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G. Alexander & Sons

THE BIG STORE

The people throughout this whole community appreciate this reliable store, its merchandise, its service, its values. This fact is obvious. The steady run of buyers is proof, continual increase of business is proof positive.

New Spring Goods Here

In our dress goods department will be found many new ideas in the the New Spring Silks and Foulards.

LINENS---New stock of Dress Linens in heavy crash effect in different colors and qualities. Also beautiful line of shirtwaist and handkerchief linens.

PIQUE---Every one knows that pique is one of the most talked of and most popular dress materials this season and we have not overlooked this in buying our Spring stock.

CROSS-BARS---are always in demand--we have never had as great a variety for you to select from, in flaxons and lawns. Also a well selected stock of dimities and nainsook.

Millinery

More Originality and Individuality displayed than in any previous season and such an abundance of different styles that every taste and purse can be satisfied.

It doesn't seem to us that there is anything missing. It's a style show that embraces everything that's new. Late express shipments are bringing the newest things in Spring millinery.

Alexander & Sons

THE BIG STORE

A STRONG BANK BALANCE

The statistical bureau of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association with headquarters in Ft. Worth has just completed an annual balance sheet of Texas industries which shows the yearly value of production and consumption in all lines of industry. The association announces that the information is compiled for the use of the Texas Welfare Commission, a body of fifteen business men of the State who are making a study of the state needs from an industrial standpoint.

The report consists of detailed information concerning 53 industries which are subdivided into seven different groups. They are as follows:

Textile Fibers: Have a farm value of \$164,937,383 and a value added by the factory of \$2,550,-000, which is a total value of \$167,487,383. We show a net profit in this group of \$120,721,-383 having consumed only \$46,-766,000.

ing a farm value of \$125,876,617 completion. and \$13,574,000 added by the factory and a total value of \$139,450,617. We have a loss in this group of \$46,607,171 and consume \$186.057,758,

Live Stock: Shows a farm \$20,462,000. Our annual consumption amounts to \$85,701,000.

Vehicles and Agricultural Implements: With a total value of loss of \$25,749,000. The consumption amounts to \$26,760,000

Sundry Crops: Which consists chiefly of fruits, vegetables nuts, peanuts, etc., have a farm value of \$30,571, 284 and a value added by the factory of \$2,783, 515, which is a total value of \$33, 354,799. There is a net loss in this group of \$36,684.810. We production, or \$70,039,609.

Miscellaneous Production: Consisting of minerals and other products, show a value at the mine of \$10,293,780 and \$53,440, 485 added by the factory and a total value of \$53,734,265. This s a net loss of \$30,604,334, as we consume \$84,338,599 worth of these products.

and \$24,695,000 added by the fac- Johnson grass. tory; which makes a total value \$32,769,027.

state's total production were putting shackles on criminals. taken from the returns of the Thirteenth Federal Census and the figures which comprise the total consumption are in the main actual but in some instances it has been necessary to use estimates based on proven averiges developed by the 13th Federal Census Reports.

The agricultural column totals | The total consumption amounts giants form an industrial trium- Texas six cents is clear profit.

FELLOWSHIP

Winter still lingers, With her icy fingers, And Spring is slow to appear; But this will suit, Because of the good fruit. That it assures us this year.

This will be fine, For East Texas can shine, In all of her regal station; But West Texas will be glad, For her neighbors, egad, Because we are all of one glorious nation.

WORKING ON NEW BUILDING

The contractors who have the

Sugar Industry

000 and \$6,663,000 added by the in agriculture and commerce and there. 5116,162,000. There is also a in industry are finding Texas, tleground of the 20th century.

\$1,011,000 show an enormous of our industrial giants such as oil refineries, packing houses, etc and they have already mastered the trade of two continents. Texas is destined to become the factory site of the universe.

No Still, Small Voice.

Crawford-Does your conscience trouble you for losing that money? Crabshaw-No; but my wife does. You see, it was her money.

One Cent For Development.

Texas has millions of dollars for prosecution but not one cent for development. The whole mafertile land can lie idle for cen-State are as helpless as the Permanent Structures: In Sphinx of Egypt. The Legis-

Our Legislatures ought to enof \$32,769,027. There is a net courage progress, as well as res- dition. We can say of Mr. Ows- try better seed. gain shown in this group of train crime. Goodness and ley that he is honest, capable ond prosperity are boon companions fully competent to fill the office have not got pure seed to get at and should be associated togeth-In stricking this balance the er in law. Building factories is figures used in determining the as much a part of statecraft as

Take Notice.

The time has come that every body should save money. Then phone 239 for feed, wood and coal. Your money back if not satisfied. M. A. Clifton,

virate that is destined to rule the world commercially.

807 and the factory \$94,717,000, net profit on gain in production cent interest, also to buy Vendors making a total production of over consumption of \$34,807,127. Lien Notes. If you want a loan \$543, 970,091 and these three Of every dollar produced in come and see us.

COTTON A USE-FUL PRODUCT

The uses to which cotton is

factory, a total production of indicates that the world forces | Neither are the uses of cotton the lessees do not intend to do confined to the surface of the any drilling, but they are misnet increase in this group of and are irresistibly gravitating earth. We see it overhead in taken. It takes time to get toward this, the industrial bat- the aeroplane and the dirigible; ready from a financial point of underground in the "brattices" view to secure the investment of The bloom of youth has scarce of the mine; under-sea in the capital in an oil enterprise in a ly paled from the brow of many submarine. It is equally notice- new field. A friend of ours who able in the flag of peace and high is in a position to know what he explosives (gun cotton) of war.

wintry winds and the Sahara sake stop knocking!" traveler from the rays of the scorching summer sun.

consume more than twice our Millions for Prosecution But Not B. H. Owsley For County Commisioner.

the office of county commissionchinery of the state can be put of precinct No. 2, subject to the into action to catch a horse thief, action of the democratic party. show a farm value of \$1,150,000 its citizens, but cannot raise its the year to pay its obligations, county finances to a healthy conto which he aspires. Precinct least enough for a few acres, this No. 2 includes Weinert as well as will give them a start and next the north east quarter of the town of Haskell.

A Different Kind.

"Pa, what are these little quare holes in your desk for?' "Those are pigeonholes." "When will the pigeons be

Money to Loan

back?"-Ex.

3432,035,284, the mine \$17,217,- to \$569,662,966, which leaves a on land at 8 per cent and 9 per

OIL OUTLOOK **ENCOURAGING**

The derrick and drilling machinery for the Bunkley well on the Dennis survey in the southeast part of the county arrived Tuesday. Experienced drillers have been employed to do the drilling, and these men have leased large bodies of land themselves, so the public may feel assured that the drillers will push the work and be interested in the early development of the Haskell Oil field. We are informed by parties who have been assisting the people who have been leasing oil lands that other wells will be drilled. The delay in the shipment of the Bunkley derrick and drilling caused some to doubt, and some predicted it would never arrive. construction of the Callahan-Doss put are legion. Not only are our Those who took this view failed building contract, have complet- swaddling clothes made from it, to consider that this machinery ed the excavating for the founda- but our shroud is woven there. was shipped a long way, and had tions and begun Tuesday to pour from. The poor man's friend on to come from Illinois, and that it the cement for the same, and by account of its cheapness, it takes a long time to get a shipthe time the Free Press reaches has become the rich man's lux- ment of freight through such a the local subscribers, the foundal ury by reason of the wonderful long distance. The action of tion will be laid. As soon as it process of manufacture. It the Bunkley company will dishardens, the work of construct- varies from the heavy, water- prove the idea that the oil leases Cereals and Feedstuffs: Hav- ing the walls will be pushed to proof canvass that defies the ele- are being secured for speculaments to the exquisite muslin of tion and will be sold out. The such delicate texture that it be- Bunkley Co., are showing their comes invisible under a heavy good faith. The truth is the The announcement that the dew. Prince and peasant alike parties who have leases, have al-Wisconsin Sugar Beet Company demand it. In the palace it is ready rufused offers of capitalwill erect three plants in this rapidly displacing silk and fine ists who want to buy oil leases state, costing a million dollars linen; in the cottage it is su- in the Haskell oil field. People value of production of \$109,500,- each, opens up a new continent preme, nothing can take its place who do not understand the oil business are apt to think that is talking about, told us it was So varied are its uses through his opinion that in a short time the subtle art of manufacture there would be several derricks. that it is serviceable in all climes up in this county, and we will and under all conditions. It see smiles on the faces of our protects alike the polar explorer people again. He says -: "Let's from the freezing blasts of the cheer up and boost and for God's

Plant Good Seed.

"Speaking of good seed," remarked Mr. Latham, Demonstration Agent, "I had a man in We are authorized to announce Montague county last year to B. H. Owsley as a candidate for double his yield of cotton per acre by using high-bred seed. At the end of the season he sent me a statement showing the but a hundred million acres of We can say of Mr Owsley that yield in seed cotton and the lint he has served the county before output at the gin, together with turies and the Departments of in this capacity, for a period of what he had sold his surplus twelve years. He says that as good seed for above the gin-run long as he was county commis. variety. He also said that he cludes all structural materials lature can appropriate millions sioner the county had the money was now thoroughly convinced put into permanent buildings, for investigating the conduct of in the treasury at this time of that it paid a man best of all to have good seed. This man had and a mine value of \$6,924,027 hand against the boll weevil or and he promises that if elected always been a little skeptical on he will try to help restore the this matter heretofore, and it was a little hard to get him to

"I would advise all farmers who year they can have enough to plant their whole crop. I also would advise them to get their seed now, for if they wait till planting time the supply is likely to be exausted."

Ella-There goes the luckiest

Bella-In what respect? Ella-Nothing she eats makes her fat-Harper's Balar.

Let the Free Press do your job printing We are prepared

Spencer & Richardson **DRUGGISTS**

The Rexall Store

Spalding Base Ball Goods

Nyal's Family Medicines



Mrs. Love is visiting in Anson. Thursday.

B. M. Whitaker was in Rule Thursday.

J. E. Robertson of Weinert was in the city Tuesday.

Ed Robertson of Seymour was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. J. N. Whitfield left Monday night for Pecos.

W. H. Murchison had business at Rochester Thursday.

J. L. Parish made a business mother a visit. trip to Rule Thursday.

Scudder's Confection butter at F. G. Alexander's & Son's.

All kinds of toilet articles at Will Marr, Corner Drug Store.

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J. B. Baker made a business trip to Stamford Thursday night. Born, Feb. 28, to Tax Collector J. E. Walling and wife, a daugh-

I. P. Carr was out of the city several days this week on busi-

Kaffir corn, mile maize and Dr. A. J. Lewis went to Rule millet seed for sale at M. A. Clif-

> All kinds of baseball goods just arrived at Will Marr, Corner Drug

> M. E. Baker, of Stamford, had business in our city Wednesday of

Mr. Alvy Couch, cashier of the Weinert State Bank, was in the city Monday.

lene Monday night to pay her it to his parents Mr. and Mrs. R.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ladd of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clirton's to get first class flour, Mauldin Sunday.

rent. J. D. Kinnison.

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE

A fresh supply of Chase & Sanborn's high quality coffee at F. G. Alexander & Son's.

Misses Zelma Astin and Dovie Philips of Stamford were visiting in Haskell Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. Wright of Anson visited her mother, Mrs. C. P. Morris of this city, Sunday.

S. E. Carothers spent several days at Rule this week with his son W. R. Carothers.

W. J. Branham of Post City is visiting his brother, Clifton Branham of this city.

H. J. Cloer and family have moved from Winchell, Texas to their farm east of town.

Anything in the drug line at Will Marr, Corner Drug Store. Satisfaction guaranteed.

We have the best corn cure Own make. Guaranteed. Marr, Corner Drug Store.

H. C. Hoard and wife of Sweetwater were visiting Mr. and Mrs. McNeill of this city Sunday.

Dr. L. Taylor of Artesia, N. M. spent last week with his brother. Dr. L. F. Taylor of this city.

Mrs. Wray and daughter, Mrs. Howard of Stamford spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Big Ben Alarm Clocks just arrived. Get one. Parsons & Brewer.

Terry Davis came up from Abi-Miss Virgie Coslett went to Abi- lene Friday morning to pay a vis-H. Davis,

fuel, wood and coal. Then if you I have several good farms to are not satisfied phone 239 and your money back. M. A. Clifton. Mrs. Haney visited in Abilene

J. B. Clarke of the south side was in the city Tuesday.

F. E. Jones and niece of Austin werein the city Tuesday,

Tom Parrott of Throckmorton was in the city Thursday.

N. Killman of Throckmorton was in the city Wednesday.

H. C. Wyche made a business trip to Throckmorton Thursday. Get Williams to set out some

hackberries, and beautify your Henry Johnson will insure your

live stock against death from any I have some pure bred Buff Or-

pington chickens for sale. J. D. Kinnison. Miss Fowler Perry visited her

brother, Master Mark Perry Monday. Mark is in a sanitarum at Abilene,

Get you a bottle of Hand Lotion to keep your hands smooth. Guaranteed. Will Marr, Corner Drug Store.

FOR EXCHANGE \$8,000 stock of clean hardware for farm land in Haskell Co. J. A. Thomason, Haskell Texas.

in New Mexico.

Miss Mary Hornsby of Memphis Tennessee, who is representing turned from St. Louis, where she the Stoddard lectures, spent last assisted in the selection of the week in Haskell.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from

Mrs. C. A. Neathery was operated on for appendicitis at Abilene February the 23rd and is now con- night. valescing nicely.

city, has returned to her home at or at Haskell. Springdale, Arkansas.

Rev. W. A. Knight will occupy night. Come out and hear him.

Blue Tulouse Geese eggs, now for sale \$1.00 per dozen.

Mrs. J. H. Cunningham.

A five room house with 16 acres of land to trade for a farm. J. D. Kinnison.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

Miss Lizzie Rankin of Throckmorton has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Conley-Corbett Piano Co. of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Scott have returned from New Orleans, where they have been visiting triends, and attending Mardi Gras.

Notice to Stockmen-If you are going to run a cut of your stallion n your advertising this spring, had you not best come and let us order you a cut for your horse?

Northcutt and Ashcraft are Our drays are always easy to find. Services prompt and reasonable charges. Phonef

give a recital at the High School cular weakness, which may be livery in Febuary. Owing to Auditorium, Saturday night Mar. 9 overcome with proper glasses, if the good seasons the trees are Everybody is invited to attend. you or your child is thus afflicted The small sum of ten cents will be get our opinion. charged for admission to cover incidental expenses.

Royal Society Packages and Threads

We are now offering a complete showing of Royal Society package goods and threads, embracing all the newest and best designs. Combination Suits, Shirt Waists, Corset Covers, Princess Slips, Kimonas, Baby Caps, Dresser Scarfs, Hand Bags, Gowns, etc. There is enough material and thread in each package to complete the garments and the prices are only

25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

We also have all the different threads is both ball and skim, in all the wanted colors. We are showing some of the finished pieces and garments and you must be sure to come and see them.

I. P. Carr Dry Goods Co. Window Displays Watch our

D. W. Pitchford who is now locity.

Mrs. Henry Alexander has respring millinery of Alexander &

Mrs. W. C. Cannon of Stamford, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Post of this city returned to her home Monday

For Sale or Trade-A good Miss Anna Rose who has been Tennessee Jack. If not sold will visiting Mrs. O. B. Norman of this make the season 1912 at my place

W. T. Boatright.

law, who is a patient in the san- kell, Texas. itarium in that city.

I can furnish complete list of R. 2, Box 89 county with correct post office and occupation. If you want one see me.

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J. W. Meadors.

vor. F. G. Alexander & Sons, Sel- on Sundays. ling Agents.

servant's house, barn and garden. us by Mr. G. T. McCulloh, giving Lot 140 x 140. Three blocks N. a report of the business done by E. from public square. Apply to his firm during the month of Febor phone A. W. McGregor's resi- ruary. For several years Mr. Mc-

W. H. Murchison has returned from Austin, where he went last week to argue the McWhirter case from this county. He reports ly proud and gratified with the that the Attorney General had volume of business done so far. the people to do your hauling. confessed error in the case and that it will be reversed by the set out fruit and shade trees. court of appeals.

You can't afford to neglect your child's visual sense. Cross eyes Misses Maxwell and Day will are frequently the result of mus-

> Parson's & Brewer. North Side Square. liams.

Rev. F. T. Carlton of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitman, cated at Anson, and who is spent several days the past week who have been visiting in this traveling for a business firm, spent in Haskell, and has had several city, left Monday for their home Sunday with his family in this services for the Presbyterian church of this city. There is some probability that he will becalled to the pastorate of the

> The announcement of Judge H. R. Jones for County Judge came too late for extended notice this week. For this reason his announcement will appear in our next issue, however his name appears in the announcement column of this issue of the Free

I have for sale a complete set of farming implements, consisting of a good John Deere sulky plow, disk, planter, two cultivators, a 31 Dr. A. G. Neathery went to Abi- Moline wagon, a deering binder, the pulpit at the Baptist church lene Tuesday night to visit Mrs. several sets of harness and a next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at C. A. Neathery, his daughter-in-stump puller. B. C. Duke, Has-

> Commencing with next Sunday, March 3rd, all the drug stores in the poll tax payers of Haskell the town have agreed to close their places of business every Sunfrom 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. and at night at 7:30 on Sundays until further arrangements. The lpub-The thrifty housewife is econ- lic will please bear this in mind omical. Practice economy by us- and arrange to get their drugs ing Chase & Sanborn's coffee. during the hours when open, and The greatest strength--finest fla- let the druggists have a little rest

In an other column will be FOR RENT-Nice home with found the announcement handed Culloh has not been actively engaged in the land business, but on Feb. 1st he associated himself with J. J. Stein and Co., and he is just-

> This is a splendid season to There is the best season in the ground we have had in a long time. Let me take your order. I represent the East Texas Nursery of Tyler. I will make dethrifty, and with the good season in the ground this is a splendid year to set out an orchard. No time to lose.

of High Grade Shoes Shoe Bargains for Men Women and Children In order to make one final clean sweep of every high shoe in our house we make these bargain prices. The shoes are all out on counters and include assortments for men, women and children. Mens Shoes Worth \$5.00 for only.....\$1.95 On this counter are Shoes in Patent, Vici, and Box Calf and the Womens Button and Lace Shoes for\$1.95

On this counter are Queen Qualities worth up to \$3.50 per pair, in the season's newest styles. They will not last long at only......\$1.95 Shoes worth up to \$2.50 for only.....\$1.25 On this counter are Shoes for Men, Women and Children, and you Shoes worth up to \$1.75 for only.....

On this counter also are shoes for women and children and the regular prices range from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per pair. Choice for . \$1.00

Mens staple shape hats in Black and White, actually worth 3.00 and

Buy your Shoes and Hats from us this week. It will be your last chance to secure high grade merchandise at reduced prices.

Hardy

Grissom

YOU SHOULD BE COMFORTABLE

And the surest way for comfort is to have a good bank account. Pay all your bills with checks and thus avoid the occasional discomfort that arises by reason of a demand for payment of bills more than one time. Sometimes you are not able to make an investment that would be profitable to you because you have permitted your bank account to run too low. Make your deposits with us and we will do our best to make you comfortable.

...THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK ...

County News Items

Interesting Facts Gathered During the Week by Our Regular Correspondents.

the weather.

day and Sunday.

Riley Sunday.

afternoon.

this week.

health.

community Saturday and Sun-

Jim Fouts took dinner and

H. K. Bledsoe and Chas. Fouts

W. A. Hardeman has been

M. H. Guinn and little son

Esackle Easterling has return-

Bessie Hardeman visited Miss

Rev. Prescott and Chas. Fouts

Mrs. G. O. Hardeman spent a

V. W. Brooks visited M. H.

W. S. Fouts has been prepar-

South East Texas Notes

ing your letters from correspon-

ents and the paper generally I

decided I would drop in for a

Mr. Editor how is that beauti-

Since last being in your town

I have seen a great deal of Texas,

and I will say I have not visited

a county that I thought out rank-

ed yours in pickturesquence or

I can not speak in too high terms

of the hospitality of Haskell

Well things are beginning to

liven up in this part of the state

many people strangers to each

others's rights and causes the

masses to feel their importance

in exercising the right to use

that poll tax receipt which they

on that subject, but I am think-

purchase gloves a size or two

in the last few months?

short chat.

county people.

Dear Editor; As I enjoy read

Judge

few days with her sister Mrs.

J. L. Bledsoe this week.

Guinn's Sunday afternoon.

Vella Fouts Saturday afternoon.

called at the school Monday

ed to school after an absence of

North East of Haskell

Kind Editor and chats how was the cold weather with you all?
Mrs. Walter Roberts of near Rose yisited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fain Roberts the latter part of

last week. Mrs. W. T. Boatright and daughter, Miss Lena Whatley visited Mrs. J. F. Culp on Monday of last week.

Jiles Smithee had business in town Tuesday.

Mrs. C. Sears and children visited Mrs. K. D. Webb and children

Tuesday.
The little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fain Roberts have been real sick, we hope they will soon be pulling bolls for Mr. Wiseman well again. Mary Hitt visited Ethel Webb

Monday evening. Mrs. Walter Roberts and children called on Mrs. J. F. Culp and day. children on Monday of last week. Jesse Strain and Wiley Whatley visited C. D. and Hugh Webb Sun- two months on account of ill

Mr. Sawer of Elgin returned to his home Sunday after a few days visit with relatives, John Culp and

Little Vicie May and Loyd Sears afternoon at which time the were on the sick list last week but former made an interesting lecwe are glad to report them well ture which was appreciated by

Willie Cunningham had business in town Wednesday.

· Miss Lelia Stonesipher of close to Jud is visiting her friend Miss

Callie Webb this week. Miss Callie Webb visited Miss Lena Whatley Wednesday eyen- ing a small truck farm.

As news is scarce I'll be going with best wishes to the news. Blue Bells

Rose Chapel

Dear Editor news is scarce this week but will come with a few dots any way.

Health in our community is good at present. Miss Nancy Piland and Mrs. D. Anderson and children visited Mrs. Johnston and daughter Sallie

Prof. Burnison visited T. J. and in that time have visited Johnston and family Saturday some seventy or eighty counties,

Mr. Rose and Son Floyd spent a short while with Mr. Anderson

Monday morning. Miss Sallie Johnston visited Mrs. in the hospitality of its people.

Anderson Friday eve. Messrs Floyd Rose, Bud smith, Rollie Lane and Blake Johnston say they had a fine singing at Rose Sunday eve as there was no one else to interfere with them.

Wasn't the wind terrible Sunday. It did considerable damage to the barns of Messrs. Harwel and Gordon. Mrs. Anderson had business in

Haskell Tuesday eve. Mrs. Walter Roberts spent Monday night with her sister-in-law

Mrs. Roberts near Haskell. Miss Sallie Johnston spent a short while with Mrs. Anderson Monday.

Monroe Hallmark had business at T. J. Johnston's Tuesday eye. George Piland spent a short of the President on account of

Miss Sallie Johnston spent a short while with Mrs. Collins Tues-

School is progressing nicely with good attendance. Miss Sallie Johnston will leave Thursday night for Stamford to

spend a few weeks with her broth- the day and is progressing niceer A. T. Johnston and wife.

letters from known" again this week. Marguerite

Sayles

Dear Editor and chats here I

point. Haskell Saturday and Monday fear you might think this a puz-

Miss Ola Dodson of Haskell visited relatives in this communi- | zle, now if this does not land in | ty Saturday and Sunday.

There was preaching at Sayles Saturday night and Sunday but on account of the inclemency of in your good paper I will give the weather the crowds were you some brief descriptions of let she would be well, but to guard it small. Rev. Prescott had to remain over until Monday on account of not being able to get to the station Sunday p. m.

visited.

With much success to you and

Subscribe for the Free Press

I am, Unknown,

J. H. Berry who is attending your many readers. Simmons College at Abilene visited friends here a few days

W. E. Johnson and family and keep up with Haskell visited at Rule Saturday and

By LUCY K. WYNCOOP

A newspaper item stated that at a meeting of the G- Medical society Dr. Sunday, did not return until s trip to India announced that during Monday at noon on account of. Miss Fannie Bledsoe visited had visited possessed the secret of a school Monday.
Miss Vella Fouts visited relacertain poison that left no trace, though it was very deadly. The rajah had given him the name of the poison, tives in this community Saturbut the doctor declined to make it Miss Ida Ulmer visited in this known.

Blanchard became the recipient through the mail of stray requests for the name of the poison. Some pro fessed to be scientific men. some physispent the afternoon with Jesse cians, while some desired to get rid of vermin and insects. The doctor, who attributed these requests to a desire to visited W. A..Hardeman Sunday get rid of some enemy, was astonished at the number of would be murderers. The idea occurred to him to give out the prescription with a view to discovering how many persons would use it and for what purpose. He consulted with the chief of police, who was Buck were pleasant callers at friendly to the idea, then inserted a Mrs. G. O. Hardemans Thurs-small advertisement as follows:

Dr. Blanchard's traceless tablets. This is a drug the name of which was given Dr. Blanchard by a rajah of India. It is beneficial in exterminating vermin, leaving no disagreeable results—no trace what-ever. Address Box 149, P. O.

The number of persons who desired the traceless tablets for exterminating purposes was remarkable. The doctor could have made a fortune in a ver, short time by supplying the demand. He simply read the letters, then put them in a pigeon hole in his desk to be submitted to the chief of police. How many of them occasioned police inves tigation the doctor never knew.

There was one that interested the doctor especially and which he kept to himself. It was, or at least purported to be, from a young girl who was afflicted with a long and painful illness. who desired to die. But she shrank from giving her parents the shock that would attend her suicide. She had read of Dr. Blanchard's announcement to the medical society and inferred that the traceless tablets were the poison there referred to. She might use them and her dear father and mother would suppose she had died a natural death.

Among the number of applications for his tablets this was the only one the doctor credited with the truth. There was something so pathetic and frank in it that he at once set down ful little little city progressing the reason given as genuine. At any rate, he determined to call upon the writer for a personal interview.

He found Miss Ethel Ames a young lady of twenty. There was in her pale face a very spiritual expression. Her eyes were really windows to a pure soul, and it was plain that if been comely. The doctor, not caring at once to appear in his true light. told her that he had come to see her about one of his tablets, but owing to the great risk incurred in such a trade his price was \$100. He hoped that by putting the price so high to put her off, at least till he could diagnose her case. But he failed. She asked him to hand her a check book in a drawer near him that she might close the on that subject that makes so trade.

Blanchard, unwilling to risk disabusing her mind as to his intentions, took the check, put it in his portmanteau and, taking a tablet made of sugar and flour from his pocket, laid it on a table beside him. Then he asked the girl to give him her symptoms. have, but I must not branch off This she did, and after a great many questions and answers he made up his mind that hers was one of those ing if that statement was correct cases where mind dominates matter about Mrs. Cleveland having to to the disadvantage of the latter. In other words, she was unconsciously producing upon herself an imaginary larger after becoming the wife disease.

There is no physical aliment that is so rarely treated successfully by phyhaving to shake hands with so sicians and so often put to flight by many people, that being the case the various methods that are depend-I am afraid we are going to have ent upon faith alone as this. Dr. some people that are not going Blanchard saw an opportunity for an to be able to find a pair of gloves the knowledge of the girl's condition experiment. When he had gained all that will fit them after July next. he desired he said:

"The rajah from whom I received Well farming is the order of the name of this drug told me that one of his household who was ill and ly down in this part of the state, whose symptoms as he described them Well I'll be going hoping to see and some gardens are beginning to me were exactly the same as yours ters from "Judge" and "Unto look right pretty, and the was so much trouble without being of frost the last few days has not seemed to injure them much. any use, even to herself, that he directed she be poisoned. She was given a tablet such as I furnish you and Now the meningitis situation went to sleep. She awoke, to the suris greatly improved and we are prise of every one, and was completely cured of her disease. All other persons am again to bore you with a few in hopes that it will not be long who had taken it slept the sleep of before Texas will regain all it death. I would advise you to take the Several of the young people of has lost from a financial stand tablet tonight, and you will either Sayles attended the debate at point man. I prophesy the latter to be a Mr. Editor I must stop for certainty.

"Why are you so sure of that, doc tor?" asked the patient eagerly. "Because my friend the rajah had it the wast basket and you think I tried on 104 cases similar to yours, and

am not taking up too much space every one was cured." The doctor left his patient with the understanding that if she took the tabsome parts of the state I have from others, for they would surely die under its influence. He told ber that he would call on the morrow and as surely expected to find her alive and well as that the sun would rise and

> He did not sleep a wink that night. but the girl did, and in the morning her mind, which had been holding her dy as in a vise, relaxed its grip, and

TRACELESS He Wished to TABLETS Know Too Much

By DOROTHEA HALE

Henderson was always straining to know something that there was no Blanchard, who had just returned from need for him to know. If he had had a wife he would have always been his stay there he had made a study of wondering if she were really devoted poisons. A certain rajah whom he to him above all other men or if he should die she would forget him and love another equally well. Henderson was not married, but he was engaged to be married to a girl who gave every evidence that she had singled him out above all other men to love.

Both lived on the Atlantic coast, and shortly before the wedding Henderson announced to his flancee, Margaret Stone, that his presence in San Francisco was required in the matter of certain interests be had there, for he was well off and lived on his income. Miss Stone was poor. When he left her he seemed uneasy about something, and the lady begged him not to go, averring that she had a foreboding that something would happen to him. Henderson hesitated. He thought he might settle the matter in the west by correspondence. But he concluded to go, and the lovers parted with mutual forebodings.

Two weeks later Margaret Stone received a telegram from her flance that he was very ill, but instructed her not to come to him. The next day she received a message from an intimate friend of his who had gone west with him stating that Henderson was dead. The friend would bring the body east In due time a letter came from the friend, Ian Gregory, that Henderson had requested before his death that his body be interred without ceremony and that she should not be present.

Margaret was much shocked, but she bore up nobly under the misfortune. She carried out Henderson's instructions to the letter, omitting to be present during the interment. Gregory when he arrived called upon her. and it was arranged that the two should go together to Henderson's grave. Margaret carried plants with her and put them in the ground so that they would grow over the grave.

She found in Gregory a sympathetic friend. He was extremely deferential, always maintaining a delicacy due to one who has experienced a great grief. She found it difficult to get him to talk of Henderson's last illness. Whenever she mentioned the subject he turned the conversation in other channels, intimating that it was a mournful topic that they would both do well to avoid.

The two made several trips together to the cemetery to note the growth of the plants and put flowers on Henderson's grave, but Gregory seemed to shrink from going there, and the last time they went together he acted so blessed with health she would have strangely that Margaret did not suggest his going again. He grew moody and discontented. At times he showed signs of taking the place made vacant by her flance; at other times he acted as if he would consider such an act a betrayal of friendship. Margaret could not understand him. Any mystery in one with whom we are thrown intimately begets an interest, and since that interest with Margaret was in fluenced by demonstrations of a grow ing love for her, she found herself thinking a great deal of Gregory. One who has lost a love naturally craves

to replace that love. But the more closely they grew together the more Gregory hung back, and it became evident that something was weighing on his mind. Margaret tried gently to induce him to confide in her, but the bare mention of such a thing seemed to wear upon him dreadfully. Believing that he was suffering from qualms at taking his friend's place in her heart, she exercised a frankness which would otherwise have been unmaidenly to convince him that there was no reason to reproach him-

The misunderstanding between them had reached a climax when one even ing while they were together there was a ring at the doorbell and who should be ushered into the drawing

room but Henderson himself. Now, it is not to be supposed that any one of the three under the circumstances maintained any steadiness of demeanor. Henderson and Gregory both looked as if they had been caught stealing. Through Margaret there ran a tumult of emotions. For awhile there was an oppressive silence. There Margaret essayed to speak, but her voice failed her. Henderson spoke in-

"I owe you an explanation." But Margaret recovering berself interrupted him.

"You owe me no explanation, for understand this mystery which has so long been puzzling me. I have long been aware of your ruling passion that the love of the woman who loves you shall die with you. You have perpetrated this deception in connection with Mr. Gregory to learn whether I would be true to your memory in the way you would wish me to be true. Gregory consented to lend bim self to your experiment. In one sense it has been successful, since it has brought a definite result. Had I not been deceived I would have married him both for love and to supply the void in my heart made vacant by your death. As it is, you have ruined yourselves and have ruined me. I doubt if the blessings of married life shall

She left the room. The two men ment with bowed heads

Three Hundred Die Each Year From Dread Disease—Experts Answer the Doubters.

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Is there such a disease as rables? This question, prompted by doubts as to its existence expressed by dog breeders in the New York Times recently, finds an emphatic affirmative answer in Circular 129 of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture. It consists of a report by George H. Hart; V. M. D., assistant in pathology and bacteriology of the pathological division of the bureau, entitled Rables and Its Increasing Prevalence," and declares that from one hundred to three hundred persons die of it each year in this country.

The division of pathology began investigating rables in 1895, following the death of a woman in the District of Columbia, and since that time it has investigated nearly 350 cases in dogs, twenty-five in cows, six in cats and a dozen or more among sheep, hogs, horses, wolves, foxes, dingoes and several in human beings. At least 75 per cent. of the cases have been in the city of Washington, the others having been forwarded to the division from such widely separated states as the Carolinas, Maine, Wisconsin, New Jersey and Virginia and Indian Territory. "The disease," says Doctor Hart, "is constantly spreading, and there is abundant evidence to warrant the statement that not a single state is free from it."

Discussing the doubt as to the existence of the disease in human beings, Doctor Hart writes:

"Many educated men, including some physicians, claim that all cases of hydrophobia in the human family are the result of wrought up, nervous excitement, due to fear on the part of the patient. While at times these symptoms, termed lyssophobia, do occur in neurotic individuals who have been bitten by healthy dogs, they are always hysterical in nature, cause no organic lesions, and universally terminate in recovery. Thus, lyssophobia is entirely distinct from the real disease, which is universally fatal, when not treated, to the human be-

Helping With Home Lessons. Parental interest in the educational progress of a child could not go much farther than in the case of Mr. Jones. whose method of solving mathematical problems would have been appreciated at Dotheboys Hall. The Miami News tells the tale.

This was the note which was handed to one of the grade teachers the other day:

"Dear Mum-Please ixcuse Johnny today. He will not be at school. He is acting as timekeeper for his father. Last night you gave him this iximple. will it take a man walking 3 miles an hour to walk 214 times around it? Johnny ain't no man, so we had to send his daddy. They left early this morning, and my husband said they ought to be back late tonight, though it would be hard going. Dear Mum, please make the nixt problem about ladies, as my husband can't afford to lose the day's work. I don't have no time to loaf, but I can spare a day off occasionally better than my husband can, Resp'y yrs. Mrs. Jones."-Youth's Companion.

Seaport Taking Its Old Place. Aden, lately visited by King George,

was a flourishing seaport centuries before the Christian era, and continued to thrive under the Roman Empire and after the rise of Mohammedan power in Asia Minor. The adoption of the Cape of Good Hope route to India, however, deprived it of its trade, and Aden sank to the squalid, insignificant village. Revival came in Early Victorian days when the overland route to India was reverted to. The British government saw the importance of Aden as guarding the passage to its eastern empire, and a number of outrages upon Englishmen by the Arabs led to the dispatch of an expedition which took the town in January, 1839. Since then its trade and population have increased until today Aden is a settlement over 70 square miles in extent and one of the most important of our "links of em-

Hiding Treasures Her Mania. The extraordinary story of a wealthy lady "Magpie," was told in Dublin Chancery courts the other day, when it was mentioned that the residue of the great fortune of Miss Magan available for charities would be about £20,000. The Master of the Rolls, in making orders in the case, said that some day a Thackeray or a Dickens would write a novel around the extraordinary life of the testatrix. The old lady had a mania for accumulating treasure and placing it in the most unexpected places. Searches had been made and treasures found in flower pots and vases and waste paper baskets, underneath stairs, carpets and other places.

"That man talks a great deal," remarked the impatient girl.

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "but ! don't object to him. He never says anything sufficiently interesting to take my mind off what I was think-

Admonishing Tradition.
"Do you think leap year gives oman any special privileges?"
"No," answered Mr. Groucher.

RABIES IS NOT DELUSION TO TELL FUNNY STORY

PROPER METHOD IS REVEALED BY THEOPHILUS SMIFF.

Take Joke by the Hand and Lead It About Until Thoroughly Acquainted, Then Assume Air of Undertaker and Spring It.

Ever since Cain slew Abel for calling one of his pet jokes a "chestnut," the world has been taking lessons in the art of being funny. The desire to be funny lurks in every human breast. There have been men who have lived it down, and these have invariably become great statesmen. The Morning Telegraph has called

upon Theophilus Smiff, the great expert and scientist, who is said to have been the first man who ever made a theater box office man smile, but he kept his secret well and became famous. Prof. Smiff said: "Humor is anything that is funny,

It is in everything and in everybody. Extracted humor is followed by laughter, for it is by striking the responsive humor chord in the human breast that we get our only true effects. "Therefore, no matter how good the

joke, unless it be told in a manner to strike that cord, it falls of its own dead weight and furnishes us with one of the saddest sights in life.

"Select from any well known joke book a story. It should not be too new, as it is likely not to go so well as an old reliable joke that has been through several campaigns. Then cut from it all unnecessary adjectives, descriptions and apologies.

"Never apologize for a joke. "Take your joke by the hand, and after having led it about until you know all of its family history, assume the air of a funeral director telling the relatives from which side of the casket they are to view the late lamented, and then give utterance to your jape.

"The best way is to get the point of the story well in mind and then put it away entirely until you need it. Nothing so intereferes with the success of a joke as to have the point hanging around in plain sight before the story is well started.

"Remember above all things that the face should be solemn, and the voice low and well modulated, with just a

suspicion of sadness in it. "Learn to pause at the right place, and if you are in doubt at all, the best place to pause is just before you start.

"This has been known to save a man many friends that he otherwise might have lost."-New York Morning Telegraph.

Wonderful Curiosity.

On the banks of the Williamette river, a short distance above Portland. Ore., stands one of the most remarkable rocks in the world. It is known as the Balancing rock. Rising from a broad base is a small column, roughly round in shape. Just above this is a huge mass of rock, bearing a tree on the summit, the total height of rock and column being about 100 feet. Although a great deal larger and heavier than the pillar on which it stands, the big rock is very accurately baianced. For how many centuries this odd freak has stood not even the wisest scientists are able to determine, but it has evidently been there for a very long period. The entire rock is of a volcanic nature, and the most singular thing about it is the fact that the knob and pillar are entirely disjointed from one another. Wind and weather, no doubt, are slowly wearing the Balancing rock away, but the process is so imperceptible that, failing some unforseen catastrophe, the monument will probably endure for many centuries.

Vanderbilt Gets a Tip.

There are a lot of stories told of that famous amateur whip, Alfred Vanderbilt, who has once again taken to himself a wife. On one occasion he had an amusing experience while driving his coach between London and Brighton. At one stopping place an American approached him and handed him a substantial "tip." "I touched my hat in customary style," said Mr. Vanderbilt afterwards, "took the money and put it in my pocket, and I think I had the better of him. I don't know whether this particular American intended it as a snub because I was a coachman or because he didn't know me; let us give him the benefit of the doubt-either way it's good enough." Mr. Vanderbilt, by the way, inherited £20,000,000 from his father, the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. He owns over 100 prize horses and considers coaching "the finest sport in the world."-London Tattler.

Mighty River Amazon.

It has been stated in official consular reports that the aggregate navigable waters of the Amazon and tributaries for all sort of craft are estimated to exceed 45,000 miles. The average depth is from 40 to 150 feet and the average width from 6 to 40 miles. At the mouth near Para the river is 138 miles wide, including the Island of Marajo and the northern and south ern outlets. The immense volume of water discharged marks a path of yellow water in the blue of the Atlantic easily distinguishable for 150 miles at sea, creating a fresh water sea while out of sight of land. This rellow or old gold colored water uniting with the equatorial current trend to the north at the rate of six mi an hour, and entering the Caribbe

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Roosevelt a Candidate.

Theodore Roosevelt has at last announced his candidacy. He has raised some remarkable issues. He purposes that instead of the recall of Judges, a scheme be devised (whereby the people may set aside the courts ruling when it declares an act of Congress or a legislature unconstitutional; he cites Canada as an example where the courts have no power to declare the act of parliament unconstitutional. He could have cited all the governments of the world, the powers to annul legislative action, accorded the courts of the country instead of being a protection, has been a menuce to the political rights of the people and has proven the shield of privelege. Under the constitution and use of the "due process of law" clause of the Federal Constitution the courts of the same logic can annul every statute congress ever passed.

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Mr. Roosevelt has the Declaration of Independance, the Bill of erson to support him. The Bill of Rights declares the people, not Congress or a Federal Court have the right to change or destroy their government. The will walk into a grocery store or Tafft's, the Bailey's, the Underwood's and corporation lawyers

War Against Fever Tick.

that the merchant contribute to According to a recent anthe enterprise they politely ask nouncement by the Bureau of him how much he will give, and Animal Industry, Department of they will sometimes appreciate Agriculture, Texas has made what he gives. This is not the wonderful progress towards the case with the newspaper. The eradication of the cattle fever editor is expected to give away tick, the pest whose ravages the biggest part of his stock in against the live stock industry of trade weekly. There is not a the South caused the United week that passes that the pub. States congress to appropriate lisher of a newspaper is not call \$250,000 annually for its extered on to give away a large mination. Eleven counties are amount of his space to what the now engaged in the eradication procede making the request think of the tick and the results are

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Pastors Wife Remembered.

On last Friday afternoon the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church gave a reception in honor of Sister Dean, the beloved pastor's wife, who with his family leaves Wednesday for his new pastorate at Tulia, Texas-Despite the weather, at the appointed time a large crowd of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. G. R. Couch, who with her daughter and the entertaining committees made the evening one to be pleasantly remembered by all present. The hours were spent with social chat in-Whitmen and Miss Emma Dean. At 4:30 the guests were invited to the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served. the occasion was a beautiful hand painted guest book, in which all present were requested to write a wish to which many respond my statement as heretofore." The wishes were then read by Mrs. Posey. Also the presi dent, Mrs. W. P. Whitman, in the United States. very appropriate words presented to Mrs. Dean a handsome and take no other.

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> stag-handled carving set given by the Society. Sister Dean responded, expressing her thanks and appreciation in the same quiet and touching manner that has always been hers while among us. Many eyes were filled with tears and we felt like thanking God that we had been permitted to touch a life so beautiful as hers.

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The Haskell County Debating boys and girls. its purpose the development of do likewise.

League which was organized in There is no reason why each 8 p. m. November held its try-out debate school house should not be made at the Methodist church of Has- the social center of the communikell Saturday night, February 24. ty and the teacher who fails to Quite a number of the schools in arouse an interest in his commuthe county have joined this organ- nity along the line of common ization and the boys are doing educational interest, neglects one some splendid work. Every of his most important general school in the county should be- duty. Some of the schools have come interested in this and every started the social center moves. other organization which has for It is hoped that other schools will

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season.

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God Gilling we shall have services at the Presbyterian church in Haskell Sunday March 3rd at 3;30 p. m. and East of Haskell at Irby's school house at F. A. Bracker.

Dr. Cummins took Rube Brewer to Abilene Sunday night for an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Brewer wrote a card to Capt. Elliott Thursday stating he was doing fine.

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THE PINKERTON SCHOOL

The Haskell County Debate

counties belonging to the Texas midable foe. Adopt the Initiative and Referen- of each entertainment. dum." There was a large au-Ballard. The question is a live at this time, and those who heard the young men were highly gratified. The boys very credibly acquitted themselves, and the judges, wholly uninterestd parties, announced that they had some difficulty in making their decision, but finally decided in favor of the Haskell boys. In the declamatory contest Ernest Grissom, of Haskell, was victorious over Clinton Johnson, of Rochester and Mr. Weaver, of Rule.

When the announcement of the decision of the debate was made, the Rule school challenged the winners, the Haskell boys, for a Oil. The very minute it is rubbed final debate for Monday night, on the improvement is noticed. livered, I have levied upon this 8th day of Febwhich took place in the High For over thirty years this Lini-School Auditorium in this city, ment has been acknowledged to Tuesday in March A. D. 1912, it being the 5th day The same question was announced to be discussed, but the Haskell boys were assigned the affirmative and the Rule boys took the negative. Rule was ably represented by Elmer Watson and Mr. Cloude. A large and enthusiastic crowd was present, and the contest and was taken to Beeville for inwaged strong, but the Haskell terment. The deceased was the of Carney; thence west along the north line boys were again victorious. They first member of this lodge to die deserve special congratulations in since the lodge was organized having won in both contests and three years ago. A committee of represented each side of the ques-

tion. But the Rochester and Rule As has been explained in these boys have no reason for discour-

dience present to enjoy the splen- county will be represented at the was good for ones health. did addresses of the young men. district meet at Sweetwater the He says if the people will give Rochester was represented by Wm. latter part of this month by him their confidence and support Boyd and Grady Harcrow, and Messrs. Paul Loven, Curtis Ballard he will prove his competency by Haskell by Paul Loven and Curtis and Ernest Grissom of this city. his service. These young men will have their one, of very great public interest expenses paid, and if successful at A Cold, La Grippe, Then Pneu-Sweetwater will represent the district at the state meet at the State University this spring.

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J. B. Lamkins

We are authorized to announce columns before, Haskell county is agement, for they put up a strong J. B Lamkins as a candidate for one of a district of thirty-two and admirable fight against a for- the office of Tax Assessor and Collector of the city of Haskell. Debating and Decalmatory League. Special music was rendered at We can say of Mr. Lamkin that The Haskell County division of both entertainments, and the he holds a diploma from Hills this League held its last of a series young ladies won for themselves Commercial College and at one of contests last Saturday. Three much deserved praise from ap- time was assistant bookkeeper schools of the county entered the preciative audiences for their de- for Sanger Bros. at Waco. He final contest, as follows: Rule lightful musical numbers. We do writes a splendid hand, and is Rochester and Haskell. In the not deem it out of place to men- fully competent to fill the office try-out debates Saturday after- tion the fact that the music was to which he aspires. He says noon Rochester and Haskell won. furnished by pupils of Miss Max- that the reason he has taken up These two schools then debated well, and the Haskell boys who the trade of a blackmith was that night at the Methodist church were successful in the debating that his physician some years in this city, with Rochester on the and declamatory contest are pu- ago advised him that he was affirmative and Haskell on the pils of Miss Day in expression, threatened with tuburculosis negative side. The subject was to whose efficient instruction can and that bookkeeping might in-"Resolved. That Texas Should largely be attributed the success jure his heaith, and that the fumes from the forge and So it will be seen that Haskell the exercise in the shop

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Bankrupt.) ruptcy. OFFICE OF REFEREE.

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tioned petition, it is ordered that sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. any creditor who has proved his One small bottle is two months' claim, and other parties in inter- treatment and seldom fails to perest, if they desire to oppose the fect a cure. Send for Texas testidischarge prayed for in said peti- monials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 tion, shall, on or before the 28th Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold day of March 1912, file with the by all druggists. Referee for the Abilene Division of said District, a notice in writing of their opposition to a discharge in the above entitled

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Vocal Duet-Mrs. Wallace Al-

Piano Solo, Selected (Van How did Wagner influence

Opera in Italy and France-Miss McKelvain. Piano Duet-Mrs. Baker and

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Boone. Piano Solo, Swan Song (Lohen-

grin)-Miss Maxwell. Piano Duet-Mrs. Baker, Mrs.

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For County Judge: A. J. SMITH, (Re-election). H. R. JONES,

For County Attorney: GAYLORD KLINE. F. L. DAUGHERTY. OSCAR MARTIN. C. B. LONG,

For Sheriff:

W. D. Falkner, (Re-Election.) For District Clerk:

L. C. ELLIS. GUY O. STREET, (Re-Election.) E. W. LOE, For County Clerk:

JOHN L. ROBERTSON.

For Tax Assessor: R. H. SPROWLS. J. W. TARBET, [Re-Election.] OTIS B. SMITHEE.

For Tax Collector: J. E. WALLING. [R-Election.] For Public Weigher: A. T CREWS. C. H. RUSSELL, (Re-Election.)

R. C. WHITMIRE, [Re-Election.] T. A. WILLIAMS.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: J. B. DAVIS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 4: G. W. SOLLOCK, [Re-Election] R. D. C. STEPHENS.

For Justice of the Peace of Pre. No. 1: J. S. POST. [Re-Election.] For Constable Precinct No. 1:

A. G. (Cap) LAMBERT, [Re-Election.]

CITY ANNOUNCEM'TS Election April 2nd, 1912.

For Mayor: R. W. TOMPSON.

For City Marshal: ED THORNTON. J. W. FRENCH, (Re-Election.) J. E. STEENSON.

For Tax Assessor and Collector: J. B. LAMKIN,

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to check...... 19,434.67

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We are authorized to announce C. B. (Buford) Long as a candidate for the office of County Attorney, subject to the action of the democratic party. Mr. Long is a splendid young man, born and raised in Haskell county, and is one of our brightest and best educated young men. After graduating in the high school of this city, he attended the A & M college at College Station one and a half terms, and from there he went to the State University, where he will complete a four years course in June and graduate. Upon his graduation he will be licensed to practice law by the Supreme court of this state, and will return home to make an active canvass of the county.

His record in the University has opened the doors of the honorary fraternal organizations of the students. He is a member the Phi Delta Phi, membership for membership, but must win the recognition of the fraternity by scholarly attainment.

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Total......137,462.39 STATE OF TEXAS. COUNTY OF HASKELL. We, L. D. Killingsworth as vice-president, and H. E. Fields solemnly swear that the above statement

I. D. Killingsworth, Vice-President. H. E. Fields, Cashier. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of Feb., A. D. nineteen hundred and twelve. Witness my hand and notarial seal or

the date last aforesaid. J. L. Robertson. Notary Public. Correct---Attest: Chas. Killingsworth,

Directors I. D. Killingsworth, G. T. McCulloh,

Library Notes.

The library in the McConnell

ard fiction and late fiction.

Among the late books are: Jeme Stratton Porter, both exceedingly popular. They are One of the best sellers. The than any other. Weaver of Dreams and The Master of the Vineyard by Myrtle Reed. Her books are so well known and beloved that they need no introduction to the pub-

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> State of Texas, County of Haskell, We. J. C. Davis, vice as cashier of said bank, each of us, do president, and M. R. Smith as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

> > J. C. Davis, Vice-President, M. R. Smith, Cashjer. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of February, A. D. 1912. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

W. P. Caudle, Notary Public, Haskell County, Texas. Correct-Attest: M. R. Smith,

Directors. F. Franke, J. C. Davis,

Special To Farmers.

Doubtless most farmers have building is open to the public on read more or less about the Tuesday and Friday afternoons splendid cash prizes offered by from 3 to 5 and on Saturday the Texas Industrial congress from 5:30 to six. Those who for the best crops of cotton, corn have membership in the library kaffir and milo maize to be raised association can call and receive on from one to ten acres this year, but the great majority not a large shipment of late books. the rules or requirments of the that you write yourself for ap There are a few reference books, contest have let it pass so far lication blank and information. poems, childrens' books stand- without taking in action looking to a participation in the contest.

The writer has been requested Freckles and the Harvester by by the Congress to assist in bringing the matter again to the attention of such farmers as pure love stories, beautifully in might be interested in getting terwoven with nature. The into the contest and I take this Iron Woman, a thrilling psycho- method of doing so, as it will logical novel by Margaret Deland. probably reach a larger number

> of cultivation; each being left to is subject. exercise his own judgment, being required only to keep a record of the work and make monthly reports of conditions to the Congress. The prizes range from \$1000 down, aggregating ten thousand dollars. There are prizes for boys on one acre of kaffir or mile, corn and cotton, and each boy can compete on one acre for only one of these on an acre planted in each for all three prizes.

It would seem that the contestants have all to gain and nothing to lose, as those who win prizes will be ahead to the amount of the prize and the value of the extra large yield and those who fail to win will surely get more off the land given special attention than they otherwise would, and they will gain to that extent. The fine season in the ground and the prospect for a favorable crop year ought to encourage scores of our farmers to enter this contest. I will suggest that also the boys who have or may yet enter the county contest can also enter this

NO. 4474. Report of the Condition of THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

at Haskell in the state of Texas, at the close of business February 20th, 1912. RESOURCES. Leans and Discounts......\$142.600.34

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 302,76 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 25,000.00 Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures..... Other Real Estate owned..... Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)..... Due from approved Reserve Agents..... 12,499.38 Checks and other Cash Items .. Bills of Exchange..... 3,277.56 Notes of other National Banks Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents..... Specie..... 4,822.90 Legal tender notes..... Redemption fund with U.S. Treasumer (5 per cent of circulation)..... 1,250.00 Total...... 210,011,40 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid 15,511.16 National Bank Notes outstanding..... 25,000.00 Due to other National Banks .. 38,657,55 Due to State and Private Banks Bills Payable and Rediscounts 10,000.00 and Bankers..... Individual deposits subject to Check..... 53,316.64 Time certificates of deposit... 1,531,25 Cashier's checks outstanding . . 1,339.61 Total..... 210,011.40 State of Texas. County of Haskell, ss: I. G. E. Lang-

ford, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge

G. E. Langferd, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of February, 1912.

Scott W. Key, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: S. W. Scott.

F. M. Morton, Directors. G. R. Couch,

contest by increasing their land to two acres instead of one acre. The first prize for either maize or kaffir is \$300; second \$200;

and ten prizes of \$50 each. By request I have sent the names of quite a number, but as The library has just received having specific information as to I may not have sent yours I urge R. D. C. Stephens as a candidate

J. E. Poole.

Otis B. Smithee.

The Free Press is authorized this week to announce Otis B. Smithee as a candidate for tax assessor of Haskell county. Mr. Smithee has been a resident of Haskell county for seven years. He is a very worthy young man and fully qualified to fill this important office. He has a busi-Entries may be made in the ness education which eminently contest up to the first day of fits him for an office of this kind. April, not later, and anyone ad- He has never sought an office dressing an inquiry by letter or before and feels that he has legpostal card to the Industrial imate claims to be considered by Congress, Dallas, Texas, will rethe public. He promises, if ceive prompt reply giving full elected, to discharge the duties information. It costs nothing to of the office with fairness to all enter the contest and there are We bespeak for him the kindly no dues or fees to be paid at any consideration of the voters of the time. Contestants are not re- county at the democratic priquired to follow any special rules mary in July, to which action he

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at Haskell, in the state of Texas, at the close of business February 20th, 1912.

| 1 | RESOURCES. | |
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| | Loans and Discounts\$ | 61,704,03 |
| J | Overdrafts, secured and unse- | and the same |
| | U. S. Bonds to secure circula- | 330.59 |
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| 1 | tion | 25,000,00 |
| 4 | Premiums on U.S. Bonds | 249.00 |
| 1 | Bonds, Securities, etc | 1,760.28 |
| | Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures | 10,550.00 |
| b | Due from National Banks (not | 10,000,00 |
| ı | reserve agents) | 1.087.20 |
| | Due from State and Private | 1,001.40 |
| 20 | Banks and Bankers, Trust | |
| | Companies, and Savings | |
| i | Banks | 795.69 |
| 1 | Due from approved Reserve | 199,09 |
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| | Agents | 4,083,75 |
| | Notes of other National | and the same |
| ĺ | Banks | 2,305.00 |
| 1 | Fractional Paper Currency, | |
| | Nickels and Cents | 27.83 |
| ì | Specie | 4,257.30 |
| , | Legal-tender notes | 300,00 |
| , | Redemptton fund with U. S. | |
| | Treasurer (5 per cent of cir- | |
| 1 | culation) | 1,250.00 |
|) | | |
| | Total | 113,700,77 |
| į. | LIABILITIES. | |
| ı | Capital stock paid in | 31,000,00 |
| í | Surplus fund | 6,200,00 |
| | Undivided Profits, less Expen- | THE WORLD |
| 1 | ses and Taxes paid | 866,42 |
| r | National Bank Notes outstand- | 500,20 |
| | ing | 25,000.00 |
| | Due to other National Banks | |
| V | Due to other National Banks | 319,54 |
| | Individual deposits subject to | 97 900 59 |
| j | check | 37,200.53 |
| | Time certificates of deposit | 7,143.91 |
| 1 | Cashier's checks outstanding. | 970.28 |
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| ı | borrowed | 5,000.00 |
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and belief. O. E. Patterson, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29th day of February, 1912. H. M. Rike, Notary Public.

son, cashier of the above named bank,

do solemnly swear that the above state-

ment is true to the best of my knowledge

Correct-Attest: T. L. Montgomery, J. F. Pinkerton, Directors.

R. C. Montgomery, 1 R. D. C. Stephens For County

Commissioner. We are authorized to announce for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the democratic party. Mr. Stephens needs no introduction to the people of this county. He has filled the office of county treasurer in the past for two terms, and he had a splendid opportunity and did master the questions of county financing. His experience will enable him to estimate the amount of taxes it will be necessary to raise to meet the expenses of county administration, and he will not have to guess at such an important matter. As to his honesty and integrity. all know he will attest. We ask the people of his precinct to give his claims and qualifications a careful consideration.

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TE LOVE STORY of A GRAY JACKET By Randall Parrish When Wilderness Was King"

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CHAPTER I.—The story opens in a tent of the Confederate army at a critical stage of the Civil War. Gen. Lee imparts to Captain Wayne a secret message to Longstreet, upon the delivery of which depend great issues. Accompanied by Sergeant Craig, an old army secut, Wayne starts out on his dangerous

CHAPTER II.—The two messengers make a wild ride, dodging squads of soldiers, almost lose their bearings and finally are within the lines of the enemy, having penetrated the cordon of pickets un-

CHAPTER III.—Encountering a small party of soldiers in the darkness, Wayne is taken for a federal officer who came to keep an appointment, is accepted as his representative, and a young lady on horseback is given in his charge.

CHAPTER IV.—The female companion of the two southern scouts is a northern girl, who, when she becomes aware of their army affiliations, slashes Wayne with her riding whip and attempts to escape but fails.

CHAPTER V.—One of the horses giving out, Wayne orders Craig to get through with the dispatches to Longstreet. He and My Lady of the North are left alone near a rocky gorge.

CHAPTER VI.—The Confederate officer and the Union girl thread the mazes of the woods. He discovers a lonely hut, and entering it in the dark a huge mas-tiff attacks him. The girl shoots the brute tust in time.

CHAPTER VII.—The owner of the hut, one Jed Bungay, appears and he and his wife give the captain a welcome. Suddenly a party of horsemen are observed coming down the road.

CHAPTER VIII.—They are led by a man claiming to be Red Lowrie, who orders Mrs. Bungay to give them food, and her husband to act as a guide. The woman discovers the man to be a disguised impostor, attacks the intruder and there is a general melee.

CHAPTER IX.—The disguised leader proves to be Major Brennan, a Federal officer whom the Union girl recognizes. He orders the arrest of Wayne as a spy. The girl protests and says she will appeal to General Sheridan.

CHAPTER X.—Wayne held prisoner in a copse, sees files of Confederates pass the road at a distance and knows that Craig has delivered the message.

CHAPTER X CONTINUED.

"Do not deem me wholl, ungrateful," she said quickly and in a low I am utterly helpless now to aid you. Major Brennan is a man not to be lightly disobeyed, but I shall tell my story to General Sheridan so soon as we reach his camp."

I would have spoken again, but at this moment Brennan came striding toward us.

"Come, Edith," he cried, almost roughly, "this foolishness has surely gone far enough. Peters, what are you waiting here for? I told you to take your prisoner down the road."

A few moments later, the centre of a little squad of heavily armed men. I was tramping along the rocky pathway, and when once I attempted to glance back to discover if the others followed us, the sergeant advised me, with an oath, to keep my eyes to the front. I obeyed him.

It must have been nearly the end of the afternoon. We had certainly traversed several miles, and were then moving almost directly south upon a well-defined pike, the name of which I never knew. All the party were traveling close together, when the scout, who throughout the day had been kept a few hundred yards in advance, came back toward us on a run, his hand flung up in an urgent warning to halt.

"What is it, Steele?" Brennan questioned, spurring forward to meet him. "Come, speak up, man!"

"A squad of cavalry has just swung onto the pike, sir, from the dirt road that leads toward the White Briar," was the soldier's panting reply. "And I could get a glimpse through the trees down the valley, and there's a heavy infantry column just behind them. They're Rebs, sir, or I don't know them."

"Rebs?" with an incredulous laugh "Why, man, we've got the only Reb here who is east of the Briar."



"they're coming from the west, and I know they ain't our fellows." He was too old a soldler to have his judgment doubted, and he was evidently convinced. Brennan glanced quickly about. However he may have sneered at the report, he was not rash enough to chance so grave a mistake.

"Get back into those rocks there on the right," he commanded sharply. "Hustle your prisoner along lively. men, and one of you stand over him with a cocked gun; if he so much as opens his mouth, let him have it."

Rapidly as we moved, we were scarcely all under cover before the advance cavalry guard came in sight, the light fringe of troopers, dust-begrimed and weary, resting heavily in their saddles, and apparently thoughtless as to any possibility of meeting with the enemy. There were not more than a troop of them all told, yet their short gray jackets and wide-brimmed light hats instantly told the story of their service. Their rear rank was yet in sight when we heard the heavy tread of the approaching column, together with the dull tinkle of steel which always accompanies marching troops. Peering forth as much as I dared from behind the thick brush where I had been roughly thrown face downward, I saw the head of that solid, sturdy column swing around the sharp bend in the road, and in double front, spreading from rock to rock, come sweeping down toward us.

File upon file, company after company, regiment following regiment, they swung sternly by. Scarcely so much as a word reached us, excepting now and then some briefly muttered command to close up, or a half inaudible curse as a shuffling foot stumbled. I could distinguish no badge, no insignia of either corps or division; the circling dust enveloped them in a choking, disfiguring cloud. But they were Confederates! I

marked them well; here and there along the toiling ranks I even noted a familiar face, and there could be no mistaking the gaunt North Carolina mountaineer, the sallow Georgian, or the jaunty Louisiana creole. They were Confederates-Packer's Division of Hill's corps, I could have almost sworn-east-bound on forced march. and I doubted not that each cross-road to left and right of us would likewise show its hurrying gray column, sturdily pressing forward. The veteran fighting men of the left wing of the Army of Northern Virginia were boldly pushing eastward to keep their tryst with Lee. The despatch intrusted to my care had been borne safely to Longstreet.

The keen joy of it lighted up my as the last limping straggler disappeared over the ridge, saw it, and grew white with anger.

"You Rebel cur!" he cried fiercely, in his sudden outburst of passion, "what does all this mean? Where is

that division bound?" "Some change in Longstreet's front,

I should judge," I answered coolly, too happy even to note his slur. "You know better," he retorted hot-

"The way those fellows march tells plainly enough that they have covered all of fifteen miles since daybreak. It is a general movement, and, by Heaven! you shall answer Sheridan, even if you won't me."

CHAPTER XI.

In the Presence of Sheridan. It had been dark for nearly an hour before we entered what was from all appearances a large and populous camp. No sooner was I thrust into the unknown darkness of a hut by the not unkindly sergeant, than I threw myself prone on the floor, and was sound asleep before the door had fair-

ly closed behind him. My rest was not destined to be a long one. It seemed I had barely closed my eyes when a rough hand shook me again into consciousness. The flaming glare of an uplifted pineknot flung its radiance over half-adozen figures grouped in the open doorway. A corporal, with a white chin beard, was bending over me.

"Come, Johnny," he said tersely, 'get up- you're wanted."

The instinct of soldierly obedience in which I had been so long trained caused me to grope my way to my

"What time is it, Corporal?" I asked sleepily.

"After midnight." "Who wishes me?"

"Headquarters," he returned brusquely. "Come, move on. Fall in, men." Our march was a short one, and we soon turned abruptly in at a wideopen gateway. High pillars of brick stood upon either hand, and the passage was well lighted by a brightly blazing fire of logs. Two sentries stood there, and our party passed beween them without uttering a word. As to moved beyond the radiance I most seemed that I read entreaty in noted a little knot of cavalrymen si- them. lently sitting their horses in the shadow of the high wall. A wide gravelled walk, bordered, I thought, with flowers, led toward the front door of a commodious house built after the colonial type. The lower story seemed fairly ablaze with lights, and at the head of the steps as we ascended a young officer came quickly forward.

"Is this the prisoner brought in tonight?" The corporal pushed me forward. "This is the man, sir."

"Very well; hold your command ere until I send other orders." He rested one hand, not unkindly, upon my arm, and his tone instantly changed from that of command to gen-

erous courtesy. "You will accompany me, and permit me to advise you, for your own sake to be as civil as possible in ross

snewers tonight, for the "old man" is in one of his tentrems.

We crossed the rather dimly lighted hall, which had a sentry posted at either end of it, and then my conductor threw open a side door, and it by those who desire to condemn silently motioned for me to enter in advance of him. It was as spacious definite reply. I have reason to beroom, elegant in all its appointments, but my hasty glance revealed only three occupants. Sitting at a handsomely polished mahogany writingtable near the centre of the apartment was a short, stoutly built man, with straggly beard and flerce, stern eyes. I recognized him at once, although he wore neither uniform nor other insignia of rank. Close beside him stood a colonel of engineers, possibly his chief of staff, while to the right, leaning negligently with one arm on the mantel-shelf above the fireplace, and smiling insolently at me, was Brennan.

The sight of him stiffened me like drink of brandy, and as the young aide closed the door in my rear, I stepped instantly forward to the table. facing him who I knew must be in command, and removing my hat, saluted.

"This is the prisoner you sent for, sir," announced the aide. The officer, who remained seated,

ooked at me intently. "Have I ever met you before?" he questioned, as though doubting his memory...

"You have, General Sheridan," I replied. "I was with General Early during your conference at White Horse Tavern. I also bore a flag to you after the cavalry skirmish at Wilson's Ford."

"I remember," shortly, and as he spoke he wheeled in his chair to face Brennan.

"I thought you reported this officer as a spy?" he said sternly. "He is in uniform, and doubtless told you his name and rank." "I certainly had every reason to be

lieve he penetrated our lines in disguise," was the instant reply. "This cavalry cloak was found with him, and consequently I naturally supposed his claim of rank to be false."

Sheridan looked annoyed, yet turned back to me without administering the sharp rebuke which seemed burning upon his lips. "Were you wearing that cavalry

cloak within our lines?" he questioned "I was not, sir; it was indeed lying upon the floor of the hut when Major

Brennan entered, but I had nothing to do with it." He gazed at me searchingly for a

moment in silence. "I regret we have treated you with so little consideration," he said face, and Brennan turning toward me apologetically, "but you were supposed to be merely a spy. May I ask your name and rank?"

"Captain Wayne, -th Virginia Cavalry." "Why were you within our lines?"

"I was passing through them with despatches." "For whom?"

"You certainly realize that I must decline to answer." "Major Brennan," he asked, turn-



"Come Johnny," He Said Tersely, "Get Up-You're Wanted."

ing aside again, "was this officer searched by your party?" "He was, sir, but no papers were found. He stated to me later that his despatch was verbal."

"Had it been delivered?" "I so understood him."

"Well, how did he account to you for being where he was found?" Brennan hesitated, and glanced uneasily toward me. Like a flash the thought came that the man was striving to keep her name entirely out of sight; he did not wish her presence mentioned.

"There was no explanation attempted," he said finally. "He seemed simply to be hiding there."

"Alone?" Again I caught his eyes, and it al-

"Excepting the wife of the moun taineer," he answered hoarsely.

"Is this true?" asked Sheridan, his stern face fronting me. I made my decision instantly. There

might be some reason, possibly her own request, whereby her being alone with me that night should remain untold. Very well, it would never be borne to other ears through any failure of my lips to guard the secret. She had voluntarily pledged herself to go to Sheridan in my defense; until she did so, her secret, if secret indeed it was, should remain safe with

me. I could do no less in honor. "It is not altogether true," I said firmly, "and no one knows this better; than Major Brennan. I was there, as I told him, wholly because of an accident upon the road, but as to its particulars I must most respectfully

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"You realise what such a refusal may mean to you?" "I understand fully the construction

which may unjustly be placed upon: me, but at present I can make no more lieve the full facts will be presented to you by one in whose word you will have confidence."

Sheridan straightened in his chair, and looked across the table at mealmost angrily.

"Very well, sir," he said gravely. "Your fate is in your own hands, and will depend very largely upon your replies to my questions. You claim to have been the bearer of despatches, and hence no spy, yet you; possess nothing to substantiate your claim. As your regiment is with Lee, I presume you were seeking Longstreet. Were your despatches delivared ?"

"I have reason to belive so." "By yourself?"

"By the sergeant who accompanied me, and who continued the journey, after I was detained."

"Is Lee contemplating an immediate movement?" "General Sheridan," I exclaimed indignantly, "you must surely forget

that I am an officer of the Confederate Army. You certainly have no reason to expect that I will so far disregard my obvious duty as to answer such a question." "Your refusal to explain why you

were hiding within our lines is ample reason for my insistence," he said tartly, "and I am not accustomed to treating spies with any great consideration, even when they claim Rebel commissions. You are not the first to seek escape in that way. Was your despatch the cause of the hurried departure of Longstreet's troops eastward?"

This last question was hurled directly at me, and I noticed that every eye in the room was eagerly scanning my face. I had the quick, flery temper of a boy then, and my cheeks flushed.

"I positively decline to answer one word relative to the despatches intrusted to me," I said deliberately, and my voice shook with sudden rush of anger. "And no officer who did not dishonor the uniform he wore would insult me with the question."

A bombshell exploding in the room could not have astonished them as did my answer. I realized to the full the probable result, but my spirit was high, and I felt the utter uselessness of prolonging the interview. Sooner or later the same end must come.

Sheridan's face naturally flushed, instantly grew crimson, and a dangerous light flamed into his fierce eyes. For a moment he seemed unable to speak; then he thundered forth;

"You young fool! I can tell you that you will speak before another twenty-four hours, or I'll hang you for a spy if it cost me my command. Major Brennan, take this young popinjay to the Mansion House under guard."

Brennan stepped forward, smiling as if he enjoyed the part assigned to

"Come on, you Johnny," he said coarsely, his hand closing heavily on my arm. Then, seeming unable to repress his pleasure at the ending of the interview, and his present sense of power, he bent lower, so that his insolent words should not reach the others, and hissed hotly:

"Stealing women is probably more in your line than this."

"You miserable hound!" I cried madly. "None but a coward would taunt a helpless prisoner. I only hope I may yet be free long enough to write the lie with steel across your

heart." Before he could move Sheridan was upon his feet and between us.

"Back, both of you!" he ordered sharply. "There shall be no brawling here. Major Brennan, you will remain; I would speak with you further regarding this matter. Lieutenant Caton, take charge of the prisoner."

CHAPTER XII.

Under Sentence of Death. At this late date I doubt greatly

if my situation at that time was so desperate as I then conceived it. I question now whether the death sentence would ever have been executed. But then, with the memory of Sheridan's rage and my own hot-headed retort, I fully believed my fate was destined to be that of the condemned spy, unless she who alone might tell the whole truth should voluntarily do so. That circumstances had left me in the power of one whose fierce dislike was already evident was beyond question, and I had yielded to his goading to such an extent as to give those in authority every excuse for the exercise of extreme military power. Yet of one thing I was firmly resolved-no thoughtless word of mine should ever endanger the reputation of Edith Brennan. Right or wrong, I would go to a death of dishonor before I would speak without her authority. Love and pride conspired to make this decision adament.

"Come," said Caton, briefly, and I turned and accompanied him without thought of resistance. At the front door he ordered the little squad of waiting soldiers to fall in, and taking me by the arm, led the way down the gravelled path to the road. I was impressed by his seeming carelessness, but as we cleared the gateway he spoke, and his words helped me to comprehend.

Captain Wayne," he said quietly, so that the words could not be overheard, "you do not recognise me, but I was the officer who conducted you flag in at Wilson Creek | Of course

made partition the daty gives me, our I wish you to understand that I wholly believe your word."

He stopped, extended his hand, and accepted it silently. "There must be some grave personal

reason which seals your lips?" he questioned. "There is."

"I thought as much. I chanced to overhear the words, or rather a portion of them, which Brennan whispered, and have no doubt if they were explained to the General he would feel more kindly disposed toward you."

It was asked as a question, and I felt obliged to reply.

"I appreciate deeply your desire to aid me, but there are circumstances involving others which compel me for the present to silence. Indeed my possible fate does not so greatly trouble me, only that I possess a strong desire to have freedom long enough to cross swords with this major of yours. The quarrel between us has become bitterly personal, and I hunger for a chance to have it out. Do you know, is he a man who would fight?"

The young fellow stiffened slightly. "We are serving upon the same staff," he said more abruptly, "and while we have never been close friends, yet I cannot honorably take sides against him. He has been out twice within the last three years to my knowledge, and is not devoid either of courage or skill. Possibly. however, the arrival of his wife may make him less a fire-eater."

"His wife?" I stopped so suddenly that he involuntarily tightened his grip upon my arm as though suspicious of an at-

tempt to escape. "Do you," I asked, gaining some slight control over myself, "refer to the lady who came in with his party

last evening?" "Most certainly; she was presented to all of us as Mrs. Brennan, she has been assigned rooms at his quarters. and she wears a wedding-ring. Far too fine a woman in my judgment for such a master, but then that is not so uncommon a mistake in marriage, Why, come to think about it, you must have met her yourself. Have you reason to suspect this is not their

relationship?" "Not in the least," I hastened to answer, fearful lest my thoughtless exclamation might become the basis for camp gossip. "Indeed I was scarcely in the lady's presence at all coming in, as I was left in charge of the sergeant."

Perhaps he felt that he had already said too much, for we tramped on in silence until we drew near a large, square white building standing directly beside the road.

"This is the old Culverton tavern, known as the Mansion House," he said. "It is a tremendous big building for this country, with as fine a ballroom in it as I have seen since leaving New York. We utilize it for | thoroughly convinced, and will brook almost every military purpose, and among others some of the strong rooms in the basement are found valuable for the safe-keeping of im-

portant prisoners." We mounted the front steps as he was speaking, passing through a cordon of guards, and in the wide hallway I was turned tover to the officer

in charge.

"Good-night, Captain," said Caton, kindly extending his hand. "You may rest assured that I shall say all I can in your favor, but it is to be regretted that Brennan has great influence just now at headquarters, and Sheridan is not a man to lightly overlook those hasty words you spoke to him."

I could only thank him most warmly for his interest, realizing fully from his grave manner my desperate situation, and follow my silent conductor down some narrow and steep stairs until we stood upon the cemented floor of the basement. Here a heavy door in the stone division wall was opened; I was pushed forward into the dense darkness within, and the lock clicked dully behind me. So thick was the wall I could not even distinguish the retreating steps

of the jailer. Tired as I was from the intense strain of the past thirty-six hours, even my anxious thoughts were insufficient to keep me awake. Feeling my way cautiously along the wall, I came at last to a wide wooden bench, and stretching my form at full length upon it, pillowed my head on one arm, and almost instantly was sound

asleep. When I awoke, sore from my hard bed and stiffened by the uncomfortable position in which I lay, it was broad daylight. That the morning was, indeed, well advanced I knew from the single ray of sunlight which streamed in through a grated window high up in the wall opposite me and fell like a bar of gold across the rough stone floor. I was alone. Even in the dark of the previous night I had discovered the sole pretence to furniture in the place. The room itself proved to be a large and almost square apartment, probably during the ordinary occupancy of the house a receptacle for wood or garden produce, but now peculiarly well adapted to the safeguarding of prisoners. The solid stone walls were of suf-

ficient height to afford no chance of reaching the great oak girders that supported the floor above, even had the doing so offered a favorable opening for escape. There were, apparently, but three openings of any kind, the outside window through which the sunlight streemed, protected by thick bars of iron; a second opening, juite narrow, and likewise protected y a heavy metal grating; and the tightly locked door by means of which. I had entered. The second, I concluded, after inspecting it closely, was a more air passage leading into some

these openings say, and with search by a thought as to the possibility of escape. I had awakened with strange indifference as to what my fate might be. Such a feeling was not natural to me, but the flerce emotions of the preceding night had seemingly robbed me of all my usual buoyancy of hope. In one sense I yet trusted that Mrs. Brennan would keep her pledge and tell her story to Sheridan; even if she failed to do this, and left me to face the rifles or the rope, then it made but small odds how soon it should be over. If she cared for me in the slightest degree she would not let medie unjustly, and to my mind then she had become the centre of all life.

Despondency is largely a matter of physical condition, and I was still sufficiently fagged to be in the depths, when the door opened suddenly, and an ordinary army ration was placed within. The soldier who brought it did not speak, nor did I attempt to address him; but after he retired, the appetising smell of the bacon, together with the unmistakable flavor of real coffee, drew me irresistibly that way, and I made a hearty meal. The food put new life into me, and I fell to pacing back and forth between the corners of the cell, my mind full of questioning, yet with a fresh measure; of confidence that all would still be well.

I was yet at it when, without warning, the door once again opened, and Lieutenant Caton entered. He advanced toward me with outstretched hand, which I grasped warmly, for I felt how much depended on his friendship, and resolved to ask him some questions which should solve my last

remaining doubts. "Captain Wayne," he began soberly, looking about him, "you are in even worse stress here than I supposed, but I shall see to it that you are furnished with blankets before I leave. Sheridan is hasty himself, and his temper often leads him to rash language. I am sure he bears you no malice for what you said. But Brennan has his ear, and has whispered something to him in confidencewhat, I have been unable to ascertain -which has convinced him that you are deserving of death under martial

law.

"Without trial?" "The opportunity of furnishing the information desired will be again offered you; but, as near as I can learn, the charge preferred against you is of such a private nature that it is deemed best not to make it matter for camp talk. Whatever it may be, Sheridan evidently feels justified in taking the case out from the usual channels, and in using most drastic measures. I am sorry to bring you such news. especially as I believe the charges are largely concocted in the brain of him who makes them, and have but the thinnest circumstantial evidence to sustain them. Yet Sheridan is no interference. The discussion of the case has already led to his using extremely harsh words to his chief of

staff."

"I am to be shot, then?" His hand closed warmly over mine. While there is life there is always hope," he answered. "Surely it must be in your power to prove the nature of your mission within our lines, and the delay thus gained will enable us to learn and meet these more serious

allegations." "If I but had time to communicate

with General Lee." "But now-is there no one, no way by which such representation can be given this very day? If not full proof of your innocence, then sufficient, at

least, to cause the necessary delay?" I shook my head. "I know of nothing other than my own unsupported word," I answered shortly, "and that is evidently of no value as against Major Brennan's secret insinuations. When is the hour set?"

"I am not positive that final decision has yet been reached, but I heard daybreak to-morrow mentioned. The probability of an early movement of our troops is the excuse urged for such unseemly haste."

conscious only of his kindly eyes reading my face. "Mrs. Brennan," I asked finally, recurring to the one thought in which I

I remained silent for a moment

retained deep interest,-"does she still remain in the camp?" "She was with the Major at headquarters this morning. I believe they breakfasted with the General, but I was on duty so late last night that I overslept, and thus missed the pleas-

ure of meeting her again." We talked for some time longer, and he continued to urge me for some further word, but I could give him none, and finally the kindly fellow departed, promising to see me again, within a few hours. Greatly as I now valued his friendship, it was, nevertheless, a relief to be alone with my

thoughts once more. (To be Continued.)

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