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Matrimonial Mania

We have just been shown a matrimonial journal in which men advertise for wives the same as they would for a horse. The way in which the majority of men marry, is nothing short of a burlesque upon the "sacred institution." They set about looking for a wife as they would for a horse. They make an inventory of her "good points," ascertain the quickness of her movements, the state of her digestion, her capacity for economy, the yielding quality of her disposition; if she "suits" they

propose partnership, and women are such fools, if we must say it, fools from the force of circumstances and custom, as to say "yes," when with all the thunder of their souls they should say "no." Such offers of marriage are insults to the women who receive them, a shame and disgrace to the men who make them, and rank who created them.

There is nothing in the moral, spiritual or physical universe that makes marriage respectable, but love. Without it there

can be no marriage, only a wretched, miserable form, that rapidly degenerates into a loathsome, demoralizing burden. The time to marry is when love demands it, and not simply because the kitchen needs a cook, the dining table a figure-head in muslin or silk, or the cucumber vines somebody to kill the bugs on them. The one to marry is the woman you love, and no other one. That, and that alone should decide. Riches may take wings and flee away; beauty may fade; good health is a very excellent and desirable thing in man or woman, but the circumstance of an hour or a moment may ruin the best of health. A man who marries from "marriage considerations" usually gets what he deserves—its full equivalent in unhappiness. A man who marries for beauty, learns, as no other man can learn, how hideous and loathsome it may become. So, young men, take love for your guidance in this matter, remembering that it demands the best and noblest in you—that it is sacred and holy, and divine, for it is of God.

What a Democrat is Not

The New York World's famous question: "What is a Democrat?" may possibly go thundering down the corridors of time unsatisfactorily answered, but we

can furnish our metropolitan contemporaries with some specifications as to what does not constitute a Democrat.

A Democrat is not a representative or senator who, elected on the platform of the Democratic party, repudiates the party's pledges and lines up with the defenders of special privilege.

A Democrat is not a man who, having been elected to congress by the Democratic party—the party of historic opposition to high tariff schedules—votes to continue the robbery of the people by the tariff barons because there happens to be a sugar plantation or a saw mill in his district.

A Democrat is never one whose political principles fit so loosely on him that they can be shaken off at sight of the pork barrel.

True it is that there are men calling themselves Democrats, in the United States senate and in the house of representatives, whom the above shameful descriptions fit. But they are Democrats in name only. They cannot be trusted to stand upon a Democratic platform, to sustain Democratic measures or to vote for Democratic candidates. The party would be far better off without them. They bring no strength to it, no advantage and lend it no dignity. The only thing they furnish is an appetite.

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Local and Personal

Mrs. Rich Miller and Mrs. Witt were in Gail last Friday.

Eli and Graham Whitaker were in Gail Friday.

J. F. Maxey was in Gail Friday and Saturday and stopped at the home of H. D. Pruett.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hudson were trading in Gail last Saturday.

Hardin Dodson, H. C. Kennedy and his nephew of Louisiana left Gail Saturday on the mail hack.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark visited the family of W. A. Clark of Gail last Monday.

Mrs. J. Y. Everett was in Gail last Monday buying family supplies.

Alpha Jeter returned to her home in Gail Monday from a visit to her grandpa Jeter's in Dawson County.

Mrs. Sam Sanford was in town having Dental work done last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Abney spent Sunday in Gail and returned their ranch Monday.

POTRACTED MEETING.

Eld. G. A. Lambeth of Cone Texas, will preach a series of sermons in Gail, beginning Thursday evening July 1st. Everybody cordially invited.

Gail Mill

Meal and Chops fresh and pure. Meal, 35 pound sacks at 80 cts. Chops, 100 pound sacks at \$2 00.

Deep and lasting disgrace has fallen upon Zeb Spearman, editor of the Whitewright Sun. He went fishing last week, and when he returned he told the truth and said his crowd caught only one small drum and had to buy fish to eat. As a result he has been expelled from the Grayson County Sucker's Association, and all his rights as a member of the Annanias Club have been taken away. I have no sympathy for him.—Bonham News.

L. Q. C. Taylor a teacher of vocal and instrumental music was here this week for the purpose of organizing a singing school. Mr. Taylor recently taught a school at the Graham school house in Garza and is highly recommended by the people of that neighborhood and no doubt would have had good success here had he organized a school.

Dog That Carries Mail

Of all the mail carriers that Uncle Sam has in this big country none is more novel than a dog out in Dayton, Kansas, whose duty it is to meet a passenger train twice daily and take the heavy mail sack to his master's store.

When the sharp whistle of the train is heard "Nep," a big St. Bernard, gives an excited bark and hurries to the crossing. The mail clerk kicks the leather bag out of the car door and it falls somewhere in the vicinity of the road. Nep at once goes to the sack, and carefully taking it by the middle, so that neither end will drag on the ground, walks sedately to the store, where he lays the sack down behind the counter by the side of the wooden letter-case, into which the mail is soon distributed.

Day after day he performs this task, rain or shine. The mail clerk watches for him and the people of the community are as proud of him as they would be of a bright child.

Nep is four years old, but is two feet, seven inches in height, and weighs two hundred and fifty pounds. He has no difficulty in carrying the sack, though the mail is often very heavy with the weekly papers from the county seat, for his teeth are strong and he has carried over one hundred pounds as a test of his strength.

He seems likely to perform the semi official task for many years to come, and the people of his community think that he is entitled to a salary for his services.

The train men do not forget to throw off something nice for him

to eat on holidays, but even though the gift is a toothsome bit of game or other meat, he never touches it until the mail of Uncle Sam is safe in the postoffice.—Baltimore Herald.

Right of Way Man Passes

Through Hermligh.

Mr. Eby, the right of-way man for the Santa Fe railroad passed through Hermligh Wednesday on his way to Snyder.

Mr. Eby was going to Snyder on business connected with the right of way through the county.

Mrs. T. W. Hale is visiting her daughter Mrs. Sanford this week at their ranch East of town.

J. L. DeShazo is in Post City this week on business.

We have an arrangement whereby you can get The Dallas Semi-Weekly News, and the BORDEN CITIZEN both for \$1.75 cash.

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Gail, Texas, May. 27 1909.

Secretary of war on "Peace"

Secretary of War Dickinson in his speech on "The Progress of Peace," at Chicago, April 9, said these encouraging words, as reported in the Boston Herald of the next day:

"The present status in the progress of peace is the product of centuries. International arbitration has so progressed in our time that no one can doubt that it is the most powerful force now working upon the nations for the temporal happiness of mankind.

"The formation of our federal constitution, creating for the first time a court with full and final power to settle all controversies between sovereign states, was the greatest step ever taken toward substitution of judicial procedure for appeal to arms.

"The Hague conferences were by far the most notable events in the history of the world.

"There can be no disarmament until the greater powers agree upon a system of concurrent action. The tide of public sentiment all over the world is setting strongly in this direction. Looking to the progress in peace measures of the last hundred, and especially the last twenty years, the hope may well be entertained that disarmament will become a reality, and that the people may enjoy not only the blessings of peace, but the blessings of peace, without the crushing burden of preparedness for war."

A Sure Cure—Dr. Wiley Please Notice.

Have you pain in the back of your shins? Have you lost your appetite—for work? Are you sick of your job? Does your

head feel as wooden as your enemies say it is? Does your mouth taste like the bottom of an old tin bird cage? Would you rather loaf than hustle?

If you have any or all of these symptoms you are in bad shape, but take heart—we can cure you.

We have a sure remedy—it has cured thousands, it will cure you.

Whether you live in Albuquerque or Zanzibar, or any other place in the alphabet or on the map, we can cure you.

This wonderful cure, one of the marvels of science, was discovered by the much-advertised and widely known old Dr. Adam. It contains no booze, no opium nor dangerous mineral substance it is purely vegetable.

Send no money. You pay only when cured, and then you don't pay us.

THE GARDENING CURE

The cure we advertise is the Gardening Cure. It is a better cure than Fletcherism Ralstonism or any other "ism" we know of. The Gardening Cure cures you in your garden, and you stay cured for a long time. There is but one condition—you must do the work.

Do not sniff at this cure. Perhaps you think that gardens are only good for raising greens, but you are wrong; they are even better for raising gumption.

The Gardening Cure is unlike the Kneip Cure. You don't take off your shoes and your socks and rustle through the wet grass in your bare feet at 5 a. m. You take the cure at any old time. Get into your old clothes and out in the dirt. Stir up the earth with a hoe, then smoothe it down with a rake; paw around the roots of things; the stray angleworm here and there won't hurt you—your garden's its castle; besides, if you live where there is fishing it may be good for bait.

Get out your wheelbarrow, put in an ax and a spade and trundle it off to the woods; there you will find ferns and all kinds of greenery. It will break your back to get it out, but when planted in the back of your lot will rest your eyes when the days are hot and a little bit too bright.

Hard work? All this is mighty hard work. you will sweat (per spire not the word) and sweat till all the poisons you have acquired from lobster suppers, too much smoking, bad air and all the evil remnants of winter sail out through your pores. When taking the Gardening Cure count that day lost when you don't sweat at least a quart. That bay window of yours which has robbed you of your straight front and which you think makes you look prosperous is really a sign

that you are growing old. Sweat it off and grow young.

You cannot make half so good a garden as some old John or old Tom in your neighborhood can make for you, but let him do the work and you raise only vegetables. Do the work yourself and you raise vegetables (perhaps) and you get your cure.

Don't try to whip your sluggish system into activity by the cocktail cure. That's sweeping the dirt under the bed. Get out in the garden. Take the Gardening Cure.

If there isn't any dirt where you live, better move. You need the Gardening Cure.—Newspa-

perdom,

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you like to read, come around to the Citizen office and let us fix you up with a great big pile of papers and magazines for a very small amount of cash. Just look at our liberal offers. When reading matter is so cheap, you are not doing yourself justice unless you avail yourself of these rare opportunities to become and remain well-informed.

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Don't Forget The Place

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SNYDER, TEXAS.

National Chairman E. Mack's new Democratic periodical Monthly, has made its appearance. It is handsome in typographical appearance and replete with interesting and inspiring matter. The cover design shows a view of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, and a portrait of the founder of the Democratic party. Articles from the pens of a number of Democratic leaders appear in this issue. The tone of the magazine will commend it to earnest Democrats. While giving space to the expression of divergent views, Mr. Mack's publication apparently does not intend to truckle to the "safe and saners" who would emasculate genuine Democratic principles from the party's policy. The National Monthly preaches the doctrine of organization and enlightenment, to the end that the party may emerge from defeat to victory. With this high purpose it deserves and will receive generous support.

DEAF TO WARNINGS

If there ever was any doubt as to the real issue in the United States senate on the tariff, that doubt has been dispelled. The purpose of Senator Aldrich and his followers is plainly to foist upon the nation a tariff act even more outrageous than the Dingley bill, unmindful of campaign pledges and contemptuous of the public welfare.

It would seem that greed has made the standpatters blind and they heed not the warnings of Republican senators of far better standing with the people than Aldrich and his ilk. Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, in a speech in which he denounced the Payne schedules in no uncertain terms, declared: "If you want a tariff agitation to begin the moment this bill is made a law you have pursued a wise and proper course." His colleague, Senator Cummins, followed Tuesday in an address in which these significant and impressive words were uttered: "I know Mr. President, that the

voices of those who are clamoring for an increase of custom house taxation are more distinctly heard in the corridors and committee rooms, but there will come a time presently, when the clamor of the millions who want relief will sound like the roar of a thousand Niagaras from one ocean to the other." Other Republican senators have uttered similar warnings, but without avail.

Senatorial agents of the predatory trusts are deaf to entreaties and blind to consequences. So many times have they betrayed the people before without suffering chastisement that conscience is deadened and fear of public wrath is stilled. The Payne monstrosity is to be forced through, a complaisant executive will sign the measure and the people will be forced to shoulder still heavier burdens in order that additional tribute, unearned unneeded, may flow into the swollen treasuries of greedy corporations.—Alanson Crosby.

THE PROBLEM

of preserving good health is worthy of everybodys attention. Pure food and good water must be considered in its solution. Bread, the staff of life, made of the best and purest material, is an important item, and also indispensable to health.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

To the State Constitution Authorizing Cities and Towns with Population in Excess of 5,000 to be Incorporated by special Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.
Joint Resolution to amend Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution of the State, authorizing cities and towns within the State of Texas to be incorporated by special act where the population exceeds five thousand inhabitants

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read and be as follows:

Sec. 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect an annual tax to defray the current expenses of their local government, but such tax shall never exceed for any one

year one fourth of one per cent, and shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied and all fines, forfeitures, penalties and other dues accruing to cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.

Sec. 5. Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants may have their charters granted or amended by special act of the Legislature and may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purposes shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city, and no debt shall ever be created by any city or town unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and create a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall [be] duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper may be published, and the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature.

At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution."

Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy)

W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

gold commissioner back in British Columbia."

Necla had said little so far, but the look in her eyes repaid the soldier for his undertaking in her behalf and for any mischief that might ensue from it. She came forward and laid her hands upon his.

"Don't worry, daughter," reassured Gale. "There's nothing Stark can do, and whatever happens we're with the lieutenant. He's our kind of people."

Burrell liked this grizzled old fellow with the watchful eyes and was glad now that he could grip his hand and face him squarely with no guilt upon his conscience.

By this time Doret had finished with their blankets, and the four set out for town, but instead of following the others they accepted Necla as guide and chose the trail to Black Bear creek.

The party reached Flambeau on the following day, sufficiently ahead of Stark and his men for Lee to make known his find to his friends, and by sunset the place was depopulated, while a fine of men could be seen creeping slowly up the valleys.

Gale found Alluna in charge of the store, but no opportunity of talking alone with her occurred until late in the evening, after Necla had put the two little ones to bed and had followed them wearily. Then he told his squaw. She took the news better than he expected and showed no emotion such as other women would have displayed, even when he told her of the gunshot. Instead she inquired:

"Why did you try it there before all those others?"

"Well, when I heard him talking the wish to kill him was more than I could stand, and it came on me all at once, so that I was mad, I suppose."

"Does this man suspect?"

"No."

"Then it is child's play. We will lay a trap."

"No, by heaven!" Gale interrupted her hotly. "I tried that kind of work, and it won't do. I'm no murderer."

"Those are only words," said the woman quietly. "To kill your enemy is the law."

When he made no answer the squaw slipped out into the shadows, leaving



Gale slid the case from the long blade, him staring into the flames, to return a moment later bearing something in her hands, which she placed in his. It was a knife in a scabbard old and worn.

"There is no magic that can turn bright steel," she said, then squatted again in the dimness outside of the firelight. Gale slid the case from the long blade and held it in his palm, letting the firelight flicker on it. He balanced it and tested the feel of its handle against his palm, then tried the edge of it with his thumb nail and

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Phone or mail us your orders and inquiries.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

FIRE LOSSES IN APRIL.

Over Nineteen Millions, but Less Than for Same Month for Last Year.

New York, May 13.—Losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of April was compiled from the carefully kept records of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin and aggregate \$19,345,300, which is considerably less than for the same month a year ago, when the Chelsea conflagration of \$10,500,000 swelled the total to \$28,000,000. The fire losses thus far this year reach the total of \$72,006,700, as compared with \$90,804,000 for the first four months of 1908.

During April the city of Rochester, N. Y., attracted a good deal of attention on account of incendiarism and a number of serious losses.

The largest fire of the month was that which destroyed the Illinois Central grain elevator at Chicago. There were 278 fires, which caused a loss of \$10,000 or over in each instance.

To the grand total is added 15 per cent, or \$2,523,300, for small and unreported fires.

The cities and towns of Texas suffered severely from fires during the month of April in damage to property, only partially covered by insurance. The heavy losses suffered from fires have led many of them to provide additional means of fire protection. Big Springs for example has purchased a fine chemical engine, and will at once build a station house. We think it wise policy in every town to provide some protection against fire. We have never adopted any means of protection here although our business houses are compactly built, almost

touching each other, and the burning of one would involve the destruction of nearly all. So great is the risk that insurance cannot be had except at ruinous rates. Nature with a little aid has placed the means of protection within our reach in a mountain of sufficient elevation which with a good reservoir to catch the water it sheds would supply us with sufficient water power to control fire.

Our business houses carry no insurance and although we have been thus far exempt from loss by fire, we cannot hope to be always so fortunate. We believe fire protection of some kind should engage the attention and have the encouragement of every householder in Gail.

No Home At All.

"What is home without a newspaper?" asks the Troy (Kan.) Chief. And it proceeds to answer its own question as follows: "A home without a newspaper is no home at all. It is a kind of dreary den where the inhabitants live in blissful ignorance of what the world is doing. It is inhabited by a class who do not know who is president or what he is president of—who never find out that a thing has happened until long after everyone else has forgotten it. The children grow up in rags and dirt while the wife generally finds consolation in darning socks and lugging a pipe loaded with long green tobacco, and the man generally lives because he can't die, and he is too lazy to kill himself. He goes out on election day and does not know whom he is voting for, but just takes the ticket and a drink and spoils his ballot."

SEE

J. D. McDonald in the Van Gieson building, for new and Second hand goods.

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THE BARRIER

BY
REX BEACH



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"How did it happen?" Rannion hastily asked Gale, who had sunk limply upon the edge of the bunk, but when the old man undertook to answer his words were unintelligible, and he shook his head helplessly.

Stark laid his finger on the hole that the bullet had bored in the log close to where he was sitting and laughed.

"Never mind, old man; it missed me by six inches. You know there never was a bullet that could kill me. I'm six shooter proof."

"What'd I tell you?" triumphantly ejaculated Lee to the lieutenant.

Doret of all in the cabin had said nothing. Seated apart from the others, he had seen the affair from a distance, as it were, and now stepped to the bed to lay his hand on Gale's shoulder.

"Brace up, John. Sacre bleu! Your face look lak flour. Come outside an' get ITT air."

Poleon led his friend down the trail for half a mile without speaking till Gale had regained a grip of himself and muttered finally:

"I never did such a thing before, Poleon; never in all my life."

"Why?" insisted the Frenchman.

"I—I—I— What do you mean?"

"Don't lie wit' me, John. I'm happen to be watch you underneat' my hat w'en you turn roun' for see if anybody lookin'."

"I thought you were asleep," said Gale.

CHAPTER VIII. THE KNIFE.

IN every community, be it ever so small, there are undesirable citizens, and while the little party was still at breakfast on the following morning three such members of society came around the cabin and let fall their packs, greeting the occupants boisterously.

"Well, well!" said Lee, coming to the door. "You're travelin' kind of early, ain't you?"

"Yes, early and late," one of them laughed, while the other two sprawled about as if to rest.

"How far are you goin'?"

"Not far," the spokesman answered.

"We want a piece of this creek."

"What are you goin' to do with it?"

"Cut that out, Lee. We're on."

"Who wised you up to this?" inquired the miner angrily.

"Never mind who put us Jerry. We're here, ain't we?"

The harm was done, and there was no use in concealment, so Lee reluctantly told them of his discovery and warned them of the stakes already placed.

"I'll step along with the boys and show them where our upper stakes are," volunteered Stark, and Rannion offered to do the same, adding that it were best to make sure of no conflict early in the game. The five disappeared into the woods, leaving the others at the cabin to make preparations for the homeward trip.

"I don't like the look of this," observed the lieutenant thoughtfully, "I'm afraid there's some kind of a job at."

"There's nothing they can do," Gale said. "We've got our ground staked out, and it's up to them to choose what's left."

They were nearly ready to set out for Poleon when the five men returned.

"Before you go," said Stark, "I think we'd better organize our mining dis-

trict. There are enough present to do it."

"We can make the kind of laws we want before the gang comes along," Rannion chimed in, "and elect a recorder who will give us a square deal."

"I'll agree if we give Lee the job," said Gale. "It's coming to him as the discoverer, and I reckon the money will be handy, seeing the hard luck he's played in."

The group assembled in the cleared space before the cabin to make rules and regulations governing the district, for it is a custom in all mining sections removed from authority for the property holders thus to make local laws governing the size of claims, the amount of assessment work, the size of the recorder's fees, the character of those who may hold mines and such other questions as arise.

It was of wondrous interest to Necia to be an integral part of such important matters, and she took pride in voting on every question, but Burrell, who observed the proceedings from neutral ground, could not shake off the notion that all was not right. Things moved too smoothly. It looked as if there had been a rehearsal. Lee, Poleon and the trader, however, seemed not to notice it.

The surprise came when they had completed the organization of the district and had nearly finished adopting bylaws.

Rannion moved the adoption of a rule that no women be allowed to locate mining claims, and one of the strangers seconded it.

"What's that?" said Lee, raising his one eye from the notebook in which as secretary he was transcribing the minutes.

"It isn't right to let women in on a man's game," said Rannion.

"That's my idea," echoed the second.

"I s'pose this is aimed at my girl," said Gale, springing to his feet. "I might have known you bums were up to some crooked work."

Poleon likewise rose and ranged himself with the trader.

"Ba gar, I don' stan' for dat!" said he excitedly. "You want for jump Necia's claims, eh?"

"As long as I'm chairman we'll have no rough work," declared Stark, glaring at them. "If you want trouble, you two, I reckon you can have it; but, whether you do or not, the majority is going to rule, and we'll make what laws we want to."

He took no pains now to mask his dislike for Gale, who began to move toward him in his dogged, resolute way. Necia, observing them, hastened to her father's side, for that which she sensed in the bearing of both men quite overcame her indignation at this blow against herself.

"No, no; don't have any trouble!" she pleaded as she clung to the trader. "For my sake, daddy, sit down." Then she whispered fiercely into his ear: "Can't you see he's trying to make you fight? There's too many of them. Wait! Wait!"

Burrell attempted to speak, but Stark, who was presiding, turned upon him fiercely.

A moment later he saw the futility of interference when Stark continued, addressing the trader:

"This isn't aimed at you in particular, Gale, nor at your girl, for a motion to disqualify her isn't necessary. She isn't old enough to hold mining

property."

"She's eighteen," declared the trader.

"Not according to her story."

"Well, I can keep her claims for her till she gets of age."

"We've just fixed it so you can't," grinned Rannion cunningly. "No man can hold more than one claim on a creek. You voted for that yourself."

Too late Gale saw the trick by which Stark had used him to rob his own daughter.

"No Creek" Lee had the name of a man slow in speech and action and



"No, no; don't have any trouble!" she pleaded.

one who roused himself to anger deliberately, much as a serpent stings itself into a painful fury, but now it was apparent that he was boiling over, for he stammered and halted and blustered explosively:

"You're a bunch of rascals, all of you, tryin' to down a pore girl and get her ground. But who put you wise to this thing, in the first place? Who found this gold? Just because there's enough of you to vote that motion through that don't make it legal, not by a d—d sight, and it won't hold, because I won't write it in the book. You—you—" He glared at them ma-

levolently, searching his mind for an epithet sufficiently vile and, finding it, spat it out—"dressmakers!"

So this was why both Stark and Rannion had gone up the creek with the three new men, thought Burrell. No doubt they had deliberately arranged the whole thing so that the new arrivals could immediately relocate each of Necia's claims—the pick of all the ground outside Lee's discovery and the surest to be valuable—and that Stark would share in the robbery.

Carefully slipping around the corner of the cabin and keeping the house between him and the others, Burrell broke into a swift run, making the utmost possible speed for fear they should miss him and guess his purpose, or, worse yet, finish their discussion and adjourn before he could complete his task. He was a light man on his feet, and he dodged through the forest, running more carelessly the farther he went, visiting first the upper claims; then, making a wide detour of the cabin, he came back to the initial stake of Necia's lower claim, staggering from his exertions, his lungs bursting from the strain. He had covered nearly a mile; but, even so, he laughed grimly as he walked back toward the cabin, for it was a game worth playing, and he was glad to take a hard on the side of the trader and the girl. Coming within earshot, he heard the meeting vote to adjourn. It could not have terminated more opportunely had he held a stop

watch on it.

Rannion addressed the other conspirators loudly:

"Well, boys, there are three good claims open for relocation. I'm sorry I can't stake one of them."

"They won't lie open long," said one of the undesirable citizens, starting to turn downstream, while his two companions made for the opposite direction. But Burrell stopped them.

"Too late, boys. Your little game went wrong. Now, now, don't get excited! Whew, I had quite a run!"

Gale paused in his tracks and looked at the young man queerly.

"What do you mean?"

"I've jumped those claims myself."

"You jumped them!" cried Necia.

"Sure! I changed my mind about staking."

"It's a lie!" cried Rannion, at which Burrell whirled on him.

"I've been waiting for this, Rannion, ever since you came back. Now!"

"I mean you haven't had time," the other temporized hurriedly.

"Oh, that sounds better. If you don't believe me take a look for yourself. You'll find my notice just beneath Miss Gale's." Then to "No Creek" Lee he continued, "Kindly record them for me so there will be no question of priority."

"I'll be d—d if I do!" said the belligerent recorder. "You're worse'n these crooks. That ground belongs to Necia Gale."

Up to this time Stark had remained silent, his impassive face betraying not a shadow of chagrin, for he was a good loser, but now he spoke at large.

"Anybody who thinks the American army is asleep is crazy." Then to Burrell, "You certainly are a nice young man to double cross your friends like that."

"You're no friend of mine," Meade retorted.

"I? What do you mean?"

"I double crossed you, Stark; nobody else. There's no use mousing words about it," said he. "These thugs are your tools, and you tried to steal that ground because it's sure to be rich."

Stark exclaimed angrily, but the other gave him no time to break in.

"Now, don't get rough, because that is my game, and I'd be pleased enough to take you back a prisoner." Then, turning to Lee, he said: "Don't make me force you to record my locations. I staked those claims for Miss Gale, and I'll deed them to her when she turns eighteen."

Poleon Doret called to Rannion: "M'sieu, you 'member w'at I tol' you yestidday? I'm begin for t'ink it's goin' be you."

Seeing that the game had gone against him, Stark got his feelings under control quickly and shrugged his shoulders as he turned away.

"You're in the wrong, lieutenant," he remarked, "but I don't want any trouble. You've got the law with you." Then to Rannion and the others he said, "Well, I'm ready to hit the trail."

When they had shouldered their packs and disappeared down the valley Gale held out his hand to the soldier. "Young man, I reckon you and I will be friends."

"Thank you," said Burrell, taking the offer of friendship, which he knew was genuine at last.

"I'm in on that," said "No Creek" Lee. "You're all right."

Poleon had been watching Stark's party disappear, but now he turned and addressed the young soldier.

"You mak' some enemies today, m'sieu."

"That's right," agreed Lee. "Ben Stark will never let up on you now."

"Very well. That is his privilege."

"You don't savvy what it means to get him down on you," insisted Lee. "He'll frame things up to suit himself, then pick a row with you. He's the quickest man on a trigger in the west, but he won't never make no open play, only just devil the life out of you with little things till you flare up; then he'll down you. That's how he killed the

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State constitution in Regard to Formation and Taxing Power of School Districts.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.
House Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas;

Section 1 That section 3 of Article 7 of the constitution of the state of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3 One fourth of the revenue derived from the state occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this state between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this state for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of

Texas in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such a amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to section 3, of article 7, of the constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "against the amendment to section 3 of article 7, of the constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts."

Sec. 3. That \$5000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above,

(A true copy,) W B Townsend,
Secretary of State

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State Constitution Validating School Districts and their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.
House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 3a, validating school districts and the bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the state of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 3a, which shall read and be as follows,

Sec. 3a. Every school district heretofore formed, whether formed under the general law or by special act, and whether the territory embraced within its boundaries lies wholly within a single county or partly in two or more counties, is hereby declared to be, and from its formation to have been, a valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney Gen-

eral and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized to, and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to have been duly elected, and shall be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for

the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper may be published. And the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds."

Sec. 3. That \$5000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.)
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

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Secret Orders

Masons meet on Saturday night on or preceeding the full moon.
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Gail Commercial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

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NOTICE.

The Woodmen have decided to dispense with the picnic part of the program on June 6th as here tofore announced but the decoration services will be carried out.

J. S. Weatherford,
Clerk of Camp.

CHOPS.

What are you going to do with those chops? I am going to feed them to my cow. Chops are a third better than nubbins, they make a cow give more and richer milk than any other provender.

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320 acres of land near Fluvanna and the Roscoe and Snyder railroad Bonus \$4 per acre. Call or write to Borden Citizen for particulars.

Sheriff William's father, mother and sister arrived yesterday, bringing Mr. Williams two children, from Hillsboro, Texas. They occupy the Mauldin house and will probably spend a month or two in Gail.

A PICTURE

The glare of the city surrounds me,
The crash and the tumult and strife;
The strenuous hurry and worry
That marks what the world knows as Life.

Ten years of successes and failures,
Ten years 'mid the din of the town,
But my heart holds forever a picture
That city or years ne'er can drown.

The picture, you ask? Of the city?
Ah, no! But I'll paint you the scene:
An old country home wrapped in silence
And bathed in the moon's golden sheen.

Afar from the noise of the city,
Afar from the shimmer and glow,
But years fleeting fast have not deadened
The gleam of the gold on the snow.

No artist can pencil the glory
That fell from the heavens that night,
On a world clothed in purity ever,
In purity solemn and white.

Drifts, drifts on the hillside and farmhouse,
White drifts on the meadow and lea,
With the glory of God brooding o'er them
And casting its spell over me.

Ah! the city may lure and attract us
But the country is God's. It is rife
With the peace and the sanctified service
Which mark what His angels call Life.

From June Farm Journal.

A. C. Selmon brought a load of shelled it Monday and left town corn to the mill Saturday to sell, Tuesday morning for his his home.