Panama Canal to the United States.

Mr. Crane Resigns.

Washington: Charles R. Crane of Chicago, Minister Designate to China, Tuesday was practically deposed by a demand from Secretary Knox for his resignation. Thus a new chapter in American diplomacy was written. A citizen chosen with special regard for his qualifications for the post was recalled before he had embarked from San Francisco and discharged from his high office because of alleged indirect disclosures through the press.

Galveston Votes \$500,000.

Galveston: Galveston County taxpayers by their votes of about 5 to 1 Tuesday took up another \$500,000 proposition, the step toward further betterment, this time being that of a bond issue for good roads.

Campaign for Good Roads.

Denison: A meeting of the good roads committee of the Board of Trade was held Tuesday and plans for a campaign in favor of a good roads bond issue for a district including Teton was mapped out.

Ablene's New High School.

Ablene: By the 15th of January, 1910, certainly not later than Feb. 1, the new high school will be ready for occupancy. The building is of the old Spanish type and will be modern in every respect and will be steam heated.

Ft. Worth Votes Bonds.

Fort Worth: The election Tuesday for a municipal bond issue of \$650,000 for general improvement purposes resulted in favor of the bonds by a vote of approximately 450 to 40.

Farmers Sowing Wheat.

Sherman: Probably more than 1,000 wheat fields are being sown and there is little doubt in the minds of the closest students of the situation that the acreage will be at least twice what it was last year and many believe that the increase will be even larger.

Northwest Texas Doctors Meet.

Mineral Wells: The Northwest Texas Medical Society convened in regular semi-annual session here Tuesday afternoon at Elks' Hall. The association met here in April.

It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, "ARE YOU INSURED?" If not, do you think it would be wise to have no issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our

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Local and Personal

W. B. Currie, of Garden City, was here Monday.

J. O. Gibson makes a specialty in cleaning, pressing, alterations, etc., phone 325.

Geo. H. Sparenberg, Can Powell and a number of others left last night for El Paso to attend the Taft-Diaz meeting.

Reagan wants to fill your prescriptions, prices are right and service prompt.

The great Texas State Fair opens at Dallas tomorrow and will remain open until Nov. 1.

Uneda Tailor Shop all kinds cleaning and pressing for ladies and gentlemen.

Paul Dalmont, of Gaines county, was here Tuesday.

Ask J. O. Gibson to show you the latest things in gray suitings for fall and winter.

R. W. Andrus, wife and daughter, were here Tuesday from their home fifteen miles northwest of town.

Window glass all sizes at Reagan's

Chas. D. Wallace, of Dilley, is here on a visit to his parents, H. C. Wallace and wife.

Razors from \$1.00 up, all guaranteed, at Biles & Gentry's.

Jack Rogers, of Borden county, was trading here yesterday.

Hot or cold drinks at Reagan's fountain.

John Joyner and wife, of Dawson county, was here Tuesday. Mr. Joyner reported his mother, who underwent a surgical operation several weeks ago, as getting along nicely and thinks she will entirely recover soon.

For better service, see McGowen Bros., first door south of McCamant's drug store. 48tf

James Cooksey, of Pecos, spent several days here this week visiting his sister, Mrs. J. L. Ward.

Ramers' chocolates, the best, at Biles & Gentry's.

Miss Elma Neill left last week for her home at Auto, Howard county, after quite a long visit with her brother, Judge Geo. W. Neill.—Terry County Herald.

Crayon! crayon! crayon! for school, at Biles & Gentry's.

Misses Fay and Frances Viars, of Whitesboro, arrived here Monday night on a visit to their sister, Mrs. Fred Poffenbach, and will remain several weeks.

Patronize home industry. J. O. Gibson for clothes.

Hon. Harry Tom King, of Abilene, was among the visiting attorneys who attended district court here this week.

The pleasure of writing is found only in using a Parker fountain pen at Reagan's.

Seven Chinamen, who were making their way east, were found in a box car here early Wednesday morning and were arrested by government inspectors. They were sent to Abilene for trial.

See H. B. Arnold for anything in sheet metal work, will please you if I can. Am no amateur workman.

S. H. Morrison will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Popular prices for "On the Frontier."

W. A. Tunstall will add another story to his building on Main Street, occupied by Pool Bros. J. E. Pond has the contract to do the work.

Everything as advertised and more with "On the Frontier."

Stokes-Hughes Co. have begun work on the foundation of an addition 40x50 feet to their store, to be built of brick. This will give them considerable more room, something they have needed some time.

The Place to Buy

Hardware, Glass and Queensware, Wagons, Buggies, Plows, Windmills and water supply materials of all kinds is at our store. We can fit you up with any kind of galvanized sheet iron work from our own shop. :: :: ::

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Eupion Oil has stood the test and has been considered the highest standard grade of oil in Texas for over fifty-two years and still holds the lead in the oil field. It is the only non-explosive oil that is sold--barring none. :: :: ::

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But there's one paint that has more than these, for it possesses the peculiar quality of *sustained* wear, namely the Mound City Horse Shoe Brand; the paint with the life in it; the paint that's made of honest Lead and honest Zinc and Pure Aged Linseed Oil; the paint that wears and looks better than Lead.

Horse Shoe Brand Paint, all colors, always gives a clear, beautiful, living look to the finished job. Never bleary, or muddy, or gummy; none of that dead, dull appearance.

Then, too, it pays to come to a store where they are able to advise you and help you to get the most good out of paint. If you read this ad. you will know where such a store is right in this very town.

Besides the House Paint, there's a Horse Shoe Paint for every purpose: Floor Paint, Barn and Roof Paint, Buggy Paint, To-Wauk-On Stain, Screen Paint, Wagon and Implement Paint, what you want for whatever you want to put it on.

Let's tell you about one of these Horse Shoe Brand Specialties: Floor Paint: Horse Shoe Brand Floor Paint is the best floor paint we know anything about, for the reason that the more you wash it the harder it gets, like cement. Wears like concrete and yet keeps alive all the vivid color that it had when first applied.

So, when you're ready for paint that is paint, and does what good paint ought to do, here's the place and here's the store that sells it. You can trust the paint and you can trust the store; two things worth remembering.

B. REAGAN'S DRUG STORE

E. P. Teele, sheriff of Glasscock county, was here Wednesday.

A large assortment of pipes, all kinds, at Biles & Gentry's.

The burning of the wall paper in Mr. Freeman's house yesterday during the noon hour caused some excitement, but very little damage.

FIRE INSURANCE. Let me write your policy. J. C. Baird.

C. C. Connell, of Fort Worth, spent several days here this week.

R. K. Manion and wife, of Dawson county, were here this week.

J. W. Brooks, who lives in the eastern part of the county, was here Tuesday.

Remember the date of "On the Frontier" is Oct. 25.

R. C. Sanderson returned the first of the week from Europe, where he spent several months, and says he had a most delightful trip and saw many places of interest.

What "Marion Harland" Thinks of COTTOLENE.

New York, December 15th, 1904. The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs: Many years ago I discontinued the use of lard in my kitchen and substituted for it—as an experiment—COTTOLENE, then comparatively a new product. Since my first trial of it, I can truly say that it has given complete satisfaction; whether it is used alone, as "shortening," or in combination with butter in pastry, biscuits, etc., or in frying, it has never disappointed me. I honestly believe it to be the very best thing of its kind ever offered to the American housekeeper, and I am glad of the opportunity to make my conviction public. Yours truly, "Marion Harland."

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All our lumber Is Under Sheds

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—DENTIST—

Office phone 281 res. phone 274 Office McCamant's drug store BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

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A fine line of perfumes, toilet waters and soaps just received. Biles & Gentry.

L. P. Cosby was here Tuesday from Borden county.

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- 10 lbs lard, home made,.....\$1.50
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- Don't forget, order over phone, come or send, you will be treated right.

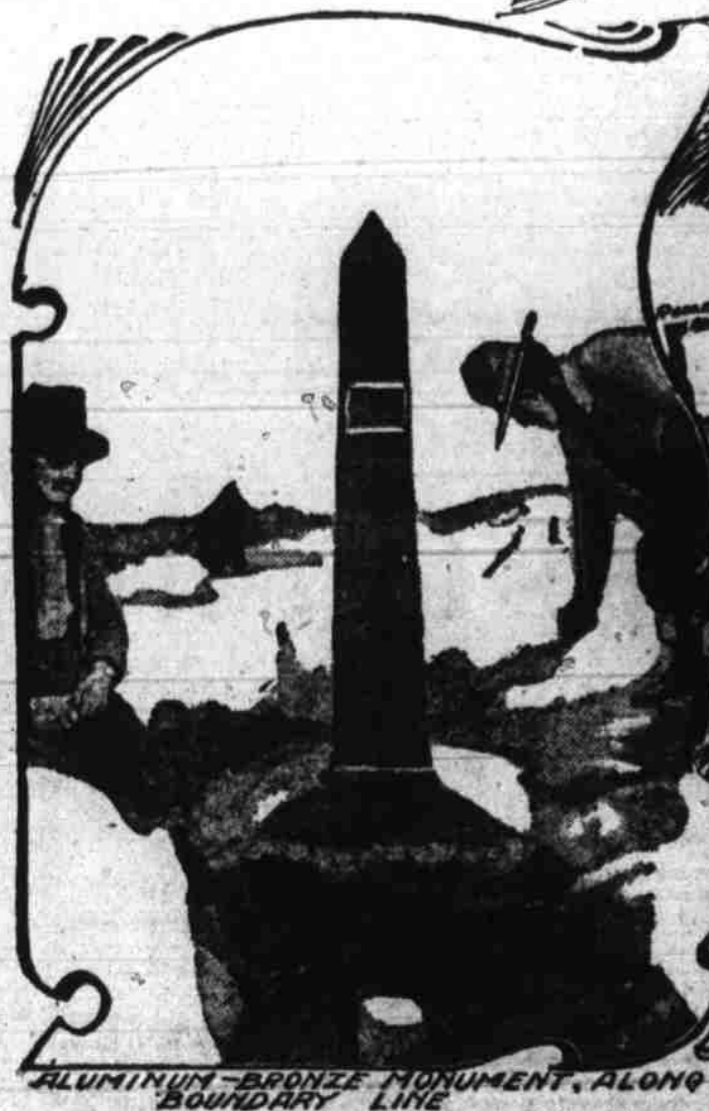
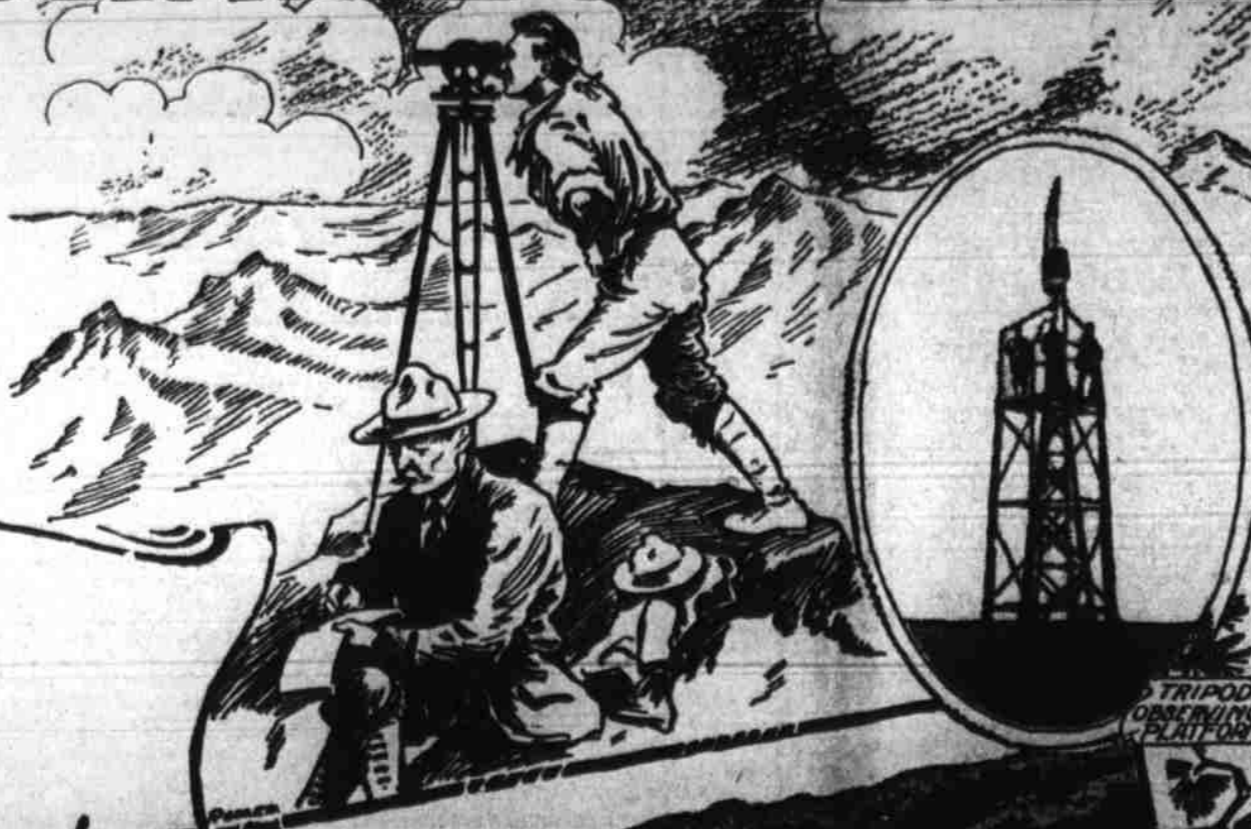
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MARKING THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY

BY THOMAS RIGGS, JR.

THERE had been some disputes as to what constituted the boundary of the country bought from Russia by the United States in 1867, but until the real value of the territory was known, no one cared. The miners of the early days managed very well with an approximate boundary. They held miners' meetings and any decision reached by them constituted the law. For the opening up of Alaska we are indebted to the panic of 1893. Throughout the west the harder spirits preferred to brave the dangers of that almost unknown region than to accept the starvation wages then offered. They know that grubstakes



and independence were to be found on the bars of the Forty Mile, the Stewart, and at Circle City.

With the increase of population came the representatives of the American and Canadian governments, custom-houses were established and court decisions took the place of the rude justice dispensed by miners' meetings. With the new order of things, came also the necessity of a determined line between the two countries.

The United States claimed, under the old Russian treaty, a line running up Portland canal to the 56th parallel of north latitude, thence to follow the summit of the coast range to its intersection with the 141st meridian. In the absence of a definite mountain range near the coast, the line was to be not more than ten marine leagues distant from tide water.

Canada claimed that the line should follow the coast range paralleling the general contour of the coast, and cutting across all inlets and fjords.

There were other contentions of minor importance, but the real trouble was that Canada thought she was entitled to a seaport which would allow of shipments through Canadian territory to the now valuable Klondike.

As to the 141st meridian being the rest of the boundary, there was no dispute. This line starts at a ridge of Mount Saint Elias and runs through to Demarcation Point on the Arctic ocean.

Maps showing a strip of land along the coast were made, archives were rummaged, every available bit of history and tradition were searched, and the whole mass submitted as evidence to a tribunal of three Americans, two Canadians, and one Englishman, which met in London in 1902. The sifting of the evidence required three months. The opposing counsel helped by the geographic experts put forth their best arguments, a vote was taken, and the result showed four to two for the United States, the lord chief justice of England, Lord Alverstone, casting his vote with the Americans.

Naturally the Canadian representatives felt greatly disappointed, but the evidence was too conclusive to allow of any other outcome.

Then came the question of what mountains constituted the coast range. In places a compromise was effected departing slightly from the claims of the United States.

It was decided that certain well-defined peaks on the mountains fringing the coast should constitute the main points on the boundary. Lord Alverstone, wielding a blue pencil, marked on the maps what appeared to the tribunal to be the proper mountains. The members of the tribunal were all eminent jurists, but this did not make them proficient in the intricacies of contour maps, and the advice of the experts was constantly requested.

The location of the boundary was left to two commissioners, Mr. O. H. Tittmann, superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey, for the United States, and Dr. W. F. King, chief Dominion astronomer, for Canada.

Wherever the blue-pencil mark appears on the map, this point without any recourse is a boundary point, even though a higher and better point may be but a short distance away.

To follow the sinuosities of the mountain ranges in this country would be hopeless, so the commissioners will probably decide that a straight line connecting the various blue-penciled points shall constitute the boundary.

The actual demarcation of the boundary, to be satisfactory to both governments, must be done exactly. By this it is not meant that there is a di-

vision of labor in every party. There are American parties and Canadian parties, and with each locating party, or party which decides on the line, go representatives of the other government. There are line-cutting parties, leveling parties, topographic parties, triangulation parties, and monumenting parties, which work separately, their work being such that joint representation is not always necessary, as the line will be subject to inspection at some later date. These parties report yearly to the commissioner of their respective governments. The commissioners meet sometimes in Washington and sometimes in Ottawa, and either accept or reject the work done by the field parties. Their decision is final.

The magnitude of the task is little understood except by those closely connected with the work. There are 600 miles of boundary from Portland canal up the coast to Mount St. Elias, where it hooks around on to the 141st meridian and shoots for another 500 miles straight north to the Arctic ocean.

All the land lying along the boundary must be mapped on an accurate scale, and a strip of topography four miles wide must be run the entire length of the 141st meridian; peaks which cannot be climbed, or rather those which would take too long and would be too expensive to scale, must be determined geodetically; vistas 30 feet in width must be cut through the timbered valleys, and monuments must be set up on the routes of travel and wherever a possible need for them may occur.

The field season is short, lasting only from June to the latter part of September, and along the coast operations are constantly hindered by rain, snow, and fog. Rivers abounding in rapids and quicksands have to be crossed or ascended. A man who has never had the loop of a tracking line around his shoulders little knows the dead monotony of lining a boat up a swift Alaskan river with nothing to think of but the dull ache in his tired muscles and the sharp digging of the rope into his chafed shoulders.

Vast glaciers are to be crossed, with their danger of hidden crevasses. More than one surveyor has had the snow sink suddenly beneath his feet, and has been saved only by the rope tying him to his comrades. Several have been saved by throwing their alpine stocks crosswise of the gap, and one, while crossing the Yakutat glacier with a pack on his back, caught only on his extended arms. High mountains must be climbed; if they are not the boundary peaks themselves, they must be high enough to see the boundary peaks over the intervening summits.

And these climbs are not the organized expeditions of an Alpine club, with but one mountain to conquer, but daily routine. Heavy theodolites and topographic cameras must be carried, and instead

of being able to throw himself down to rest and enjoy the glorious panoramas, there is immediate work to be done, and a few clouds hovering over some distant mountain, instead of lending beauty to the view, may send the poor surveyor behind some sheltering rock to wait, shivering with cold, until morning will allow him to take up his stand by the theodolite and complete his observations.

On the 141st meridian an astronomic longitude was determined at a point on the Yukon river. American and Canadian astronomers worked together, bringing time over the wires both from Seattle and Vancouver. An azimuth was then observed and this azimuth is be-



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A FAIR WIND



ALSEK (LIVE) GLACIER ON THE ALSEK RIVER

ing prolonged in its straight shoot across the peninsula. This line has been accepted as the 141st meridian and consequently the boundary. It has been run into the mountains fringing the Pacific coast. Topography, triangulation, line-cutting, and monumenting are now being carried along the located line.

For the present the line will not run to Mount St. Elias. It would be possible, but not practical, to run it across the intervening 80 miles of snow and ice and towering mountain ranges. To complete this part of the boundary the use of an airship is contemplated.

In the interior the difficulties of the work are changed. Long wooded stretches, interrupted by barren ridges, take the place of glaciers and craggy mountains. In place of snow fields there are heart-breaking "alger-head" swamps to be crossed where the pack-horse becomes mired and exhausted and the temper of man is tried to the breaking point. Supplies have to be ferried across the rivers on log rafts, while the horses swim.

There is no longer the guiding line of the coast to follow, and the surveyor must rely on his instinct for topography and on woodcraft to pilot him through an unbroken wilderness.

The inconveniences of transportation have to be overcome, and year by year they are becoming worse as the work carries us each year farther from the Yukon with its steamers. For the season of 1909 the American party of 20 men will have to walk 300 miles before they can even start work.

Then the topographer with his theodolite tries to make up for lost time. Regular hours for work are ignored. A day's work is reckoned as ten hours, if the work can be done in that time; if not—well, in midsummer the days are 24 hours long. Holidays and Sundays see the same old routine—even the Fourth of July.

Usually bases of supply are established at certain known points before the opening of the season. These are called "cachets." Mistakes in the locating of a cache are sometimes made, and last season one surveyor in consequence of such a mistake was without food for two days. Finally reaching another camp in rather disheveled condition, it so happened that this other party was moving south toward the same cache and was on short rations; so nothing remained to do but beat a hurried retreat 60 miles northward, arriving at another base with belts galled in to the last extent.

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Help, help—your indigestion with Wrigley's Spearmint.

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Of the pain which many women experience with every month it makes the gentleness and kindness always associated with womanhood seem to be almost a miracle. While in general no woman rebels against what she regards as a natural necessity there is no woman who would not gladly be free from this recurring period of pain.

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Young man, beware of the peach who is the apple of your eye. She may prove to be a lemon.

BE JUST TO YOURSELF and keep well if possible. Check that cough with the harmless and efficient remedy, Allen's Lung Balsam. All druggists, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

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WHISPERING SMITH

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN.
ILLUSTRATIONS BY ANDRÉ BOWLES



SYNOPSIS.

Murray Sinclair and his gang of wreckers were called out to clear the railroad tracks at Smoky Creek. McCloud, a young road superintendent, caught Sinclair and his men in the act of looting the wrecked train. Sinclair pleaded in a noisome, declaring it only amounted to a small sum—a treat for the men. McCloud discharged the whole outfit and ordered the wreckage burned. McCloud became acquainted with Dickie Dunning, a girl of the west, who came to look at the wreck. She gave him a message for Sinclair, the ex-foreman's deserted wife. President Bucks of the railroad, told McCloud's brave fight against a gang of crazed miners and that was the reason for the superintendent's appointment to his high office. McCloud arranged to board at the boarding house of Mrs. Sinclair, the ex-foreman's deserted wife, the late Richard Dunning, who had died of a broken heart shortly after his wife's demise, which occurred after one year of married life. Sinclair visited Marion Sinclair's shop and a fight between him and McCloud was narrowly averted. Smoky Creek bridge was mysteriously burned. McCloud prepared to face the situation. President Bucks notified Smith that he had work ahead. McCloud worked for days and finally got the division running in fairly good order. He overheard Dickie criticizing his methods, to Marion Sinclair. A stock train was wrecked by an open switch. Later a passenger train was held up and the express car robbed. Two men of a posse pursuing the bandits were killed. McCloud was notified that Whispering Smith was to hunt the desperadoes. Bill Dancing, a road foreman, proposed that Sinclair and his gang be sent to hunt the bandits. A stranger, apparently with authority, told him to go ahead. Dancing was told the stranger was "Whispering Smith." Smith approached Sinclair. He tried to buy him off, but failed.

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

"Well, you know how to get into trouble." "Every one knows that; few know how to keep out." "You can't lay your finger on me at any turn of the road." "Not if you behave yourself." "And you can't bully me." "Surely not. No hard feelings, Murray. I came for a friendly talk, and if it's all the same to you I'll watch this wheel while and then go over to the Wickup. I leave first—that's understood. I hope—and if your pink-eyed friend is waiting outside tell him there is nothing doing, will you, Murray? Who is the albino, by the way? You don't know him? I think I do. Fort City, if I remember. Well, good-night, Murray."

It was after 12 o'clock and the room had filled up. Roulette balls were dropping, and above the faro table the extra lights were on. The dealers, fresh from supper, were putting things in order for the long trick.

At the Wickup Whispering Smith found McCloud in the office signing letters. "I can do nothing with him," said Smith, drawing down a window shade before he seated himself to detail his talk with Sinclair. "He wants a fight."

McCloud put down his pen. "If I am the disturber it would be better for me to get out."

"That would be hauling down the flag across the whole division. It is too late for that. If he didn't center the fight on you he would center it somewhere else. The whole question is, who is going to run this division, Sinclair and his gang or the company? and it is as easy to meet them on one point as another. I know of no way of making this kind of an affair pleasant. I am going to do some riding, as I told you. Kennedy is working up through the Deep Creek country, and has three men with him. I shall ride toward the Cache and meet him somewhere near South Mission pass."

"Gordon, would it do any good to ask a few questions?"

"Ask as many as you like, my dear boy, but don't be disappointed if I can't answer them. I can look wise, but I don't know anything. You know what we are up against. This fellow has grown a tiger among the wolves, and he has turned the pack loose on us. One thing I ask you to do. Don't expose yourself at night. Your life isn't worth a coupling-pin if you do."

McCloud raised his hand. "Take care of yourself! If you are murdered in this fight I shall know I got you in and that I am to blame."

"And suppose you were?" Smith had risen from his chair. He had few manners, and recalling the man the few times he had seen him, the only impression he has left on me is that of quiet and gentleness. "Suppose you were?" He was resting one arm on top of McCloud's desk. "What of it? You have done for me up here what I couldn't do, George. You have been kind to Marion when she hadn't a friend near. You have stood between him and her when I couldn't be here to do it, and when she didn't want me to—helped her when I hadn't the privilege of doing it." McCloud put up his hand in protest, but it was unheeded. "How many times it has been in my heart to kill that man. She knows it; she prays it may never happen. That is why she stays here and has kept me out of the mountains. She says they would talk about her if I lived in the same town, and I have stayed away." He threw himself back into the chair. "It's going beyond both of us now. I've kept the promise I made to her to-day to do all in my power to settle this thing without bloodshed. It will not be settled in that way, George."

"Was he of Sugar Butte?"

"No, his gang was there. The

quick get-away, the short turn on Van Horn, killing two men to rattle the posse—all bears Sinclair's earmarks. He has gone too far. He has piled up plunder till he is reckless. He is crazy with greed and insane with revenge. He thinks he can gallop over this division and scare Bucks till he gets down on his knees to him. Bucks will never do it. I know him, and I tell you Bucks will never do it. He is like that man in Washington; he will fight it to the death. He would fight Sinclair if he had to come up here and meet him single-handed, but he will never have to do it. He put you here, George, to round that man up. This is the price for your advancement, and you must pay it."

"It is all right for me to pay it, but I don't want you to pay it. Will you have a care for yourself, Gordon?"

"Will you?"

"Yes."

"You need never ask me to be careful," Smith went on. "That is my business. I asked you to watch your window shades at night, and when I came in just now I found one up. It is you who are likely to forget, and in this kind of a game a man never forgets but once. I'll lie down on the Lincoln lounge, George."

"Get into the bed."

"No; I like the lounge, and I'm off early."

In the private room of the superintendent, provided as a sleeping apartment in the old headquarters building many years before hotel facilities reached Medicine Bend, stood the only curio the Wickup possessed—the Lincoln lounge. When the car that carried the remains of Abraham Lincoln from Washington to Springfield was dismantled, the Wickup tell heir to one piece of its elaborate furnishings, the lounge, and the lounge still remains as an early-day relic. Whispering Smith walked into the bedroom and disposed himself in an incredibly short time. "I've borrowed one of your pillows, George," he called out, presently.

"Take both." "One's enough. I hope," he went on, rolling himself like a hen into the double blanket, "the horse Kennedy has left me will be all right; he got three from Bill Dancing. Bill Dancing," he snorted, driving his nose into the pillow as if in final memorandum for the night, "he will get himself killed if he fools around Sinclair too much now."

McCloud, under a light shaded above his desk, opened a roll of blue-prints. He was going to follow a construction gang up the Crawling Stone in the morning and wanted to look over the surveys. Whispering Smith, breathing regularly, lay not far away. It was late when McCloud put away his maps, entered the inner room and looked at his friend.

He lay like a boy asleep. On the chair beside his head he had placed his old-fashioned hunting-case watch, as big as an alarm clock, the kind a railroad man would wind up with a spike-maul. Beside the watch he had laid his huge revolver in its worn leather scabbard. Breathing peacefully, he lay quite at his companion's mercy, and McCloud, looking down on this man who never made a mistake, never forgot a danger, and never took an unnecessary chance, thought of what between men confidence may sometimes mean. He sat at a moment with folded arms on the side of his bed, studying the tired face, defenseless in the slumber of fatigue. When he turned out the light and lay down, he wondered whether, somewhere in the valley of the great river to which he was to take his men in the morning, he should encounter the alight and reckless horsewoman who had blazed so in anger when he stood before her at Marion's. He had struggled against her charm too long. She had become, how or when he could not tell, not alone a pretty woman but a fascinating one—the creature of his constant thought. Already she meant more to him than all else in the world.

He well knew that if called on to choose between Dickie and all else he could only choose her. But as he drew together the curtains of thought and sleep stole in upon him, he was resolved first to have Dickie; to have all else if he could, but, in any case, Dickie Dunning. When he awoke day was breaking in the mountains. The huge silver watch, the low-voiced man and the formidable six-shooter had disappeared. It was time to get up, and Marion Sinclair had promised an early breakfast.

CHAPTER XII.

The Quarrel.

The beginning of the Crawling Stone line marked the first determined effort under President Bucks, while undertaking the reconstruction of the system for through traffic, to develop the rich local territory tributary to the mountain division. New policies in construction dated from the same period. Glover, with an enormous capital staked for the new undertakings, gave orders to push the building every month in the year, and for the first time in mountain railroad building winter was to be ignored. The older mountain men met the innova-

tion as they met any departure from their traditions, with curiosity and distrust. On the other hand, the new and younger blood took hold with confidence, and when Glover called, "Ye, heave ho!" at headquarters, they bent themselves clear across the system for a hard pull together.

McCloud, resting the operating on the shoulders of his assistant Anderson, devoted himself wholly to forwarding the construction plans, and his first clash over winter road-building in the Rockies came with his own right-hand man, Mears. McCloud put in a switch below Piedmont, opened a material yard and began track laying toward the lower Crawling Stone valley, when Mears said it was time to stop work till spring. When McCloud told him he wanted track across the divide and into the lower valley by spring, Mears threw up his hands. But there was metal in the old man, and he was for orders all the time. He kept up a running fire of protests and forebodings about the danger of exposing men during the winter season, but stuck to his post.

Spring found the construction of the valley line well advanced, and the grades nearing the fans of the Dunning ranch. Right-of-way men had been working for months with Lance Dunning over the line and McCloud had been called frequently into consultations raised by Dickie's cousin to the crossing of the ranch lands. Even



"Cousin Lance!"

when the proceedings had been closed, a strong current of discontent set from the managing head of the Stone ranch. Rumors of Lance Dunning's dissatisfaction often reached the railroad people. Vague talk of an extensive irrigation scheme planned by Sinclair for the Crawling Stone valley crept into the newspapers, and it was generally understood that Lance Dunning had expressed himself favorably to the enterprise.

Dickie gave slight heed to matters as weighty as these. She spent much of her time on horseback; with Jim under the saddle; and in Medicine Bend, where she rode with frequency, Marion's shop became her favorite abiding place. Dickie ordered hats until Marion's conscience rose and she practically refused to supply any more. But the spirited controversy on this point, as on many others—Dickie's haughtiness and Marion's restraint, quite unmoved by any show of displeasure—ended always in drawing the two closer to each other.

One March afternoon, coming home from Medicine Bend, she saw at some distance before her a party of men on horseback. She was riding a trail leading from the pass road that followed the hills, and the party was coming up the bridge road from the lower ranch. Dickie had good eyes, and something unusual in the riding of the men was soon apparent to her. Losing and regaining sight of them at different turns in the trail, she made out, as she rode among the trees, that they were cowboys of her own ranch, and riding, under evident excitement, about a strange horseman. She recognized in the escort Stormy Gorman, the ferocious foreman of the ranch, and Denton and Jim Baugh, two of the most reckless of the men. These

three carried rifles slung across their pommels, and in front of them rode the stranger.

Fragments of the breakfast-table talk of the morning came back to Dickie's mind. The railroad graders were in the valley below the ranch, and she had heard her cousin say a good deal on a point she cared little about, as to where the railroad should cross the Stone ranch. Approaching the fork of the two roads toward which she and the cowboys were riding, she checked her horse in the shade of a cottonwood tree, and as the party rode up the draw she saw the horseman under surveillance. It was George McCloud.

Unluckily, as she caught a glimpse of him she was conscious that he was looking at her. She bent forward to hide a momentary confusion, spoke briskly to her horse, and rode out of sight. At Marion's she had carefully avoided him. Her precipitancy at their last meeting had seemed, on reflection, unfortunate. She felt that she must have appeared to him shockingly rude, and there was in her recollection of the scene an unconfessed impression that she had been to blame. Often when Marion spoke of him, which she did without the slightest reserve and with no reference as to whether Dickie liked it or not, it had been in Dickie's mind to bring up the subject of the disagreeable scene, hoping that Marion would suggest a way for making some kind of unembarrassing

to dam up that basin, and the irrigation laws will protect our rights."

"I certainly can't put a grade in below the flume, and you refuse to talk about our crossing above it."

"I certainly do." "Why not let us cross where we are, and run a new level for your ditch that will put the dime higher up?"

"You will have to cross below the flume where it stands, or you won't cross the ranch at all."

McCloud was silent for a moment. "I am using a supported grade there for eight miles to get over the hill within a three-teeth limit. I can't drop back there. We might as well build at all if we can't hold our grade, whereas it would be very simple to run a new line for your ditch, and my engineers will do it for you without a dollar of expense to you, Mr. Dunning."

Lance Dunning waved his hand as an ultimatum. "Cross where I tell you to cross, or keep off the Stone ranch. Is that English?"

"It certainly is. But in matter of fact we must cross on the survey agreed on in the contract for a right-of-way deed."

"I don't recognize any contract obtained under false representations."

"Do you accuse me of false representations?"

Lance Dunning flipped the ash from his cigar. "Who are you?"

"I am just a plain, every-day civil engineer, but you must not talk false representations in any contract drawn under my hand."

"I am talking facts. Whispering Smith may have rigged the joker—I don't know. Whoever rigged it, it has been rigged all right."

"Any charge against Whispering Smith is a charge against me. He is not here to defend himself, but he needs no defense. You have charged me already with misleading surveys. I was telephoned for this morning to come over to see why you had held up our work, and your men cover me with rifles while I am riding on a public road."

"You have been warned, or your men have, to keep off this ranch. Your man Stevens cut our wires this morning—"

"As he had a perfect right to do on our right of way."

"If you think so, stranger, go ahead again!"

"Oh, no! We won't have civil war—not right away, at least. And if you and your men have threatened and browbeaten me enough for to-day, I will go."

"Don't set foot on the Stone ranch again, and don't send any men here to trespass, mark you!"

"I mark you perfectly. I did not set foot willingly on your ranch to-day. I was dragged on it. Where the men are grading now, they will finish their work."

"No, they won't."

"What would you drive us off land you have already deeded?"

"The first man that cuts our wires or orders them cut where they were strung yesterday will get into trouble."

"Then don't string any wires on land that belongs to us, for they will certainly come down if you do."

Lance Dunning turned in a passion. "I'll put a bullet through you if you touch a barb of Stone ranch wire!"

Stormy Gorman jumped forward with his hand covering the grip of his six-shooter. "Yes, damn you, and I'll put another!"

"Cousin Lance!" Dickie Dunning advanced swiftly into the room. "You are under our own roof, and you are wrong to talk in that way."

Her cousin stared at her. "Dickie, this is no place for you!"

"It is when my cousin is in danger of forgetting he is a gentleman."

"You are interfering with what you know nothing about!" exclaimed Lance, angrily.

"I know what is due to every one under this roof."

"Will you be good enough to leave this room?"

"Not if there is to be any shooting or threats of shooting that involve my cousin."

"Dickie, leave the room!"

There was a hush. The cowboys dropped back. Dickie stood motionless. She gave no sign in her manner that she heard the words, but she looked very steadily at her cousin.

"You forget yourself!" was all she said.

"I am master here!"

"Also my cousin," murmured Dickie, evenly.

"You don't understand this matter at all!" declared Lance Dunning, vehemently.

"Nothing could justify your language."

"Do you think I am going to allow this railroad company to ruin this ranch while I am responsible here? You have no business interfering, say!"

"I think I have."

"These matters are not of your affair!"

"Not of my affair?" The listeners stood riveted. McCloud felt himself swallowing, and took a step forward with an effort as Dickie advanced. Her hair, loosened by her ride, spread

low upon her head. She stood in her saddle habit, with her quirt still in hand. "Any affair that may lead my cousin into shooting is my affair. I make it mine. This is my father's roof. I neither know nor care anything about what led to this quarrel, but the quarrel is mine now. I will not allow my cousin to plunge into anything that may cost him his life or ruin it." She turned suddenly, and her eyes fell on McCloud. "I am not willing to leave either myself or my cousin in a false position. I regret especially that Mr. McCloud should be brought into so unpleasant a scene, because he has already suffered rudeness at my own hands—"

McCloud flushed. He raised his hand slightly.

"And I am very sorry for it," added Dickie, before he could speak. Then, turning, she withdrew from the room.

"I am sure," said McCloud, slowly, as he spoke again to her cousin, "there need be no serious controversy over the right-of-way matter, Mr. Dunning. I certainly shall not precipitate any. Suppose you give me a chance to ride over the ground with you again and let us see whether we can't arrive at some conclusion?"

But Lance was angry, and nursed his wrath a long time.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Shot in the Pass.

Dickie walked hurriedly through the dining room and out upon the rear porch. Her horse was standing where she had left him. Her heart beat furiously as she caught up the reins, but she sprang into the saddle and rode rapidly away. The flood of her temper had brought a disregard of consequences; it was in the glow of her eyes, the lines of her lips, and the tremor of her nostrils as she breathed long and deeply on her flying horse.

When she checked Jim she had ridden miles, but not without a course nor without a purpose. Where the roads ahead of her parted to lead down the river and over the Elbow Pass to Medicine Bend, she halted within a clump of trees almost where she had first seen McCloud. Beyond the Mission mountains the sun was setting in a fire like that which glowed under her eyes. She could have counted her heart-beats as the crimson ball sank below the verge of the horizon and the shadows threw up the silver thread of the big river and deepened across the heavy green of the alfalfa fields. Where Dickie sat, struggling with her bounding pulse and holding Jim tightly in, no one from the ranch or, indeed, from the up-country could pass her unseen. She was waiting for a horseman, and the sun had set but a few minutes when she heard a sharp gallop coming down the upper road from the hills.

All her brave plans, terror-stricken at the sound of the hoof-beats, fled from her utterly. She was stunned by the suddenness of the crisis. She had meant to stop McCloud and speak to him, but before she could summon her courage a tall, slender man on horseback dashed past within a few feet of her. She could almost have touched him as he flew by, and a horse less steady than Jim would have shied under her. Dickie caught her breath. She did not know this man—she had seen only his eyes, oddly bright in the twilight as he passed—but he was not of the ranch. He must have come from the hill road, she concluded, down which she herself had just ridden. He was somewhere from the north, for he sat his horse like a statue and rode like the wind.

But the encounter nerved her to her resolve. Some leaden moments passed, and McCloud, galloping at a far milder pace toward the fork of the roads, checked his speed as he approached. He saw a woman on horseback waiting in his path.

"Mr. McCloud!"

"Miss Dunning!"

"I could not forgive myself if I waited too long to warn you that threats have been made against your life. Not of the kind you heard to-day. My cousin is not a murderer, and never could be, I am sure, in spite of his talk; but I was frightened at the thought that if anything dreadful should happen his name would be brought into it. There are enemies of yours in this country to be feared, and it is against these that I warn you. Good-night!"

"Surely you won't ride away without giving me a chance to thank you!" exclaimed McCloud. Dickie checked her horse. "I owe you a double debt of gratitude," he added, "and I am anxious to assure you that we desire nothing that will injure your interests in any way in crossing your lands."

"I know nothing about those matters, because my cousin manages everything. It is growing late and you have a good way to go, so good-night."

"But you will allow me to ride back to the house with you?"

"Oh, no, indeed, thank you!"

"It will soon be dark and you are alone."

"No, no! I am quite safe and I have only a short ride. It is you who have far to go, and she spoke again to Jim, who started briskly.

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E. A. DAVIS,

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J. W. Shiye, of Coahoma, who is serving on the grand jury, informs us that the \$10,000 worth of bonds for the Coahoma Independent School District have been approved and that work will be commenced on their new brick school building as soon as the bonds are sold. They have 12 acres of land which has been donated for school purposes, and will erect a modern two-story building upon it.

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The order of Praetorians was reorganized Wednesday night with a membership of 37. The following were elected officers: J. C. Baumgarten, Sublime Augustus; D. E. G. Campbell, Sentinel; W. S. Davies, Junior Tribune; E. E. Burgees, Worthy First Centurian; S. E. Geddings, Worthy Second Centurian; J. W. Ingham, Worthy Recorder; Miss Mamie Cade, Worthy South Saye; Robert W. Wilson, Worthy Lygion; S. R. McCorley, Worthy Sentinel; Dr. S. G. Cain, Medical Examiner; Dr. E. O. Ellington, Attorney; Mrs. Mary Gilluly, Praetorian Queen.

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3:00 p. m., Jr. B. Y. P. U. in Circuit Court room.

4:00 p. m., Sr. B. Y. P. U. in Circuit Court room.

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Geo. A. Clements, the representative of the El Paso Fair, spent Wednesday here in an endeavor to get our people interested in making an exhibit at the fair. He has visited quite a number of towns recently and has been very successful in getting promises of exhibits for the El Paso Fair, which opens November 1st and closes the 7th.

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" " eleven "	" 55 "
" " twelve "	" 60 "

and that is about the worst. On a 100-gallon job, the extra cost of the worst is about \$600.

There are paints at every figure, more as the cost runs up.

There is only one paint that takes least gallons; Devco.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & CO
P. S. Biles & Gentry, sell our paint.

R. L. Powell and wife, of Coahoma, were here Tuesday.

W. R. and G. A. Cole attended the San Angelo fair last week.

D. W. Christian and sons attended the San Angelo fair last week. They report a very pleasant time and say the fair was good.

Notice.

See M. D. McDonald for painting, paper hanging and household repairing. Furniture crating a specialty. Lock box 604. Phone 604.

Which Was He?

A story heard with much glee by congress during the last days of the Roosevelt administration: "During the recent cold spell in Washington, a man, shivering and ragged, knocked at the door of a K Street house and said to the lady: 'Please, madam, give me something to eat. I am suffering severely from exposure.'

"'You must be more specific,' the lady replied. 'Are you a member of the Senate or of the House?'"

Feed, Feed.

I have installed a complete, up to date plant for handling all kinds of feed, especially Kaffir corn and milo maize. If you have feed you want to sell I will buy it, if you want to buy feed I will sell it to you right. Have just received straight cars of new Texas bran, chops, nice bright oats, alfalfa and hay and can make you good prices on any quantity. Deliveries made promptly to any part of the city. Quality and price always guaranteed. Phone 250. Office in rear of First National Bank.

C. F. Morris.

F. E. Abney and wife, of Borden county, were here Tuesday. Born, to Bert Ramsey and wife, Wednesday morning, a fine boy.

To Grocery Consumers

We have opened a stock of Fresh, Clean Groceries in the rear of the Ward building, opposite the Post-Office, and wish to invite all of our friends to come to see us.

We expect to put out only good stuff at honest weights and measures, and at the lowest cash prices.

While we are not in a position to extend credit to our friends as we would like to, we believe that we can make it to your interest to let us fill your orders for Groceries and Grain.

JONES BROS.

Cash Groceries

Frank Jones, Mgr.