

## A SOLDIER OF COMMERCE

BY JOHN ROE GORDON

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### CHAPTER XVII. A TRAITOR TO THE CZAR.

**C**APTAIN ORSKOFF paced up and down the deck feverishly while the American ravenously ate his meal. Harvey, when he had finished, asked for a cigar.

"You are maddening!" said Orskoff as he handed the American a cigar. "One can see that you are not in love—not as I am."

"Sit down," said Harvey. They took chairs on deck.

"Getting excited is not going to help us any," said Harvey, puffing at his cigar. "I am as eager as you to rescue the girls. The difference is that you, without any plans, want to rush off and probably involve us in greater trouble, while I wish to plan out a line of action. Now that boat went somewhere on the Bokharan coast—where, we do not know. The thing is to get what information we can out of the robbers."

"They would lie to us."

"I don't think the chief, Palpak, would lie. Except for my presence



"Stop!" he commanded suddenly. The other robbers would have killed him, and he must feel some gratification.

"But these fellows are shrewd. We could do nothing with them unless we granted them their freedom."

"And that, of course, you would not do."

"No! I am an officer of the czar!"

"What do you intend to do with me?"

"It is my duty to return to Tiflis with you and give you over to the authorities."

"Just so. You are one of those machine-made soldiers so common in Russia—fight for the czar and die for yourself. Is that it? No; that isn't quite right—fight and die for the czar and to the devil with yourself; that's more like it. Let's look over the premises. Take my own case in a business sense. I don't know where my windmills are. They were taken to Astrakhan by that fool of a German. Well, supposing I was at liberty to go after them, the first thing I would do would be to outline a plan of getting as quickly as possible from where I am at this moment to the spot where I considered it most likely I would find them."

"I don't see the connection."

"No, of course not. But tell me—what is your duty in the matter of these robbers?"

"I have already stated that. I must take them to Tiflis and charge them with robbery. Several times the officers in charge of the money to pay the soldiers have been robbed. We suspected that it was done by some of the Bokharans. But we could never catch any."

"That's because you are a machine soldier. The third section of your police does not work that way."

"What way?"

"Without thinking. Pardon me, you insist it is your duty to go at once to Tiflis?"

"Certainly, unless we can intercept that vessel belonging to the ameer."

"Suppose we do not intercept it? Suppose the rascals make a port in Bokhara?"

"Then I must return to Tiflis and ask permission to enter the territory of the ameer in search of Koura."

Harvey looked at him and whistled.

"My friend, you accused me a short time ago of not loving as you do. Yet you sit calmly here and say you would go to Tiflis to ask permission to rescue the girl you claim to love."

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"We have had you brought here to have a businesslike talk."

Siloon, and we could not overtake them, as the finest camels of the ameer would be in waiting for them, with a guard of his best soldiers."

"Is it not possible that a caravan of rich goods will take advantage of this escort and go to Bokhara?"

"It would be so."

"There would be some delay getting started."

"The ameer's soldiers would be afraid to linger."

"Then what can be done, Palpak?"

"We put the matter into your hands."

"Excellent sir, you promise me much. One of you saved my life; the other, a Russian officer, releases me, and I can take the treasure to my starving people. I am grateful. I will do all I can to assist you in winning back the young women. From Siloon the road to Bokhara is winding. It runs through what is called the Siloon pass. We are now in what is known as the Kharabogha. A short sail from here is a small village on the coast belonging to my people. By going there and taking the trail over the mountains we can reach the Siloon pass at a point where it will be four days' journey for the caravan. It will take us only three days."

"Good!" said Harvey. "What then?"

"The Zannucks have many causes to hate the soldiers of the ameer. They will have fine camels and horses. There will also be many valuables going to Bokhara. If there is to be a wedding of a prince, there will be great feasting, and the ameer will distribute gifts. Some of these will be in the caravan. My people will follow me to the Siloon pass."

"By the Kharabogha do you mean the Scythian gulf?" asked Harvey.

"Yes. It is what we call the gulf."

"Then our plan is clear. Orskoff, you and I will go with Palpak in his boat to this village of his people and accompany his warriors to the pass. Send Nevisky to Siloon with all speed. If he finds the caravan there, let him attack and rescue the girls. If the caravan has gone, let him wait there for our return. We must go back to Siloon if we rescue the girls or there will be no way of leaving the coast."

"I will explain the plan to Nevisky," said Orskoff.

Nevisky listened with many misgivings. A Russian officer to release prisoners in this manner and to set foot on forbidden soil! But Orskoff was his superior officer. He could do nothing but obey.

The treasure was placed in Palpak's sailing vessel, and the four robbers, with Harvey and Orskoff, the latter fully armed from the stores of the gunboat, went on board. The gunboat steamed away for Siloon, and the other boat, with all sail set, started for Palpak's little village.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

## Feels Like Thirty Cents.

It makes an editor feel like thirty cents to receive a bill for groceries on a billhead printed by some cheap outfit in Massachusetts, just after having written a half column on the "abominable custom some people have of patronizing Montgomery Ward—Sears-Roebuck. It makes him feel like calling on the shade of Walton to forgive him for having been a fish called a sucker. Tote fair and practice what you preach. All newspapers are not parasites, and there is not a town in the United States of any consequence that does not owe more to some enterprising newspaper than has ever been paid.—Almagora (N. M.) Journal.

"I am a soldier of the czar!"

"Verily you are, and well have you learned your lesson. I am a soldier of commerce, and love it, but I would consider neither trade nor honor nor citizenship against the chance of saving the girl I love. To the denance with a patriotism that destroys love. Orskoff, do your duty! If you feel that it is your duty to take me and the robbers to Tiflis, do so, and forever bid farewell to Koura Blartelkis."

"But what can I do? The girls are by this time perhaps on Bokharan soil. It is against the orders of the czar for a Russian soldier to step foot in that country."

"Tiflis is several days' journey from here; Bokhara but a short distance. Somewhere, in the clutches of the Bokharans, are the girls you and I love. Your duty calls you to desert them in their need; mine calls upon me to die for them if necessary. Rather than let you take me back to Tiflis I'll fight you to the death."

Orskoff stared. Harvey turned and resumed his walk. He took several turns and closely watched Orskoff. The Russian was deeply thinking, his brow knitted in perplexity.

"Stop!" he commanded suddenly as Harvey reached him again. "You sell windmills. To no one save those who employ you do you owe allegiance. You come and go as you see fit. You are shrewd and brave and take your wares to all countries and run risks of death to promote the commercial interests of the company. You have spoken of your love. Under the whiplash of your tongue I am torn in halves with the bitterest conflict of my life. I have led my company in battle and have faced the enemy without a tremor, but that is nothing compared to the hell that is surging in my breast now. In me, in this breast, there is a conflict that overshadows anything in my experience."

"I don't understand," said Harvey.

"You would understand if you were a Russian officer and at the same time a man in love. Remember, I am performing my duty when I place you under arrest and take you back to Tiflis. You are a condemned prisoner who has escaped. With your innocence or guilt I have nothing to do. It is my duty to take those robbers to Tiflis, and it is not my duty to permit one of them to talk. Yet, as against this duty, the girl I love is in the hands of the Bokharans. You, the man who is most wanted in Tiflis, and those robbers are the only men on earth who can help me. For, once the girls are on Bokharan soil, I am helpless."

"Helpless?"

"I cannot stir regiments to cross the border. The order must come from St. Petersburg. By the time we get that order the girls will be married to the princes."

"That is what I have been striving to show you—the uselessness of your

duty in this case. I claim your duty is to go after the girls."

"Impossible! There is a secret corps for such work. I am not a soldier once off Russian soil unless sent there."

"Who asked you to be a soldier? Come with me. Let us rescue the girls. Alma has really committed a crime, I suppose, but we must risk the danger of Tiflis. I'll take care of that part when we get the girls."

"You would try to escape—would even try to kill me to escape?"

"Nonsense. If you will assist in rescuing the girls and let Alma Jurnell escape, I will go back to Tiflis with you and take my medicine."

"You would risk death and disgrace for the girl you love?"

"Yes, I'd risk hell for the girl I love."

"That is love! That is love! It is as I feel myself. Let me think! What a problem for a man to solve!"

He abruptly left Harvey, who sat down, preferring to let Orskoff work out the problem himself. Orskoff paced gravely up and down, never once looking at Harvey.

"Have you a plan?" he asked suddenly, stopping before Harvey.

"Give me your answer to the problem you have set out to solve, and I will give you the plan I have thought of."

Again that monotonous pacing up and down the deck. It seemed to Orskoff as though the Russian was growing older looking each moment. Again the feverish eyes and working lips. It came to an end at last. With a sigh as if exhausted Orskoff dropped into the chair by the side of Irons.

"Well, I have fought the fight," he said wearily.

"And won?" asked Harvey.

"No; God knows it is no victory! I have lost. My patriotism goes down before my love. I am a Russian. I know the Russian cruelties to those who defy the czar. I know the pitiless rule that breaks the hearts and destroys the lives of those who even permit a culprit to escape. Knowing this—knowing the punishment, the disgrace, the horror of treachery—I have resolved to become a traitor!"

"A traitor! What nonsense!"

"Yes, a traitor to the czar! You and I will soon be under the same condemnation. We will go together to the very throne of Bokhara if necessary and rescue those we love or die in the attempt. It is settled. I will not turn back!"

### CHAPTER XVIII.

A CONTRACT WITH A ROBBER CHIEF.

**H**ARVEY broke the spell of silence.

"I thought you would see daylight. Now that we agree, let us go on and plan. We must not lose sight of the fact that we are dealing with unknown quantities. We have no method of learning just where the

girls are. We must use measures that will assist us. What was your idea when you spoke of becoming a traitor?"

"I became a traitor the moment I gave you your liberty and accompanied you upon the proscribed ground of Bokhara."

"You must go even further than that. We must use the robbers."

"Palpak! I must at least send him and his brothers to Tiflis."

"You will then throw aside the one staff that can assist us over the difficulty."

"What use can the robbers be to us?"

"This fellow Palpak is chief of a clan called Zannucks, who hate the ameer and all those who are faithful to him. I overheard them talking in the cave. It seems the ameer levies such exorbitant taxes that the Zannucks cannot pay. He taxes everything—wives, children, cattle. That is the reason the chief seeks to rob the ameer and his people to reimburse the Zannucks. Palpak would not hesitate to help us if by helping us he could work injury to the ameer. Grant the robbers their freedom. Let them take their booty to their people on condition that they assist us in rescuing the girls."

"Set free robbers who have attacked Russian paymasters?"

"You said that you would not turn back. Now you are trying to turn two ways—one toward Tiflis, the other toward Bokhara. It will not do. If you wish to accomplish anything in this affair, you must go the whole figure—stake all and win or lose. That is the way I do business."

"What is your plan?"

"Have Palpak brought here and let us talk with him in a straightforward, businesslike way. Any man will help another if he can also benefit himself by doing so."

"I leave it to you. Your head is full of plans, while mine is simply taken up with thinking of poor Koura."

"I think of Alma as much as you do of Koura. But simply thinking will not rescue them. We must act, and act quickly."

Orskoff sent for Nevisky. The lieutenant was pacing the bridge, eager to be off. He could not understand why the captain did not hurry to Tiflis with the prisoners instead of wasting the time chatting in an apparently friendly way with one of them.

"Lieutenant, have the chief robber brought to me," said the captain.

As Palpak was being led toward them Orskoff said to Harvey: "Conduct the negotiations. I will agree to anything you plan."

Orskoff ordered the irons removed from the robber. When the three were alone, Harvey said to Palpak: "We have had you brought here to have a businesslike talk. You appreciate your situation, I suppose."

"I am a prisoner of the czar. He will perhaps kill me."

"Just so. And all of your treasure, the stealings of many months, is on board this boat."

"Yes, to enrich a Russian officer. My people can starve. The ameer's tax must be paid or twenty of our best young men and women must go to Bokhara. It is wrong."

"Of course it is wrong. We know your people hate the ameer and that the ameer is cruel. It was a strange chance that took me to that island of Ping Shong."

"You saved my life, for my brothers were mad with wine."

"Your future course will show whether I did well. Let me explain how I came to the island."

"Then, followed a detailed rehearsal of the story of Koura and Alma."

"They are beautiful girls," said Harvey as he concluded. "One is to be the wife of the captain; the other is to be my wife."

"Why do you tell me this? I am a prisoner."

"Because we want your assistance in rescuing these two girls from the net of Bokhara. They are your enemies, and you have sufficient reason to hate them."

"But I do not love the Russians more."

"This is not a question of loving the Russians. I saved your life, did I not?"

"I would do anything for you."

"Suppose you are set free and the treasure is restored to you. The only return we ask is that you give us all the assistance in your power to recover the two young women."

"Do you mean that the Russian will permit me to depart in peace to my people and take with me the treasure that I stole?"

"Yes; to rescue the young girls we will do that. The captain has promised it."

"Do you agree?" put in Orskoff anxiously.

"I am not a fool."

"That means you agree, of course," said Harvey. "The ameer is the slickest rascal in Asia, but our united brains ought to be able to outwit him. First we must figure out where the girls probably are now."

"Where was the ameer's boat when you saw it?" asked Palpak eagerly.

"I cannot say. I drifted all day and half the night before I reached the island. It went in the same direction I drifted."

"They were going to Siloon."

"What is Siloon?"

"The most important port on the Bokharan coast. It is not a Zannuck village, nor do the people like the ameer. They are far the greater part exiles from Khiva."

"Then they will not fight for the ameer?"

"No, nor against him. They wish only to be let alone."

"How long would it take the boat to reach Siloon?"

"Two days. By this time they are at

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Saturday, Chas. Houser, presented this office with some garden stuff grown on his Umbarger place. Among the turnips was one measuring 22 inches in circumference, and of the radishes one was fifteen inches in length and twelve inches in circumference. These specimens were not rough and pithy as some might suppose, but of good shape, sound all the way through and of excellent eating qualities. Mr. Houser and Mr. Keesee, who was with him, state that all other crops at Umbarger show up accordingly.

**A Dead Town.**

Following is Rev. R. H. H. Burnett's idea of what it takes to constitute a dead town:  
"A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the road to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for his town is helping to dig the grave. A man that will 'cuss' his town furnishes the coffin. The one who is so selfish as to have no time from his business to give to city affairs is making the shroud. The merchant who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy and selfish as to be always howling and times preaches the funeral and sings the doxology and thus the town lies buried free from all sorrow and care."—Brand.

**Residence Sold.**

Judge J. P. Connell last week sold his handsome residence in College addition to Eli Dunlap who lives about 13 miles east of Hereford in Deaf Smith county. He received in consideration therefor a section of land belonging to the latter. While we recognize the fact that Deaf

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Good prospects for more rain.

**HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.**

Rain in abundance. It is fine on the wheat and rye that has been sown.

J. R. Skidmore has been in our community visiting again!

Miss Mollie Hitchcock and her friends Misses Slade of Amarillo, visited her home Sunday last.

L. A. Pierce and wife returned home last Thursday from Tennessee, where they had been visiting the past month. They are perfectly satisfied to remain on the Plains now, since the chills got such a good hold on them while they were gone.

The Musical at B. F. Johnson's, given in honor of the Misses Miles of Obion, Tennessee, was quite enjoyable. Thanks to Miss Nora Miles for the nice songs and music she rendered.

J. D. Weller, who lives in the extreme northwest portion of the county, has sold his ranch. He passed through our community Wednesday en route to Canyon City where he contemplates buying a residence and locating for educational advantages.

Messrs. Swan and Fewel left Thursday of last week for their home at Auyasse, Mo.

We were somewhat aroused last week on account of a buzzing distant noise, but on investigation found it to be two candidates running a race to have his name in first. We wish them good luck, but poor dumb brute has to suffer.

School is progressing nicely. Prof. Moseley reports good attendance and interest.

The farmers are busy harvesting their feed and the yield is good.  
**TASSIE.**

Everybody who have seen the school photo say it is splendid.

**WILL COTTON OPEN.**

In the spring the question was, will cotton do well in Randall county?

The News then held, that if given the attention required to make it a success elsewhere, that it would. Today, in various portions of the county, are patches of cotton that for growth and fruitage show up as well if they don't rival the product of the central and northern prairies of the State. In fact it has surprised its best friends in doing well here. Aside from a total absence of the boll weevil there is no evidence of blight or "root rot," so common in central Texas, and it does not "shed" its forms, another common complaint, but grows right along as though pleased with its present situation and determined to pay for it in a bounteous yield. At this time it is well loaded with large speckled bolls and some say "it won't open."

It will open if this fall be an average one. Most of it will open anyway if some of the methods adopted elsewhere to check its growth are practiced here. One of these plans is to top it, but by far the better one is to throw the dirt away from the row on either side with turning shovel plows. This can be done with a cultivator, by removing the outside shovels, inside ones next the plant, throwing the dirt toward the water furrow. With the present fine season in the ground, unless something of this kind be done, an early killing frost, and "it won't open" sure enought.

In discussing this question it must be borne in mind that cotton in this county was planted almost a month later than that further down on the Plains. Even the adjoining county of Swisher had rain in the spring a month earlier than we did. This condition is not always so, but it happened this year and the result was a late planting of crops; little if any cotton was planted in this county before June 15. With moisture in the ground the cotton crop could have been pitched at least a month sooner than it would have opened beyond doubt.

The experience of the present

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Harry James was sighted on our streets Tuesday from his Ceta ranch.

There are two special photo offers in this week's paper. If you are interested don't delay.

J. D. Weller has rented the Bob Foster house near the depot and will move in next week.

Tom Cochran, the painter, is painting the residence of Geo. A. Brandon this week.

Earl Cobb and sister, Miss Nettie, returned Saturday from the World's Fair.

A petition is being circulated asking the Commissioners' Court to appoint a public weigher.

The soaking rains of this week came right for those who had wheat in the ground.

M. N. Wesley of Ceta, returned last Sunday from a visit to the World's Fair.

Wilson carries a nice line of Tablets, Pencils, Pens, Ink, etc. for the School children.

W. N. Howell, late of Roswell, N. M., with his father and mother, moved into the Dr. Crawford residence this week.

Miss Eppie Earheart stopped off here several days this week with friends and relatives on her return home from the World's Fair.

N. Thompson is having S. H. Heyser add a room to his dwelling house just north of Jno. A. Wallace's residence.

Sow wheat and winter oats. Diversification is a rule that can't fail to win out, even in the Panhandle.

If the News had any voice in "the conference" it would move and work for the return of Bro. Stephens to the work at Canyon City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greenfield left Tuesday evening for their home at Newark, after several months' visit with their daughter, Mrs. B. E. Cobb.

Henry Barry, who has been dangerously ill for some time with typhoid fever, is reported much better and his many friends hope to hear soon of his complete recovery.

We have implicit confidence in our ability to please you. If you are in doubt, ask your neighbor—the chances are he is a customer of ours, and a well pleased one.

CANYON LUMBER CO.

Another rain last Friday evening. It was the day of the big millinery openings at Wright, Gamble & Co. and The Canyon Mercantile and caught these two establishments full of ladies.

C. O. Whitman and Whitman Bros., are to have an auction sale of 50 fine Herefords at Plainview, Oct. 15. These gentlemen have some of the very best cattle in the Panhandle. R. A. Campbell will conduct the sale.

The contract for the erection of a court house and jail for Potter county has been awarded to J. J. Holt. It is estimated that the cost will approximate \$50,000 the material to be Potter county sawed stone.

C. T. DeGraftenreid of Ceta, has moved his family to town for the convenience of improved school facilities. They will occupy Frank Park's residence, just vacated by J. F. Smith and family.

From the Amarillo Herald we learn that W. S. Maddrey has sold his interest in the furniture business formerly operated under the firm name of Maddrey & Kenyon to H. E. Hume and he and family left last week for Seattle, Wash., where they will make their future home.

G. G. Foster stated Saturday, that there was absolutely nothing in the rumor about his intention to withdraw from the County Judge race—that he was in to the finish, and that it elected he would move to town and devote his undivided attention to the duties of the office.

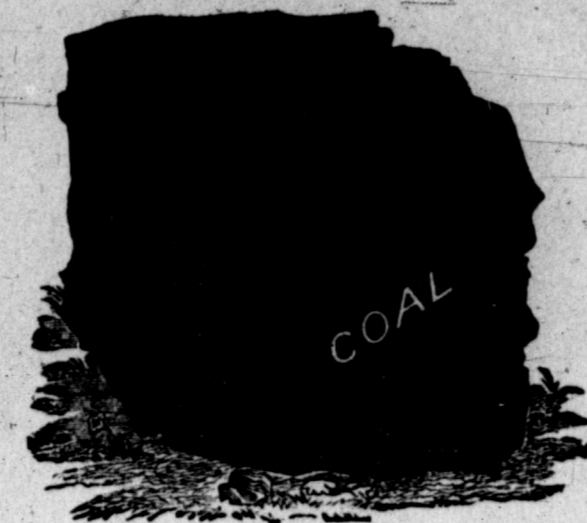
A fine rain, we might say a big one, visited us Wednesday morning. It extended as far south as Lubbock and north to Panhandle. The country around Canyon City was really not in need of it but it did no harm.

A Club to be known as the "D. O. T. T.," has been organized by some of our young ladies and older ones (?) for the purpose of promoting a more pleasant social atmosphere. At the last meeting the Club initiated three young men into the mysteries of the organization.

The ladies of the C. P. church are thinking of publishing a cook recipe book. They are soliciting advertisements from the local merchants to help defray the expense of getting it printed. They anticipate getting it out for a bazaar feature on Thanksgiving day.

Say wife, this is just what we have been looking for, Lusby says he will make photos of our home for only \$1.50 per dozen any time till Oct. 11. Yes hubby and we can have all our children in the yard after school and get them taken too, "free for nothing."

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Give us a chance to save you money on such articles.

We pay the highest market price to hides.

**CANYON CITY HARDWARE AND GRAIN COMPANY.**



**Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber**

Verily, the newspaper life has its compensations as well as its rough spots. As evidence of the former the News editor was happily surprised Tuesday on coming back from dinner to office by finding a sack half full of turnips leaning up against the door, each turnip being large enough in size to feed half-dozen or more manual laborers. The donor has our thanks whoever he or she may be.

The Baptist ladies were fairly well rewarded for their labors in the suppers last Friday and Saturday nights having taken in something like \$45 half of which was net. This and other moneys which the ladies have been able to raise will be spent in painting the Baptist church structure. Tom Cochran has been given the contract for painting the building.

Mrs. J. H. Garrison left Tuesday evening for a visit to friends and relatives at Garden City, Kansas. If this jolt doesn't phase Joe's happy-go-lucky equanimity nothing else surely can for every man who has experienced the sensation of being left alone can testify to the aching void that hovers around home when wife's a visitin'.

Rev. Haston will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

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**Canyon City High School Faculty.**

That the patrons may know something of the faculty of the above school, the Board authorizes the following statement concerning the teachers employed therein:

A. Ernsberger, Supt., Graduate in Classics, Northern University, Ada, Ohio.

Mrs. Ernsberger, Graduate in Scientific, Northern University, Ada, Ohio.

B. F. Hodges, Graduate State Normal, Huntsville, Texas.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson, Graduate State Normal, Huntsville, Texas.

Miss Ona Long, Graduate Canyon City High School.

Miss Belle Parker attended Training Dep't., for primary course Vanderbilt University, (not graduate) and has 1st grade certificate on general average of 96.

All pupils who complete the prescribed course of study in Canyon City High School will receive a Diploma at the close of the term; and the Board of Trustees respectfully solicits the patronage of the general public.

Miss Emma Brandon spent several days the latter part of last week and the first of this week, visiting Mrs. J. H. Whitworth of Ceta, and Miss Wood of Corsicana, a niece of Mrs. Whitworth who has been spending several months on the Plains for the benefit of her health. Miss Wood left Tuesday evening for her home.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

(Contributed by Judge A. N. Henson)  
The County Superintendent has started on his round visiting the county schools. He reports having visited the Park school taught by Miss Maud Roberts, on Monday and on Tuesday the Trigg school taught by Miss Ellen Donnell, both of which are moving on smoothly, to the gratification of both teachers and patrons. Miss Donnell has an eight months contract. Both report a full and prompt attendance and unusual interest.

All the eleven schools of the county are now being taught except Holton, which will not have a Winter term, and Shotwell which will open about Oct. 3rd.

Miss Vera Odell, one of Canyon City's accomplished teachers, will have charge of the Beverly school in Briscoe county this winter.

Umbarger school taught by Miss Lillie Leonard, has vacation this week to let the farmers catch up with their harvesting.

**RAILROAD BREEZES.**

The following special to the Dallas News, dated Fort Worth, Sept. 24, may contain information of interest to our readers who are trying to keep posted on Panhandle railroad speculations. It says:

"The inspection of the Colorado Southern Railway by the officials of the Rock Island Company, and the rumor afloat that the Rock Island intends taking in the Fort Worth and Denver along with the Colorado Southern, if the trade is made, renews the report of the building of the line contemplated by the Santa Fe some few years ago when the Pecos lines were under construction; that is, the building of a road from Albuquerque, N. M., to Portales and from Portales to San Angelo or to Coleman, Texas.

One who is conversant in railroad affairs, stated this afternoon that such a survey as has been made by the Santa Fe and that the chief engineer had made a report on the probable cost of the construction of the line.

The cost of construction between San Angelo and Portales will not be so very expensive, as the line will for a great distance run through the Plains and very little grading will be necessary. If the Rock Island people succeed in closing the deal for the Colorado Southern and the Denver, the Santa Fe will by necessity be compelled to build the Portales and San Angelo lines so as to be able to compete with the Rock Island

in transcontinental business.

If, however, the Rock Island succeeds in getting the Denver it will relieve the necessity of completing the line from Tucumcari to Amarillo, which has been started.

Another party who is well posted in railroad affairs stated that he had heard that the Santa Fe had built the bridge cross the river near San Angelo with a view of establishing the stock pens on that side."

**Children's Birthday Party.**

Little Kathleen Stewart entertained a number of her friends last Tuesday evening in commemoration of her sixth birthday. Those of the little folk who were invited for the occasion were: Misses Louise Donohoo, Alma Montgomery, Neva Hix, Grace St. Clair Elmore Cochran, Velma Campbell, Pearl Oldham, Willie Mills, Kathryn Thompson, Theresa Farr. After all had tired themselves with hearty amusement for the evening, a refreshment of ice cream and cake was served with genuine enjoyment and then it was time for the guests to go home to mamma.

**The Millinery Opening.**

Wright, Gamble & Co. express themselves as being highly pleased with the result of their Millinery opening last Friday, having made a number of sales among their many visitors. The firm intended to serve ice cream for the refreshment of their visitors but generously declined to do so upon being requested to refrain by the ladies who intended to make this appetizing dish a feature of the church supper that was given the same evening. While the News reporter regrets that he did not get a taste of this enterprising firm's hospitality as regards the ice cream, it was nevertheless a creditable motive that prompted them to desist.

The ladies who attended the Millinery openings Friday say that never before in the history of this town has the display been so good both as to quality and price.

**To the Citizens of Canyon City.**

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I think of the ten days meeting which we have been privileged to hold in the Court House. And I go away with a deep love and very anxious heart for all whom I have met, and to thank you for your remuneration. I go home to return Christmas and find still a generous people and interested in your soul.

J. E. Bates.

The condition of R. E. Foster is yet such as to confine him at home and he will perhaps have to suffer confinement for three weeks or more before he will be able to get out and meet his friends, as his injuries are a little more serious than at first reported. Two ribs were entirely broken just below the heart which made a very painful wound.

**A Choice Display of Fall Dress Goods**

We have gathered for this initial Autumnal event what is undoubtedly the most comprehensive and attractive variety of superior Dress Goods ever brought to this town. We extend a hearty invitation to every woman in Canyon City and vicinity to visit us and see the charming array of new Fall novelties.

We invite your attention to the following prices:

- Ladies' fancy Neck Wear.....25 and 35c.
- Crushed Velvet and Leather Belts, .60c, 75c, \$1.
- Passametrica Persian Bands.....35c to 75c.
- Cravenette, 50 inches wide.....95c to \$1.25.
- Sicilian, 52 inches wide.....\$1.25 to \$1.35
- Sicilian, 36 inches wide......60c
- Cheviot Serge, 50 inches wide......90c
- Fancy Mohair, 45 and 36 inches wide, .\$.1.25, 60c
- Fancy Waistings......10c, 25c, 50c and 60c.
- Plain and Fancy Silks......50c, 60c and \$1.00.

- Komona Cloth.....10c and 20c.
- Table Felt......60c
- Linens, 40 and 80 inches wide, .60c and \$1.00
- Complete Line Stamped Linens and thread to work, in the Embroidery and Mont Mellic.
- Fancy Blankets and Slumber Robes,.....\$1.50.
- Well Selected Line of Tailor Made Skirts, from.....\$1.00 to \$10.00.
- Knit Norfolk Jackets.....\$3.00
- A full line of Ladies' and Misses' Jackets and Furs for Fall and Winter wear.

**CANYON MERCANTILE Co.**

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

# Ready For An Extensive Fall Business

We have anticipated the varied wants of our many customers in the way of Fall and Winter supplies and are ready to serve you in the best possible manner when you happen to be in need of **Hardware, Implements, and all kinds of Farming machinery, Wagons, Buggies, Harness and Saddles. Eclipse wood and Steel Star Windmills, Pipe, Casing and Cylinders, Barb Wire and Nails. In fact everything that is kept in a first-class hardware store. Best line of Queensware and Glassware ever brought to Canyon.**

## IN SHELF HARDWARE

Our stock is complete and we can supply your wants at a saving to you. Call for what you want in this line—we have it. We can't enumerate the whole line, but suffice to say we are setting the pace for the great Plains country, especially in Price and Quality. What you need to do is to come into our place and let us convince you.

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# Seasonable Goods

Between Seasons

OUR HOUSE is now between seasons in that we have everything in the-line of Hot Weather Goods, and at the same time we are supplied with everything for the early Fall. New Dress Goods and Trimmings, New Clothing, New Shoes, New Furnishings, in fact there are new things all over the house, and we have plenty of help in every department. No matter what you may be offered, we can surely sell it to you for LESS. Please remember this.

**R. G. OLDHAM & COMPANY.**

### THE LOCAL PAPER.

The following excerpt from a recent editorial in the Dallas News adds dignity to the country newspaper when it says: "Sometimes a country newspaper has a circulation within such narrow bounds that it can publish little that is not already known to its readers; and, because this is true, many persons believe that it can accomplish nothing for the good of that community. And yet it may be that any favorable attention given that community abroad may be due entirely to the little weekly newspaper. For the paper has an exchange list. If there is anything of a progressive spirit in the place, it will be reflected in the news columns and the advertising columns of the home paper, and from that it will, through the exchange list, receive recognition by many other papers throughout the country. Then, if there be any persons in the community who are enterprising enough to have the paper sent to relatives, friends or prospective investors abroad, its sphere of beneficial influence is still farther widened. So, therefore, the local paper may be doing a great work abroad, while also giving emphasis at home to the importance of local affairs."

And the supporting of a newspaper costs the town scarcely a cent. Though papers may be well patronized and the business men may spend sums of money in advertising, the money gets

back into the channel from whence it came. Nearly every cent a paper gathers in is spent at home and it goes to the merchants who delight in benefiting themselves and the community by liberal advertising. Boiled down, the facts are that a newspaper returns all the money it gets to those who give it, and its work for the town and county is thrown in as good will. Ever and anon some blatant wise (in his-own-conceit) arises and says in a loud voice that needs filing: "The days of the weekly newspaper are numbered!" Nothing of the sort! The weekly newspaper, even of a limited circulation, is growing in number and broadening in influence. Do not worry about the decline of the country paper. It is the healthiest and most promising corpse yet unburied. Those who are engaged in grave digging should at least wait for suspicious symptoms.

### Cured of Lame Back After 15 Years of Suffering.

"I had been troubled with lame back for fifteen years and I found a complete recovery in the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says John G. Bisher, Gilliam, Ind. This liniment is also without an equal for sprains and bruises. It is for sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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Leave	Hereford	7:30 PM	Monday — Saturday
"	Canyon City	9:00	" " " "
Arrive	Amarillo	9:40	" " " "
Leave	Amarillo	10:20	" " " "
"	Washburn	11:15	" " " "
"	Panhandle	12:05 AM	Tuesday — Sunday
"	Pampa	1:30	" " " "
"	Miami	2:25	" " " "
"	Canadian	3:25	" " " "
"	Higgins	5:15	" " " "
"	Gage	6:25	" " " "
Arrive	Woodward	7:25	" " " "

Where connection will be made with train No. 528 on the A T & S R.Ry. With these two weekly stock-trains we expect to give our patrons the best possible service on their shipments to market.

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