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Saturday. All the old nesters of '49 pel messages.

the boys who were handy with the and applies 20th Century methods. lariat, and the boys that could ride Mr. Crim also has a very strong hard and far and shoot fast-whoop music team, Mr. Eltor Roth and Mr. 'em up, boys, they're all going to be David Christianson, both young men, here. And Dinty's saloon, and Mor- and graduates of the Moody Institute, iarity's bar, and O'Keefe's gambling Chicago, are experts in their line. hell, and Sadie McGuire's dance Mr. Roth will lead the music. He is hall-there's where you'll hear the one of the greatest soloists and choir clinking of glasses and the clicking directors in America. Mr. Christianof the roulette wheel and the stomp- sen and Mrs. B. B. Crim will be at ing of boots and spurs to the sound the piano. of scraping fiddles. And will there A choir that will seat over two be some fiddlers? Well, you know hundred people is being made ready. it. And a continuous square dance, Mr. Christiansen and Mrs. Crim with enough fiddlers and musicians have no equals when it comes to playto furnish music all the way from ing. Hear these gifted people. 1:00 p. m. to midnight. Join in, all Mr. Crim has five in his party. you old timers-it's the time of Rev. W. W. Rives of Fort Worth, your young lives lived all over again. advance man, has been here several And oyez, all you knock-kneed, days getting everything in tip-top bowlegged bronc riders, bring your shape before the evangelist arrives. horses in for the big parade, start- Rev. Rives filled Dr. Spark's pulpit ing at 1:00 p. m. sharp. Forms at Sunday night. the red barn, just east of the Metho- While the meeting will be under dist church and saunters down around the auspices of the Baptist church, the square and ends up just at the and the pastor, Dr. Buren Sparks, right place. Everybody with horses yet all churches and Christian peo-'49."

round, and just a few left that the arrive here about Saturday.

stack of bucks-a hundred million er." He has more than 40 fine blood- which it was attached. bucks in cold cask filed away in the ed fox hounds. Brady National bank vault, and saltry off the swag.

So, if you haven't got any bucks, good seats. why be sure to load up on 'em when

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Rain or shine, the "Days of '49" are Beginning next Sunday, April 22d, coming back to Brady next week. Evangelist B. B. Crim and party will The good old days, when saloons begin a great Revival meeting. The flourished on every corner, and in services will be held at the Methoplaces in between corners. When no dist tabernacle. Mr. Crim is all his bar was complete without a dance name implies. You will not need a kall, and no dance hall but what was dictionary to know what he is talkably sided by a gambling "hell," ing about. He is one of the most-Those are the "happy" days, Old if not the most successful evangelists timer, you are going to live to see of his day. Thousands have been once more-if you come to Brady next won to Christ under his great gos-

-the boys with the pick and shovel, He uses 20th Century language,

come to this city! "Cepting that Ford sedan they're Evangelist Crimm is at present but the button, together with four five-year sentence. According to rose to \$40 on Monday, the reason 'Cepting that Ford sedan they re giving away—have you got the lucky conducting a great and successful rattlers could be plainly discerned, testimony, as reported from Stanton, for the advance being the greater would be admirably suited to the key? There's lots of 'em floaing a- meeting at Carthage, Texas, and will the rattler being broken off at the Bicdy was divorced at Breckenridge possibilities of rain for the balance needs of Texas "Tech" college. Inboys still might part with. Keys Mr. Crim is a combination of Billy one-eighth inches across, while the stipulation that neither party marry last month. At that, most of the pol-den-Wood-Jordan site immediately worth all the way from \$50 up to \$500 are floating around this burg. And money-you never seed such a is known as the "Fox Hunting Preach- idea of the size of the reptile to Grace Ann Petit of Breckenridge,

Come and hear these live wires! Mr. Turner's son onr the Jas. T. Mann ed down so no fresh thieves will car-! Services 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. place one mile east of Brady. Come early to be assured of getting



Who Opens Revival Meeting Sunday

PETRIFIED RATTLER WITH

Fairview Home Service Club.

ROBERT E. BIDDY, MARRYING BUTTON 18 CURIOSITY EX. | TRACTOR SALESMAN, RECEIV-HIBITED BY R. B. TURNER ES 5-YR. SENTENCE, BIGAMY

right place. Everybody with horses yet all chareness and c hatched yet, back in the "Days of for Brady. Never has such a team ton off of a rattlesnake. The find leased, was convicted of bigamy at tive April 16th. The rate, which resembled hard rock in composition. Stanton, Texas, April 4, and given a had run something less than \$25, in the brief, all of which are in fifth. The button measured one and January 6, the decree containing a of the month than the early part of cluded in these offers are the Mars-

and also that he married Miss Alice The petrified curio was found by Heley of Midland.

Death of Mrs. M. M. Green.



McCulloch county has apparently Compilation of Brady's brief put a wet plank in her 1923 platform to be submitted with Brady's formal appeared in the offing.

season in fine shape.

The following is the rain record for the month of April so far: April 101.00 inches

their rain insurance Sunday night. and far-seeing school men. The sole policy-holder Monday was Accompanying the brief, in addi-Henry Zweig, and he smiled broadly tion to the volumes of data, are maps as the rain poured down throughout and sketches, showing Brady's excep-R. B. Turner exhibited in Brady Robert E. Biddy, traveling machin- the day, inasmuch as it meant a \$50 tional advantages from the stand-

Card of Thanks.

neighbors and friends heartfelt ap- the townsite, also traversed by Brady preciation of their loving kindness, creek, and containing 1827 acres, A death of particular sadness oc-curred at 9:25 a. m. last Thursday at tion, and the many beautiful floral third site is the Crothers Graham

to judge by her recent spree in wet application as a site for Texas Techgoods. The past week showed con- nological college, was completed yessiderable wet weather and the pres- terday, and the interesting volume, ent week appears to follow last upon which may rest the responsiweek's example with great success. bility of securing for Brady one of Recent rains included one Saturday the greatest school in the history of night, another Sunday night, an all the South, will today be forwarded day rain Monday, varying from driz- to the Locating Board of the Texas zles to heavy downpours, and last Technological college at Austin. night hung up a record for dew, or Considered from the standpoint of else carried over yesterday's rain furnishing complete data end inforin good style this morning. Today mation, Brady's brief is a masterwas pleasant and sunshiny the most piece. In the preparing of data for of the time, although rain clouds still this work, there have collaborated

all the leading and moving spirits While McCulloch county just now of Brady. And each has done his appears to be receiving a super- work well. Every phase of the sub-abundance of rain, nevertheless the ject, every possible angle, and every meisture is not unwelcome, as it fin- advantageous point, has been covered ishes up the winter and early spring in fashion so as to present Brady just as she is-the Heart of Texas, Who Wants Texas "Tech."

The interesting volume is bound in rich brown cover, with the name of Brady, her slogan, and the purpose to which the brief is dedicated, emblazoned on the cover in gold letters, Brady Tech committee is proud of its brief, and submits it for consideration by the Locating Board, secure

In connection with the rain, it is in- exceptional advantages cannot but eresting to note that all Brady mer- impress themselves most forcibly upchants, with one exception, dropped on that splendid body of discerning

Options upon four sites are offered

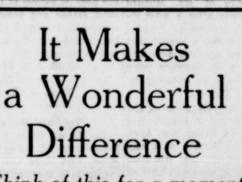
acres, admirably situated along Brody creek, and which is offered at \$125,000. Site No. 2 is the Bell-Ses-We wish to express to relatives, sions site, Southeast and adjoining



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his to her heaving breast; the sweet fire of her kiss; the fact of her being

alone with him, dependent upon him-

all these things Gale turned over and

over in his mind, only to fail of any

what had really happened to him.

Had he fallen in love with Thorne's

sweetheart? The idea came in a flash.

Was he, all in an instant, and by one

of those incomprehensible reversals of

was almost afraid to look up at Mer-

so, and as it chanced Mercedes was

looking down at him. With a quick,

graceful impulsiveness she put her

hand upon his shoulder. Like her ap-

pearance, the action was new, strange,

striking to Gale; but it brought home

suddenly to him the nature of grati-

tude and affection in a girl of her

blood. It was sweet and sisterly. He

love with her. The feeling that was

akin to jealousy seemed to be of the

beautiful something for which Mer

cedes stood in Thorne's life. Gare

then grasped the bawildering possi-

bilities, the lafinice wonder of what

The desert began to lighten. Gray

ondings in the border of shrubby

growths changed to paler hue. In the

east a white glow grew brighter and

cloud, defined sharply below by a

Senor, I am cold." said Mercedes.

Dick had been carrying his coat

"I should have thought of you," he

Mercedes smiled and lightly thanked

him in Spanish. He was about to start

when he observed that Ladd had halt-

ed and was peering ahead in evident

caution. Mercedes' horse began to

stamp impatiently, raised his ears and

head, and acted as if he was about to

A warning "hist" from Ladd bade

Dick put a quieting hand on the

horse. Lash came noiselessly forward

said. "But I seemed to feel warm. .

wrap it around you twice."

upon his arm. He stopped the horse

a girl could mean to a man.

rugged notched range.

Mercedes put it on.

neigh.

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.-Seeking gold in the des-ert, "Cameron," solitary prospector, forms a partnership with an unknown man whom he later learns is Jonas War-ren, father of a girl whom Cameron wronged, but later married, back in Ill-nois. Cameron's explanations appease Warren, and the two proceed together. Taking refuge from a sandstorm in a cave, Cameron discovers gold, but too late; both men are dying. Cameron leaves evidence, in the cave, of their discovery of gold, and personal documents.

CHAPTER I.-Richard Gale, adven-turer, in Casita, Mexican border town, meets George Thorne, lieutenant in the Ninth cavaliry, old college friend. Thorne tells Gale he is there to save Mercedes Castaneda, Spanish girl, his affanced wife, from Rojas, Mexican bandit.

CHAPTER II.-Gale "roughhouses Rojas and his gang, with the help of two American cowboys, and he. Merced, and Thorne escape. A bugle call fro the ort orders Thorne to his regimen He issues Mercedes under Gale's pri-

"Reckoned as much," replied the "There's more than Rojas' cowboy. wantin' to kidnap a pretty girl. Shore he does that every day or so. Mus somethin' political or feelin' against class. Well Casita, ain't no place for your friend's girl at night or day, or any time. Shere, there's Americans who'd take her in an' fight for her, if necessary. But it ain't wise to risk that. Lash, what do you say?" "It's been gettin' hotter round this

Greaser corral for some weeks." replied the other cowboy. "If that two-bit of a garrison surrenders, there's no tellin' what'll happen, an'

bein' across the U.S. line a few inches or so don't make no h-1 of a difference. My advice is, don't let Miss Castaneda ever set foot in Casita again

"Looks like you've shore spoke sense," said Ladd. "I reckon, Gale, you an' the girl ought to come with us. We know people who'll take care of the senorita till your friend can come

Dick warmly spoke his gratefulness, and, inexpressibly relieved and happy The coat's a little large; we might for Mercedes, he went toward clump of cactus where he had left She stood erect, waiting, and, dark as it was, he could tell she had lost the terror which had so shaken

He led her into the road up to the cowboys, who now stood bareheaded in the starlight. They seemed shy, and Lash was silent while Ladd made embarrassed, unintelligible reply to Mercedes' thanks

There were five horses-two saddled. two packed and the remaining one to join his companion. The two then arried only a blanket. Ladd short-

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growing numb. Then she asked to be helped down to walk awhile. At first which he was riding. Presently in the she was cold and lame, and accepted gray gloom he saw low, square houses the helping hand D ck proffered. After with flat roofs. Ladd rode on for a little, however, she recovered and went on without assistance. They had reached the summit of what was evidently a high ridge sloped with gray of morning. Ladd entered it and much greater steepness on the far was lost in the shade. Dick rode on side. It was only after a few more forward steps, however, that Dick could see down the slope. Then full in view flashed a bright campfire around which clustered a group of up blacker than the trees. As he disdark figures. They were encamped in a wide arroyo, where horses could be seen grazing in black patches of grass between clusters of trees. A second look at the campers told Gale they were Mexicans. At this moment Lash came forward to join Ladd, and the two spent a long, uninterrupted moment studying the arroyo. A hoarse laugh, faint yet distinct, floated upon the cool wind.

"Well, Laddy, what 'r you makin' of with Thorne: the wonderful black that outfit?" inquired Lash, speaking eyes of a Spanish girl; her appeal to him; the hate inspired by Rojas, and softly.

"Same as any of them raider outthe rush, the blow, the action; sight fits," replied Ladd. "They're across of Thorne and Mercedes hurrying the line for beef. But they'll run off safely away; the girl's hands pressing



"Senor, Chappareios and I Are Not Strangers," She Said.

brighter, reaching up to a line of any good stock. As hoss thieves these rebels have got 'em all beat. That outfit is waitin' till it's late. Nothin' to it but head south for the Rio Forlorn. It's on the border line, but it's country where these rebels ain't been yet."

and raised the coat up, and helped "It's a hike to Beldin's ranch. An' if we get there in daylight some Greaser will see the girl before Beldin' can hide her. It'll get talked about. The news 'll travel to Casita like sage balls before the wind."

"Shore we don't ride into Rio Forlorn in the daytime. Let's slip the packs, Jin. We can hide them off in the cactus an' come back after them. With the young man ridin' we-' The whispering was interrupted by

a loud ringing neigh that whistled up from the arroyo. One of the horses had scented the travelers on the

ridge top. The indifference of the Mexicans changed to attention.

Tall trees lined the open lane down perhaps a quarter of a mile, though It seemed interminably long to Dick. A grove of trees loomed dark in the among the trees. Presently he heard voices, and soon another house, low and flat like the others, but so long he could not see the farther end, stood mounted, cramped and sore, he could scarcely stand. Lash came alongside. He spoke, and someone with a big, hearty voice replied to him. Then it seemed to Dick that he was led into blackness like pitch, where, presently, he felt blankets thrown on him, and then his drowsy faculties faded.

CHAPTER IV

Forlorn River. When Dick opened his eyes a flood of golden sunshine streamed in at the open window under which he lay. His first thought was one of blank wonder as to where in the world he happened to be. The room was large, square, adobe-walled. It was littered with saddles, harness, blankets. The sight of huge dusty spurs, a gun belt with sheath and gun, and a pair of leather chaps bristling with broken cactus thorns recalled to Dick the cowboys. the ride, Mercedes, and the whole strange adventure that had brought him there.

He felt a dead weight of complete lassitude, and he did not want to move. A sudden pain in his hand caused him to hold it up. It was black and blue, swollen to almost twice its normal size, and stiff as a board. The knuckles were skinned and crusted with dry blood. Dick soliloquized that it was the worst-looking hand he had seen since football days, and that it would inconvenience him for some time. The door at the far end of the room

was open. Through it he saw poles of peeled wood upholding a porch roof, a bench, rose bushes in bloom, grass, and beyond these bright-green follage of trees. "He shore was sleepin' when I

looked in an hour ago," said a voice that Dick recognized as Ladd's. "Let him sleep," came the reply in

deep, good-natured tones. "Mrs. B. says the girl's never moved. Must have been a tough ride for them both. Forty miles through cactus! Laddy I'm right down glad to see you boys, and I'll do all I can for the young couple. But I'm doing some worrying here; don't mistake me."

"About your stock ?" "I've got only a few head of cattle at the oasis now. I'm worrying some, mostly about my horses. The U. S. is doing some worrying, too, don't mistake me. The rebels have worked west and north as far as Casita. Of course, my job is to keep tab on Chinese and Japs trying to get into the U. S. from Magdalena bay. But I'm supposed to patrol the border line. I'm going to hire some rangers. Now, I'm not so afraid of being shot up, though out in this lonely place there's danger of it; what I'm afraid of most is losing that bunch of horses. You know what those guerrilla Mexicans will do for horses. They're crazy on horse flesh. They know fine horses. So I don't sleep nights any more."

"Reckon me an' Jim might as well

"What is he? Who is he? Where themselves off to one side.

"What is He? Who is He? Where Did He Come From? Surely Yeu Must Be-"

did he come from? Surely you must be

"Laddy swears he's all right," interrupted the husband. "That's enough reference for me. Isn't it enough for you?"

"Humph! Laddy knows a lot about young men, now doesn't he, especially strangers from the East? . . . Tom, you must be careful! He'll fall in love with Nell!" protested Mrs. Belding.

"Well, wouldn't that be regular? Doesn't every man who comes along fall in love with Nell? Hasn't it always happened?"

"But, Tom, Nell might fall in love with this young man !" exclaimed the wife, in distress.

"Laddy, Jim, didn't I tell you?" cried Belding. "I knew she'd say that. . . . My dear wife, I would be simply overcome with joy if Nell did fall in love once. Real good and hard! She's wilder than any antelope out there on the desert. Nell's nearly twenty now, and so far as we know she's never cared a rap for any feliow And she's as good and lovable as she is pretty, but I'm afraid she'll never grow into a woman while we live out in this tonely land. And you've always hated towns where there was a chance for the girl-just because you were afraid she'd fall in love. You've always been strange, even silly, about that. I've done my best for Nellloved her as if she were my own daughter. I've changed many business plans to sult your whims. There are rough times ahead, maybe. I need men. I'll hire this chap Gale if he'll stay. Let Nell take her chance with him. She'll be all the better for it." "I hope Laddy's not mistaken in his of this newcomer," replied opiniòn

Mrs. Belding, with a sigh of resigna tion. "Well, supper is to be got. That young man and the girl will be starved. I'll go in now. If Nell happens around don't-don't flatter her Laddy, like you did at dinner. Don't make her think of her looks."

Dick heard Mrs. Belding walk

"A little while afterward I seen a fellow standin' in the restaurant He was a young American door. dressed in corduroys an' boots, like a prospector. He looked round the saloon, an' when he spotted Rojas he sorta jerked up. Then he pulled his slouch hat lopsided an' began to stagger down, down the steps. First off I made shore he was drunk. But I remembered he didn't seem drunk before. It was some queer. So I watched that young man.

"He reeled around the room like a fellow who was drunker'n a lord. Nobody but me seemed to notice him. Then he began to stumble over poolplayers an' get his feet tangled up in chairs an' bump against tables. He got some pretty hard looks. He came round our way, an' all of a sudden he seen us cowboys. He gave another start, like the one when he first seen Rojas, then he made for us. I tipped Jim off that somethin' was doin'. Then this queer young man shot some cool, polite words at me an' Jim. "He was only bluffin' at bein' drunk

-he meant to rush Rojas, to start a rough house. The bandit was after a girl. This girl was in the hotel, an' she was the sweetheart of a soldier, the young fellow's friend. The hotel was watched by Rojas' guards, an' the plan was to make a fuss an' get the girl away in the excitement. Well, Jim an' me got a hint of our bein Americans-that cowboys generally had a name for loyalty to women. Then this amazin' chap-you can't imagine how scornful-said for me an' Jim to watch him.

"Before I could catch my breath an' figger out what he meant by 'rush' an' 'rough house' he had knocked over a table an' crowded some Greaser half off the map. Then, quicker'n I can tell you the young man dove at Rojas. Like a mad steer on the rampage he charged Rojas an' his men. The whole outfit went down-smash ! I figgered then what 'rush' meant, The young fellow came up out of the pile with Rojas, an' just like I'd sling an empty sack along the floor he sent the bandit. But swift as that went he was on top of Rojas before the chairs an' tables had stopped rollin'. "I woke up then, an' made for the center of the room, Jim with me. I began to shoot out the lamps. Jim throwed his guns on the crazy rebels. an' I was afraid there'd be blood spilled before I could get the room dark. Bein' shore busy, I lost sight of the young fellow for a second or so, an' when I got an eye free for him I seen a Greaser about to knife him. Think I was considerate of the Greaser by only shootin' his arm off. Then I cracked the last lamp, an' in the hullabaloo me an' Jim vamoosed. "We made tracks for our hosses an' packs, an' was hittin' the San Felipe road when we run right plumb into the young man. Well, he said his name was Gale-Dick Gale. The girl was with him safe an' well; but her sweetheart, the soldier, bein' away without leave, had to go back sudden. There shore was some trouble, for Jim an' me heard shootin'. Gale said he had no money, no friends, was a stranger in a desert country; an' he was distracted to know how to help the girl. So me an' Jim started off with them for San Felipe, got,

switched, an' then we headed for the Rio Forlorn." "Oh, I think he was perfectly splendid !" exclaimed the girl. "But, Laddy.



She Stood Erect, Waiting, and, Dark as It Was, He Could Tell She Had That Had So the Terror Lost Shaken Her.

ened the stirrips on his mount, and helped Mercedes up into the saddle. From the way she settled herself and took the few restive prances of the mettlesome horse Gale judged that she could ride. Lash urged Gale to take his horse. But this Gale refused to do.

"I'll walk," he said, "I'm used to walking. I know cowboys are not." Once started with protection assured

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for the girl and a real objective point in view, Gale relaxed from the strain he had been laboring under. How glad he would have been to acquaint Thorne with their good for tune! Later, of course, there would be some way to get word to the cav-alryman. But till then what toralryman. ments his friend would suffer!

It seemed to Dick that a very long time had elapsed since he stepped off the train; and one by one he went over every detail of incident which over every had occurred between that arrival and the present moment. His meeting

listened and watched. Presently Lash went to the rear and Ladd started ahead. The progress now, however, was considerably slower, not owing to a bad road-for

that became better-but probably owing to caution exercised by the cowboy guide. At the end of a half hour marked deliberation changed, and this the horses followed Ladd's at a gait that put Gale to his best walking Daces.

His steps were halted by Ladd's actions. The cowboy reined in his horse, listened a moment, then swung down out of the saddle. He raised a cautioning hand to the others, then slipped into the gloom and disappeared. Gale marked that the halt had been made in a ridged and cut-up pass between low mesas. To the right, up under the ledges some distance away, stood two square black objects. too uniform, he thought, to be rocks. While he was peering at them, uncertain what to think, the shrill whistle of a horse pealed out, to be followed by the rattling of hoofs on hard stone. Then a dog barked. At the same moment that Ladd hurriedly ap-peared in the road a light shone out and danced before one of the square black objects.

"Keep close an' don't make noise," he whispered, and led his horse at right angles off the road.

Gale followed, leading Mercedes' horse. As he turned he observed that Lash also had dismounted.

To keep closely at Ladd's heels without brushing the cactus or stum-bling over rocks and depressions was a task Gale found impossible. It was no easy matter to lead a spirited horse through the dark, winding lanes walled by thorns. Dick saw that the travel was fast, but by no means noiseless. The pack animals at times crashed and ripped through the narrow places. It seemed to Gale that anyone within a mile could have heard these sounds. Presently Ladd led out into wider lane that appeared to run straight. The cowboy mounted his horse, and this convinced Gale that they had circled back to the road. The march proceeded then once more

at a good, steady, silent walk. When Dick consulted his watch he was amazed to see the hour was still early He asked Mercedes if she was cold.

Ladd and Lash turned back and led the horses into the first opening on the south side of the road. The packs tryin' to keep out of sight of wire were slipped, securely tied and hidden in a mesquite clump. Ladd strapped a blanket around one of the ho His next move was to take off his chaps.

"Gale, you're wearin' boots, an' by liftin' your feet you can beat the cactus," he whispered. "But the-the-Miss Castaneda, she'll be torn all to

pieces unless she puts these on. Please tell her-an' hurry." Dick took the chaps, and, going up

to Mercedes, he explained the situation. She laughed, evidently at his embarrassed earnestness, and slipped out of the saddle.

"Senor, chapparejos and I are not strangers," she said.

Deftly and promptly she equipped herself, and then Gale helped her into the saddle, called to her horse, and started off. Lash directed Gale to mount the other saddled horse and go next.

Dieb had not eldon a hundred vards behind the trotting leaders he. fore he had sundry painful encounters with reaching cactus arms. The horse missed these by a narrow margin Dick's knees appeared to be in line, and it became necessary for him to lift them high and let his boots

take the onslaught of the spikes.

Ladd pursued a zigzag course southward across the desert, trotting down the aisles, cantering in wide, bare patches, walking through the clumps of cacti. Gale became chilled to the bone, and his clothes were damp and cold. His knees smarted from the wounds of the poisoned thorns, and his right hand was either swollen stiff or too numb to move. Moreover, he was tiring. Mercedes must be made of steel he thought to stand all that she had been subjected to and yet. when the stars were paling ar" dawn perhaps not far away, stay in the

saddle So Dick Gale rode on drowsier for each mile, and more and more giving the horse a choice of ground. Once when he, thinking to fight his wear! ness, raised his head, he saw that one of the horses in the lead was riderless.

Ladd was carrying Mercedes. It seemed that hours passed, though he knew only little time had elapsed. and she answered that she was speak-ing especially of her feet, which were of weariness. He heard a dog bark. this young man Gale an offer

tie up with you for a spell, Beldin'. We've been ridin' up an' down Arizona

"Laddy, it's open enough around Forlorn River to satisfy even an oldtime cowpuncher like you," laughed Belding. "I'd take your staying on as some favor, don't mistake me. Perhaps I can persuade the young man Gale to take a job with me."

fences."

"That's shore likely. He said he had no money, no friends. An' if a scrapper's all you're lookin' for he'll do," replied Ladd, with a dry chuckle, "Maybe I ought to think twice before taking a stranger into my family," said Belding, seriously. "Well, I guess he's all right, Laddy, being the cavalryman's friend. No bum or lunger? He must be all right?" "Bum? Lunger? Say, didn't I tell

you I shook hands with this boy an' was plumb glad to meet him?" manded Laddy, with considerable heat. Manifestly he had been affronted. "Tom Beldin', he's a gentleman, an' he could lick yor in-in half a second. How about that, Jim?" "Less time," replied Lash. "Tom, here's my stand. Young Gale can

have my hoss, my gun, anythin' of mine." "Aw, I didn't mean to insult you,

boys, don't mistake me," said Belding. "Course he's all right." The object of this conversation lay

quiet upon his bed, thrilling and amazed at being so championed by the cowboys, delighted with Belding's idea of employing him, and much amused with the quaint seriousness of the three.

"How's the young man?" called a woman's voice. It was kind and mellow and earnest.

Gale heard footsteps on flagstones "He's asleep yet, wife," replied Bel-ing. "Guess he was pretty much ding. knocked out. . . I'll close the door there so we won't wake him."

There were slow, soft steps, then the door softly closed. But the fact scarcely made a perceptible differ-ence in the sound of the voices outside

"Laddy and Jim are going to stay," went on Belding. "It'll be like the old Panhandle days a little. I'm powerful glad to have the boys, N We'll see some trouble before the rev-olution is ended. I think I'll make

awav. "Shore she's powerful particular about that girl," observed Laddy. "Say, Tom, Nell knows she's pretty. doesn't she."

"She's liable to find it out unless you shut up, Laddy. When you visited us out here some weeks ago, you kept paying cowboy compliments to her

"An' it's your idea that cowboy compliments are plumb bad for girls?" "Downright bad, Laddy, so my wife says."

"I'll be darned if I believe any girl can be hurt by a little sweet talk. It pleases 'em. "Chop it," Interrupted Belding.

"Here comes Nell now." Dick's tingling ears took in the pat-

tering of light footsteps, the rush of someone running.

"Here you are," cried a sweet, happy voice. "Dad, the senorita is perrectly lovely. I've been peeping at her. She sleeps like-like death. She's so white. Oh, I hope she won't be ill. How strange and sad, that about her! Tell me more, Laddy. You promised. I'm dying to know. Didn't you say the senorita had a sweetheart?"

"Shore I did."

"Is he the young man who came with you?"

"Nope. That fellow's the one saved the girl from Rojas." Where is he, Laddy?" "He's in there asleep."

"Is he-nice, Laddy?" "Shore."

"What is he like?" "Well, I'm not long acquainted, ever saw him by day, but I was some tolerable took with him. An' Jim here. Jim says the young man can have his gun an' his hoss."

Wonderful! Laddy. what on earth did this stranger do to win you cowboys in just one night?"

"I'll shore have to tell you. Me an' Jim was watchin' a game of cards in the Del Sol saloon in Casita. That's across the line. We had acquaintances-four fellows from the Cross Bar outfit, where we worked a while

back. This Del Sol is a billiard hall, saloon, restaurant, an' the like. An' it was full of Greasers. Some of Campo's rebels were there drinkin' an' playin' games. Then pretty soon in come Rojas with some of his outfit. They were packin' guns an' kept to

you haven't told me what he looks like."

At this juncture Dick Gale felt it absolutely impossible to play the eavesdropper any longer. Quietly he rolled out of bed. Belding's kindly Interest, Laddy's blunt and sincere cowboy eulogy, the girl's sweet eagerness and praise-these warmed Gale's heart. He had fallen among simple people, into whose lives the advent of an unknown man was welcome

He was wild to be one of Belding's rangers. The idea of riding a horse in the open desert, with a dangerous duty to perform, seemed to strike him with an appealing force. Something within him went out to the cowboys, to this blunt and kind Belding. He was afraid to meet the girl. If every man who came along fell in love with this sweet-voiced Nell, then what hope had he to escape-now, when his whole inner awakening betokened a change of spirit, hope, a finding of real worth, real good, real power in himself?

Gale imagined he made polse enough as he clumsily pulled on his boots ; yet the voices, split by a merry laugh, kept on murmuring outside the door. It was awkward for him, having only one hand available to lace up his boots. He looked out of the window. He heard bees, birds, chickens, saw the red of roses and green of grass. Then he saw, close to the wall, a tub full of water, and a bench upon which lay basin, soap, towel, comb and brush. The window was also a door, for under it there was a step.

Gale hesitated a moment, then went out. He stepped naturally, hoping and expecting that the cowboys would hear him. But nobody came. Awkwardly, with left hand, he washed his face. Upon a nail in the wall hung a little mirror, by the aid of which Dick combed and brushed his hair. Ke imagined he looked a most haggard wretch. With that he faced forward, meaning to go round the corner of the house to greet the cowboyand these new-found friends.

Dick had taken but one step wh he was halted by laughter and the patter of light feet. He saw a little foot sweep into view, a white dress, then the swiftly moving form of a girl. She was looking backward.

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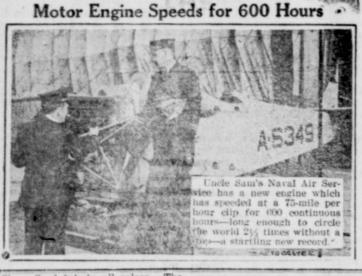
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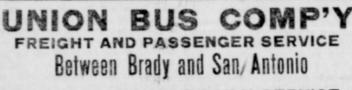
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Mrs. J. P. Waudill is here from Ro- of loot from various-places was rechelle for a visit with her son, Sheriff covered through him. Otis Waddill, and wife.

Mrs. H. B. Ogden and son, Billy, court this week, included the followcompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. ing:

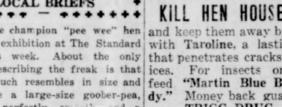
D. Crothers, left yesterday for Waco, T. C. Ward, aggravated assault: where she will visit her sister, Mrs. plea of guilty and assessed a fine of M. C. Wolfe, and family. \$100 and costs.

Mrs. J. W. Bingham arrived Tues- Louis Alenzo and Juan Alenzo day from Chicago to be a guest for theft under value of \$50; plea of the week of her sister-in-law, Mrs. guilty and fine of \$10 and costs and G. R. White. Mr. Bingham will make two days in jail.

a brief stop here Friday, and Mirs. A. W. Keller, assault; plea of guil-Bingham will accompany him on the ty and fined \$5.00 and costs. return to Chicago. Jim Turman, carrying a pistol; case

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bauhof and set for Monday, April 23rd, at 1:30 & CO. daughter, Nance, returned Tuesday p. m.

on business, while Mrs. Bauhof spent cause of sickness of witness. s, with which she will stock her arrests have as yet been made.





The tedium of county court grind Horses, Mares and Mules was this week somewhat enlivened by some interesting developments in the case of Dudley Crothers, local wellknown negro, on a charge of gaming. The defendant entered a plea of not Saturday, April 21 guilty, but upon being given a trial by jury, a verdict of guilty was returned and a fine of \$15.00 and costs was assessed. This case had been At Bodenhammer Wagon Yard Defendant at once gave notice of appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin, Texas. This case has attracted some attention because has attracted some attention because ONE CAR of GOOD MARES, HORSES and MULES is the constitutionality of the office of Justice of the Peace and that of City Recorder being held by one person, and the other question raised being whether or not it is necessary to file all corporation court papers with the city secretary before they have any standing in court.

Another case of interest was the sentencing of Baxter Henley, 14-year old negro, by the juvenile court to the State Juvenile training school, following his being found guilty on a burglary charge. The negro youth was charged with burglarizing a number of local store, and quite a lot

SALE Other cases disposed of in county



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