

VISITING EDITOR DISCUSSES NORMAL

F. R. JAMISON, OF CANADIAN, HERE LAST WEEK.

In His Paper, the Canadian Record, Highly Praises the Work of the Local School.

Editor F. R. Jamison, of the Canadian Record, was in the city last week to interview President Cousins in regard to teachers for the Canadian schools, and in his paper discusses the merits of the Normal in the following article:

"A visit to the State Normal at Canyon is sufficient to produce surprise in any one upon the occasion of his first visit to that great educational point.

"It was a privilege of ours to visit over there last Saturday and to observe the equipment and the character of work that is being done.

"There are at present 320 students there nearly all of whom are preparing to teach in some branch of school work. School is kept there on Saturday and Monday is used as the holiday. Mr. Cousins told us that is a better plan, in his judgment, than the old Saturday method.

"It just occurs to us that the people of the Panhandle, generally, do not know what an institution the Canyon Normal is. It certainly is soon to become the greatest normal school in the state if it has not already accomplished that attainment. In many respects the other normal schools of the state are following the plans adopted at Canyon, for instance the training school. Every teacher that goes out of the Canyon normal has been tried out in actual teaching, in all grades up to and including the seventh grade work. The pupils come from the local district and upon these pupils the teachers demonstrate their ability and we were told that these pupils were the best taught in the institution. Certainly the equipment is complete and there is no excuse for poor work but incompetency. There is another matter that we admire in the institution and that is when an incompetent person is found and one that does not improve he is advised to take up some other work.

"The conditions that surround the Canyon Normal, it seems to us, are well nigh ideal. The altitude is about 3,500 feet and the atmosphere is refreshing and invigorating all the year 'round. In addition to the natural advantages the president, R. B. Cousins, is looked upon as the educational leader in this state. He resigned his office as state school superintendent to take charge of the normal and his heart is in his work.

"Another interest Canadian has in Canyon is the record that is being made by the Parsell girls. They are considered the best students in the normal."

School Election Saturday.

The school election Saturday was a very quiet event. Only 51 votes were cast. There were three to be elected and only three names on the ballots, the following men being almost unanimously elected: Joe Foster, Dr. D. M. Stewart and Dr. J. M. Black. The other four members of the board are: J. E. Winkelman, W. T. Moreland, T. C. Thompson and Dr. S. L. Ingham.

TWO CANDIDATES SPEAK MONDAY.

J. N. Browning, of Amarillo, and D. E. Garrett, of Houston, Address Voters Here.

Two candidates for the office of congressman-at-large visited Canyon Monday and addressed the voters of the city at the court house in the afternoon. The first man to speak was Judge J. N. Browning, of Amarillo, who was here to open district court. Mr. Browning spoke very briefly, telling the people that they all knew his history and that they knew how he would stand if elected. He pointed out the reasons why the Plains country should have a representative in the national congress and expressed a belief that out of the twenty candidates for the office, he would be one of the two to receive a majority of the votes of the people of Texas.

The second speaker was Judge D. E. Garrett, of Houston. Mr. Garrett was known personally to but few men in his audience, but made a very good impression upon the hearers. Mr. Garrett is a good speaker and discussed political questions in a purely democratic manner. He promised the people of this section that if elected they might count upon him for assistance in anything they desired. His speech was well received and he will no doubt receive a very large following in Randall county.

History and Practice Club.

The History and Practice club held its last meeting of the year with Mable and Jonnie Rowan Friday night. The club has been very successful in its work during the past year. The history of music and practice before an audience has been the aim and the success of the club has been due to the untiring efforts of Miss Faire Wiggins. A very fine program was presented before the parents of the members. Misses Mable Rowan, Isah Reynolds, Grace Moreland and Ruby Ballard served ice cream and cake.

Married at Vernon.

Grady Holland, of this city, and Miss Olive Darnell were married Tuesday night at the home of the bride's parents in Vernon. Both of these young people are well known in Canyon, this having been Mr. Holland's home until very recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holland. Miss Darnell was a student at the Normal last summer and taught during the past year at the Pleasantview school. These excellent young people will make their home at Lubbock where Mr. Holland is a pharmacist.

Commencement Sermon.

The commencement sermon of the Canyon high school was preached Sunday morning at the Methodist church by Rev. F. M. Neal. The building was packed to the doors and many were unable to get into the building. The music was given by the high school chorus and was very fine. The services were very greatly enjoyed by those present.

Will Raise Capital.

At a meeting of the First State bank directors last week, it was decided to raise the capital stock from \$15,000 to \$25,000 or \$30,000. Since moving to their new quarters at the northeast corner of the square the bank has enjoyed an excellent business.

We need more farmers.

LET US FORGET
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Let us forget. What matters it that we
Once reigned o'er happy
realms of long ago
And talked of love, and let our
voices low,
And ruled for some brief sessions
royally?
What if we sung, or laughed, or
wept maybe?
It has availed not anything; and so
Let it go by that we may better know
How poor a thing is lost to you and me.
But yesterday I kissed your lips,
and yet
Did thrill you not enough to shake
the dew
From your drenched lids— and
missed, with no regret
Your kiss shot back, with sharp
breaths fanning you:
And so, today while our worn eyes are wet
With all this waste of tears, let us
forget!

NORMAL CLOSING THIS WEEK.

Commencement Exercises will be Held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Regular Term Over.

The second annual commencement exercises of the West Texas State Normal college will occur at the auditorium beginning with Saturday morning and ending Monday morning, when the certificates and diplomas will be issued. This week is being devoted to examinations and completion of the regular year's work. The time is exceedingly busy one for both professor and student.

The exercises Saturday will be in the nature of class day exercises. Each class has prepared a suitable program which will be given Saturday morning. The alumni in the city will also participate in these exercises.

Sunday morning will be the regular commencement sermon. Rev. J. M. Sherman, of the Hereford Methodist church, has been selected to preach this sermon at the auditorium. There will be no other church services in the city at this hour.

The commencement services proper will be held Monday morning. Judge W. H. Kimbrough, of Amarillo, has been selected as the commencement speaker. Closing the exercises will be the delivery of the diplomas and certificates by President R. B. Cousins.

For Spraying Trees.

E. A. Miller, assistant entomologist and plant pathologist of the Texas department of agriculture, was in the city this week to inspect orchards and to give practical instruction to the fruit raisers. Mr. Miller says that all trees should be sprayed as the cost and time expended will more than repay in the increased production. He says that every fruit country is compelled to spray the trees in order to obtain a bountiful and excellent quality harvest. Mr. Miller proposes using 2 to 3 pounds of arsenate of lead to 50 gallons of water and spray the trees after the petals have fallen and before the calyx closes.

Come to Canyon to live.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Rev. J. Holmes Nichols Preached Sunday Night at New Charge in Local Church.

Rev. J. Holmes Nichols, the new pastor of the local Baptist church, preached his first sermon Sunday night before a very large congregation. Mr. Nichols arrived in the city last week from his former charge at Clarksville, where he has been very successful in his work.

The sermon Sunday night outlined Mr. Nichols' views as to the duty of a church and the relations of churches to each other. Mr. Nichols is a very fine speaker and every person in the congregation was pleased that so good a man had been selected pastor of the Canyon church.

The Nichols family will arrive about the first of June.

District Court in Session.

District court opened Monday. The following men were sworn in as grand jurors, with C. T. Word as foreman: S. P. Merry, M. F. Slover, I. W. Scott, W. T. Garrett, R. L. Campbell, J. A. Pate, J. M. Black, H. R. Riggs, T. V. Slack, A. B. Cage and R. E. Baird.

T. D. Coffee was chosen for the grand jury as door baliff, R. E. Foster and Clyde Baird riding baliffs, O. I. Smith and A. W. Hancock as walking baliffs.

A number of cases were set for jury trial next week.

Judge J. N. Browning left Monday afternoon in the interest of his congressional campaign and Judge J. W. Veale, of Amarillo, was chosen for special judge.

Arguments in a few cases were made this week, but no cases of importance will come up until the jury appears next Monday.

Planted 700 Trees.

The West Texas State Normal college has just completed planting 700 trees on the campus. A system of sub irrigation has been used in order to insure the quick growth of the trees. The grading of drives and making of flower beds over the campus will be completed within a few weeks.

POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED.

Miss Marielle Huntley and Grady Oldham Joined in Bonds of Holy Wedlock Tuesday.

A quiet wedding occurred Tuesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Oldham, when their son, Grady and Miss Marielle Huntley, of Lufkin, Texas, were united in marriage, Rev. F. M. Neal officiating. The simple but very impressive ceremony which united these splendid young people was performed at 6:30 a. m. before a very few friends. The bridal couple left shortly afterward in their auto for a ten days' visit with Mrs. Oldham's sister at Sweetwater.

The bride wore a gown of Deft blue trimmed in white Irish lace and carried a bouquet of white carnations and ferns. The groom wore the conventional black. After the ceremony a very fine three course wedding breakfast was served.

Miss Huntley has lived in Canyon but a short time but has made a host of friends during her stay. Her family lives at Lufkin where she has a host of friends. The groom has lived in Canyon for years and is one of the finest young men in the city. The many friends of this splendid young couple wish them long years of wedded happiness.

The guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Oldham and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Winder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Conner, Miss Carrie Quirk and O. N. Gamble.

Prizes for German Students.

B. Holekamp, of New Brunfels will be in the city tomorrow to examine the students of the Normal who wish to compete for the \$150 scholarship which the order of Sons of Herman has allotted to the local school. This order offers \$1200 every year in prizes to the students of the several schools in Texas for proficient work in German. Prof. F. P. Guenther, of the German department, is not certain upon what lines the scholarship will be offered. It may be divided into several different prizes or offered to only one person.

Newt Reeves Has Fire.

A very destructive fire occurred on Newt Reeves' place north of the city Thursday afternoon. The barns, corrals, 4 head of horses, including a fine Percheron stallion, 1 cow, 1 hog, 50 chickens and a large amount of feed were all burned. The loss will amount to over \$2,000 upon which there was no insurance. It is supposed that the fire started from a pile of cinders where trash was being burned. Mr. Reeves started at once to rebuild his barns.

Republican County Convention.

The republicans of Randall county met at the court house Tuesday afternoon. J. D. Gamble was elected county chairman and C. F. Hunt secretary. A motion to send an uninstructed delegate to the state convention was carried. F. P. Luke was unanimously selected as delegate.

Christian Endeavor Meeting.

Miss Whitcome and Mrs. Dudley Thornsbury, district secretary and treasurer and both of Amarillo, will be in the city Sunday to hold a meeting with the Christian Endeavor societies of the Presbyterian and Christian churches. The meeting will be at the Presbyterian church in the afternoon and all members are urged to be present.

FIELD MEET AT THE NORMAL ON SATURDAY

NORMAL WAS WINNER—HEREFORD SECOND PLACE.

Richards, of Hereford, Won First Individual Place, Holden and Condron Second and Third.

The annual field meet of the Panhandle athletic association was held on the Normal grounds Saturday, but owing to so few schools organizing teams this year only Hereford, Canyon high school and the Normal entered any men. The meet was very interesting, but no great records were made. The Normal team won the meet with 46 points, while Hereford took second with 39. The individual star was Richards of Hereford who made 14 points and won the gold medal. Holden and Condron, of the Normal, took second and third and will receive silver medals.

The following is a summary of the events, first, second and third places being designated in the order of names, and (H) denoting Hereford men:

- 100 yard dash—Sewell, Wallace, Sullivan. Time 10 3-5.
- 12 lb. shot put—Richards (H), Hensley, Condon. 33 ft., 8 in.
- 120 yard hurdles—Holden, Condron, Turner. 21 1-5.
- 12 lb. hammer throw—Lust (H) Richards (H), Holden. 104 ft., 10 1-2 in.
- Broad jump—Condron, Richards (H), Wallace. 19 ft., 6 in.
- Discus—Lust (H), Richards (H), Hensley. 92 ft., 8 in.
- 440 yard run—Turner, Hardin, Cogdell (H). 1 min. 2 sec.
- High jump—Priddy, Zimmerman W. (H) and Condron tie. 61 in.
- 880 yard run—Holden, Cogdell (H), Campbell. 2 min. 38 sec.
- Pole vault—Zimmerman W. (H) Zimmerman O., Holden. 8 ft., 8 in.

Randall County for Harmon.

The county convention Tuesday proved to be one of the most exciting political events seen in the city for some time. The meeting was called to order by county chairman, L. C. Lair, who was elected for another year. W. J. Flesher was made secretary. The motion to instruct the delegate to the state convention was carried. The names of the presidential candidates were then presented and the vote taken resulting as follows: Wilson 29, Harmon 25, Clark 17. The name of Clark was withdrawn by his followers and the delegation split between Wilson and Harmon. The first vote between Harmon and Wilson was a tie, 36 each. A number of new men came into the room by this time and the Wilson followers raised the question of their right to vote. A motion to adjourn for an hour was voted down. A motion to proceed to vote by ballot was carried and a majority of the Wilson delegation left the convention hall. The vote stood 40 for Harmon and 2 for Wilson.

C. R. Flesher was elected delegate to the state convention, with L. C. Lair as alternate.

Badly Beat Amarillo.

The Amarillo baseball team came down again Saturday morning and were defeated by the Normal team 10 to 0. Sewell allowed no hits for the visitors. This makes the fifth victory of the Normal over Amarillo ball teams.

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THE CULTURE OF OATS

The following is the tenth of a series of articles on farming on the Plains of Texas, written by H. M. Bainer, Agricultural Demonstrator for the Santa Fe:

OATS

Oats may be considered as a good spring crop for Northwestern Texas, especially if the early moisture conditions are favorable. If the ground is not filled with deep moisture by seeding time, or before, the advisability of sowing oats is questionable. Oats is an early growing crop, its root growth and stooling must take place during cool weather and under favorable moisture conditions. If this crop is not well started before warm weather comes on, it does not stand a good chance of making a large yield.

Preparation of Ground: Oats, like most other crops, requires good tillage. Fall plowing gives best results, it is enough better than spring preparation to justify all oat ground being prepared at that time. Ground that has been plowed deeply the year before and has been kept in good state of cultivation may be fairly well prepared by double discing. If the ground cannot be prepared for considerable time before sowing, plowing is not advisable unless done shallow and in this case the disc harrow will do equally as well. Deep plowing for oats, just before sowing time will not be firm enough unless packed in some way.

When and How to Sow: If the weather conditions are favorable oats should be sowed in February, for Northwestern Texas conditions. One great trouble with our oats so far, has been that they were sowed too late on poorly prepared ground.

All oats should be sowed with a press drill. Experiments and demonstrations show that drilled oats often yield from eight to ten bushels more per acre than those that have been broadcast. Less seed is required in drilling and a better stand is insured.

Seed: Oat seed "run out," that is, it gets poorer and poorer unless special care is taken to sow only the best. Ordinarily bin-run seed should not be sowed until after being run through a fanning mill or grain grader. Only the plump well filled seed should be used. By doing this every year the seed will improve instead of running out, and the yield will continue to become better.

Every farmer who desires to raise oats should get started with good seed and then use the fanning mill to keep it good. Seed grown near home is best.

Variety and Amount to Sow: Texas Red Rust Proof oats and Ferguson's Red Rust Proof oats are best for our conditions. Ow-

ing to the fact that oats stool a deal in this section, much less seed is required per acre than under eastern and northern conditions. In our demonstration work in 1911, one bushel of good pure well cleaned seed per acre was found to be sufficient. On one demonstration field, all prepared alike, part was sowed at the rate of four pecks per acre and the remainder at the rate of five pecks. The part sowed with four pecks yielded 27 bushels per acre while that sowed with five pecks yielded but 23 bushels per acre.

All seed oats should be treated for smut the same as wheat or barley.

Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will strengthen your digestion and improve your appetite. Thousands have been benefited by taking these Tablets Sold by all dealers.

House Burned Sunday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Taylor was burned Sunday morning about 9 o'clock, nothing being saved from the residence. Mr. Taylor had started the fire as usual and had gone to the store leaving his wife at work in the front room. She heard a roaring noise but thought it was a train. A little later she heard something fall and opening the door found the kitchen on fire, the ceiling and walls almost ready to fall. She gave the alarm, but the fire had spread to the remainder of the house before anything could be saved. The furniture was covered by insurance.

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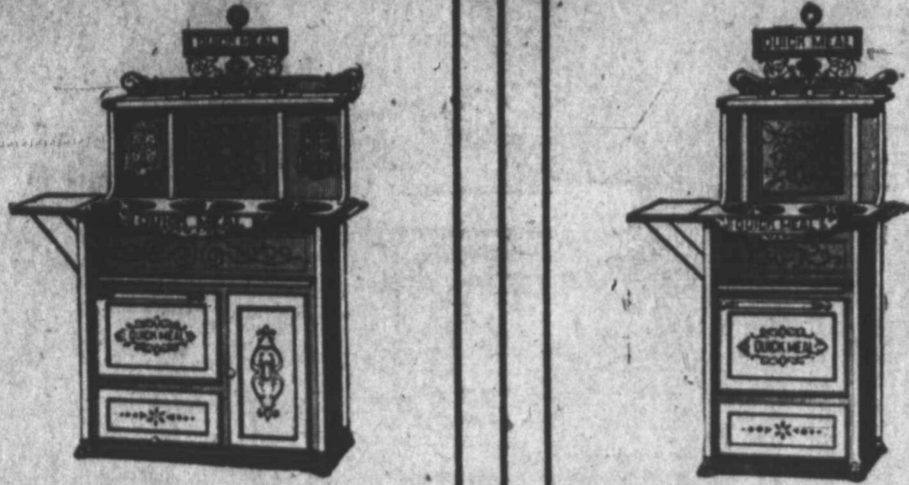
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Going to Norway.

The News received this week the following letter from H. Holte, formerly of this city but now of Dallas, regarding his trip to his old home in Norway. Mr. Holte is one of the best known young men who has ever lived in Canyon and has a host of friends who are glad to know of his trip abroad.

St. Louis, Mo., May 3, 1912.
Dear Mr. Warwick:

I suppose Mr. Albert Foster has already told you about me going over to Norway. I am now on my way but don't know where I am going. Yes, I do know too.

I left Dallas yesterday morning and got here this morning, and I am now waiting for my train to Pana, Ill., my old home, and will stop in Pana over tomorrow leaving Pana sometime Sunday for New York and will sail for Norway May the 9th. I will ask you if you will please send me my paper commencing with the 10 of May issue as that it will about reach me at home. I expect to be back in Texas about Sept. 1st and I will then settle up with you for all the expenses involved. I will be the happiest soul in Norway this summer if I can get my Randall County News over there. I will send you post card of the land of the midnight sun.

I am just going to see my precious mother and father and brothers once more. That's what makes me go.

I am going to boost the Panhandle of Texas too believe me, on my way and in the old country. I have 2 of the finest heads of kafir corn and milo maize in my trunk which a landman gave me in Dallas.

You will hear from me again before long as ever,

H. HOLTE,
After May 10th, Rindal, Nordmor, Norway.

Letter From Mrs. Goforth.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25-cent bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I can't just keep house without it. She is right."

Moving Large House.

Dr. H. V. Reeves is having the old Canyon hotel, which he recently purchased, moved from near the depot to lots near the Normal. The building will be remodeled into a modern rooming and boarding house.

Tomlinson's Letter.

Simmons' Liver Purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for constipation and disordered liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs. M. M. Tomlinson, Oswego, Kansas. Price 25 cents.

Trade Excursionists Here.

A large number of business men from Amarillo passed through the city Monday morning on a five days tour of the Plains country, during which time they will visit practically every town of importance. There were 24 automobiles in the party. The men visited the several stores and left an abundance of printed material.

"Nails"

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch, and less than one box cured me entirely." J. M. Ward, Index, Texas.

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SHEPPARD AND PROHIBITION.

The News has always contended that the prohibition question has no part in the senatorial race, and we are very sorry to find that Mr. Sheppard is running for this great office wholly upon the prohibition platform. In other words, Mr. Sheppard is running for a great national office upon a narrow state platform. The News is glad to note that the Dallas News, openly opposed to Mr. Wolters' tariff platform, severely criticizes Sheppard on his prohibition stand. Here is an editorial in last Wednesday's issue:

It seems to The News that Texas had descended to poor estate if what a man thinks as to the expedience of Statewide prohibition is pertinent to a consideration of his fitness for the United States Senatorship. The office of United States Senator invests the incumbent with no power whatever to promote or impede the cause of statewide prohibition. It does give him power to influence legislation governing the interstate shipment of liquors as well as legislation relating to the issuance of Federal licenses in prohibition communities. But these are questions of regulation. A man may be a very intense anti-prohibitionist and yet be equally intense in demanding that Federal laws shall not be fashioned in a way to connive at the violation of State laws. If Mr. Sheppard finds something objectionable to a prohibitionist in the attitude of Mr. Wolters with respect to these questions, let him present those objections with all the oratorical force of which he is master. But we protest that he ought to have too much respect for the great office he aspires to advance his own claims on an issue that is foreign to the duties and powers of the office.

Those who have read Mr. Sheppard's opening speech will find nothing of importance in it but his prohibition views. He dismisses the other great issues with little comment. If Mr. Sheppard thinks Texas is going to send to the senate simply a prohibitionist and eloquent speaker instead of a statesman, he is badly mistaken. Prohibition has been brought into every question before the people of Texas until at least for one time they are going to lay it aside and elect the man who can do the most for our great state.

E. Al Miller, of the state agricultural department, says that the Plains country will soon be one of the greatest apple sections in the state. Conditions are very favorable here and more apple trees ought to be planted. Mr. Miller was sent out by the state department to make practical hints to the apple growers of the Plains and visited a number of orchards near the city. Mr. Miller was well impressed with the greatness of our country and thinks it will not be many years until the Plains will have orchards unexcelled by any section of the United States. Plant more apple trees.

The Hall County Herald makes light of the straw vote taken on the special last week which went to Amarillo after Governor Colquitt. Perhaps there is nothing to straw votes and perhaps there is. If this straw vote had been after Senator Johnson's taste it would have been all O. K., but since it is not that way he thinks straw votes are all bosh.

Mr. Ramsey's statement that Governor Colquitt hasn't done one thing to deserve re-election is losing force with the people. A citizen in Canyon, who said he would stop the News if we sup-

ported Colquitt, told us after Colquitt's speech here, that if Colquitt had done no other thing than stop the beating of the penitentiary prisoners, he deserved re-election.

Not for anything would we refer to the financial standing of any brother editor, but are willing to bet the hat Elliott, of the Hereford Brand, threw into the legislative ring was last year's style (maybe the year before.)

We haven't any real estate to sell, but let us whisper quietly in your ear that right now is the time to invest in Plains lands. There will never be another time when they are so cheap as just now.

Woodrow Wilson and Teddy get the Texas delegations.

THE PARAGRAPHER.

Plant some apple trees.

District court is in session.

Better be careful or the grand jury will get you.

While you swat the flies, also give the weeds one.

"You're another," is equally used by Teddy and Taft.

Every visitor says that Randall county looks mighty good.

A number of fine residences will be built in Canyon this fall.

There is no boom in Canyon. There is a steady rapid growth.

It looks as if 500 would be the minimum number of students in attendance at the summer session of the Normal.

Paint costs little, but adds greatly to the general appearance of a home, and incidentally greatly enhances the sale price.

Canyon and Randall county may not spend \$864,958 for improvements this year as they did last, but they are going to spend a big bunch.

With the big politicians, national and state, pulling each others hair and calling names, the little candidates have a hard time getting into the papers.

If you are a land owner and haven't been in Randall county for some time, come and pay us a visit. Better still, sell out at home and move to our rich, flourishing country.

The News hopes that it will not have to talk so much about weeds around the public square this year. We trust the new city administration will make provision for compelling them to be cut.

Advice to Amarillo. Import some good ball players and then try to beat the Normal team. The boys are sorry because they just had to beat you five times straight, but they would be pleased to repeat the dose if you are willing.

Notice!

Notice to the stockholders of The First State Bank, of Canyon, Texas. An election will be held in the Bank's office July the 10th at 5 p. m. 1912, to determine if we the stockholders of said bank, shall increase the capital Fifteen Thousand Dollars.
Jno. T. Holland, President.
J. P. Winder, Cashier. 768

Society Notes.

Mrs. Dorothy Dohrman entertained the Barrett Browning and the Palo Duro societies of the Normal at the D. Thomas home Monday evening. A number of



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CANYON, TEXAS

very enjoyable games had been prepared by the hostess. Punch ice cream and cake were served.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday with Mrs. T. F. Reid. The following officers were elected: President--Mrs. C. R. Burrow. Vice President--Mrs. T. F. Reid.

Sec'y-Treas.--Mrs. J. E. Winkelman. Refreshments were served after the business session.

Hear Russian Orchestra. About 125 people went to Amarillo Saturday afternoon to hear the Russian Symphony orchestra. A special train brought

them home about midnight. The music was fine and every one on the train felt as though he had been repaid for the trip.

FOR SALE--Sweet potato, cabbage, tomato and pepper plants, \$50.00 given to customers for nearest estimates of the number of slips pulled from beds. T. Jones & Co., Clarendon, Tex. 5p4

Bids Wanted.

The City Secretary of Canyon City, Texas, will receive bids up to June 4th 1912 for drilling a city well 400 feet deep: First 100 feet of said well is to be cased with 10 inch casing, the entire well is to be cased with 8 inch casing. City will furnish the casing. C. R. Flesher, City Secretary. 764

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Made from pure, grape
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Social and Personal Notes

Hear the play by local talent at the opera house tonight.
C. R. McAfee attended court in Dimmitt Tuesday.
Bring the Leader your turkeys. 11 cents per pound. 1t
Mrs. C. F. Rudolph arrived Wednesday to visit at the Usery home.
We pay you the highest market price for your produce. The Leader. 1t
Subscription to the Woman's Home Companion taken at the News office. \$1.50 per year. 1t
Kodaks for graduating presents, \$1.00 to \$65.00. Cassles Drug Co. 1t
A. D. Dooley returned Monday from Floydada where he purchased ten fine Jersey cows for his dairy.
Do you need help during house cleaning time? Call up the News office and get some Matchless Sanitary Cleaner. Absolutely guaranteed.

Midsummer Night's Dream at the opera house tonight.
C. R. Burrow was an Amarillo business caller yesterday.
Harbison can handle your storage. 2tf
Misses Lola Word and Anna Lee Howren were Amarillo callers yesterday.
For Trade—8 cents for every pound of old hens you can bring us. The Leader. 1t
Mrs. J. A. Harbison was called to Springtown, Okla., yesterday by the illness of her mother.
Just received a nice line of Graduating Presents at Cassles Drug Co. 1t
Albert Foster returned Saturday from Ben Franklin, where he visited a week with friends and relatives.
WANTED—Sewing, cut and fit by chart. Prices reasonable. 1p
Mrs. R. L. Wagner.
Necklaces, Watches, Rings, Bracelets and everything in the Jewelry line at Cassles Drug Co. 1t
Mrs. C. I. Wiggins, of Adrian, has moved to Canyon to make her home. Her daughters, Misses Faire and Loretta, have been in the city for the past two years.
FOR SALE—I have a fine location with three room house, will sell at rent installments. 4tf
T. F. Reid.
In connection with a full line of drugs, glass and paints, S. V. Wirt handles a full line of wall paper. 6tf
FOR SALE—Red top Cane. E. Edmonds, east of Canyon. 6p4
Wm. McCann of Happy was in the city Monday on matters of business. Mr. McCann says that everything in the south part of the county is looking mighty fine. Mr. McCann came here from Ohio five years ago and likes the country fine.

Bring the Leader your chickens. 1t
Midsummer Night's Dream at the opera house tonight.
Mrs. N. E. McIntire is visiting this week with her parents in Hereford.
We want to pay you 11 cents a pound for your turkeys. The Leader. 1t
Dr. S. R. Griffin has gone to Galveston to spend a week visiting friends and on business.
Get your wall paper of S. V. Wirt. 6tf
Miss Frances Irick, of Amarillo, is visiting with friends in the city.
For Graduating Presents, Cassles Drug Co., the Leading Druggist.
C. H. Abbott and wife, of Umbarger, spent Wednesday at the Geo. Abbott home.
Tonight at opera house, the high school presents Midsummer Night's Dream for the benefit of the piano fund.
FOR SALE—Few full blooded yearling Hereford bulls. J. P. Anderson, Canyon. Phone Canyon exchange. 1t
Pres. R. B. Cousins, of the Normal, is in Austin this week attending the session of the board of regents for Normal colleges.
J. M. Lemons and Miss Ethel Murphree, both of Amarillo, were married yesterday at the court house by Judge J. W. Veale.
Prof. E. W. Peterson will open his summer vocal class in Canyon June 1. All desiring to take lessons phone to the News office. 7t3
Don't forget that we are selling our \$25.00 Axminster rugs for \$20.00 cash. Thomas Furniture Co. 1t
Mrs. R. F. Rogers, of San Benito, Grady Holland, of Lubbock, and Hugh Holland, of Happy, are visiting at the parental J. T. Holland home.
A little ice cuts a lot of ice with the size of your bank balance. So let us sell you one of our Refrigerators. Thomas Furniture Co. 1t
Misses Ina and Helen Bule were in Amarillo Saturday to attend the Russian Symphony orchestra and while there were the guests of their friend, Mrs. W. A. Askew.
You can get the Lucky Curve Fountain Pen at Cassles Drug Co. from \$1.50 to \$7.00. 1t
FOR SALE—At my place in the canyons 5 miles N. E. Canyon, 12 miles south Amarillo: 17 head of milk cows, 3 mules, 2 mares, 15 head full blooded Duroc Jersey shoats. H. C. Dolcater. Phone D76, Canyon exchange. 7c3
Mrs. A. W. McGregor, of El Reno, Okla., arrived in the city Wednesday to visit at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Dan K. Usery, and to see her new great granddaughter, Miss Frances May Usery.
Scott Crawford, north of the city, reports that he is putting in 600 acres of maize and kaffir. He is double discing and says that the ground is in excellent condition. Mr. Crawford came to the Plains from Indiana four years ago and says he is well pleased with the country.
NORMAL STUDENTS! Are you going to leave town? If so let Phillips Transfer move your baggage. Always on time. Phone 88. 1p
N. Thompson will move next week to Hartley, where he recently bought a store. His son, A. C. Thompson is in Hartley at the present time looking after the business. Miss Thompson will be postmistress at Hartley. Mr. Thompson has lived in Canyon for over twenty years and will be greatly missed by all the citizens of the city. He still owns considerable property in the city and promised to visit Canyon at least once a month.

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In fact most of them absolutely insist on getting the best that their money will buy, and in that particular we heartily agree with them because that is just the way we buy our lumber. It must be strictly up to grade. We are not afraid to put our lumber up against any in the county—grade and price considered.

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If you are planning to build a house, barn or shed this summer, come in and look this lumber over and let us show you our building material. Let us tell you first hand just what your cost for material will be.

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City Treasurer's Report

Yearly report of the City Treasurer of Canyon, Texas, for the year ending Mar. 31, 1912, published by order of the City Council at their regular meeting May 7, 1912.

General Fund

Total rec'd. from April 1, 1911 to March 1, 1912	Apr. 1, 1911, Balance overdrawn	\$ 2,981.55
\$10,790.37	Amount paid out from 4-1-11 to 3-31-12	7,654.81
	Bal. in General Fund 4-1-12	204.01
10,790.37		10,790.37

Street and Bridge Fund

April 1, 1911, Bal. in Fund	2,195.45	Total amt. paid out from 4-1-11 to 3-31-12	4,936.63
Total amt. rec'd. from 4-1-11 to 3-31-12	3,109.08	Bal. in Fund 4-1-12	367.90
	5,304.53		5,304.53

Interest and Sinking Fund

Apr. 1, 1911 Bal. in Fund	1,301.16	Total amt. paid out from 4-1-11 to 3-31-12	1,264.12
Total amt. rec'd. from 4-1-11 to 3-31-12	1,583.19	Bal. in Fund 4-1-12	1,620.23
	2,884.35		2,884.35

Recapitulation

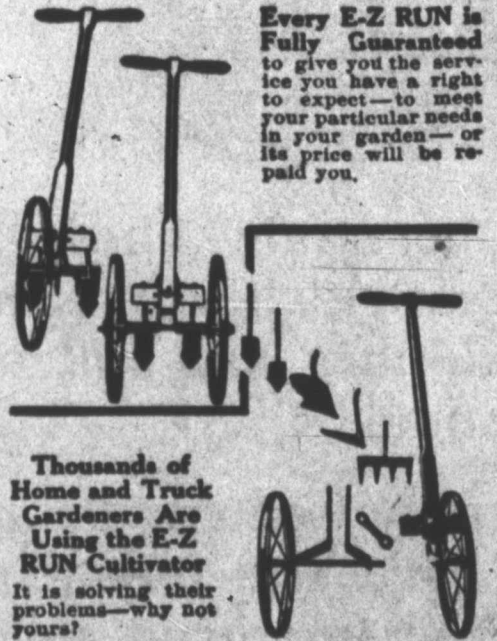
Amt. in Gen. Fund 4-1-12	204.01	Bal. in Bank 4-1-12	2,192.14
Amt. in S. & B. Fund 4-1-12	367.90		
Amt. in Int. & Skg. Fund 4-1-12	1,620.23		
	2,192.14		2,192.14
Amt. of Reg. Vouchers yet unpaid 4-1-12			2,203.27
Amt. available to pay on registered vouchers			571.91
Bal. of indebtedness on Reg. Vouchers			1,631.36

The above is a true and correct statement.
TRAVIS SHAW, City Treasurer.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The News will place the names of candidates for the following offices at the rates given below. This carries your name up to the primaries and should you be the successful nominee your name will appear in the proper column up to the general election:

Congress	\$20.00
State	15.00
District	12.50
County	10.00
Commissioners	7.50
Justice of Peace	5.00

For District Attorney.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of district attorney for the 47th Judicial District subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

HENRY S. BISHOP.

For County Judge.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Judge, subject to the decision of the democratic primaries, July 27, 1912.

C. E. COSS.

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Judge, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries.

A. N. HENSON

For County Clerk.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of District and County Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

W. E. LAIR.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

MARVIN P. GARNER.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff and tax collector, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

WORTH A. JENNINGS.

For Treasurer.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Treasurer subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

P. H. YOUNG.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

W. T. GARRETT.

For Tax Assessor.

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the office of tax assessor subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

R. E. FOSTER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

CYRUS EAKMAN.

For Commissioner and Justice.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the offices of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 1.

H. T. SHELNUTT.

I. O. O. F.

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Meeting every Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at I. O. O. F. hall in the Smith building. B. C. Taylor, Noble Grand. J. F. Smith, Sec. Visiting brothers cordially invited.

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Dentist**

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Presbyterians Beat Boosters.

The hottest game of the season was played Friday evening between the Booster class, of the Methodist church, and the Presbyterian class. The score was 6 to 7 in favor of the Presbyterians. The feature of the game was that all the scores were made during the first three innings. The Boosters shut out their opponents first time up but made 4 scores themselves. The Presbyterians came back in the second by making 2 scores and allowing their opponents 1. The third was sure death to the Boosters, the Presbyterians running in 5 scores. During this inning the Boosters made 1 score totaling 6 to their opponents 7. During the remaining six innings neither team was able to score although the bases were filled a number of times. The game was well attended and was full of excitement.

Mrs. Norris Makes Statement Regarding Husband.

Mrs. Norris makes the following statement: My husband bought a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil for Rheumatism. He has been bothered for over two years. It has done him a great deal of good and he thinks it will cure him. Mrs. Mollie Norris, Colbert, Okla. There is nothing better for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, and the like.

Thanks Friends.

We wish to thank our many friends in Canyon and the fire department for making such a heroic effort to save our home from the fire Sunday morning and for the kind words expressed for our loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Taylor.

Election Saturday.

The voters of school district No. 4, located at Ralph, will hold an election Saturday in order to raise the tax levy for school purposes. The levy is now 15 cents and they propose to fix the limit at 50 cents in order to have more money to run the schools.

Helps a Judge in Bad Fix.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote, "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25c at Cassles Drug Co.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

There was never a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you or your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by all dealers.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by all dealers.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

HOME ENDORSEMENT.

Hundreds of Canyon Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Canyon people, should be evidence of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in faraway places. Read the following:

J. D. Bailey, carpenter, Canyon, Texas, says: "I used only one box of Doan's Kidney Pills but they did me so much good that I did not think I needed any more. I had pains across my back and sides. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills so highly recommended by people I knew, I got a box and used them as directed with the results told above. I can highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills, for they do just as advertised."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, Sole Agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. 7-2t

Alumni Association.

The Alumni association of the Canyon high school will hold its annual reception on Friday night, May 17. The following is the program for the occasion:

- Music, Lola Word.
- Welcome, Wanda McClure.
- Response, William Younger.
- Music, Mamie Conner.
- The Class of 1903, Mrs. Stevenson.
- The Class of 1904, Mrs. Bertha Thomas.
- The Class of 1906, Maud Brandon.
- The Unrepresented Classes, Miss Neal.
- Solo, Miss Donald.
- The Class of 1907, Ida Rowan.
- The Class of 1909, Mrs. Warwick.
- The Class of 1910, Bertie Mulkey.
- The Class of 1911, Archie Key.
- Music, Will Word.
- Reading, Minnie Willard.
- Address, Mr. Yoe.

The Demons of the Swamp

are mosquitoes. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; give you a fine appetite and renew your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50c at Cassles Drug Co.

What Texans Admire

is hearty, vigorous life, according to Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio. "We find," he writes, that Dr. King's New Life Pills surely put new life and energy into a person. Wife and I believe they are the best made." Excellent for stomach, liver or kidney troubles. 25c at Cassles Drug Co.

Escapes An Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox of Joliet, Ill., for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate. "Typhoid pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough," she writes. "Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines until I used Dr. King's New Discovery. But I owe my life to this wonderful remedy for I scarcely cough at all now." Quick and safe, its the most reliable of all throat and lung medicines. Every bottle guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Cassles Drug Co.

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A return to normal climatic conditions, a greatly increased acreage of winter wheat, spring wheat, oats and barley, an unqualifiedly successful demonstration that Kaffir corn and Milo maize cannot be excelled as material for ensilage, the "better farming" spirit and the results of studying and developing this land assures a prosperous year.

The successful outcome of flax culture, demonstrated last year under conditions much less favorable than can confidently be reckoned on in the future has added another to the list of our resources.



Farms can be bought here now cheaper than they can later on, at prices which are certain of a steady advance as the summer and fall emigration stimulates the demand.

My farms are all favorably located, as regards towns and railroads and give the buyer a wide range in selection. All the improved farms are rented to good farmers and will produce a substantial revenue this year.

I am in position to give terms to suit the purchaser.

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KEITH OF THE BORDER

A TALE OF THE PLAINS

By RANDALL PARRISH
Author of "MY LADY OF THE SOUTH,"
"WHEN WILDERNESS WAS KING," etc.

Illustrations by DEARBORN MELVILL

The light shone forth, piercing the night, through the uncurtained window of a log cabin, which would otherwise have been completely concealed from view by a group of low growing cottonwoods. This was all the black, enshrouding night revealed, and even this was merely made apparent by the yellow illumination of the window. The cabin stood upon an island, a strip of sand, partially covered by water, separating it from the north shore on which they stood. There was no sign of life about the hut, other than the burning lamp, but that alone was sufficient evidence of occupancy. In spite of hunger, and urgent need, Keith hesitated, uncertain as to what they might be called upon to face. Who could be living in this out-of-the-way spot, in the heart of this inhospitable desert? It would be no cattle outpost surely, for there was no surrounding grazing land, while surely no professional hunter would choose such a barren spot for headquarters. Either a hermit, anxious to escape all intercourse with humanity, or some outlaw who had sought a place in which to select so isolated a place in which to live. To them it would be ideal. Away from all trails, where not even widely roving cattlemen would penetrate, in midst of a desert avoided by Indians because of lack of game—a man might hide here year after year without danger of discovery. Yet such a one would not be likely to welcome their coming, and they were without arms. But Keith was not a man to hesitate long because of possible danger, and he stepped down into the shallow water.

"Come on, Neb," he commanded, "and we'll find out who lives here." The window faced the west, and he came up the low bank to where the door fronted the north in intense darkness. Under the shadow of the cottonwoods he could see nothing, groping his way, with hands extended. His foot struck a flat stone, and he plunged forward, striking the unlatched door so heavily as to swing it open, and fall partially forward into the room. As he struggled to his knees, the black face peering past him into the lighted interior, he seemed to perceive in one swift, comprehensive glance, every revealed detail. A lamp burned on a rudely constructed set of drawers near the window, and a wood fire blazed redly in a stone fireplace opposite, the yellow and red lights blending in a peculiar glow of color. Under this radiance were revealed the rough log walls plastered with yellow clay, and hung about with the skins of wild animals, a roughly made table, bare except for a book lying upon it, and a few ordinary appearing boxes, evidently utilized as seats, together with a barrel cut so as to make a comfortable chair. In the back wall was a door, partially open, apparently leading into a second room. That was all, except the woman.

Keith must have perceived all these in that first hurried glance, for they were ever after closely associated together in his mind, yet at the moment he possessed no clear thought of anything except her. She stood directly behind the table, where she must have sprung hastily at the first sound of their approach, clutching at the rude mantle above the fireplace, and staring toward him, her face white, her breath coming in sobs. At first he thought the vision a dream, a delirium born from his long struggle; he could not conceive the possibility of such a presence in this lonely place, and staggering to his feet, gazed wildly, dumbly at the slender, gray clad figure, the almost girlish face under the shadowing dark hair, expecting the marvellous vision to vanish. Surely this could not be real! A woman, and such a woman as this here, and alone, of all places! He staggered from weakness, almost terror, and grasped the table to hold himself erect. The rising wind came swirling in through the open door, causing the fire to send forth spirals of smoke, and he turned, dragging the dazed negro within, and snapping the latch behind him. When he glanced around again he fully believed the vision confronting him would have vanished. But no! there she yet remained, those wide-open, frightened brown eyes, with long lashes half hiding their depths, looking directly into his own; only now she had slightly changed her posture, leaning toward him across the table. Like a flash he comprehended that this was reality—flesh and blood—and, with the swift instinct of a gentleman, his numbed, nerveless fingers jerked off his hat, and he bowed bareheaded before her.

"Pardon me," he said, finding his voice with difficulty. "I fell over the step, but—but I didn't expect to find a woman here."

He heard her quick breathing, marked a slight change in the expression of the dark eyes, and caught the glitter of the freight on a revolver in her lowered hand.

"What did you expect to find?"

"I hardly know," he explained lamely; "we stumbled on this hut by accident. I didn't know there was a cabin in all this valley."

"Then you are not here for any purpose? to meet with any one?"

"No; we were lost, and had gone into camp up above, when we discovered your light."

"Where do you come from?"

Keith hesitated just an instant, yet falsehood was never easy for him, and he saw no occasion for any deceit now.

"Carson City."

"What brought you here?"

"We started for the 'Bar X' ranch down below, on the Canadian; got caught in a sand-storm, and then just drifted. I do not know within twenty miles of where we are."

She drew a deep breath of uncontrolled relief.

"Are you alone?"

"The negro and I—yes; and you haven't the slightest reason to be afraid of us—we're square."

She looked at him searchingly, and something in Keith's clean-cut face seemed to bring reassurance, confidence in the man.

"I am not afraid," she answered, coming toward him around the short table. "Only it is so lonely here, and you startled me, bursting in without warning. But you look all right, and I am going to believe your story. What is your name?"

"Keith—Jack Keith."

"A cowman?"

"A little of everything, I reckon," a touch of returning bitterness in the tone. "A plainsman, who has punched cattle, but my last job was government scout."

"You look as though you might be more than that," she said slowly.

The man flushed, his lips pressing tightly together.

"Well, I—I may have been," he confessed unwillingly. "I started out at night, but somehow I reckon I just went adrift. It's a habit in this country."

Apparently those first words of comment had left her lips unthinkingly, for she made no attempt to reply; merely stood there directly facing him, her clear eyes gazing frankly into his own. He seemed to actually see her now for the first time, fairly—a supple, slender figure, simply dressed, with wonderfully expressive brown eyes, a perfect wealth of dark hair, a clear complexion, with slight olive tinge to it, a strong, intelligent face, not strictly beautiful, yet strangely attractive, the forehead low and broad, the nose straight, the lips full and inclined to smile. Suddenly a vague remembrance brought recognition.

"Why I know you now."

"Indeed!" the single word a note of undistinguished surprise.

"Yes; I thought you looked oddly familiar all the time, but couldn't for the life of me connect up. You're Christie Maclaire."

"Am I?" her eyes filled with curiosity.

"Of course you are. You needn't be afraid of me if you want it kept secret, but I know you just the same. Saw you at the 'Galey' in Independence, maybe two months ago. I went three times, mostly on your account. You've got a great act, and you can sing too."

She stood in silence, still looking fixedly at him, her bosom rising and falling, her lips parted as if to speak. Apparently she did not know what to do, how to act, and was thinking swiftly.

"Mr. Keith," she said, at last in decision, "I am going to ask you to blot that all out—to forget that you even suspect me of being Christie Maclaire, of the Galey."

"Why, certainly; but would you explain?"

"There is little enough to explain. It is sufficient that I am here alone with you. Whether I wish to or not, I am compelled to trust myself to your protection. You may call me Christie Maclaire, or anything else you please; you may even think me unworthy respect, but you possess the face of a gentleman, and as such I am going to trust you—I must trust you. Will you accept my confidence on these terms?"

Keith did not smile, nor move. Weak from hunger and fatigue, he leaned wearily against the wall. Nevertheless that simple, womanly appeal awoke all that was strong and sacrificing within him, although her words were so unexpected that, for the moment he failed to realize their full purport. Finally he straightened up.

"I—I accept any terms you desire," he gasped weakly. "If—if you will only give one return."

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"Food; we have eaten nothing for sixty hours."

Her face, which had been so white, flushed to the hair, her dark eyes widening.

"Why, of course; sit down. I ought to have known from your face. There is plenty here—such as it is—only you must wait a moment."

CHAPTER IX.

The Girl of the Cabin.
He saw Neb drop down before the blazing fireplace, and curl up like a tired dog, and observed her take the lamp, open the door into the other



"I—Accept Any Terms You Desire."

room a trifle, and slip silently out of sight. He remembered staring vaguely about the little room, still illumined by the flames, only half comprehending, and then the reaction from his desperate struggle with the elements overcame all resolution, and he dropped his head forward on the table, and lost consciousness. Her hand upon his shoulder aroused him, started into wakefulness, yet he scarcely realized the situation.

"I have placed food for the negro beside him," she said quietly, and for the first time Keith detected the soft blur in her speech.

"You are from the South!" he exclaimed, as though it was a discovery. "Yes—and you?"

"My boyhood began in Virginia—the negro was an old-time slave in our family."

She glanced across at the black, now sitting up and eating voraciously.

"I thought he had once been a slave; one can easily tell that. I did not ask him to sit here because, if you do not object, we will eat here together. I have also been almost as long without food. It was so lonely here, and I hardly understood my situation—and I simply could not force myself to eat."

He distinguished her words clearly enough, although she spoke low, as if she preferred what was said between them should not reach the ears of the negro, yet somehow, for the moment, they made no adequate impression on him. Like a famished wolf he began on the coarse fare, and for ten minutes hardly lifted his head. Then his eyes chanced to meet hers across the narrow table, and instantly the gentleman reawoke to life.

"I have been a perfect brute," he acknowledged frankly, "with no thought except for myself. Hunger was my master, and I ask your forgiveness, Miss Maclaire."

Her eyes smiled.

"I am so very glad to have any one here—any one—in whom I feel even a little confidence—that nothing else greatly matters. Can you both eat, and listen?"

Keith nodded, his eyes full of interest, searching her face.

"Whoever I may be, Mr. Keith, and really that seems only of small importance, I came to Fort Larned seeking some trace of my only brother, whom we last heard from there, where he had fallen into evil companionship. On the stage trip I was fortunate enough to form an acquaintance with a man who told me he knew where I could meet Fred, but that the boy was hiding because of some trouble he had lately gotten into, and that I should have to proceed very carefully so as not to lead the officers to discover his whereabouts. This gentleman was engaged in some business at Carson City, but he employed a man to bring me to this place, and promised to get Fred, and meet me here the following day. There must have been some failure in the plans, for I have been here entirely alone now for three days. It has been very lonesome, and—and I've been a little frightened. Perhaps I ought not to have come, and I am not certain what kind of a place this is. I was so afraid when you came, but I am not afraid now."

"You have no need to be," he said soberly, impressed by the innocent candor of the girl, and feeling thankful that he was present to aid her. "I could not wrong one of the South."

"My father always told me I could trust a Southern gentleman under any circumstances. Mr. Hawley was from my own State, and knew many of our old friends. That was why I felt such unusual confidence in him, although he was but a traveling acquaintance."

"Mr. Hawley?"

"The gentleman whom I met on the stage."

"Oh, yes; you said he was in business in Carson City, but I don't seem to remember any one of that name."

"He was not there permanently; only to complete some business deal."

"And your brother? I may possibly have known him."

She hesitated an instant, her eyes dropping, until completely shaded by the long lashes.

"He—he was rather a wild boy, and ran away from home to enlist in the army. But he got into a bad set, and—and deserted. That was part of the trouble which caused him to hide. He enlisted under the name of Fred Wiloughby. Mr. Hawley told me this much, but I am afraid he did not tell me all."

"And he said you would meet him here?"

Keith gazed about the bare surroundings wondering. What was this place, hidden away in the midst of the desert, isolated in a spot where not even Indians roamed. Could it be a secret rendezvous of crime, the headquarters of desperadoes, of cattle rustlers, of the highwaymen of the Santa Fe Trail—a point to which they could ride when hard pressed, certain of hiding here in safety? He began to suspect this, but, if so, who then was this Hawley, and with what object had he sent this girl here? Every way he turned was to confront mystery, to face a new puzzle. Whatever she might be—even the music hall singer he believed—she had been inveigled here innocently enough. Even now she possessed only the most vague suspicion that she had been deceived. The center of the whole plot, if there was a plot, must be Hawley.

"Yes," she replied, "he said that this was one of the stations of a big ranch on which Fred was employed, and that he would certainly be here within a day or two."

"You met Hawley on the stage coach? How did you become acquainted?"

"We were alone for nearly fifty miles," her voice faltering slightly, "and—and he called me what you did."

"Christie Maclaire?"

"Yes; he—he seemed to think he knew me, and I needed help so much that I let him believe so. I thought it could do no harm, and then, when I found he actually knew Fred, I didn't think of anything else, only how fortunate I was to thus meet him. Surely something serious must have happened, or he would have been here before this. Do you—do you suppose there is anything wrong?"

Keith did not smile nor change posture. The more he delved into the matter, the more serious he felt the situation to be. He knew all those ranches lying south on the Canadian, and was aware that this was no outstation. No cattle ever came across that sandy desert unless driven by rustlers, and no honest purpose could account for this isolated hut. There had been frequent robberies along the trail, and he had overheard tales of mysterious disappearances in both Larned and Carson City. Could it be that he had now, accidentally, stumbled upon the rendezvous of the gang? He was not a man easily startled, but this thought sent his heart beating.

He knew enough to realize what such a gang would naturally consist of—deserters, outlaws, rustlers; both Indians and whites, no doubt, combined under some desperate leadership. Gazing into the girl's questioning eyes he could scarcely refrain from blurting out all he suspected. Yet why should he? What good could it do? He could not hope to bear her south to the "Bar X" Ranch, for the ponies were already too thoroughly exhausted for such a journey; he dared not turn north with her, for that would mean his own arrest, leaving her in worse condition than ever. If he only knew who this man Hawley was, his purpose, and plans! Yet what protection could he and Neb prove, alone here, and without arms? All this flashed through his mind in an instant, leaving him confused and uncertain.

(Continued Next Week)

For Mr. and Mrs. Holland.

Mrs. J. T. Holland gave a dinner last night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Holland. The many wedding presents of the young couple were on display for the inspection of the visitors. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stewart, Mrs. R. L. Rogers, Misses Conner, McNeal, Knight and Brandon and Messrs. Gober, Peel Costen and Holland.

Wayside Items.

A good rain fell Tuesday and mutterings of the distant thunder betoken more to follow. A good thing for the farmer, small grain needed rain, lots of row planted that needed rain to bring it up.

Rev. Wm. Younger preached at Beula Sunday morning and night. S. S. at the usual hour led by Supt. McCrery.

Many friends of Rev. Homer Faulkner will be pleased to hear of his marriage Feb. 1, 1912, to Miss Fritz, a 4 years missionary in China.

Mrs. Sybil Garrett of Amarillo niece of Mrs. G. W. Mayo, is visiting relatives near Wayside.

Mrs. Anna Coleman and three children are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. McGehee at Wayside.

Anona.

Good Rain Yesterday.

A half inch rain fell in Canyon and surrounding country yesterday morning just before noon. Showers continued throughout the afternoon. The benefit of these rains was very great. While there is plenty of moisture in the ground, the top had begun to need moistening. The crops are looking fine and growing fast.

New City Well.

The city is advertising for bids on a new well which they propose to put down near the city water plant. The city patronage is so great that the plant is now run from 14 to 18 hours a day. The city council proposed to put down another well and add another large pump so that the supply on hand can easily be kept to the maximum capacity of the tank and reservoir. While the present water system is one of the best on the Plains, it is becoming inefficient to care for the increasing patronage in the city.

Turkeys wanted at the Leader.

Hoffman Notes.

Bob Stratton returned home from Hereford Saturday after attending court last week.

W. S. Melroy was a business caller in Canyon Saturday.

Mrs. Jeff McGee returned from Amarillo Sunday after visiting her parents for a week.

Will Cage spent Sunday in Canyon.

Miss Ora Cage who is teaching at the Phillip school, came home Sunday and being unable to return her sister Miss Bluma has gone to fill the vacancy.

Jeff McGee made a trip to Deming, N. M., last week. He filed on a homestead and expects to move there soon.

T. B. Slaughter left this week with five cars of cattle en route for Kansas City.

Tom Pane is spending his vacation from the ranch in Amarillo.

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