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## Home Town Helps

PLANT RIGHT  
Expert on Subject Offered Advice  
Outdoor Art Committees of  
Town Booster Clubs.

Booster clubs for town planning and  
civil improvements are the natural  
outgrowth of our war-time defense and  
patriotic leagues. Our suburban towns  
should not overlook this opportunity to  
utilize these war-time organizations in  
furthering the welfare of their com-  
munities. Many interesting activities  
can be carried out for the improvement  
and beautification of your town and  
community. I would suggest the fol-  
lowing as being important, interesting  
and practical.

Have your boosters' club appoint an  
outdoor art committee. The members  
of this committee should be citizens  
who can give considerable time, are  
public spirited, self-sacrificing and ap-  
preciate what town improvements  
mean. This committee should recom-  
mend the adoption of an ordinance for  
the protection and regulation of tree  
planting on all the public streets.

It should condemn the planting of  
soft wood short-lived varieties of trees  
like the willow, boxelder, cottonwood,  
poplar and soft maples. All of these are  
a nuisance and in many cases de-  
structive. The roots of the willows,  
poplars and cottonwoods fill the sew-  
ers and injure pavements, while the  
box elders and soft maples are always  
seriously affected by insect and fungus  
diseases.

Only the hardwood long-lived vari-  
eties should be recommended by this  
committee, such trees as the American  
elm, red and pin oaks, sycamore, Nor-  
way maples, lindens, ginko, ironwood,  
locusts, etc. These trees will grow to  
be several hundred years old, are not  
seriously affected by insect and fungus  
diseases and seldom look shabby or  
unsightly.—J. H. Prost in Chicago  
Daily News.

### BILLBOARDS HIT BY DECISION

By Ruling of Supreme Court They  
May Be Banned From Resi-  
dence Districts.

The power granted cities by the  
United States Supreme court to elimi-  
nate billboards altogether in the resi-  
dence districts is hailed with appro-  
bation in a bulletin which it devotes to  
the billboard evil. The decision which  
protects the millions of dollars invest-  
ed in homes and civic improvements  
was rendered in the case of the Cusack  
company against Chicago.

The Civic association, in the strong-  
est language, urges communities to  
protect themselves from the intrusions  
of billboards in the residence districts.  
It calls the billboards "eyesores,"  
which deprecate property values.

Los Angeles already has taken ad-  
vantage of the power given it by the  
Supreme court to bar billboards from  
all parts of the city except business  
districts. Whether a block is in a  
business district is determined by the  
written consent of the owners of 66  
per cent of the property in the block  
and the two adjoining blocks.

So it will take the permission of the  
owners of two-thirds of the frontage  
in three blocks to erect billboards  
along one block.

The billboards may be banished at  
any time upon the request of the  
owners of 35 per cent of the frontage.  
—Kansas City Star.

### Appropriate Gardens.

Much that has been said in regard  
to the house applies equally well to  
the garden. Let its style be deter-  
mined by locality. Formal gardens  
with neat hedges and direct paths are  
more and more appropriate as we ap-  
proach the conventionalities of city  
life. Leave the picturesque garden  
to spacious, picturesque surroundings.  
Winding paths and other features of  
the natural garden require to be close  
to nature. An orchard is both more  
useful and more beautiful in the prox-  
imity of the small house that is not  
far from town. The cost of main-  
tenance is least in the orchard garden  
with paved paths, flowering shrubs  
and borders of perennials.

### Improve the Grounds.

Unfortunately, indeed, is the family  
which has no trees or shrubbery about  
the house and which has permitted  
this much of 1919 to go by without  
planting anything. Piling up of money  
and stock for some one else to use  
at the expense of some of the com-  
forts and pleasures easily obtained for  
a home is not only poor judgment, but  
poor business policy.

### No Need of Haste.

There was a rookie in the same  
squad I was in who objected strongly  
to drilling. He executed "squads  
right" and "squads left" in gloomy  
silence, but when "double time" was  
given he growled loud enough for the  
whole squad to hear, "Hey, what's the  
hurry? We ain't goin' nowhere."—  
Chicago Tribune.

### Hearts Asunder.

"We can never marry."  
"Why not?"  
"I am the heroine of a summer nov-  
el, while you are merely the hero of  
a daily story."—Louisville Courier  
Journal.

### HOW DREADED SNAKE GETS "RATTLES"

THAT GIVE IT ITS NAME.

—How old is a rattlesnake? It  
has always been a source of sat-  
isfaction to believe that a rat-  
tlesnake's age could be deter-  
mined by its rattles. The very  
simplicity of the theory recom-  
mended it. What could be eas-  
ier? A rattlesnake got a new  
ring on its rattle every year.  
Count the rings and you have  
its age. Now the scientists  
come along and explode the  
theory.

Raymond Lee Ditmars, cur-  
ator of reptiles in the New York  
Zoological park, describes the  
development of the rattles as  
follows:

When a rattlesnake is born,  
it is provided with a small but-  
ton at the tip of its tail. A few  
months after birth it sheds its  
skin. In two months more it  
sheds its skin a second time,  
and in so doing uncovers the first  
ring or segment of the rat-  
tle which has been developing  
under the epidermis. Therefore,  
every time it sheds its skin it  
uncovers a new segment. Under  
normal conditions, a rattlesnake  
sheds its skin three times  
a year, but unusual climatic or  
food conditions may vary the  
number of molts.

The rattle is a very delicate  
organ. The snake wears out the  
older rings dragging them  
around over rough, rocky  
ground. A rattle seldom attains  
a length of more than ten or  
eleven rings, as when that num-  
ber has been acquired the vibra-  
tion at the tip, when the organ  
is used, is so pronounced that  
additional segments are soon  
worn, broken and lost.

### PROOF OF SAGACITY OF RATS

How Rodents Handle Eggs, for In-  
stance, Shows They Possess  
Ability to Reason.

A careful student of the rodent tribe  
writes: "No single point better illus-  
trates the sagacity of the rat than the  
way in which it eats an egg. It bites  
through the shell and chips off small  
fragments as neatly as a squirrel opens  
a nut, consumes the entire contents  
without spilling a drop and then sits  
up and licks itself clean like a cat.  
Rats will steal the eggs from under a  
setting hen. Their method of handling  
eggs is also characteristic. An egg is  
as large for a rat as a barrel is for a  
man—much more fragile. Yet  
there is evidence of the fact that they  
pass eggs along from one to another,  
although not probably, as has often  
been reported, by forming long lines,  
like a bucket brigade. The operation  
is naturally a difficult one to observe,  
but apparently it takes two rats to  
each egg. One holds the egg in its  
paws, passes it on to the other, and  
then runs ahead to take it once more  
in its turn. The same device seems  
to be employed to carry an egg down-  
stairs, the one that has the egg pass-  
ing it to a companion standing on the  
step below."

### Why Writer Opposes Display.

The great things of the world—men,  
or women, or mountains, or ideas—  
are simple, declares Angelo Patri in New  
Red Cross Magazine.

They are easy to understand. They  
are exactly what they say they are.  
They do not pretend. They 'come  
clean.'

"The founders of America were sim-  
ple folk. They landed on a rock that  
became the corner stone of a great  
nation. They gave it a simple name—  
Plymouth Rock. Their dress was very  
plain. You would know a Pilgrim  
father and mother if you met them  
anywhere today. And you would take  
off your hat to them.

"Too many things, too many plans,  
choke up our lives. You know people  
who are so busy taking care of their  
things that they have no time to  
live. Some folks do not know at the  
end of the day whether the sky was  
blue or gray. They did not hear the  
song sparrow, although he sang brave-  
ly. They did not glimpse the road  
border of dusty mulleins and sky-blue  
cheery and ox-eye daisies. Too busy.  
Daily they miss the salt and savor of  
the earth. They have forgotten the  
simple, beautiful things."

### How Dame Nature Cleans House.

There is no more particular house-  
wife than Dame Nature. Every spring  
she puts down a new green carpet in  
every room of her great house. But  
before that she makes all things ready,  
for she washes and scours the rooms  
by means of forces that make ordinary  
vacuum cleaners look like children's  
toys.

Furthermore, she shakes the very at-  
mosphere with furious winds, as a  
curtain is shaken to rid it of dust and  
germs. Then, when the strenuous  
days of housecleaning are over, Nature  
turns decorator. Every week  
she paints fresh pictures for us, every-  
where we move something new and  
beautiful prepared by her hands awaits  
us.

### How Mother Reasoned.

"Propinquity is what brings about  
marriages," declared Pa in didactic  
mood.

"Huh?"  
"It works this way. From among  
the men who call most frequently at a  
house the daughter of the house natu-  
rally selects a husband."

"In that case," said Ma, "I fear our  
daughter is doomed to marry a bill  
collector."

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AT THE TIME I FIRED THE SHOT I BELIEVED MY OWN LIFE WAS IN DANGER.

James Callan of Menard, charged with the killing of Vernon R. Billings of Nopal, Texas, in the Julius Rasmussen pasture, near Menard, on the evening of Nov. 12, was granted bail in the sum of \$20,000, at the examining trial before County Judge J. D. Scruggs late Saturday night.

The manufacturers of woollens have for some time admitted the fact that the wool grown in the country of which Sonora is the center, is of better value to them than that raised in many portions of the State, and is in a class known as the "Sonora Country Wools."

Lee L. Russell of Fort Worth says drilling has been resumed on the James Russell ranch on Bear Creek, that is being drilled by Ludlow & Thomas and that they are down 1100 feet and are now preparing to continue operations, having arranged to use wood as well as oil for fuel.

James Callan is about 56 years of age. The deceased was about 24, married, and was driving a bunch of horses through the country when he met his death.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Espy of Eldorado, were in town Wednesday on their way to the V. J. Turney ranch, 30 miles south of town on a visit.

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Lee Russell of Fort Worth, his son James J. Russell of Bear Creek and Bud Westbrook of Menard were in Sonora Thursday. Mr. Russell had been on a visit to his ranches in the Marfa and Lobo countries and was met at Del Rio by the others.

R. E. Aldwell returned Thursday from San Antonio where he left Mrs. Aldwell for a visit of some weeks in that city. He came home by way of Angelo where he was a few days with his mother and sister Mrs. T. A. Williams.

Miss Louise Strackbein of Rock Springs, is circulating a subscription list for funds to augment the donation of \$1,000 from the Catholic Church Extension Board for the erection of a Catholic church in that community, according to the Rock Springs Leader.

Freighters wanted to haul about 90,000 lbs of heavy tower timbers from San Angelo to the Paul Turney ranch 28 miles below Sonora.

SONORA WOOLS BRING FANCY PRICES.

The First National Bank of Del Rio reported to E. E. Sawyer of Sonora, Friday that the wools they consigned to Bos on this summer had been sold at satisfactory prices.

Be Careful in Preparing Your Wool for Market this Coming Spring.

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MILLER-WYATT.

"These whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder." Was most beautifully demonstrated Sunday November 23, at 9 o'clock a. m.

This wedding is the happy climax of a courtship that dates back for several months. The reception hall and parlor were very tastefully decorated with palms and ferns.

Punctually at nine o'clock Mrs. Sretser sang "All For You" accompanied on the piano by Miss Lou Phillips.

About one thirty after congratulations, the happy couple left for their home in Sonora and repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Hamilton.

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HAVE YOU SELECTED THE KIND OF TREE TO PLANT.

Knowing that Geo. S. Allison had successfully transplanted live oak trees we asked him the other day as to the method he used.

Mr. Allison says select a smooth barked, thrifty, upstanding tree of the size desired and wait for the sap to go down.

With this knowledge before you why not plant a few liveoaks, there is no tree more beautiful or ornamental.

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DENTAL NOTICE. I expect to make Sonora every other month and spend a week or more. Dr. J. A. McDonald, Del Rio, Texas.

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BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY. Insure now, before your house burns up, in some good old line company. T. L. Benson, Agent.

HOUSE FOR SALE. I offer for sale my house on East Crockett avenue, Sonora, at terms to suit purchaser. This is a desirably located home of seven rooms, on four lots, two car garage and other improvements.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

In the matter of County finances in the hands of E. W. Hargrave, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas, Commissioners' Court Sutton County, Texas, in regular Quarterly Session, November term 1919.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Sutton County, and the Hon. W. E. Hodges County Judge of said Sutton County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 10th day of November A. D. 1919, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of E. W. Hargrave, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 11th day of Aug. 1, 1919 and ending on the 10th day of Nov. 1919 and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1919, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, each one of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Sutton County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1919 and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

Table with columns: JURY FUND 1st Class, Balance on hand Aug 1 1919, To amount received since said date, By amount disbursed since said date, Total, To balance in fund.

Table with columns: ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND 2nd Class, Balance on hand Aug 1 1919, To amount received since said date, By amount disbursed since said date, Total, To balance in fund.

Table with columns: GENERAL FUND 3rd Class, Balance on hand Aug 1 1919, To amount received since said date, By amount disbursed since said date, Total, To balance in fund.

Table with columns: COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND 4th Class, Balance on hand Aug 1 1919, To amount received since said date, By amount disbursed since said date, Total, To balance in fund.

Table with columns: ROAD FUND 5th Class, Balance on hand Aug 1 1919, To amount received since said date, By amount disbursed since said date, Total, To balance in fund.

Table with columns: HIGHWAY FUND 6th Class, Balance on hand Aug 1 1919, To amount received since said date, By amount disbursed since said date, Total, To balance in fund.

Table with columns: TICK FUND 7th Class, Balance on hand Aug 1 1919, To amount received since said date, By amount disbursed since said date, Total, To balance in fund.

Table with columns: RECAPITULATION, Date, Balance, Amount.

ASSETS. In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said Treasurer, to-wit: 10 Sonora Independent School District School Bonds (\$500.00) each-\$500.00.





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All Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, Notices of Entertainments where an admission fee is charged, Etc., will be charged for at our regular advertising rates.

### Mrs. T. A. Williams Seriously Injured.

Mrs. T. A. Williams, the delegate from Sonora the Federation of Womans Clubs Meeting at Port Arthur, was seriously injured in a train wreck near Houston on the 20th, and is now in the St. Johns Sanatorium at San Angelo. Mrs. Williams was on her way home from the convention when the accident occurred. It was first thought her neck was broken by those who picked her up. First aid was rendered by a surgeon in Houston and she was hurried to Angelo where she was met by her mother Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and her husband notified Mr. Williams made a night drive from Rocksprings where he was on professional business. The x-ray disclosed a separation of the shoulder bone and injury of the left elbow from which she is suffering intensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stites were in town Wednesday.

Ben Cusenbery was in town Wednesday from the ranch 20 miles south of town.

Steve Brown who ranches in Edwards county was here this week.

We have a nice line of Xmas Apples at cheap prices.  
17 Sonora Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Potect were in town Wednesday from the Bryson & Lowrey ranch, shopping.

See our stock of boys suits and trousers. Latest patterns, prices right.  
17 Sonora Mercantile Co.

Gordon F. Stewart returned Sunday from a business visit to Brady.

Owing to the shortage of sugar and other fruit cake ingredients, we will have a nice line of Fruit Cakes and Plum Puddings.  
17 Sonora Mercantile Co.

Claude Baker who ranches in the eastern part of the county, was in town this week.

C. F. Adams and son Ica Adams returned Sunday from Menard where they attended the examining trial of James Callan, who is their cousin and uncle.

Buy your Christmas presents for the Ladies and Girls at the Style Shop. A big discount sale is now on at the Ladies Store.

LOST—I have lost my wrist watch. The finder will be suitably rewarded.  
MRS. CLAUDE KEENE

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Savell of Angelo have been spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. John Clendennen on the Hutcherson ranch six miles west of town. Mrs. Clendennen is the daughter of Mrs. Savell.

**KATE ADELE HILL**  
TEACHER OF  
**Piano and Voice**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Nov. 17, 1919.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$504,297.68
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation (par value)	20,875.00
U. S. Bonds purchased or discounted by it	525,085.18
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>1,050,257.86</b>
Deposits:	
Overdrafts, secured unsecured	\$420.73
U. S. Government securities owned:	
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation (par value)	\$70,000.00
U. S. Bonds purchased or discounted by it	53,200.00
Other bills payable	53,200.00
War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	148.77
U. S. Government securities owned:	
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank [50 per cent of subscription]	128,348.77
U. S. Government securities owned:	5,400.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	2,500.00
Equity in banking house	2,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,300.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,400.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	38,939.49
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	128,061.09
Net amounts due from banks and bankers and trust companies other than included in items 12, 13 and 14	139,210.81
Total of items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17	10,420.72
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	132.40
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	3,500.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximately on notes and bills receivable not past due	996.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$847,929.83</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits	\$28,248.14
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	7,605.58
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned [approximate]	4,680.50
26 Amount Reserved for taxes accrued	1,208.23
Circulating notes outstanding	70,000.00
Net amounts due to National Banks	22,47.94
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding	28,358.26
Total of items 30, 31, 32 and 33	50,817.80
Individual deposits subject to check	482,840.08
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to check	482,840.08
Reserve items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	462,840.08
Other time deposits	8,406.16
Total of time deposits subject to check, items 40, 41, 42 and 43	8,406.16
49. Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank	54,160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$847,929.83</b>

I, W. L. Aldwell, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. L. Aldwell, President.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1919.  
(Seal) Mayale Brown, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.  
Correct-Attest:  
E. K. Sawyer, Director.  
E. F. Vander Stucken,  
Geo. S. Allison,

Recapitulation.	
RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$504,297.68
U. S. Bonds	70,875.00
U. S. Bonds purchased or discounted by it	525,085.18
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	37,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	5,400.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Other real estate	8,200.00
Cash in Banks and Vault	178,954.50
Revenue and War Saving Stamps	202.77
Five per cent fund	3,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$847,929.83</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits	99,356.21
Circulation	70,000.00
Deposits	
Banks	22,479.04
Individual	499,554.50
Bills payable	54,160.00
Reserved for taxes	1,393.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$847,929.83</b>

**CHRISTMAS NOT TOO EARLY FOR THE DISCRIMINATING BUYER.**  
Our exhibit of Diamonds and Diamond Jewelry were never more complete. Gold and Silver Jewelry, Silverware and Silver Novelties. Our display of Bracelet Watches is worth seeing. Our prices are right.  
**HOLLAND JEWELRY COMPANY,**  
Successors to McBurnett Jewelry Co., San Angelo's  
Leading Jewelers, San Angelo, Texas.

**MORRIS-GILMORE HARDWARE**  
PLUMBING SUPPLIES, QUEENSWARE, FURNITURE

Oil Stoves and Ranges  
Fishing Tackle  
Camp Cots and Chairs  
Paints and Oils.

"WATCH US GROW & HELP US GROW."

## SONORA HIGH WINS FIRST GAME ON HOME GROUNDS.

The aggressive playing of the Sonora foot ball team proved too much for Junction High and the visitors were forced to carry home the short end of a 6 to 0 score. From the sound of the first whistle to that of the last the onora boys put up a fight that kept Junction's goal in danger but only in the third quarter did they succeed in breaking thru the Junction defense for a touch down. In this quarter Sonora carried the ball from midfield to Junction's fifteen yard line by a series of sweeping end runs and line plunges. From the fifteen yard line, Adams, Sonora fullback, carried the ball across for the only score of the game on a brilliant end-run.

The Junction boys put up a good game but the end runs by Adams and the interference given him by his team mates proved too much for them. At only one time did they threaten Sonora's goal. In the fourth quarter they cut loose with a number of forward passes that carried the ball to Sonora's goal line only to lose the ball on a fumble which was recovered by Edens of Sonora. Sonora then punted out of danger and the ball was held in Junction territory when the final whistle sounded.

The line-up of Sonora was: W. Hebert, left end; J. Gilman, left tackle; C. Baker, left guard; J. Bates, center; M. Logan, right guard; N. Merek, right tackle; C. Edens, right end; G. Ross, quarter back; M. Bryson, right half; J. Ross, left half; J. Adams, full back. Junction players: Willie Bissett, Jack Maddox, Charlie Bruce, Don Dechert, Clarence Richardson, John Henderson, Ann Murr, Walt Turner, Joe Freeman, Pierce Stephenson, Enock Bruce, with substitutes Pierce Hoggett and Floyd Richardson. Jewell Matthews referee, Tom Davis umpire, Pierce Hoggett and Hayne Davis linemen.

The News is indebted to Verne Hamilton for this notice of the game and we regret that we were not able to publish it last week.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

With freight advanced to \$1.00 a hundred from San Angelo to Sonora, ranchmen are unable to get their wool hauled to the railroad and are having to use their own trucks—that is those who have them. The freight rate was formerly fifty cents a hundred. There is a demand for small trucks but the nearby markets cannot supply them.

Little time will be lost if you wash out the wound with BORO-ZONE ANTISEPTIC LIQUID and dress it with BOROZONE POWDER. It purifies the wound and heals quickly. Use it on your stock for screw-worms, dehorned cattle or any kind of cut or bruise. For man or beast. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

What a terrible time we would have had if the spasm had struck us when the wolf was at the door. The people are fortunately in a position to cuss and discuss the questions and everything will be normal and everybody producing as much as possible again in a few months and we will never know how near the Reds and Yellows came to having made a melting pot out of the U.S.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS and all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sonora Drug Co. 12-6m.

Miss Kate Adele Hill, teacher of piano and voice at the Sonora school, is meeting with success, although because of the class not beginning with the opening of the school, as many pupils as should have not availed themselves of the opportunity for thorough instruction in music. This is a branch of education that should be encouraged and is in fact made a part of the necessary studies in some States. Miss Hill has time for the teaching of about eight more pupils and her services are not confined to those attending school. She would be glad to have some advanced pupils.

Rub a sore throat with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. One or two applications will cure it completely. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

## THE HOTEL A SURE THING \$50,000 RAISED.

The Modern Fire Proof Hotel to be built in Sonora is meeting with the financial and commercial support of the community. As an investment proposition it will be a revenue producer as is proven by similar investments in other town not as well situated as Sonora. As a community advancement nothing will equal it as much except a railroad and a first class Hotel will hurry that along. The ranchmen realize that it is cheaper and better to have all the necessary civic improvements as near home as possible and their travels and visits to other cities has convinced them that the traveling public and prospectors first enquire about the roads and hotel accommodations. Every visitor is a benefit to a community if the community is worth while, in fact there are many places that are supported by the tourist crop alone.

Several of those who have subscribed \$2,500 would buy more of the stock but it was thought advisable to make the enterprise as mutual as possible. The balance of the stock necessary for this enterprise could easily be sold to outside people. There has been no active canvass made of the community as it is no one mans business. Look up the committee if you want to buy some of this stock.

The committee is:  
T. B. Adams, W. A. Miers,  
E. F. Vander Stucken, W. C. Bryson,  
L. W. Elliott, Theo. Savell,  
B. M. Halbert.  
Those who have bought \$2,500 worth of stock are:  
W. A. Miers, E. F. Vander Stucken,  
Aldwell Brothers, W. E. Hodges,  
Sonora Garage, S. E. McKnight,  
Oscar Appelt, B. W. Hutcherson,  
L. B. Adams, Geo. S. Allison,  
J. M. Puckett, G. P. Hill,  
H. P. Allison, W. K. Glascock,  
W. C. Bryson, W. D. Wallace.

A nice line of Ladies Knit Sweaters 17 at Sonora Mercantile Co.

Lee Russell has sold his home in Fort Worth to R. S. Walker a Breckenridge oil man for \$65,000.

We have a nice line of Xmas Apples at cheap prices.  
17 Sonora Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Sterling Baker and Mrs. Fred Simmons left for Angelo Wednesday on a pleasure trip.

GET MORE EGGS by feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Your money back in eggs or your money back in CASH guaranteed by all Dealers. 12-6m.  
The wire cutting case of Juan and Dan Flores has been reversed and remanded by the Court of Appeals.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and constipated habit fits the system with impurities. HERBINE is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halbert were in town Monday from the ranch 6 miles west of town. Mr. Halbert like some of our other friends was getting the news second hand and decided to divide the prosperity by subscribing for the News.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. HERBINE is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.—A-4

Raymond Roueche and Miss Maggie Walraven were married at Sterling on Nov. 13 by Rev. O. M. Cole, according to the News Record.

The happy man referred to above is a brother to Messrs Neil, Carrell and Louis and Miss Nan-nie Roueche of Sonora and is well known here although he has made his home at Sterling for several years.

Clothes are higher, and are going to be higher, so the sensible thing for you to do is to have that Summer suit properly cleaned and pressed and packed away for a serviceable wear next Summer.  
Sonora Tailor Shop,  
Phone 138.

H. P. ALLISON      CLAUDE KEENE

## THE CITY GARAGE

HAVE US FIT YOUR CAR WITH  
**GOODRICH TIRES**

CORD OR FABRIC ALL SIZES  
Willard's Storage Batteries.  
**COMPETENT MECHANICS.**  
**YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.**  
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Order Your  
**CHRISTMAS SUIT NOW**  
PRESENT OR FUTURE DELIVERY

By Ordering NOW you will take Advantage of any Raise in Prices and be able to get the Particular suit and pattern you desire.

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**CLOTHES ORDERED TO MEASURE**

**HABERDASHERY**  
CLEANING      PRESSING      ALTERING  
CALL 138

## SONORA TAILOR SHOP.

### MASONS OF HIGH DEGREE.

While attending the Scottish Rite Masonic meeting in San Antonio ten days ago L. R. Thorp, J. D. Lowrey, Roy E. Aldwell, J. E. Grimland and E. S. Long took the 32 degree and became Shriners.

### Woman Through Passenger from Angelo by Plane.

Mrs. Noah Smith of Angelo arrived in Sonora Monday evening via the air plane route in the ship piloted by Fred Williams. Mrs. Smith, whose husband is interested in aviation, made the trip just for the pleasure of the sail and to visit her sister Mrs. J. M. Livingston. The trip was made without incident and Mrs. Smith was met at the landing to the right of the High School building by Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and taken to the Frank Baker ranch for a visit. The ship is no uncommon sight in Sonora these days but it did attract attention when it was seen to have a woman as passenger on the 70 mile trip.

### PECANS. PECANS.

I have not been able to find labor to gather my crop of Pecans and I have decided to give the privilege to Schleicher and Sutton county ranchmen and citizens of Eldorado and Sonora to gather it on shares of one half. If you want some nice Pecans for winter use, it would be well for you to embrace this opportunity to get them. I can furnish a reasonable number of long cane poles. Bring sacks. My crop is the largest one I have ever had.  
William L. Black,  
Fort McKavett, Texas.  
One and a half miles west on the McKavett and Eldorado road.

We carry in stock the well established shopmade Kelly Boot.  
13 Sonora Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Farwood and E. L. Eardwood of the Cem stock country were here this week.

MORE EGGS or YOUR MONEY back if you feed Martin's Egg Producer. Martin's Roup Cure cures. Martin's Remedies Guaranteed by all Dealers. 12-6m.

Theo Savell was up from the ranch to enjoy a few days of fine weather with his family.

Owing to the shortage of sugar and other fruit cake ingredients, we will have a nice line of Fruit Cakes and Plum Puddings.  
17 Sonora Mercantile Co.

J. N. Ross was in town Wednesday from the ranch where work has lightened up with the fine weather.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trainer and family returned this week from the London country where the cotton crop was good.

Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas, office with F. L. Benson Agency

## SEMI-ANNUAL SALE

AT THE  
**STYLE SHOP**  
Begins Monday  
December First  
**BIG Discount**  
On Millinery  
AND  
Ready-to-Wear.

Dr. W. H. Morrow and J. W. Conch of Snyder, were here Sunday night returning from a hunting expedition down in the Uvalde country. They had no luck.

Beginning November 1st, 1919, we will be forced to raise the price of cleaning and pressing trousers from 50 to 75 cents.  
Sonora Tailor Shop.



## Cannot Traise This Remedy Too Highly

**THE WAY ONE LADY FEELS AFTER SUFFERING TWO YEARS**

Judging from her letter, the misery and wretchedness endured by Mrs. Charlie Taylor, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 144, Dillon, S. C., must have been terrible. No one, after reading her letter, can continue to doubt the great healing power of PE-RU-NA for troubles due to catarrh or catarrhal conditions in any part of the body. Her letter is an inspiration to every sick and suffering man or woman anywhere. Here it is: "I suffered two years with catarrh of the head, stomach and bowels. Tried two of the best doctors, who gave me up. I then took PE-RU-NA and can truthfully say I am well. When I began to use PE-RU-NA, I weighed one hundred pounds. My weight now is one hundred and fifty. I cannot praise PE-RU-NA too highly, for it was a Godsend to me. I got relief from the first half bottle and twelve bottles cured me. I advise all sufferers to take PE-RU-NA.

As an emergency remedy in the home, there is nothing quite the equal of this reliable, time-tried medicine, PE-RU-NA. Thousands place their sole dependence on it for coughs, colds, stomach and bowel trouble, constipation, rheumatism, pains in the back, side and joints and to prevent the grip and Spanish Flu. To keep the blood pure and maintain body strength and robustness, take PE-RU-NA.

You can buy PE-RU-NA anywhere in either tablet or liquid form.

## Christians Invade The Holy Land

**Southern Methodists Send First Workers to Palestine for Bible and Literature Distribution.**

(Special Correspondence)

Nashville, Tenn. — The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has the distinction of being the first Christian denomination to send workers to Palestine since the free regime inaugurated under the occupancy of General Allenby.

The Centenary European Commission of the Church, headed by Bishop James Atkins and Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, have already dispatched five colporteurs to the Holy Land. These will be followed by five more in the next few weeks.

These workers will establish no stations, but will follow the early Methodist custom of itinerating over the country distributing Bibles, tracts and Christian literature.

This literature will be printed in the native dialects, and will be secured through an arrangement with the Nile Press in Egypt.

Under the rule of the Turk such a movement would have been prohibited, but under Allenby there is perfect freedom of religions. The action of the Southern Methodists is the beginning of a vast scheme of missionary activity which will be carried on in the Holy Land.

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## For Weak Women

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

TAKE

## CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . . writes Mrs. Mary E. Vest, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

## The Devil's Own

By Randall Parrish

CHAPTER XI.

**The Story of Elsie Clark.**

The next two hours dragged dreadfully slow, in spite of my pretense at steady work, and the fact that my thoughts were continuously occupied. A cautious whisper, sounding almost at my very ear, caused me to glance up quickly, startled at the unexpected sound. I could perceive nothing, although I instantly felt convinced that whispering voice had issued from between the narrow slats defending the small stateroom window. No one was in sight along the deck, and the razor I was wielding hung limp in my hand.

"Who was it that spoke?" I ventured, the words barely audible.

"Ah did—the prisoner in the stateroom. Have both those men gone?"

"Yes; I am here alone. You are a woman? You are Rene Beauchaire?"

"No, Ah am not her; but Ah know whar Rene Beauchaire is."

"You know? Tell me first who you are."

"Elsie Clark. Ah am a malatto, a free negress. Ah bin helpin' Massa Shrunk, an' cookin' fer him. Yer know what it was whut happened down thar?"

"I know part of it, at least—that Shrunk has been killed. I was at Shrunk's cabin and found the bodies. Tell me exactly what occurred there."

"Whut yer name?"

"Steven Knox; I am a soldier. Rene must have told you about me."

"No, sah; she never done tol' me nuthin'. Ah didn't much mor'n see her employed fur as that goes."

"Not see her? Then she is not confined there with you?"

"Wiv me? Dar ain't nobody confined yer wiv me. Ah just ain't set eyes on nobody since Ah done got on board, 'cept de cook. Ah reckon dem white men aim fer ter tote me some, an' sell me fer a slave; dat's why Ah's locked up yere dis way. But Ah sure does know whar dis yer Rene Beauchaire was."

"Where?"

"'E lives down by de lower pike, sah; he's an abolitionist, sah."

"Oh, I see; he and Shrunk worked together. He helped with the runaway slaves?"

"Yes, sah. Ah's bin called up that way afore. So Ah just nat'ral'y went ter work cookin', an' j'us' soon dey all ov 'em cum stragglin' in ter de cabin fer ter eat. Dar was four ov 'em, sah; her voice a husky whisper. "Bill Sikes, totin' a gun in his han', a free nigger whut dey called Pete, an' two whinin'. De bigger one was a quadroon, maybe 'bout forty years ol', an' de odder she wan't much more'n a gal; an' dar wan't nuthin' ov de nigger 'bout her, 'cept it mought be de hair, an' de eyes—dem was sure black 'nough."

"You learned who they were?"

"Course Ah did. Sikes he 'splained all 'bout 'em ter Massa Shrunk, an' Ah heerd whut he sed. Ah was a waddin' on 'em. We all ov us helped fer ter put 'em in de wagon, hid undeh a lot o' truck, an' den Sikes he done drove 'em out thro' de bluff. Ah done walked wif de gal, an' she tol' mor' 'bout herself, an' whar she cum from; an' dat was her name, sah."

"Her name? What name?"

"Rene Beauchaire; de quadroon woman, she was her mother."

I could scarcely voice my surprise, the quick throbbing of my heart threatening to choke me.

"She claimed that name? She actually told you she was Rene Beauchaire?"

"She sure did. Why? Wan't that her name?"

"I do not know," I confessed. "Perhaps I shall understand better, if you go on. What happened after they left?"

"Why, we just went back ter bed, an' 'long 'bout daylight, I reckon, sun fellars cum ashore off a steamboat, an' done broke inter de house. We never done heerd 'em till dey bust in de door. One ov dem he knocked me down, an' den Ah saw Massa Shrunk—kill one, afore dey got him. Ah don't know just whut did cum ov de free nigger; Ah reckon maybe he run away. Dar's a fellar on board yere whut killed Massa Shrunk; an' he's de same one whut made me cum 'long wif him. A smooth-faced man, sorter tall like, all dressed up, an' whut never talks much."

"Kirby—Joe Kirby, a river gambler."

"Dat's de name—Kirby. Wal, he's de one whut was lookin' fer dis yer gal, Rene Beauchaire. He wanted her pow'ful bad. Dey hunted all 'round fer ter git her, cussin' an' threatenin', an' a haulin' me round; but 'twan't no sorter use. So finally dey took me 'long ter a boat in de creek—a keelboat, run by steam. Most de odder men disappeared; Ah never did know whar dey went, but dis yer Kirby done shut me up in de cabin. Ah don't know much whut did happen after dat, till 'bout de time de steamboat done hit us; an' 'bout de next thing Ah was yanked up yere on deck."

"But there was another woman on the keelboat when it was sunk—a prisoner also. Surely you must have seen her," I insisted.

"Ah saw her—yas," eagerly. "But Ah don't know who she was, sah, nor whar she ever cum from."

"Then she is not there with you?"

"No, sah; Ah's yere all 'lone. Ah reckon tho' she sure mus' be on board sumwhar. All whut Ah does know is, dat de gal called Rene Beauchaire sure

ain't on board; ter she, an' her mah, an' at Beardstown long fore dis, an' a headin' right smart for Canada; while Ah's headin' for down souf. Ah's just told yer all dis, Mister White Man, cause you's a frien' ob de Beauchaires—yer was, wasn't yer?"

"Yes," I said soberly. "I am; and, if I can find any chance to help you, I am going to do it, Elsie. Don't talk any more—the captain is just coming out of the pilot house."

As I gazed at his brief, hastily whispered conversation had served to clear up certain puzzling matters in my mind, the total result of the information thus imparted by Elsie Clark only rendered the situation more complex and puzzling. Evidently my captives had not been confined on the upper deck, but had been more securely hidden away below, where her presence on board would better escape detection. For what purpose? A sinister one, beyond all doubt—the expression of a vague fear in Kirby's heart that, through some accident, her identity might be discovered, and his plans disarranged. I comprehended the part he intended Elsie Beauchaire to play in his future, and realized that he cared more to gain possession of her, to get her into his power, than he did to obtain control of the slave. This knowledge helped me to understand the predicament which this revelation put him into, and how desperately he would strive to retain the upper hand. If, in very truth, she was Judge Beauchaire's white daughter, and could gain communication with others of her class, bringing to them proof of her identity, there would be real men enough on board the Adventurer to rally to her support.

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But would she ever proclaim her right to freedom? If she was indeed Elsie Beauchaire—and even as to this I was not as yet wholly convinced—she had deliberately assumed to be Rene, doing so for a specific purpose. The conviction that this young woman was white, educated, refined, the daughter of good blood—no fleeing negro, cursed with the black strain of an alien race, a nameless slave—brought to me a sudden joy in discovery. I made no attempt to conceal. "Elsie Beauchaire, Elsie Beauchaire"—the name repeated itself on my lips, as though it were a refrain. I knew instantly what it all meant—that some divine, mysterious hand had led from the very hour of my leaving Fort Armstrong, and would continue to lead until the will of God was done. It was not in the stars of Fate that such villainy should succeed; such sacrifice as hers fell of its reward.

Nevertheless, in spite of this resolve, and the fresh courage which had been awakened within me by the faith that from now on I battled for the love of Elsie Beauchaire, no immediate opportunity for service came. I could only wait patiently, and observe.

I was convinced that Kirby, whatever might be his ultimate purpose regarding the girl, had no present intention of doing her further injury. He contemplated no immediate attempt at forcible possession, and would be well satisfied if he could only continue to hold her in strict seclusion. The thing he was guarding against now, and while they remained on board, was escape or discovery.

It was about the middle of the following afternoon when the Adventurer poked her blunt nose around a point of land, and came into full view of the squallid hamlet of Yellow Banks. A half-hour later we lay snugly up against the shore, holding position, and several other boats made fast to stout trees, busily unloading, and their broad gangplanks stretching from forward deck to bank. The roughest-looking men, black and white, burdened with whatever lead they could snatch up, moving on an endless run across the stiff plank, and up the low bank to the drier summit. It chanced to be my good fortune to escape this labor, having been detailed by James to drag boxes, holes and barrels forward to where the hurrying bearers could grasp them more readily. This brought me close to the forward stairs, down which the departing passengers trooped, threading their insecure way among the trotting laborers, in an effort to get ashore.

Reynolds' troops, all militia, and the greater part of them mounted, were an extremely sorry-looking lot—sturdy enough physically, of the pioneer type, but bearing little soldierly appearance, and utterly ignorant of discipline. The men had chosen officers from out their own ranks by popular election, and these exercised their authority very largely through physical prowess.

We had an excellent illustration of this soon after tying up at the landing. A tall, lank, ungainly officer, with a face so distinctly homely as to instantly attract my attention, led his company of men up the river bank, and ordered them to transport the pile of commissary stores from where they had been promiscuously thrown to a drier spot further back. The officer was a captain to judge from certain stripes of red cloth sewed on the shoulders of his brown jean blouse, but his men were far from prompt in obeying his command, evidently having no taste for the job. One among them, apparently their ringleader in incipient mutiny, an upstanding bully with the jaw of a prize fighter, took it upon himself openly to defy the officer, exclaiming profanely that he'd be d—d if he ever enlisted to do bigger work.

The others laughed, and joined in the revolt, until the captain unceremoniously flung off his blouse, thus divest himself of every vestige of rank,

and proceeded to enforce his authority. It was a battle royal, the soldiers crowding eagerly about, and yelling encouragement impartially first to one combatant, and then another.

"Kick him in the ribs, Sam!"

"Now, Abe, you've got him—crack the d—n cuss' neck!"

"By golly! that's the way we do it in 'ol' Salem!"

"He's got yer now, Jenkins, he's got yer now—good boy, Abe."

Exactly what occurred I could not see, but when the circle of wildly excited men finally broke apart, the big rebel was lying flat on his back in the yellow mud, and the irate officer was indicating every inclination to press him down out of sight.

"Hay yer hed 'nough, Sam Jenkins?" he questioned breathlessly. "Then, blame ye, say so."

"All right, Abe—yer've bested me dis time."

"Will yer tote them passels?"

The disheveled Jenkins, one of whose eyes was closed, and full of clay, attempted a sickly grin.

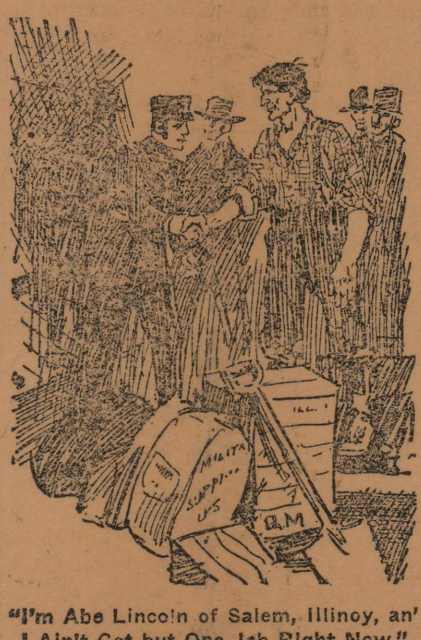
"I—I yes," he admitted, "I'd sure admire ter dey it."

The conqueror released his grip, and stood up, revealing his full height, and reaching out for the discarded blouse, quietly slipped it on. One of the Adventurer's passengers, an officer in uniform, going ashore, another tall, spare man, had halted on the gangplank to watch the contest. Now he stepped forward to greet the victor, with smiling eyes and outstretched hand.

"Not so badly done, captain," he said cordially. "I am Lieut. Jefferson Davis of Gen. Lincoln's staff, and may have a good word to say regarding yer efficiency some time."

The other wiped his clay-bespattered fingers on his dingy jean pants, and gripped the offered hand.

"Thank ye, sir," he answered good humoredly. "I'm Abe Lincoln of Salem, Illinois, an' I ain't got but just one



job right now—that's ter make them boys tote this stuff, an' I reckon they're goin' ter do it."

With the exchange of another word or two they parted, and not until thirty years later did I realize what that chance meeting meant, there in the clay mud of Yellow Banks, at the edge of the Indian wilderness, when Abraham Lincoln of Illinois and Jefferson Davis of Mississippi stood in comradeship with clasped hands.

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"Is Captain Corcoran there? I bring orders from headquarters. You are to discontinue unloading, captain, retain the remainder of the provisions on board and prepare at once to take on men."

"Take on men? We are not to return south, then?"

"No; you're going in the other direction—up the Rock. You better get busy."

He wheeled his horse and disappeared, leaving the angry captain venting his displeasure on the vacant air. Kirby, evidently from some position across the deck, broke in with a sharp question.

"What is that, Corcoran? Did the fellow say you were not going back to St. Louis?"

"That's just what he said. We've got to nose our way up Rock river, with a lot of those men's soldiers aboard. Here you, Maps, stop that unloading, and get steam up—we've got to put in a night of it."

"But," insisted Kirby in disgust. "I'm not going up there; aren't there any boats going down?"

"How the h— should I know? Go ashore and find out—you haven't any 'ting else to do."

The men below knocked off work willingly enough and, taking advantage of the confusion on board, I endeavored to creep up the stairs and gain a view of the upper deck. But both Maps and the second mate made this attempt impossible, forcing me into the ranks of the others and compelling me to restow the cargo. So far as I could perceive, no attempt to depart was made by anyone, excepting a big fellow with a red mustache, who swore profanely as he struggled through the mud, dragging a huge valise.

The situation puzzled and confused me. What choice would Kirby and the deputy make? If once up Rock river the Adventurer might very likely not return for weeks, and it did not seem to me possible that the impatient gambler would consent to such a delay. Every advance northward brought

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with it a new danger of exposure. These were Illinois troops to be transported—not regulars, but militia, gathered from a hundred hamlets—and many among them would be open enemies of slavery. Let such men as these, rough with the pioneer sense of justice, once suspect the situation of those two women, especially if the rumor got abroad among them that Elsie was white, and the slave-hunter would have a hard row to hoe. And I made up my mind such a rumor should be sown broadcast; ay, more, that if the necessity arose, I would throw off my own disguise and front him openly with the charge. I could do no more.

It was only an accident which gave me a clue to the real program. Maps sent me back into the vacant space just forward of the paddle-wheel, seeking a lost cantook, and, as I turned about to return, the missing tool in my hand, I paused a moment to glance curiously out through a slit in the boat's planking, attracted by the sound of a loud voice uttering a command. I was facing the shore and a body of men, ununiformed, slouching along with small regard to order, but each bearing a rifle across his shoulder, were just tipping the ridge and plunging their way down through the slippery clay in the direction of the forward gangway. Although I saw, not for an instant did my gaze linger on their disordered ranks. The slight which held me motionless was rather that of a long, broad plank, protected on either side by a rope rail, stretching from the slope of the second deck across the narrow gulf of water, until it rested its other end firmly against the bank.

The meaning of this was sufficiently apparent. For some reason of his own, Kirby had evidently chosen this means of attaining the shore, and through personal friendship, Corcoran had consented to aid his purpose. The reason, plainly enough, was that by use of this stern gangway the landing party would be enabled to attain the bank without the necessity of pushing their way through the crowd of idle loungers forward. And the passage had just been accomplished, for, as my eyes focused the scene, they recognized the spare figure of the deputy disappearing over the crest—a vague glimpse, but sufficient. At the same instant hands above began to draw in the plank.

There was but one thing for me to do, one action to take—follow them. Dropping the cantook, I turned aft and crept forth through a small opening into the wooden frame which supported the motionless paddlewheel, choosing for the scene of operations the river side, where the boat effectively concealed my movements from any prying eyes ashore. I lowered myself the full length of my arms, dangling there an instant by clinging to the framework, then loosened my grip and dropped silently into the rushing waters beneath.

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