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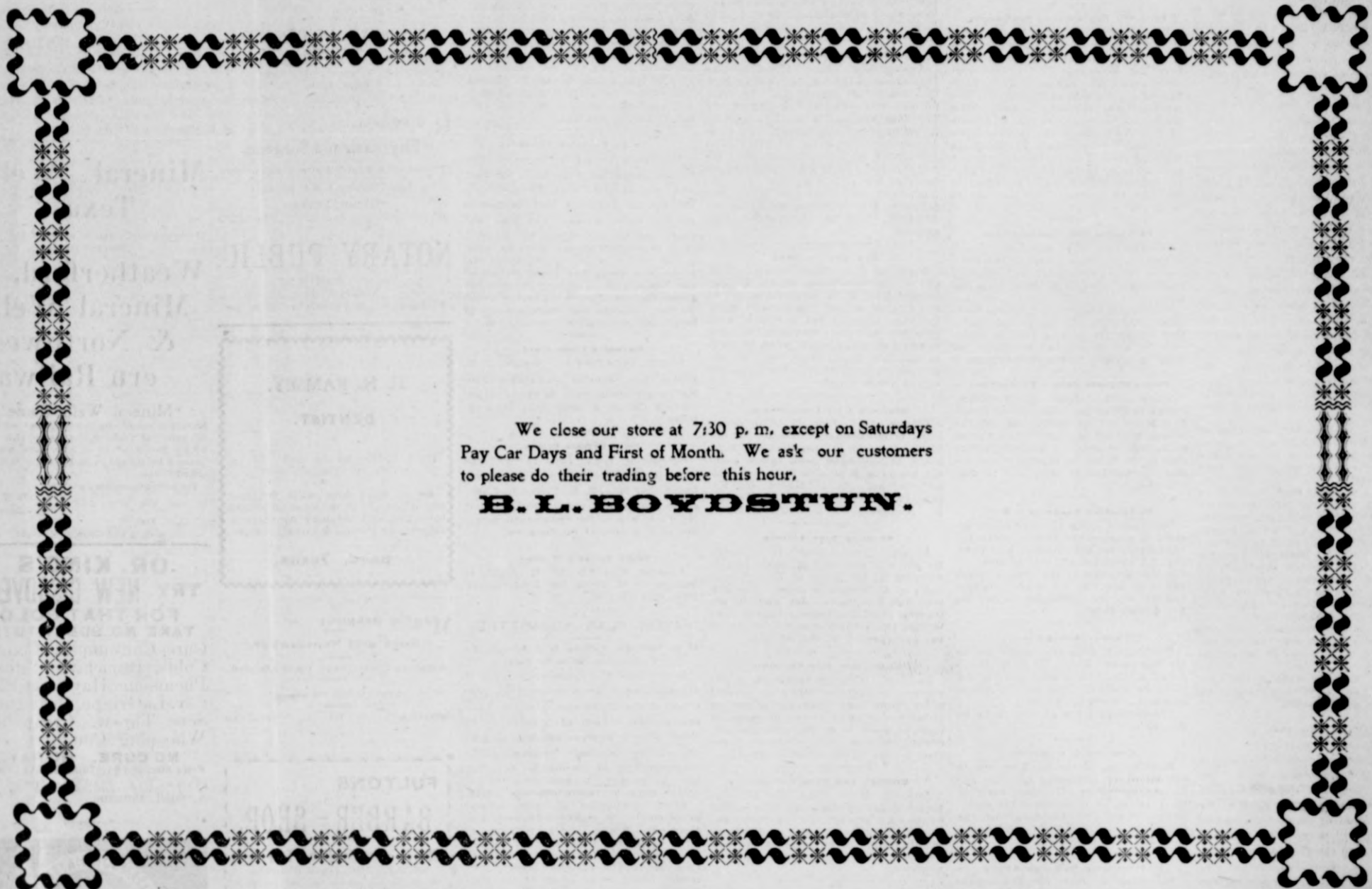
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PRECINCT CONVENTION.

Proceedings of the Democratic Convention held in Baird Precinct June 14th 1902.

The Convention was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by chairman H. F. Foy. On motion of Hon. Otis Bowyer Gen. F. W. James elected chairman of the convention, C. D. Russell secretary.

A motion was then moved and seconded that the Chair be authorized to appoint 22 delegates to the County Convention instructed to vote for Hon. Dan M. Jones for Congress first choice, and Hon. Jno. M. Dean second. To this motion a substitute was offered that the following named should be appointed delegates to the County Convention instructed to vote for Hon. W. R. Smith for Congress, to wit: H. F. Foy, Jno. Cochran, W. L. Jones, T. E. Powell, R. G. Powell, T. A. Irvin, T. H. Floyd, P. H. Miller, W. C. Whitley, M. Summers, Jno. W. Woods, W. J. McGowen, W. M. Coffman, E. R. Sartor, S. T. Frazer, A. Cooke, W. F. Wilson, B. L. Boydston, J. M. Bryant, Charlie Hadley, I. N. Jackson, Geo. Clements, W. R. Griffin, J. E. Gilliland, C. H. Mahan.

A motion was then made to table this substitute, which motion was lost. A motion was then taken on the substitute and was declared duly carried.

On motion and second the delegates were further instructed to vote for Hon. Ocie Speer for Judge of Ct. of Civil Appeals, Hon. W. P. Sebastian for State Senate, Hon. W. J. Bryan for Representative and Hon. A. S. Hardwick for District Attorney. Whereupon the Convention adjourned sine die.

Attest,
C. D. Russell, Sec.

PICNIC.

THE STAR is requested to say that there will be a picnic at the N. E. corner of Jno. Edwards pasture, between Eula and Clyde on Saturday June 28. Everybody is invited to come. There will be a potato race, fat man's race, riding the tournament, climbing the greased pole, pulling the goose neck and a base ball game. Plenty of nice music, and a good time generally is expected.

PUTNAM POINTERS.

If it was possible to keep a squirrel on the ground in a timbered country, we would feel discouraged, because in addition to augmenting the "sweater" gang the current drouth has donned the hot air attachment, forced the thermometer up to prohibition heat and blasted the flattering prospects of two weeks ago. Crops of all kinds are suffering greatly and many say that without rain in the near future, corn will be a flat failure. But just watch and you will see us climb.

The first session of the Putnam (Live) Stock exchange was held Saturday with a fair sized crowd present. Where people go is the place to sell goods and our merchants will do well to encourage this enterprise. The promoter, Mr. J. H. Surles, has just completed his wagon and feed yard, and in the language of Bill Nye, has opened "a office" where he buys and sells real estate and is prepared to swap horses or lies with you at any time.

R. F. Gurney is going into the ice business and will try to keep cool.

Hon. W. R. Smith, candidate for congress, spoke at the school house Friday night. Hon. W. L. Grogan, candidate for state senator, also spoke.

Quite a number of gentlemen (not candidates) were here Friday in the interest of the different candidates for District offices.

The precinct convention met Saturday and elected delegates to the county convention. Delegates are instructed to vote as a unit on all questions and men coming before the convention, and to vote for W. R. Smith for congress, W. P. Sebastian for state senate and S. P. Hardwicke for district attorney. Dr. B. F. Brittain was elected precinct chairman for the next two years.

Mr. J. C. Collins and wife visited relatives at Carbon Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Sue Wulfjen the guest of Miss Mary Shackelford for the past two weeks, has gone to Colorado City.

Belva and Verdine Clemer of Clyde, are visiting friends here.

J. M. Cunningham, R. D. Williams and Joe Shackelford have gone to St. Louis with cattle.

F. A. Duke has gone to Lancaster where he has accepted a position as

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Olis Williams is again improving, and will be out soon.

Miss Lizzie Tucker, of Strawn, is visiting friends here.

Miss Lena Steadham is visiting friends near Moran.

Mr. F. M. Orr, who has been visiting his brother, Y. A. Orr, left Tuesday morning for his home in Tennessee.

Miss Mattie Kelley, of Scurry county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. R. Sprawls, near Scranton.

A call has been made for a meeting of the "Owleyed" Peoples Party at the school house Saturday at 2 p. m. for the purpose of organizing, etc. If we are not mistaken the attendance will be light as a majority of those in the late democratic Convention were populists and but few of the Simon Pure, dyed in the wool, middle of the road kind remain who have not taken part in some primary or convention.

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THE IRRIGATION BILL.

It Passes the House by a Vote of 146 to 55.

AMENDMENT SLIGHT

The Bill Had Already Passed the Senate—It Provides for a Fund to Irrigate Large Portion of the West and Northwest.

Washington, June 16.—The house Friday passed the irrigation bill by a vote of 146 to 55. Many amendments were offered, but only one except those offered by the committee, was adopted. It was of a minor character. The bill already had passed the senate. The friends of the measure greeted the announcement of its passage with a round of applause.

The bill as passed creates a reclamation fund for the sale of public lands in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, less the amount paid to local land offices and 5 per cent due the state under existing laws for educational purposes, the reclamation fund to be used for the construction and maintenance of irrigation works in the states and territories enumerated. Provision is made for the payment out of the treasury of any deficiencies in the allowances to agricultural colleges owing to this disposition of public lands. The secretary of the interior is authorized to examine, survey and construct the irrigation works and report thereof to congress at each session.

Section 4 provides for the letting of contracts for the works contemplated in sections when the necessary funds are available in the reclamation fund for such section.

Section 5 provides that "no right to the use of water for land in private ownership shall be sold for a tract exceeding 160 acres to any one land owner, and no such right shall permanently attach until all payments therefor are made, and no such sale shall be made to any land owner unless he be an actual, bona fide resident on such land or occupant thereof residing in the neighborhood of said land."

Section 6 authorizes the secretary to use the reclamation fund for the operation and maintenance of the irrigation work.

Section 8 requires state control over waters of non-navigable streams such as are used in irrigation.

Many Bills Pass.

Washington, June 17.—The house Monday transacted some miscellaneous business under suspension of the rules. It included the adoption of resolutions appropriating \$25,000 for the preparation of plans for a memorial in this city to Abraham Lincoln; \$100,000 toward the erection of a monument to the prison ship martyrs who died off Brooklyn as a result of the cruelties to which were subjected by the British during the revolutionary war, and \$10,000 for the erection of a monument at Fredericks, Va., to the memory of General Hugh Mercer, who was killed during the revolutionary war. The resolution adopted was to carry out an authorization made for this purpose in 1777 by the Continental congress. Two important bills were passed to amend general pension laws.

The resolution calling on the secretary of war for his reasons for the dismissal of Rebecca J. Taylor, a clerk in the war department, was laid on the table by a vote of 109 to 84. Three Republicans voted with the Democrats.

A bill to authorize the secretary of war in his discretion to favor American-built ships in the transportation of government supplies to the Philippines, was defeated.

Considering Canal Bill.

Washington, June 17.—After a discussion extending over parts of several days, the senate Monday passed what is popularly known as the London dock charges bill.

Consideration was then continued of the isthmian canal project. Mr. Cullom of Illinois and Mr. Kittredge of South Dakota delivering speeches in advocacy of the Panama route. Mr. Kittredge pointed out that Costa Rica was constitutionally unable to grant the necessary concessions to the United States, and said if the Nicaragua route were selected it probably would be a long time before work could begin, even if it ever could be.

Texas to Be Reimbursed.

Washington, June 14.—During the congress Senator Culberson secured the passage of a bill looking to reimbursement of the state of Texas of moneys expended in the administration of affairs in Greer county territory was under the jurisdiction of the state. Some time ago the interior made a report that the state had aggregated \$34,522.83. A report has been made including the school tax of the state of Texas for the benefit of the Greer county, and \$5,000 to the claim.

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As soon as this is established Senator Culberson will take steps to reimburse the state in the above sum of \$50,874.53 and to recover all land rightfully a part of the state of Texas which is now held as a part of Greer county.

Philippine Investigation Asked.

Washington, June 14.—Representative McCall of Massachusetts has presented to the house a memorial signed by Charles Francis Adams, Andrew Carnegie, Carl Schurz, Edwin Burditt Smith and Herbert Welsh asking that a congressional committee of investigation be appointed to go to the Philippines to inquire into and report upon conditions existing there. The memorial states that the signers are a committee appointed at a recently held meeting of persons, irrespective of party, interested in the policy pursued by the United States toward the Philippines.

President Urges Cuban Reciprocity.

Washington, June 16.—After talking with a number of the leaders in congress regarding Cuban reciprocity, President Roosevelt Friday determined to send a message to congress reaffirming his attitude on the subject. The president has earnestly considered the matter for several days and it is stated that the action of the anti-reciprocity Republican senators Thursday, in deciding to hold out against the policy advocated by the majority of the party, did not influence the president in deciding to transmit his message to congress.

Philippine Bill Special Order.

Washington, June 17.—The house adopted a resolution making the Philippine civil government bill special order from June 19 to June 26 inclusive.

The house adopted the senate resolution amending the Indian appropriation act for the coming year in reference to allotments in severalty of lands in certain Indian reservations.

Palma Opposes Rebate Proposition.

Washington, June 17.—President Palma of Cuba has indicated to President Roosevelt his conviction that the rebate proposition relative to Cuban sugar will be not only very objectionable in itself, but be expensive and almost impossible to carry out in distribution.

To Consider Bankruptcy Bill.

Washington, June 13.—The house decided to consider the bill to amend the bankruptcy act next Monday and Tuesday. A special order was adopted for the consideration of the senate irrigation bill, one day for general debate and one day for amendment under the five-minute rule.

Want to Annex Cuba.

Washington, June 16.—In the senate Mr. Ekins of West Virginia introduced a joint resolution providing for the annexation of Cuba and its admission as a state of the Union. The resolution was allowed to lie on the table.

Come up Next Session.

Washington, June 16.—The senate committee on territories has decided to take up for consideration early in the next session of congress the omnibus statehood bill admitting into the Union the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

To Investigate Hawaiian Affairs.

Washington, June 14.—The senate passed a resolution directing the committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico to inquire into the general condition of Hawaii administration of affairs there.

Can Use No Coloring.

Washington, June 14.—Internal Revenue Commissioner Yorks has decided no artificial coloring whatever can be used in manufacture of oleomargarine, without increase of tax from one quarter of a cent to 10 cents per pound.

Resolution Tabled.

Washington, June 16.—The house tabled the resolution offered by Hay of Virginia calling on the secretary of war for a statement of money expended by the United States on the Philippine account since May 1, 1898.

New Cuban Minister.

Washington, June 17.—Senor Gonzales de Quesada, the Cuban minister, was escorted to the White House by Secretary Hay Monday and presented his credentials to President Roosevelt.

Anti-Anarchy Bill Conference.

Washington, June 17.—The senate agreed to the conference on bill for protection of the president, and Messrs. Hoar, Fairbanks and Pettus were appointed as conferees.

Sent to the Calendar.

Washington, June 13.—In the senate Mr. Culberson's resolution of inquiry as to the expenditure of Cuba's funds under American occupation was sent to the calendar.

Washington Confers With President.

Washington, June 17.—Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, Ala. Monday had a conference with the president upon the subject of southern appointments.

Profit Consul to Pretoria.

Washington, June 17.—The president sent the nomination of Joseph E. Profit of West Virginia, consul at Pretoria, South Africa, to the senate.

Adjournment of Congress.

Washington, June 17.—Several senators who have a knowledge of the condition of business in the senate say that congress will adjourn by July 1.

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MORMONS FIRED UPON.

One Man Wounded and Further Bloodshed Is Feared.
Paducah, Ky., June 17.—The people of the Davis Chapel section of Marshall county, Kentucky, were thrown into great excitement by a fusillade of bullets being fired into a Mormon meeting by some of the opposers in the neighborhood. Hardy Lamb was shot in the leg. The Mormon converts, 15 or 16, returned the fire and more bloodshed is feared.

Less than a year ago the Mormon church there was burned and two elders driven away. Since then the feeling has been high and culminated in resort to force to break up the services which were being held under an arbor. The Mormons declare they will continue to hold their meetings and have reported the attack to the grand jury.

Investigation Finished.

Austin, Tex., June 17.—Chairman Henderson of the legislative investigating committee states that the committee will complete its labors by Thursday next and all of the report be in the hands of the printer. Mr. Henderson has completed his private investigation of the university fund account and will issue a statement, showing that the state's general revenue fund owes that fund not less than \$162,000. He will recommend that the university fund be reimbursed that amount.

Rev. Grafton Dead.

Sherman, Tex., June 17.—One week ago at the completion of his midday sermon Rev. W. R. Grafton, pastor of the Cherry Street Cumberland Presbyterian church, was stricken with paralysis, and since then until Sunday morning at 4:15 o'clock, when he died, he had lain unconscious and has not articulated intelligibly. The deceased was 41 years of age.

Deadlock Over Congressman.

Wynne, Ark., June 17.—The democratic congressional convention of the First district is deadlocked here. Forty ballots have been taken without reaching a nomination, each ballot resulting: R. B. Macon, 35; Eugene Parrish, 21; Judge E. G. Taylor, 16. Necessary for nomination, 37.

Shooting Near Abilene.

Abilene, Tex., June 17.—Charley Wright was shot and probably fatally wounded at the home of T. E. Lloyd, south of Abilene a few miles. The gun used was a muzzle-loader, and the attending physician reports that he has located thirty-three shot. T. E. Lloyd has surrendered to the officers.

Killed Her Five Children.

Jackson, Miss., June 17.—A white woman, living near Martin, several miles from here, Sunday afternoon killed five of her children by shooting them to death in an outhouse and afterward burning the structure over their bodies. The woman escaped.

Primary Law Constitutional.

Jackson, Miss., June 14.—The supreme court of the state has decided the state primary law constitutional. The law requires all party nominations in Mississippi to be made by primary elections, thus abolishing party conventions.

Less Than Twenty Hours.

Chicago, June 17.—New York to Chicago in nineteen hours and fifty minutes, is the record time made by the new fast trains put into service by Pennsylvania and Lake Shore railroads.

Reagan Returns to Austin.

Austin, June 17.—Judge and Mrs. John H. Reagan have returned from Palestine, where the former has been quite ill. He has, however, about recovered in the accident which recently befell him.

Chamberlain's Majority.

Portland, Ore., June 17.—The official count of the vote in the recent state election shows that Geo. E. Chamberlain, Democrat, for governor, has a majority of 256 over Wm. J. Furnish, Republican.

Ball Denied Connell.

Belton, Tex., June 17.—The application of John H. Connell for ball was denied by Judge Furman and Connell remanded to jail. He is charged by indictment with killing his father in this city on May 9.

Attack on LaGuayra Repulsed.

Williamstad Island of Curacao, June 17.—The Venezuelan revolutionists attacked La Guayra, port of Caracas, but were repulsed after several hours' fighting. Casualties few.

Killing in New Mexico.

Cebillos, N. M., June 17.—W. W. Atchison, a saloonkeeper, shot and killed James O'Meara and wounded Will Thayer after a quarrel in Atchison's saloon at San Pedro.

Sayers Has Recovered.

Austin, June 17.—Gov. Sayers was at his office Monday, and stated that he was now on the rapid road to complete recovery, feeling better than at any time since his illness.

Cyclone at Memphis.

Memphis, Tex., June 16.—A cyclone demolished two houses and severely injured seven people fifteen miles east of here Thursday. Particulars not learned.

Died of His Wounds.

Trenton, Tex., June 17.—Swanee Robertson, the young man who was shot here by Constable Jernigan of Leonard last Thursday, died of his wounds.

Prohibition Majority in Ill.

Hillsboro, Tex., June 17.—There are yet seven boxes to hear from officially on Saturday's election, but the returns now in put the pro majority at 507.

RESULT OF PRIMARIES.

In Some Congressional Districts the Vote Was Very Close.

Tyler, Tex., June 17.—According to the computation made here, Judge Russell comes to his home county with a majority of 1250, which DeGraffenreid will have to overcome to get the nomination. In the primaries heretofore held, Van Zandt county gave Russell 2357 majority and Wood county 210 majority. Uphur gave DeGraffenreid 3 majority, making Russell's net majority to date 2630.

Henry's Election Conceded.

Waco, Tex., June 17.—Cullen F. Thomas' friends here concede his defeat by a large majority. It is certain that R. L. Henry carried the county. Partial returns telegraphed here from Marlin give Henry a majority over Thomas of 800 or 1000 votes. The boxes still to hear from are likely to increase Henry's majority.

As Falls is the last county in the Eleventh district to vote, Henry's victory in that county gives the nomination of the Democratic party and he will succeed himself in congress without further opposition.

Gregg Probably Elected.

Galveston, Tex., June 17.—The Democratic primaries were held Saturday and returns show that the ticket put out by the Jefferson club carried in all but three wards. The vote was small and the strict test was applied. It is impossible to say how the delegation will vote in the congressional race. The Gregg men claim it, and do the Nunn men. The best information from other counties in the new Seventh district is Gregg has enough votes to insure his nomination for congress.

Garner a Clear Field.

Seguin, Tex., June 16.—Senator J. B. Dibrell has formally withdrawn from the congressional race in this district, leaving Garner a clear field for congress.

Field Defeats Prince.

Groesbeck, Tex., June 17.—Returns indicate that Hon. Scott Field's majority over Hon. R. E. Prince in Limestone county will reach 1000 and that Mr. Field will be the Democratic nominee in this district for congress.

Smith Looks a Winner.

Abilene, June 17.—W. R. Smith is leading J. M. Dean for congressman from this district.

FAVOR PLAN SUBMITTED.

It Is Said the Vatican Will Accept the Proposition Made by Taft.

Rome, June 17.—Complete success of negotiations between Judge Taft, governor of the Philippines, and the Vatican on the subject of friar lands in those islands, appears assured, as four out of five cardinals, composing the sub-committee of cardinals favoring the governor's proposals, Cardinal Steinhilber, a Jesuit, opposes them. After completion of negotiations, acute conflict is expected between Vatican officials and Filipino religion orders regarding disposition of money which the United States will pay for those lands. The Vatican considers the money ought to be given to the propaganda or society of cardinals having care and oversight of foreign missions.

BODIES MUTILATED.

Soldiers Captured by Ladrões Murdered and Bodies Cut to Pieces.

Manila, June 17.—The bodies of the sergeant, two corporals and four privates of the Fifth cavalry, who were captured May 30 by ladrões at Binangonan, Rizal province, have been recovered. Most of the bodies had been hewn limb from limb and it was found impossible to recognize four of the dead men.

A number of arrests have been made and nine men have been absolutely identified as belonging to the band of ladrões which captured the Americans. The identified men include two members of the police force of Tera, Morong province.

Hanna Not a Candidate.

Florence, Ala., June 17.—Senator M. A. Hanna of Ohio, in reply to a suggestion from Colonel Cutter Smith, of this city, that he become a candidate for president in 1904, has written Col. Smith as follows: "I appreciate sincerely the friendship which prompts the high compliment paid me in your suggestion. I am grateful for such confidence, but must insist that I am not to be considered in any sense a candidate for the nomination for president in 1904."

Cold Throughout Europe.

London, June 17.—Cold and rainy weather is reported from all parts of central Europe. There have been heavy storms in France, Germany, Austria and Belgium, with great damage to crops. The continuous rains have caused serious inundations in northern and eastern Hungary. Intense cold prevails throughout Austria.

Cold in Cape Colony.

Cape Town, June 17.—Extreme cold, accompanied by storms of unprecedented severity, continues to prevail in Cape Colony. Thousands of sheep have perished and the telegraph wires are down and buried in the snow drifts.

Fireman Johnson Dead.

Houston, Tex., June 16.—Fireman Cliff Johnson, who was thrown from the chief's buggy Thursday night while going to a fire, died at St. Joseph's infirmary. His skull was crushed by the fall.

Katy Brakeman Killed.

Denison, Tex., June 16.—G. O. Hulse, a Katy brakeman, was killed at the west Denison yards of the Katy

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Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Preaching every 2nd Sunday. Church meeting at 11 a. m. every Sunday. W. A. Barnhill, Elder.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. W. F. Kerby, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. N. Rushing, Supt.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays. 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. every Sunday. 10:30 a. m. Mr. J. C. Gray, Supt. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night 8:30 p. m. in vestry. Reading Room at church, every Wednesday all day.
Rev. M. E. Chapman.

LODGES.

BAIRD LODGE, No. 522, A. F. & A. M. Meets every Saturday night at or before full moon at 7:30 p. m.
R. G. Powell, W. M.
Geo. H. Scott, Secretary.

BAIRD CHAPTER, R. A. M., No. 182. Meets 3rd Friday night in each month.
HARRY MEYER, H. P.
B. L. RUSSELL, Secretary.

BAIRD LODGE No. 47, K. of P. Meets in Laeile Hall Odd Fellows building every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome.
W. A. Jones, C. C.
H. SCHWARTZ, K. of R. S.

BAIRD CAMP No. 508, W. O. W. Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall, 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month.
W. G. Bowles, C. C.
O. H. Phillips, Clerk.

BAIRD LODGE No. 271, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday night.
J. ALLEN, N. G.
H. SCHWARTZ, Sec.

ABILENE COMMANDERY, K. of T. No. 27. Meets 2nd Monday of each month.
J. H. PICKENS, E. C.
C. W. ROBERTS, R. e.

BAIRD LODGE No. 142, A. O. U. M. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. Visiting brethren fraternally invited and members expected to attend.
J. A. ENMONS, M. W.
JOHN J. ALLEN, Recorder.

BAIRD LODGE No. 806 BANKERS UNION of the World meets in the Odd Fellows hall 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month at 8 p. m.
L. L. BEAGHERS, President.
J. H. COCHRAN, Sec.

CAMP ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, No. — U. C. V. Meets at Baird at 1 p. m. 4th, Saturday in each month.
J. O. TRENT, Capt.
J. E. W. LANE, Adjt.

Trees in Hawaiian Isles.

About three years ago the Hawaiian government undertook forest work, and very soon the hills back of Honolulu were clothed with a dense and luxuriant growth of eucalyptus of several varieties, the Australian wattle and other trees of that character. These trees have already exercised a noticeable influence in conserving rainfall and rendering the climate in the vicinity more agreeable.

An Conspicuous Reader.

An American minister, whilst lecturing to an assembly of young men on "The Pleasures of Literature," stated that during his boyhood he had often perused in a single day a dozen sermons, half a dozen religious magazines, together with a philosophical work run into several hundred pages, and that, moreover, he had contrived to be in mind the salient points of his last reading.

King George Was Wise.

King George II. once wished to add the Green park in London to his palace grounds, neither the people liked it or not. Inquired of his minister as to the cost. His lordship, mindful of the general discontent then prevalent, answered "The cost, sir? Oh, it would be a matter of three crowns!" The king took the hint. The people kept their peace and the sovereign his triple throne.

Little Babies in Danger.

They are ready talking in Europe of the possibility of Belgium being absorbed by France as the outcome of the socialist troubles in the former country, and the temptation that this would hold to Germany to annex the Netherlands. In this era of merger it is just difficult for the small countries to sustain themselves as it is for the all business concerns.

Coincidence, Hampton's Death.

When Grant Hayes withdrew federal troops from support of the provisional government of South Carolina in reconstruction times the direction of his in that commonwealth was led over to Gen. Wade Hampton as error. It is a curious coincidence if Mr. Hampton died on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the day when he assumed control.

MONEY PAID GOMEZ

Secretary Root Says He Assumes the Full Responsibility.

THE PAYMENT JUST

He Says Cuba Owes All to Gomez and What Has Been Done for Him Has Been Ratified by the Cuban Congress.

Washington, June 17.—Secretary Root has assumed full responsibility for the payment of money to General Gomez by General Wood during the American occupation of Cuba, and if congress asks for an explanation of the matter he stands prepared to furnish what he regards as the most convincing proofs that the payments were dictated by the wisest statesmanship.

At the war department a high official stated the position of the war department in the matter, as follows: "The conditions in Cuba two years ago were precarious. Not a Cuban believed that the United States government ever would withdraw from Cuba, and the half famished veterans of the Cuban army were in a dangerous mood and clamoring for their pay. General Gomez was the head and front of their army and had served the revolutionary cause as its principal leader without having received a cent of pay. General Wood thought, and Secretary Wood thought that General Gomez was entitled to consideration to the extent of a home, which was supplied him and in which he entertained his comrades, and to an income which at least might be set down as a small offset to the money due Gomez from the Cuban Republic. That the Cubans themselves regarded the matter in the same light was shown by the passage by the present Cuban congress, among the very first of its acts, of a bill providing a liberal pension for General Gomez."

"The necessity being present, in Secretary Root's view, the only other point was the legality and propriety of the payments. He soon satisfied himself that there was not the slightest doubt on that score. The military government was obliged to assume the responsibility for his disbursements and to exercise his discretion. General Brooke did this and after him General Wood and Secretary Root now fully approve of everything they did, including the payments to Gomez."

It is pointed out at the war department as a curious fact that congress has been in full possession of the information that Gomez had been receiving those payments for no less than two years past. The war department that far back submitted to congress the full statement of all expenses in Cuba, and included in the list was a statement of the payments to Gen. Gomez.

Spain's Minister to Cuba.

Madrid, June 17.—It is announced here that the government has decided to appoint a minister to the Cuban republic.

Palma's Salary.

Havana, June 17.—The senate has approved the bill fixing President Palma's salary at \$25,000 a year and that of senator Estevez, the vice president, at \$6000 a year.

Dies in the Courthouse.

Beaumont, Tex., June 17.—A death which will lay a precedent in law practice occurred Monday in the Jefferson county courthouse in this city. C. W. Bullock, aged about 80 years, dropped dead suddenly on the landing of the stairway leading to the second floor of the courthouse. He was plaintiff in a suit for the possession of forty acres of land and his case had just been argued and the jury retired to deliberate on the verdict. Mr. Bullock went downstairs and was returning when he met his counsel on the landing. One of the lawyers spoke to him, and just as the aged man opened his mouth to reply he pitched forward and died instantly without speaking. Judge Martin called in the jury and dismissed them and postponed the case.

Chinaman With Leprosy.

El Paso, Tex., June 17.—The inspectors of the government immigration office report that on last Friday a Chinaman terribly afflicted with leprosy was seen in Juarez, and he is supposed to have come across the border to El Paso that night. The Chinaman is reported to be in a horrible condition, his hands and face showing in a marked degree the progress of the disease.

Arrested for Murder.

Okmulgee, I. T., June 17.—United States Marshal Dave Adams and posse arrived in Okmulgee Sunday with Bill Bear and George Jacobs, full-blood Creek Indians, charged with the killing of the Indian woman and her daughter at Okfuskee. The two persons refused to talk, but do not seem to be worried over their fate.

Furniture Factory Burned.

Mineola, Tex., June 16.—The Mineola Furniture works and fruit box factory burned Friday afternoon. Loss \$25,000. Insurance \$2500. A residence belonging to the compress company and occupied by the manager, S. W. Neal, was also burned. Loss \$1000, no insurance. The fruit box factory will be rebuilt.

Killing at Hempstead.

Hempstead, Tex., June 14.—L. C. Thompson was shot and killed here in front of the Phoenix drug store. Several shots were exchanged. Dr. C. W. LeGrand surrendered to an officer and is in custody. The cause of the trouble has not been given to the public.

ALL MUST CLOSE.

Under a Decision Bucketchops Must Stop Operation in Texas.

Austin, Tex., June 14.—The effect of the decision of the court of criminal appeals, Third district, in affirming the judgment of the lower court in the case of Harvey Fullerton of Greenville, convicted of operating a bucket shop or dealing in futures, will be to close up every stock exchange or brokerage office in the state.

The records of the controller's department show that there are thirty two brokerage offices in cities over 10,000 population, each of which is required to pay an annual occupation tax of \$35, and six in cities of under 10,000 population, each of which pays an annual occupation tax of \$18, making a total revenue of \$1228 which the state derives from this source. There are probably a number of brokerage concerns doing business in Texas of which the controller's department has no record.

The enforcement of the law against the operation of these concerns which deal in futures will affect hundreds of speculators who operate in cotton, grain and other futures.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A disease called scab is destroying sheep by the hundreds in New Mexico. Texas militia may go to the World's Fair at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903. Miss Hannah Hill of Bradford, Mo., hanged herself with a garter. She was insane.

The vineyards of northern France have been destroyed by the heavy rains, winds and hail.

The cotton crop of Egypt is threatened by a new disease, which is causing much alarm.

Lisbon, Portugal, has shipped a cargo of beggars and idlers to their South African possessions.

A steam valve blew out of the transport Meade at San Francisco, Cal., and injured five men.

The crop report for Kansas show that cereals are in a better condition than expected.

Miss Taylor, the discharged clerk at Washington, D. C. Has written a letter to the president demanding reinstatement within three days.

A St. Louis, Mo., company will build a refinery at Tolosa, Mex., to refine Mexican sugar.

A plan is on foot to make Captain Charles E. Clark, commander of the Oregon, a rear admiral.

Benjamin Palmer, a farmer living near Poplar Bluff, Mo., was fatally stabbed by a young man named Scagg over a settlement of a debt.

Creed Porter, constable of Grayson county, Texas, was held up by two negroes whom he attempted to arrest and his pistol and coat taken from him.

Benjamin Reeves of Vinita, I. T., who killed his wife and tried to kill himself but failed, has been committed to jail without bail.

C. W. Beard of Waxahachie, Tex., who is charged with criminal assault, has been released on bond.

The asylum at San Antonio, Tex., is full and no more patients will be taken.

Rain has fallen in San Angelo county, Texas, and has done much good.

George Nickelson of Texas and J. A. Gamel of the Indian Territory have bought a ranch of 170,000 acres in Mexico, paying \$125,000 for it.

United States Marshal Houston seized 1570 Panama hats at Galveston, Tex., but the smuggler escaped.

Miss Maud Hamby of Hopkinsville, Ky., committed suicide by swallowing two ounces of carbolic acid. Disappointed love the cause.

Storms in Nebraska and Kansas have damaged the crop very much.

Mrs. Sarah Moz Caraway of Dumas, Tex., was given a life sentence for the murder of her husband. She leaves five children without support.

The highest price ever paid for cattle was at Kansas City, Mo., upon \$7.65 a hundred was paid.

A tornado struck the steamer Rovenia near Dubuque, Ia., and sunk her. The captain and three others were drowned.

An Ohio girl has sued a Oklahoma physician for \$10,000 breach of promise. They have never seen each other.

Oklahoma's wheat crop will be very large this year. It is far beyond the average.

F. C. and American Beauty Corsets



Will satisfy the demands of the most fastidious. This guarantee with every pair: "Money refunded after four weeks' trial if corset is not satisfactory."

Look for these Trade Marks—the signs of quality—on label of box and on inside of corset.

Kalamazoo Corset Co. MAKERS Kalamazoo, Michigan.

SOLD BY LEO STERN.

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More than \$250.00 worth of new wall paper to select from at Powell & Powell. 20-tf

Nice line summer dusters in linens, whipcords, etc., 50c to \$1.50 at Boyles' 20-tf

Read It In His Newspaper. George Schaub, a well known German citizen of New Lebanon, Ohio, is consistent reader of the Dayton Volkszeitung. He knows that this paper aims to advertise only the best in its columns and when he saw Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised therein for lame back, he did not hesitate in buying a bottle of it for his wife, who for eight weeks had suffered with the most terrible pains in her back and could get no relief. He says: "After using the Pain Balm for a few days my wife said to me, 'I feel as though born anew,' and before using the entire contents of the bottle the unbearable pains had vanished and she could again take up her household duties." He is very thankful and hopes all suffering likewise will hear of her wonderful recovery. This valuable remedy is for sale by R. Phillips & Son Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Is your subscription to THE STAR out? If so send us the money or if not wanted any longer notify us, but don't forget to pay up when you do so. 34-tf

If you have any news give it to THE STAR. We cannot always know what you know if you do not tell us. 34-tf

How to Avoid Trouble. Now is the time to provide yourself and your family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoe Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over, and if procured now may save you a trip to town in the night or in your busiest season. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful medicine in use for bowel complaints, both for children and adults. No family can afford to be without it. For sale by R. Phillips & Son, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Best equipped prescription department and Laboratory in the city at Terrell's 28

NOTICE. If you want to buy or sell land. If you want to buy or sell horses. If you want to buy or sell mules. If you want to buy or sell buggies. If you want to buy or sell wagons. If you have property to rent. If you have debts to collect. If you have business to adjust. I will give you a square deal. Call on or address. J. H. SCURLES, Putnam, Texas. 28-tf

Bring that wood you promised on subscription. 16

There is something new at the Home Studio. Ask Swafford to show you, and tell you about them. 16

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat. This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Dieting unnecessary. Pleasant to take. It can't help but do you good.

Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The 5¢ bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 10¢ size.

BLIND READ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

fifty Copies Embossed by Louisville, Ky., Printing House.

The American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, one of the two printing houses of its kind in the country, has just finished embossing fifty copies of President Roosevelt's message to Congress for the New York State Library. The embossing of the President's message was made possible by the generosity of some unknown woman. Some time ago a blind man asked the Librarian for a copy of the message. He wanted an embossed copy, one that he could read. It was the first request for a President's message that the Librarian ever received, and the answer was that the message was not in the library. The Librarian said it was not likely to be for some time, as there was as yet no appropriation; and the treasury was empty. The Librarian told Jacob A. Rills, and Mr. Rills said he would write to a woman who he thought would donate the money. He wrote and was not disappointed when the answer came. The woman contributed money enough to emboss fifty copies, but under condition that her identity be concealed.

LITTLE BROTHER HAD NAME WRONG

But Otherwise His Story Did Not Deviate from the Truth. Eight-year-old Harry, in revenge for some act of sisterly tyranny on the part of 10-year-old Margaret, conveyed the intelligence to their mother that Charlie Robbins had kissed the girl under the stairs in the main hall of the school building. The young lady stoutly denied the charge, declaring her small brother to be guilty of a mean falsehood. "Don't you believe him, mamma! He is just a tall-tale, and it's a story—so there!" "It isn't a story, mamma. He did, and I seen her—way back behind the stairs." "He never, mamma! Kissed me, indeed! I wouldn't let him." "My dear," said the judicious parent, "what occurred behind the stairs when Harry saw you there?" "Well, anyway," was the reluctant reply, "it wasn't Charlie Robbins at all. It was Willie Sommers."

Floor Coverings. In the last twenty-five years a considerable change has been effected in the treatment and furnishings of floors. This seems a short period in which to reckon, when the history of floor coverings dates from far back before the Christian era, even to the ancient days of Egyptian splendor. Prior to this time primitive ages had adopted the fur skins of wild beasts to make a comfortable foothold in their habitations, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Babylonians were renowned for their weaving of rugs and the ornamentation they introduced. From them the art was passed on to the Persians and the people of India, and so through Asia and eastern Europe, and after the Renaissance, into France and England. In this country rugs are becoming more and more in demand in place of carpets. From a hygienic viewpoint they are much to be preferred.

He Bought the Ticket. A tattered, forlorn miss of fifteen summers entered the office of a young real estate man the other day. Ordinarily he is the politest of individuals, say the Milwaukee Sentinel, but this day he was so busy that he didn't know "where he was at." So, with a swift glance out of the corner of his eye, he said rather sharply: "Well, what do you want?" "P-p-please, mister, won't you buy a ticket on our cuckoo clock?" replied the girl, hesitatingly. "Buy a ticket on your cuckoo clock? What the deuce would I do with a cuckoo clock even if I should get it?" "Oh, you won't get it, mister. Please buy a ticket." He bought.

Rich Soil of the Everglades. Scientists claim that the soil of the Everglades in Florida is the richest in the world, and would, if drained, produce marvelous crops of nearly anything planted. It is proposed to reclaim this immense tract, which covers nearly 4,000 square miles, by building drainage canals to take off the water, and at the same time serves as a means of transportation between plantations. Contrary to the general belief, the Everglades are healthy, the water is sweet and pure, and there is almost a total absence of fevers and epidemic diseases. The cost of preparing these lands for cultivation will be about \$2.75 per acre.

Highest Vessel Afloat. The five-master now being built for Messrs. F. Laeis of Hamburg will, when completed, be the largest sailing ship afloat. She will be named the Preussen, her designed displacement being 12,000 tons and registered tonnage 8,000. This German-built vessel exceeds in tonnage any of the American five-masters and even exceeds the seven-masted steel schooner now under construction at the yards of the Fore River Ship and Engine Company at Quincy, Mass., which has a displacement of 10,000 tons.

A New Anesthetic. Acoline is the name of an interesting product which is destined to oust cocaine, morphine, chloral, antipyrine, and other anesthetics. A little pinch dropped into a gnawing tooth instantly banishes pain. Acoline's properties were recently reported to the French Academy of Medicine by Dr. Chauvel and are based on divers experiments. Acoline has the great advantage of not being toxic.

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Studies your ways, actions, and features, and is pretty apt to get them in your

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I have a certain cancer cure. It has never failed and never will fail. Cancers taken out by the roots from any portion of the body without pain. No knife used. I will cure any and all cancers at a very reasonable price. No cure, no pay. I also guarantee the cancer to never return. If you suffer with cancer, suffer no longer. Testimonials sent on application. Address THOS. J. FREEMAN, Mineola, Texas.

When writing please mention that you saw this notice in THE BAIRD STAR. 28-tf

We are here for business not for fun. Come see us. Phillips & Son. 24

Another shipment of our new wall paper in this week. Beautiful satin striped and tapestry patterns. Come and see them. Powell & Powell. 20-tf

Groups of Camp Albert Sidney Johnston U. C. V's. for sale at the Home Studio.

Call for your photo ticket when making your purchases at Phillips & Son. 24-tf

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Go to Terrell's drug store for your drugs, jewelry, stationery, paints, oil.

Make Weak Women Strong. I have taken your REMICK'S PINK AND BLOOD TONIC. I know it is the best TONIC ever made. It will make even weak women strong. I cannot praise it enough.—Mrs. O. D. Pickering, Onley, Ill. For Sale by Powell & Powell. 1-tf

HOUSES AND LANDS.

I have the cheapest Baird residence properties ever offered. Also farms and other lands cheaper than anyone. See me early. A. G. WEBB, Baird Texas.

Carter & Spencer have fresh groceries. Cheap, try them. 18-tf

ABILENE NORMAL.

Attend the Abilene Normal, beginning June 20th. The oldest and best equipped Normal in West Texas. Able and experienced faculty. For folder and full information address. F. W. CHATFIELD, Conductor 28-2t Abilene Tex.

Go to Terrell's for Drugs or anything else usually found in a drug store. 28-tf

My little son had an attack of whooping cough and was threatened with pneumonia; but for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy we would have had a serious time of it. It also saved him from several severe attacks of croup.—H. J. Strickfaden, editor World-Herald, Fair Haven, Wash. For sale by R. Phillips & Son, Baird Texas and Y. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Lowest prices in the city on wall paper sold by samples at present, but will save your money. Terrell 28-tf

Filthy Temples in India.

Sacred cows often defile Indian temples, but worse yet is a foul body that is polluted by constipation. Don't permit it. Cleanse your system with Dr. King's New Life Pills and avoid untold misery. They give lively liver active bowels, good digestion, fine appetite. Only 25c at Powell & Powell Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas June

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Get A Ticket

and trade out \$5 with either Meyer, Phillips & Son, Wilson & Oliver, Christian or Hotel Seay and bring it checked to Home Studio and you are entitled to a 16x20 high grade pic free with a job of our \$4.00 plate which would cost you otherwise \$

The newest styles of picture framing can be found at Studio. 17

Swafford studies your ways, actions and features and is pretty apt to get them in your photographs. 17

\$300 REWARD.

The following resolution was adopted by the Protective Stock Association of Galveston and adjoining counties: "That a reward of \$300 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this society in good standing." J. B. CORMAN, President. F. S. BULL, Secretary.

The dry weather is playing havoc with the corn crop in the greater portion of Texas from all accounts. Not pleasant news for the buyers but it can't be helped.

THE STAR is in bad shape as to Congressional garden seed for the next two years. However, the present congressman never burdened the mails with garden seed, maps and ten year old agricultural reports headed for THE STAR office.

The democratic convention next Saturday should give some expression as to the advisability of a abolishing nominations for county candidates two years hence.

One good brother said after the late election that no good christian would vote the anti ticket. If that is true there are a terrible lot of sinners in Callahan county.

It is to be hoped that the County Democratic Convention next Saturday will see to it that the party is thoroughly organized, something that was not done two years ago.

We are sorry for Callahan, but then that county may improve, and by and by catch up with Taylor, Jones, and many other first-class counties.

It is the opinion of an over whelming majority of our people that Taylor county is the one that needs sympathy. Possibly Taylor may catch up with Callahan and other first class counties that deal with the liquor traffic in a practical, not a sentimental manner.

Most candidates for Congress and the United State Senate appear to favor the election of United States Senators by popular vote. County, state and some national conventions have made platforms demanding this change.

The three speeches were gems of thought and beauty, sententious, logical and eloquent. Would that every citizen of Baird could have heard them. An opportunity to hear such speeches seldom occur.

Dr. A. Leroy, the well known San Antonio optician, and will remain at R. Phillips' drug store for three days beginning June 23d. This will give the citizens of Baird and vicinity an opportunity of having their eyes tested free by a reliable optician.

Officers elected for ensuing half year: J. S. Mahan, N. G. C. H. Mahan, V. C. All other offices hold balance of year.

Hon. Dan. M. Jones spoke to a fair sized audience at the Court House last Thursday night. He outlined his policy briefly as follows: Favors the Nicaragua canal, irrigation in the west, by water, (Dan is a church member you know) favors electing the president and senators by indirect vote of the people.

BAIRD COLLEGE.

Wednesday evening, June 11th, the play, "Aunt Tabitha's Perplexities" was rendered before the largest audience of Commencement week. It was certainly one of the most interesting, uplifting and enjoyable entertainments ever given before a Baird audience.

Rev. Mr. Kerby was introduced and delivered an excellent speech on the same subject, emphasizing the work and influence of the smaller colleges, stating that a great number of our greatest men in Church and State came from such colleges.

Rev. Mr. Chapin delivered a short speech on effects of higher Christian education from five different points of view. The three speeches were gems of thought and beauty, sententious, logical and eloquent.

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STAMFORD SUMMER NORMAL.

Begins June 26. A fine location, and a strong faculty. Write C. Rose, Stamford, about board. A large attendance is expected.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Program Fifth Sunday Meeting Callahan County Association to be held with Board Flat Church, June 26-29, 1902.

Thursday, 8:30 p. m. Sermon—Rev. G. W. Parks, "Our Duty as Christian Parents to our Children."—F. S. Rountree, S. C. Eldridge. 11 a. m. Does the "Prodigal Son" represent the back slidden christian or the sinner?—M. R. Crownover, B. G. Riebburg. 2 p. m. Mission work in our Association. Its history and success in the past.—M. S. Whately, J. H. Harris. Its present condition, and prospects for the future?—R. D. Carter C. C. Hightower. 4 p. m. The Bible teaching on our duty to God and the world in the use of our means.—G. W. Parks. J. L. Lilly. 8:30 p. m. Sermon. Saturday 9:30 a. m. Devotional service.—R. H. Williams. 10 a. m. How should a church deal with a member who can not be induced to give of his means in the support of the gospel at home or abroad.—A. A. Norsworthy, W. J. Thomason. 11 a. m. Does God make a covenant with the individual when he trusts in Christ? If so is it conditional?—R. D. Cecil, R. D. Carter. 2 p. m. Board meeting. Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday School mass meeting, conducted by P. H. Miller. 11 a. m. Sermon. Sunday afternoon. Song Service. 8:30 p. m. Sermon. Everybody cordially invited to attend. COMMITTEE.

SAM GHOLSON IN BATTLE.

About four weeks ago when we wrote up the Tucumcari killing, we stated that we expected to publish news from Tucumcari that would put that affair in the shade. One day last week Sam Gholson, now located about 20 miles from Tucumcari, but formerly of Lubbock county, became aware that he was being stalked by a band of men who had left their horses in a canyon and hid themselves at a water hole where Mr. Gholson was going to pull out some bogged cattle.

We need the money; you need the wall paper. Buy from our large stock of fresh, up-to-date patterns. Powell & Powell. 20-1f

A BARGAIN. 13 in second hand farm wagon. Good as new. 1 second hand ranch buggy. 28-2f C. S. BOYLES.

Bring the babies to the gallery before 4 o'clock in the evening. Swafford

FOR 15 DAYS ONLY. We will close out our stock of refrigerators at a discount of 10 percent from the regular price. J. T. Sands, Baird, Texas. 29-2f

DEATHS.

News was received here this week that Rev. J. B. Seay died at the home of his son Ed Seay, at Roswell, New Mexico, last Sunday. "Grandpa" Seay was well known to all the old settlers of Brown and adjoining counties where as a minister of the M. E. Church South, he preached the gospel. He was universally loved and respected by all, and was one man that we believe was a Christian without a blemish. Grandpa Seay was about 85 years of age. May his soul rest in peace. It is reported that Uncle Johnny Carlisle died a few days ago in East Texas. Uncle Johnny was well known in Callahan county where he lived for a number of years. It is said that he was 90 years of age.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic party.

DISTRICT CANDIDATES.

For Congress 16th District. HON. O. T. MAXWELL, of Cisco. For District Attorney, 42nd Judicial District. W. R. CHAPMAN, of Anson.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For County Judge. I. N. JACKSON. For County Attorney. J. N. WOODS. For County and District Clerk. W. P. (DICK) COCHRAN. For Sheriff and Tax Collector. T. A. (AL) IRVIN. For County Treasurer. J. E. W. LANE. For Tax Assessor. T. J. NORRELL. For County Surveyor. T. H. FLOYD. For Hide and Animal Inspector. W. C. ASBURY. For Public Weigher, Baird. JOE MCGOWEN. For County Commissioner Pre. No. 1. W. A. HINDS. For County Commissioner Pre. No. 2. PHILLIP YOST. For County Commissioner Pre. No. 3. J. H. BURNAM. For Public Weigher, Putnam. J. H. SHACKELFORD. For Justice of the Peace Pre. No. 1. L. O. OLIVER. For Justice of the Peace Pre. No. 5. H. C. DARDEN. For Constable Pre. No. 5. J. T. (Tom) MARSHALL.

THINE AND MINE.

We reproduce the following beautiful poetic gem by an unknown author and sent by an unknown friend to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Dallas after the recent death of their only child, little Margie Marian. It will touch tender chords and possible, comfort many another aching heart sorrowing for precious little loved ones gone from earthly homes.

I closely held within my arms A jewel rare; Never had one so rich and pure Engaged my care; 'Twas my own, my precious jewel, God gave it to me; 'Twas mine, who else should care for it, So tenderly? But the Master came one day My gem to take; I cannot let it go, I cried, My heart would here ask; Nay, but the Master comes for it, To bear it above To deck His royal diadem, He comes in love, But, Master, it is my treasure, My jewel rare, I'll safely guard and keep it pure, And very fair; If thou keep'st my gem, He said, It may be lost; The threshold of my home, no thief Has ever crossed. And where the heart's rich treasure is, The heart will be; The jewel will be safe above, Gone before thee; The Master said these words and gazed With pitying look, While in the early hush of eve My gem he took. Close to my heart that eve I held, Tears falling fast, An empty casket—the bright gem Was safe at last. Yes, Master, thou may'st keep my own, For it is Thine; Safe in the house not made with hands, 'Tis Thine and mine.

MASONIC ELECTION.

At a regular meeting of Baird Lodge No. 522 A. F. & A. M. last Saturday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Jno. W. Woods, W. M. L. L. Blackburn, S. W. B. L. Boydston, J. W. A. Cooke, Treas. Jas. H. Walker, Sec. J. E. Gilliland, Tiler.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The date for holding the Congressional convention at Mineral Wells has been changed from July 15th to 8th as the 15th is the day the state convention meets. Delegates and others interested will take notice.

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT CONVENTION.

The Democracy of Caddo Peak, Pre. No. 11, met as per call of R. M. Hudson, chairman. Jno. W. Aiken was elected permanent chairman for two years. R. M. Hudson was elected secretary. The following delegates were elected delegates to the County Democratic Convention which meets at Baird, June 21, 1902. Jno. W. Aiken, R. M. Hudson, W. L. Chatham and J. E. Hudson. Delegates go uninstructed for all State officers except Hon. Ocie Speer for Associate Justice Court (Civil Appeals, who they are instructed to support. W. R. Smith was indorsed for Congress. W. P. Sebastian was indorsed for State Senator. No further business appearing the Convention adjourned. JNO. W. AIKEN, Chm. R. M. HUDSON, Secy.

DR. MOFFETT'S TEETHINA (TEETHING POWDER) Costs Only 25 cents at Druggists. Curves Cholera-Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and the Bowel Troubles of Children of Any Age. Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Strengthens the Child and Makes TEETHING EASY. THE LAMAR & RANKIN DRUG CO., Wholesale Druggists.

TWO JIMS PALACE, WELCH & SEAY Proprietors. The Finest Whiskies, Alcohols, Wines, Cigars. ALWAYS ON HAND. Ice Cold Beer 5cts. a Glass. Baird, Texas.

SUMMER GOODS? H. SCHWARTZ. Reduced Prices. - SAT GREATLY

CARTER & SPENCER, ONE PRICE GROCERS. Respectfully ask a share of your patronage. We have a complete line of Fresh Groceries and Feed. Give us a trial. Telephone 114.

NOTICE. I have bought Mr. Triplett's float and am again in the business at Baird. I will appreciate any business I may receive from my old friends and the public generally. S. H. MORGAN. Saved From An Awful Fate. "Everybody said I had consumption," writes Mrs. A. M. Shields, of Chambersburg, Pa., "I was so low after six months of severe sickness, caused by Hay Fever and Asthma, that few thought I could get well, but I learned of the marvelous merit of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, used it, and was completely cured." For desperate Throat and Lung Diseases it is the safest cure in the world, and is infallible for Coughs, Colds and Bronchial Affections. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00 at Powell & Powell, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas. R. A. Kendall and family, Rev. W. W. Moss, Mrs. Percy, Mrs. R. Phillips, Miss Clair and Master Harold Phillips spent a few days on the Bayou fishing this week. Leads Them All. "One Minute Cough Cure beats all other medicine I have ever tried for coughs, colds, croup and throat and lung troubles," says D. Scott Currin of Loganton, Pa. One Minute Cough Cure is the only absolutely safe cough remedy which acts immediately. Mothers everywhere testify to the good it has done their little ones. Croup is so sudden in its attacks that the doctor often arrives too late. It yields at once to One Minute Cough Cure. Pleasant to take. Children like it. Sure cure for grip, bronchitis coughs. Powell & Powell. June Don't Overlook. "Swan's Down" like Flour. IN PACKETS. HAVE YOURS! JERSEY CREA FLOUR, CHEAPEST AND BEST. ALL GOODS GUARANTEED. Phone No. 44. George S. Jardin, GROCER, Baird, Texas. I have more horse-drawn wagons than I need and am anxious to sell part of them. M. Merry. 22-1

The Days Are Hot!

And it is disagreeable for the Ladies to be out on the street in the heat of the day, if you wish to do your shopping in the cool of the evening, come to our store.

We Keep Open Until 9 O'clock These Evenings.

This is done for the accomodation and comfort of our town customers and railroad trade.

OUR BARGAINS ARE VERY NUMEROUS AND ALL NEW GOODS.



Our line of 12 1/2ct White Goods have been reduced 25 per cent and in some cases we have made 1-2 former prices. We have reduced the price on our immense line of Slippers 25 per cent or 1-4 off former prices.

Our line of Shirt Waist are already very cheap, but we want to sell everyone we have on hand and we will give you 25cts off on every dollar in this line. Come and see those silk waist for less than \$2 others get \$4 for the same.

Come to the right place, we are selling Straw Hats at very much reduced rates and Millinery Goods at very much reduced rates, some at half price.

Remember we carry the Hamilton Brown Shoes and they are the cheapest considering the quality and you know it. I want your trade and if the best goods and cheapest price is any inducement you cannot go anywhere else to do your trading. Remember the place.



T. E. POWELL, Baird, Tex.

LOCAL NEWS

E. C. Fulton went to Abilene Wednesday evening.

Roy Edwards, from the Bayou, was in the city Wednesday.

There is some talk of a new opera house being built in Baird in the near future.

R. J. Harris, of Admiral, attended the regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge Saturday night.

Mrs. Henry James, who has been visiting Gen. and Mrs. F. W. James returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fair and Miss Lillian Thompson, of Terrell are visiting in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rushing.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McCauley, came in on the evening train Tuesday and will visit a day or so with Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Ramsey before they return to their at Merkel.

A small frame house in the north part of town was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. It was outside of the fire limits, consequently the fire boys could do nothing more than save a few things from the building. It was occupied by Mrs.

Jno. Franks, has accepted a position with Terrell the druggist, and will also play with the Baird base ball team this season. With the addition of Coffman now, and the "Stars" can meet anything going. Several fine games are on already, look out for the near future.

Monroe Kerr foreman of the steel gang was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Baird Lodge No 522 Saturday night. Mr. Kerr is a son of Monroe Kerr of Carlsbad N. M., a former citizen of Washington county, and for several years Mayor of Brenham. The Kerr family, we called them "Carr" was one of the first families that came to the state and settled in Washington county before the Texas revolution, where they were living when the writer was born fifty-three years ago. The old Carr farm near Old Union Hill is known to all old settlers in the north part of Washington county.

POSTED.—My ranch on the Bayou 15 miles south of Baird is posted and I forbid any one to fish or hunt on my ranch without my written permission. WM. McMANIS.

L. Hearn, C. C. Seal and other Belle Plainites were in town Monday.

Charley McDermott, of Burkett visited his brother, W. R., this week.

Mrs. G. W. Ham and niece are visiting in Colorado City this week.

Mr. Lige Cutbirth and bride visited relatives in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Windham and W. B. Ellis of Tecumseh were in town Tuesday.

County Clerk W. P. Cochran and family left Wednesday for a weeks visit at Mineral Wells.

Captain and Mrs. Lea have gone to Minnesota, where they will spend the summer with Mrs. Lea's parents.

One of Pomp Cutbirth's children was bitten by a dog supposed to be mad, at Belle Plain this morning.

J. S. Burnam, living northeast of Putnam, called at THE STAR office Tuesday. He reports cron in bad shape in his neighborhood, though cotton is doing well.

Mrs. W. A. Hinds and children, accompanied by little Lillie Solomon, left last Friday night for Big Springs where they will spend sometime visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Henry Seale, of Brazos county paid his brother C. C. Seale, of Belle Plain a short visit and returned home Monday. Mr. Seal says the corn crop is materially damaged in his county by the dry weather which prevails over Middle and south Texas.

Sam Gholson has been in a battle with outlaws again on the border of New Mexico. The report is that he killed five men and wounded five more two of whom have since died. The wounded men were captured by Gholson and one of his men.

John Hart was in town this week working in the interest of his son, Earle Hart, who stands charged with murder in Colorado. It was a surprise to hear of Earle's troubles as he was about the last boy we would have suspected of being charged with murder. We did not learn the particulars.

K. of P. ENTERTAINMENT

was postponed last night on account of the rain to to-night Thursday. All invited guests will govern themselves accordingly.

Some of Callahan's boys are having trouble up in Colorado.

FOR BARGAINS

For refrigerators call at J. T. Sands, Baird, Texas. 29-21

B. Y. P. U.

Subject for Sunday June 22, 1902, at 4 o'clock p. m. Practical Humility, by leader, Weaver Taylor.

- 1 Song and prayer.
- 2 Scripture lesson, Matt. 23-1-11. Isa. 57-15.
- 3 Hymn.
- 4 True Humility, What it is. Paper, Miss Commora Moon.
- 5 Hymn.
- 6 True Humility, How Does it Magnify Itself? by Emmett Lee.
- 7 Bible reading.
- 8 Closing.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rice returned from Colorado City Monday morning where they have been visiting relatives for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott have gone to San Angelo to visit Mr. Scott's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Scott.

Misses Lauraetta and Jeff Lambert and Miss Flora Mitchell are visiting relatives on the Bayou this week.

Mr. Jno. Baker and daughters Misses Lucy and Clara of Sabano were in Baird the latter part of last week shopping.

Hugo Foy returned home Monday from Bryan where he graduated at the A. & M. College last week. His class mates presented him with a handsome gold watch which he prizes very much. Hugo says he did not learn much about farming but did learn something about engineering and chemistry among other things.

MARRIED.

WEBB—McDERMOTT—Mr. Lee Webb and Miss Ida McDermott daughter of Mr. Charles McDermott about 30 miles South of Baird were married at the residence of the bride's parents yesterday morning. Rev. Whately officiating. They came to Baird late yesterday evening. They will go west tonight possible as far as El Paso.

Some weeks ago Hub Jones and two other men on the Pryor ranch in Colorado, had trouble with the Hallford Bros., some neighboring stockmen, about putting cattle out of Pryor's pasture. The Hallford party rode up to the barn where Hub Jones, Keith and another man were saddling their horses and opened fire on them without warning. One of the men in Hub's party was killed, but Hub and Keith stood their ground and finally routed the Hallford party after a sharp skirmish. A. M. Pryor, Jr. writes Fayette Jones that the coroner's jury had exonerated Hub Jones and Keith as they fought in self defense. The Hallford party are in jail charged with murder.

Jack Jones
Hotel Seay Barber Shop
YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

FOR SALE.

160 acres of fine bottom land ten miles N. E. of Baird, 50 acres in cultivation. On same premises a "Wonder Pump" boiler, engine and pipe. The above for sale at a bargain and on terms to suit. Address

MRS. J. M. INGLE, Abilene, Tex. 28-4t

A Splendid Remedy.

Neuralgic pains, rheumatism, lumbago and sciatic pains yield to the penetrating influence of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the nerves and bones, and being absorbed into the blood, its healing properties are conveyed to every part of the body and effects some wonderful cures. Mr. D. F. Moore, Agent Ill Central Railway, Millar, Tenn., states: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment, for rheumatism, backache, etc in my family. It is a splendid remedy. We could not do without it." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 a R. Phillips & Son. June

Squire P. E. Smith, of Uvalde, a former citizen of Clyde, was in town Wednesday, Squire Smith has been visiting at Clyde for some weeks. They will come back to get a drink of water in old Callahan though they may stray ever so far away.

A Real Friend.

"I have suffered from dyspepsia and indigestion for fifteen years," says W. T. Sturdevant of Merry Oaks, N. C. "After I had tried many doctors and medicine to no avail one of my friends persuaded me to try Kodol. It gave immediate relief. I can eat almost anything I want now and my digestion is good. I cheerfully recommend Kodol." Don't try to cure stomach trouble dieting. That only further weakens the system. You need wholesome strengthening food. Kodol enables you to assimilate what you eat by digesting it without the stomach's aid. Powell & Powell. June.

A party of Bairdites are out on Hubbard this week angling for the finny tribe. Among them are Dr. Ramsey, H. O. Powell, Jno. Castles, Jno. W. Woods and others.

Virulent Cancer Cured.

Startling proof of a wonderful advance in medicine is given by druggist G. W. Roberts of Elizabeth, W. Va. An old man there had long suffered with what good doctors pronounced incurable cancer. They believed his case hopeless till he used Electric Bitters and applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which treatment completely cured him. When Electric Bitters are used to expel bilious, kidney and microbe poisons at the same time this salve exerts its matchless healing power, blood diseases, skin eruptions, ulcers and sores vanish. Bitters 50c, Salve 25c at Powell & Powell, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Seasonable Goods!



WATER COOLERS, SCREEN DOORS, SCREEN WIRE, ET. Harry Meyer.

Spring Fever.

Spring fever is another name for biliousness. It is more serious than most people think. A torpid liver and inactive bowels means a poisoned system. If neglected, serious illness may follow such symptoms. DeWitt's Little Early Risers remove all danger by stimulating the liver, opening the bowels and cleansing the system of impurities. Safe pills. Never Gripes. "I have taken DeWitt's Little Early Risers for torpid liver every spring for years," writes R. M. Everly, Moundsville, W. Va. They do me more good than anything I have tried."

For biliousness use Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets. They cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels, effecting a quick and permanent cure. For sale by R. Phillips & Son, Baird Texas and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

Guaranteed.

Plantation Chill Cure, tasteless and plain is guaranteed to be a permanent cure for chills and fever, dumb and third day chills, bilious and remittent fever, liver, liver complaint and jaundice, and to dispel malaria. Pleasant, any child can take it. Harmless, but sure. No cure no pay. Price 50 cents. Manufactured by Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co. For sale by Powell & Powell. No. 1

Phillips & Son have a new stock of wall paper and are selling it at a 10 per cent discount. Call and see it. 24

Hot Weather Weakness.

If you feel fagged out, listless and lacking in energy, you are perhaps suffering from the debilitating effects of summer weather. These symptoms indicate that a tonic is needed that will create a healthy appetite, make digestion perfect, regulate the bowels and impart natural activity to the liver. This, Herbine will do; it is a tonic, laxative and restorative. H. J. Freegard Prop. Grand View Hotel, Cheney, Kan, writes: "I have used Herbine for the last 12 years and nothing on earth can beat it. It was recommended to me by Dr. Newton Kan." 50c at R. Phillips & Son. June

Of what does a bad taste in your mouth remind you? It indicates that our stomach is in a bad condition and will remind you that there is nothing so good for such a disorder as Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Liver Tablets after having once used them. They cleanse and invigorate the stomach and regulate the bowels. For sale at 25 cents per box by R. Phillips & Son, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr, Putnam Texas.

DOWN BY THE RIO GRANDE

By
H. S.
CANFIELD

a globe-trotting fellow who had gone out to see the fun. His name was Francis Chetwynd and he was an M. P. from Yorkshire. He had been much in London society some years before. He talked a good deal with the prisoner, finding that he was English, and finally, on the principle that blood is thicker than water, slipped him a pen-knife. That night the captive disappeared, nor have the French or Algiers seen him from that day to this.

"I need not tell you more, Miss English. The man was Maude. Chetwynd recognized him beyond doubt. The worst of it was that, returning to London, Chetwynd drank too much wine one night and told the story to an intimate. This intimate told to another intimate and so on. It did not become generally known, but all of the family connections and the friends of the family knew of it. Maude arrived in London not a great while afterward. Society in general had nothing against him, except a faint memory of the old racing scandal, about which there was never anything positive. His wife was dead. He seemed to be possessed of means. He was received practically on his old footing. This was only a year ago. Glynn got a letter from him one day in which he expressed a wish to come out. He came, liked the country, bought some cattle and has been with us since. Six months later my folks wrote me the details of this. I have wished often since that they had kept mum about it, but I am glad now that I was made acquainted with the facts. It has enabled me to do you a service. I know that you acquit me of any selfish motive. In fact," with a wide smile, "I asked you to marry me before I told you and was rejected with scorn."

Lois put out her hand and took his. She held it closely while looking into his frank eyes. There was a dash of moisture in her own and her voice was low and controlled with an effort as she said:

"You are my brother, Mr. Allyn—in this wide country my nearest of kin." For what you have done for me God will reward you some day, I know, with a good woman's love. You have done by me as you would wish your sister, so placed, to be done by. I shall never forget it. I don't know that I would have accepted last night's offer—I don't think that I would—but the service rendered has been great, nevertheless. I shall write him his answer this afternoon. No hint of the things you have told me shall appear in it. He shall not know that I have been warned."

"By Jove, yes!" said Allyn. "Do you know what would happen if my share in his rejection were known to him?"

"No; what?" Lois had grown somewhat pale.

"Think of his life in Sahara; think what he must have seen, what he must have done, what he must have been. I should be dead in a week; that's all. A more desperate or more cruel man does not live. I don't think that I fear him, or any one especially, but I feel sure that he would slay an enemy as he would slay a wild animal, without giving him even the wild animal's chance of flight. Fair fight is one thing and assassination is another."

"He shall not know," was the steady answer; "no one shall ever know. I will show you my answer to him if you wish."

Allyn's fair face flushed bright red to the roots of his hair.

"Really, Miss English—Miss Lois—Lois," he stammered, "I'm not that kind of fellow, you know. I—I don't want to see your correspondence. I'm responsible for the poor devil's being singled, but I don't care to watch the iron which burns him. I have done what I have done from a sense of duty and from liking for you. The matter is now wholly in your hands. But I'm willing to avow my share in it if it becomes necessary."

He had risen and his slender figure was erect. Lois saw that she had made a mistake. She was not sufficiently familiar with young men of the Allyn class to know how intensely one of them would resent a suspicion of his courage; any intimation that he was hiding behind a petticoat. Again she laid her hand on his and spoke soothingly.

"Don't be foolish, Mr. Allyn. I know you. To-day you have shown yourself to me a brave man; one of the bravest of the brave. I—I will kiss you, if you like."

His boyish ginging laugh sounded through the wide room.

"Well," he said, "that's more than"

ny of the other renegades have afforded them. I'm lucky after all, even if my addresses were refused."

He passed his arm about her waist, kissed her lightly on the cheek and was gone, swinging his sombrero. Lois rubbed the spot with her handkerchief, looked at it thoughtfully as if she expected some of the lip-pressure to come off, peeped into a mirror, saw that her brow and throat were scarlet, smiled brightly and said in a half whisper: "He is my brother, after all."

That afternoon as Russell Maude, white with dust, swung himself from the saddle in front of the bachelors' quarters, one of the maids gave him a sealed note. He glanced at the superscription, tossed the note to a Mexican hostler and walked into his room, closing and locking the door after him. Throwing himself into a chair he tore open the envelope feverishly and read:

"My Dear Mr. Maude:—I have thought the matter over in all its bearings and this is the answer for which you have asked: I cannot be your wife. I value the compliment you have paid me and I know your sincerity, but I do not love you and I do not think that I could learn to love you. I do not think that I shall ever marry, but if I do my heart must go with my hand. Please regard this as final. I wish you contentment, if not happiness. Sincerely,

"Lois English."

For long the ex-soldier sat—sat until the swift dusk came through the window, the letter clenched in his hand. Then he rose, tore it to bits and set his heel on the bits. His face was drawn and haggard, his sharp, white teeth had gnawed his underlip until the blood spurted and there were dried drops of it on his breast. Who shall say what wasted years, what excesses, what crimes had passed in review before him? He staggered slightly as he walked across the room and looked into a glass. An evil light burned in his small, dark eyes. He uttered but one word—a word with which he had



"Kismet."

been familiar on African sands, which had clung to him, in which he believed utterly: "Kismet!"

That night at dinner he turned to the company the same stern, impassive face. He was once more repressed, self-centered, immovable. He had bowed gravely to Lois, conveying subtly his acceptance of her decision, but that night in the drawing room he said to her:

"It is an episode that is ended, Miss English. You need not fear pursuit from me, but I know that our fates are blended. We cannot separate them, try as we may."

CHAPTER VI.

Some enemies to Senor Vavara. On the front gallery of the ranche-house four men were gathered in talk. They were Glynn, Russell Maude, Allyn and a Mexican herd-boss, named Juan Garza. They spoke in low tones with heads close together. Maude had just joined the group and for his benefit the Mexican was rehearsing his tale.

"Eet was lak dis," he said, tracing with his finger on the floor an imaginary route. "We—Antonio Villega, Carlos Martine, Gregorio Garcia, Trinidad Flores an' me—we rid dose cows fo' to look fo' flies in dem. So we r-ride an' r-ride close to de r-river were dose cows was used to be. We don' fin' dose cows; we fin' broad r-rack liddin' to de r-river. We follow dose r-rack to de r-river an' we fin' were dose r-rack go into de r-river an' com' out de r-river on op'site side—otro lado. I say—me—to Carlos Martine: 'Dat dan Vavara he been here,' an' Carlos say 'Si.' Antonio Villega an' Gregorio Garcia an' Trinidad Flores dey all say 'Si.' Don we r-ride lak de win' fo' dis 'ous an' i here."

"Exactly," said Glynn. "You see, Maude, that Vavara is at his old work. Not content with smuggling, he wishes to be a cattle-lifter and, not content with that, he would doubtless add a little brigandage to his score if given opportunity. How many cows in that bunch, Juan?"

"Mebbe fifty; mebbe twenty, dunno."

"And when do you think they were crossed?"

"Oh 'tis not certin; but yistiddy sometime; yistiddy mor-rain, yass."

"Well, it's evident that they are far away by now and looking for them in Mexico would be equivalent to looking for a needle in a haystack, with the difference that in this case the needle has a Winchester carbine under its right knee and there are a good many needles. What did you say that those"

"Bout to be up de bank fom de ar-prova"

"But there is no ford near that point."

"Yass; dey ees fo'd. I deed not know eet till I see de tr-racks, but dey ees fo'd; sho!"

"A secret ford, eh? That explains a good many things in the loss of cattle that we have never been able to understand. That will do, Juan. Go back to your work and don't say any thing to the other hands. We'll have to fix things with Senor Vavara, I guess."

Glynn's indolent eyes were blazing. He cared little about the value of the lost cattle, though it was of considerable amount, but for the fourth time within a year the noted Mexican smuggler and bandit had outwitted him and his associates and he was growing restive under it. The white men held a council of war. In their talk these facts developed:

Ramon Vavara, supposedly a former officer of the Mexican army, had appeared upon the Rio Grande two years before, coming from no one could say where, further than that it was some place in the far interior of the strange republic. He was not more than thirty years old, handsome, an expert horseman, seemingly immune to fatigue and of great daring and indus-

try. He had gathered about a band of some fifty frontier Mexicans, men with no consciences, no fear and intimately acquainted with every road, path, hill, prairie and cactus thicket in all that section of Mexico and Texas. So armed, he had begun his career as a smuggler, laughing at the few customs officers on either side of the river and, in fact, protected in his wrong-doing by Americans and Mexicans alike. They got from him cheaper goods and saved their consciences with the thought that they were only doing as their betters do in every port of the world. Had Vavara stuck to smuggling he would have met with little opposition. It was, however, too slow a method of getting rich and he began cattle-lifting. For a hundred miles up and down the river he kept the ranchmen in a state of dread. He stole always from the American side, instantly crossing the river into Mexico. Once there he was safe from pursuit, as neither state rangers nor United States regulars dared to traverse that steam into foreign territory for fear of international complications. Time and again they had received information of an intended raid and rushed to the scene of operations, only to find a broad trail leading to the river, ending on this side and beginning again on the other. Once two rangers, made reckless by chagrin, had followed into Mexican territory. They disappeared into the line of hills and they did not come back. Members of Vavara's band were scattered in twos and threes among the ranches on either side of the Rio Grande. They hired themselves as cowhands and it was impossible to identify them until the harm had been done. He kept with him always, however, a force of twenty to twenty-five picked fighters, sufficient to repel any ordinary attack by customs guards or soldiers.

In the conference on the ranche gallery it was noticeable that both Glynn and Allyn, having vented their spleen in a string of vigorous oaths, waited to hear what Maude had to say. They knew—although he did not know that they knew—that he was an expert in the kind of work they had in contemplation. He remained silent for five minutes, thinking deeply.

"Come, old man," said Glynn at last. "Let us know what you have in your head. Can't you think of any way to get at this devil and fix him so that he will let other folks' property alone?"

"Well," Maude answered slowly, "there is but one way to fight a man like that. You must use the same weapons. If he were in love with a woman, now, and trusted her we might accomplish his ruin easily. I have heard of such things being done."

"No use," said Allyn. "He hasn't enough soul in him to love anybody. He cares only for money and the clothing and food and drink that money will buy."

"Then," Maude went on, "get after him in the way he gets after us. You say that he has a man on pretty nearly every ranche within a hundred miles—may have one on this ranche for all you know; very likely has one. Send him a man to enlist with him. Have you a Mexican you can trust?"

The fellow who has just left us is utterly faithful, I believe," Glynn answered, "and he is intelligent. He has been with me for five years."

"Send him! He can only get shot, and a dead Mexican is of only a little less value than an alive one. Call Juan Garza."

The man came in response to the summons and, removing his sombrero, sat on the floor of the gallery, his bright dark eyes fixed on his employer's face. He interrupted only once and then with an emphatic grunt of approval. He was told quickly what was wanted of him. He was to mount a good horse, arm himself and go up the river on the Texas side for fifty miles, then cross into Mexico, come southward and join Vavara's people, apparently from the interior of the sister republic. He was to represent that he had got into trouble at his home and desired work of any kind so that there was money in it. If Vavara enlisted him, as seemed likely, he was to serve with the band until he got information of a raid and then was to communicate two days beforehand with Balcones ranche. He was to stay with Vavara men until the raid was made, it being undertaken, by his American allies that he was not to be hurt by them in any scrimmage which followed. Upon this service of deceit and extreme peril Garza entered as readily as he would have accepted an

order to rope, tie and brand a steer. He listened intently and when the instructions were given, rose, put on his sombrero and started away.

"Where are you going?" Allyn called to him.

"Go geet 'oss," he replied, turning only his head. "Sta bueno." (It is all right.)

"That," said Maude, looking at him musingly, "is the kind of men to have around. One could do a lot in this, or any other, country with a hundred men like that. I begin to suspect that there is trouble ahead for Senor Vavara." His lean jaw had set and his small eyes were narrowed to slits.

This was early in January. On the 18th of the month toward evening a young woman came to the ranche and asked for the proprietor. Glynn met her and received a small slip of coarse brown paper such as is used in country stores for wrapping packages. These words were scrawled on it with a blunt pencil in misspelled Spanish: "The herd led by the paint-horse might cross at the same ford at night. Ask the vaqueros to head them off."

Glynn looked at the woman keenly. "Your name?" he asked.

"Candelaria Yturri," she answered without hesitation.

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Many Senators to Be Elected.

Senatorial elections will be held in a number of states this year and next, the terms expiring in March, 1903, including those of "Billy" Mason, Senators Platt of New York, Jones of Arkansas, Teller of Colorado, Orville H. Platt of Connecticut, Fairbanks of Indiana, Allison of Iowa, Gallinger of New Hampshire, Penrose of Pennsylvania, McLaurin of South Carolina, Spooner of Wisconsin.

Censorship of Comic Papers.

Foreign comic papers are being subjected to a strict censorship in Germany just now. A special lookout is being kept for those published in America which contain pictures considered disrespectful to the kaiser.

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Berlin residents have been warned by the police president that he will, if the practice is persisted in, make it a punishable offense to alight from electric cars while they are in motion.

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Soldiers May Wear Spectacles.

Spectacles will be allowed henceforth in the British army, as the War office has issued orders permitting officers and soldiers to wear glasses on and off duty.

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 "With your father?"
 A faint blush showed through the clear dark cheek. "With my man—with my husband."
 "Who and what is your husband?"
 "Pancho Yturri; a vaquero."
 "Where did you get this?" holding out the paper.
 "My sister gave it me."
 "Where did she get it?"
 "From her girl cousin."
 "Where did she get it?"
 "I do not know. The senator is inquisitive and I am tired."
 "Do you know Juan Garza?"
 Again the same quick blush. "Senator, I know no such man. Is it intended to belittle me? I am a wife, I said."
 Glynn smiled. "It is well," he said. "Go you into the kitchen and rest and eat. Ten miles is far for a woman. I will see that you are conveyed to the home of the Senator Yturri. My well wishes and thanks to your sister and cousin."
 The woman nodded quietly and walked away under guidance of a maid.

Glynn called another council. Maude and Allyn had no doubt of the genuineness of the warning. It meant, of course, that the cattle would be raided on the night of the second day thereafter and that they would be crossed at the secret ford by which the last "lift" had been taken. There was no indication of how many men Vavara had with him, or of how many he would use. The Hon. Henry Lascelles, the Hon. C. Claybrough, the Hon. L. Louis Godwyn, the Hon. Georgia R. Peyton, the Hon. William Fontaine and Mr. John Royal Deveraux, all of whom formed part of this council, did not believe that the note was in good faith. It was preposterous, they said, that a Mexican fellow whose business it was to punch cows could so quickly become a member of such a band and ascertain the intentions of its leader. Juan Garza, they declared, was somewhere dead in the chaparral and the handwriting was Vavara's own, designed to mislead and betray.
 "However," said Mr. Deveraux, voicing thereby the sentiments of his companions, "it's blimed dull around here, with nothing better to shoot than black-tailed deer. We have not had even a cougar in two years. If the Mexican fellow is after cattle we'll catch him, and if he wants fight he can have it. I say, chaps, let's go out and shoot Vavara."

So said they all of them. A merry crowd it was, fresh-cheeked and alive with the joy of living.
 A half hour later a rider, with instructions to ride hard, dashed from the ranche and headed to the north-eastward. His destination was Fort Clark, twenty miles away. Hills bare, hills swathed to their tops in tangles of mesquite, huisache, catalaw and cacti, stretches of level hard prairie, stretches of deep sand, arroyos with only blue and brown pebbles on their dry beds, arroyos with sparkling water girth-deep to the horse lay between him and his goal, yet he was light of weight, he sat his steed as if they were one and the same animal, he rode from the knees up and crouched forward so that his pounds should not press upon the back of the horse and he knew that in two hours at furthest would see him in the little frontier town of Brackett, hard by the fort—Brackett with its dance-hall, its saloon, its Mexican girls and, above all, its monte tables. As he rode he swung the quirt which dangled from his right wrist by a thong and his white teeth gleamed be-



"Your name," he asked.

tween parted lips as he carolled his Mexican roundelay: "Querida! Querida! Stella de mi vida!"
 This rider, in a leathern pouch attached to the saddle, bore a letter. It was addressed to "Captain Robert Harding, U. S. A., Fort Clark," and signed "Glynn." It said merely:
 "My Dear Harding—I have information in which I place reliance that Vavara will cross the river day after tomorrow night. He wants cattle. I don't know how many men he will have. The crossing will be made at a newly discovered ford a few miles below here. Wouldn't you like to catch him, wherever he may be? Can you send some men, or, better still, can you bring some men here by to-morrow evening. We will go with you and we ought to get the 'Black Fox' this time. If there are any rangers near, you can exercise your discretion about letting them know. May I count on you?"
 When Robert Harding read this note he smiled. Then he glanced at his spurs on the table in his quarters and at his pistols in their holsters on the wall. Then he turned to the Mexican messenger and said:
 "No monte for you to-night, my son;

no mescal; no agudiente; no fat Mexican gals; no cacha; no nothing but sweat and work. Back your cayuse, Don Juan Antonio Jesus Maria San Miguel de Bustamante de Palacios y Caramba, and head him southwestward. Make him pick up four feet where he puts down two. Find your boss; just tell him that you saw me and he will know no rest."
 The Mexican, not a shade of disappointment on his face, turned to remount, then paused and said tentatively:
 "One ill drink?"
 "Sure," said the captain, much sympathizing in his gray eyes. "Here! Try this!"
 He extracted a decanter from the bottom section of a pine sideboard, and handed it to the rider with a goblet. The goblet was filled two-thirds full and tossed off without the quiver of an eyelash. Five minutes later broncho and vaquero had disappeared, going at the tireless gallop with which they had come.

CHAPTER VII.

Seminole Scouts of the Southwest.
 Next afternoon, just as the sun, a fiery red, was rushing to its rest behind the far Mexican mountains, the watchers at the ranche, looking eastward, saw suddenly outlined against the sky a troop of horsemen with a solitary figure well to the front. They were five miles away when they swept over the brow of the hill, but in that clear air it was plain to see that they were riding two abreast at a long swinging trot. Even as they showed they melted into the slope beneath them and became indistinguishable. Twenty minutes later they came once more into view, their pace unchecked and regularly unbroken. Five minutes afterward the long roll of the hoofs came to the ear and then showed plainly beyond the arroyo, before they plunged into its ravine to the cool, clear water beneath. As they splashed through, paused for their horses to drink and then came up the incline, Lois, peering through a window, saw that the man in front was short and fleshy, with a resolute yet merry face; that the men behind him were tall and powerful and swart of visage and that all were clad in dusty blue. She did not then, nor for some time afterward, know the cause of the visit, but she recognized them as cavalry regulars and her heart beat fast to see the precision of their movements and their stern, soldierly bearing. The troop, twenty-five in all, halted at thirty yards distance and saluted. The men then rested at ease in the saddle while Robert Harding swung himself down and came forward with a smile. He was met half-way by Glynn, who shook his hand heartily and said:
 "Prompt as ever, captain. It's a jewel you are."

"Of brightest ray serene," Harding answered, shaking hands vigorously with the others, to all of whom he was known. "My men may have the old quarters, I presume."
 "Of course," answered the host. "The house is ready for them and the sergeant knows where it is. Order them to break ranks when you please."
 Harding gave a brief command and the men swung to the southward, where a ground of outbuildings stood. Fifteen minutes later the horses had been tethered and fed and the campfires were going. Harding, in his worn uniform, looked dusty but business-like among the dress-coated men. He did not think to apologize for his costume. He knew the customs of Balcone's ranche well, but he was in the field, not in barracks. He was shown to a room by Glynn himself, who treated him with the respect and cordiality due a tried officer. There he dashed some water on his face and hands, ran a clothes brush over and around his portly body and announced himself fit and hungry. They repaired to the drawing room. Lois could not have explained the thrill she felt when he was introduced, but it was due to the fact that after weeks among men of another nation she was now in the presence of one who wore the uniform of her own. She was glad to see that in case of manner and gentleness of bearing he was in no wise inferior to those representatives of the best blood of the mother country. Harding was, indeed, much of a man of the world. While his fifteen years of service had been passed in the main on the frontier, he knew courts and camps and cities, was as familiar with London and the continent as the Englishmen themselves and had, besides, a wide knowledge of his own land. For five years he had been in command of a company of Seminole scouts at Fort Clark, and from El Paso to Brownsville was known of all and feared by the evil doer. He was still under forty and unmarried, with a gray, soldierly temper, an apparent immunity from fatigue and a courage that occasionally rose to a sublimity of recklessness. He took her in to dinner and, hungry as he was, found little time to eat so constant was their talk of places in their own loved land, so ardent their glorification of it, so insistent their belief that while England might be good America was far better. Allyn caught an inkling of their talk and announced with a laugh that it were well for all of them to keep silence while the Yankees had their innings.

"It won't last long, you know," he said, "but it'll be deadly while it does."
 When the party had reassembled in the drawing room, Harding said to her:
 "Would you like to see the Seminoles, Miss English? I think they are well worth looking at."
 She thanked him and the entire party strolled to the camp. Supper was over and the soldiers were stretched

about in unconsciously picturesque attitudes. They rose to the salute as their officer appeared, then sank back as he said: "Lie down, boys, and take it easy. You may have work to do some day."

Lois English found herself fascinated by the dark, stern faces. Each of the men was above the middle height and there were one or two giants among them. They had the looseness of limb and suppleness of the trained cavalryman, and of them all, the sergeant, huge and portly grizzled, was the only one who approached middle age. Nearly all of them were under thirty. Their faces showed their mixture of negro and Seminole Indian blood, descendants of large framed Africans and Florida red men, who had once fought to the death amid the palmettos and palms under the leadership of the famed Ocoola. The courages of two strong races were in them, and they looked what they were: hard riders, straight shots and desperate fighters. The fame of this troop was as broad as the land itself. They were spoken of by far camp-fires close to the Canadian line, in flushed and velvet parlors, and among the timid, thoughtful people who live southwestward of the City of Mexico.

"If you can ever make it convenient, Miss English," the captain was saying, "you must visit us at Fort Clark and I will be glad to have the men go through some revolutions for you. They and their horses have been together so long that I sometimes fancy the same soul animates man and beast. They are quite remarkable horsemen, I assure you."
 "I can believe it well," she replied, running her eye over the recumbent forms. "But I do not feel that I shall ever visit your post. It lies to the eastward of us, does it not?"
 "It does," he answered in some surprise, and looking at her more attentively. "but what does that matter? It is only twenty miles away. Does the west draw you? I have known such cases out here."

"The west or the south," she said, with a short laugh. "Perhaps you will think me foolish, but it is so with me. Since I came I have been haunted by the feeling, or presentment—call it what you will—that I shall go eastward or northward never again. Stranger still, though I was born and reared in the far northeast, I am happy in this certainty. I had the sentiment—call it sentiment!—I had the sentiment faintly, when I had taken a seat in the car at Grayborough and the wheels began to whirl under me. With each mile I traveled it grew stronger. When I saw this ranche and met its gay, hospitable, kindly people, it was very strong, indeed. Then a voice said to me—I think it was a voice; I think I heard it—a voice said to me: 'This is a resting place; here you fold your wings for a little while and resume your flight, southward and westward, southward or westward, southward and westward.' How this shall come about I do not know, but I do know that it is to happen. The voice—I call it a voice—was too distinct."

Her deep, thrilling tones had sunk almost to a murmur and she looked at him with wide, pathetic eyes. The soldier, a man of action and a man of experience, but not a man of thought or spirituality, felt uncomfortable. He said afterwards that his "skin ran in waves up and down his back." He cleared his throat loudly and said:
 "It's possible that you're right, Miss English; it's quite possible. I don't pretend to understand such things, or to know anything about them. Fact is, I have been kept so busy looking after these black infants that I've had no time to examine matters outside of the exercise ground and the march. You're a woman, and more finely strung than we men. If a man tells me anything of the kind, I think at first that he's staid at the mess-table too long, and if I find that he hasn't I think that he ought to stay at the mess-table longer. Fellow in my regiment once got out of West Point with dreams in his head; queerest chap you ever saw. Said he could 'feel the north.' Hadn't, as I understand it, read any of Du Maurier's stuff either. Just said he could 'feel the north' day and night; it never left him. Consequently he didn't need a compass; consequently he couldn't be lost anywhere; just closed his eyes and there was the north just as plain to one side of him as a jack rabbit on a sand heap. Went out shooting blue quail in the mesquite with him one day, and got separated from him by a hundred yards. Then I couldn't find him and couldn't make him hear. Hunted for him nearly all day and went back to the post expecting to find him there. Have no sense of the north myself and had a hard time getting in. Chap wasn't there. Turned out a company to search for him; looked all night; no Mr. Man. No Mr. Man next day; no Mr. Man next night. Things looking serious and whole regiment turned out. Second lieutenants too rare and precious with us to spare one without tremendous consequences to the service. Found him on the evening of the third day eighty miles from the post, semi-delirious and busily walking straight away from succor. Some of these fellows here found him, fed him on goat's milk and finally brought him. He never had a sense of the north again."

The Captain's somewhat moist, thick voice had not changed during this recital, and he looked at the girl with an honest, kindly gray eye. In turn, she looked at him with eyes of red hazel and broke into a peal of laughter.
 "It is refreshing to meet a humorist, Captain Harding," she said. "My English friends, while everything that is good and wholesome, don't see any fun in the things we see fun in."

"No humor at all, I assure you," said the Captain. "Nothing but sober truth. Fact is, this chap who 'felt the north' so strongly until he ought to have felt it, was my brother; he's down in Cuba now, broiling for the sake of a lot of yellow people whose souls are in their stomachs."
 The others of the party had returned to the ranche-house. The two stood within the circle of the freight, the semi-Seminole busy about their own amusements, not noticing their presence. Harding saw the leaping lights of the flames playing upon the dark, red masses of her hair, the smooth curves of her powerful and graceful figure, the clear flush upon her cheeks, the delicacy of her profile, the somberness in her half-veiled eyes. Suddenly she spoke:
 "I have another feeling, Captain Harding. It has come to me while we are standing here. It is that I shall need a friend ere long. I am drawn toward you, because you are the first American gentleman I have seen for long. As an American woman, in a people of kindred blood, but still not my own people, I ask you: Should occasion arise, will you be that friend?"
 He looked at her gravely, and he knew instinctively the effort it had cost her to say this. He no more imagined that she desired flirtation or that she lacked sincerity than he thought that his own idolatrous troops would rise and butcher him where he stood. So he said:
 "In anything that an American officer may do, Miss English, to aid or succor a countrywoman you may count on me. I trust no occasion may arise, but if it does, I will do my best."
 She thanked him gravely and sweetly. "Come to the house," she said. "I haven't anything of value with which to repay you, but if you like music, I will sing to you."
 Now, deep in the somewhat battered heart of "Bob" Harding was a memory of a sister girl in the old home in the Pennsylvania hills, and this sister used to sing him songs in the twilight in a voice that was deep and

rich and low. During his years on the frontier those notes had lingered with him, as the perfume of a flower will sometimes linger in the nostrils long after the flower is dust. So, when, in the hushed drawing room her glorious voice pealed like a chime of golden bells, he sat silent, absorbed with his newly-won epaulets glittering on his shoulder; the wide world ahead of him and those visions beckoning which beckon every man in his life's morning march, when his bosom is young.
 In vain did Glynn, with nod and wreathed smile intimate that there was genial company in the smoking room. In vain did Allyn tiptoe in and whisper to him and tiptoe out again, realizing that the gallant captain had sworn at him softly, but violently. In vain did the Hon. Henry Lascelles appear in the semi-dark of the hallway, catch his eye, lift a tall, thin glass, drain it to the dregs and back gleamingly out of sight. Harding sat on, transported on the waves of liquid sound to the sunny hillside where he was born, with the scent of clover about him and the heavy, busy hum of bees upon the summer air.



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CHAPTER VIII.
 The Lonely Figure at the Ford.
 As day was breaking Lois was aroused by a steady tramp of hoofs and an occasional jingle coming from a heavy bit, uptossed by an impatient steed. Going to her outer window, and peering through the blinds, she saw the troop of Seminoles heading southward and riding at a trot. At their head was Harding, and with him were all of the ranche Englishmen, except Glynn, who remained to see that the day's work was done. They climbed a hill smartly, and then dropped over its summit, a long line that grew rapidly shorter until the last rider was hidden from sight. All through that day the ranche-house had its usual quiet. The rough riders were never about the place in the light hours at any season. Lessons went on to the school-room the mistress kept to her snadded room with novel in hand, and scent bottle close by, and the servants came and went with as little noise as possible. At the dinner hour, however, the continued absence of the males made itself felt. For the first time in many moons Mrs. Glynn did not dress for the function. Her meal was served in her apartment. Lois and the children dined in the nursery and told each other stories until bedtime.
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