

## A SOLDIER OF COMMERCE

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### CHAPTER XI.

#### PRISON ALARM.

**C**OVERED by their long cloaks, unnoticed by the few who were in the streets, Alma and Harvey Irons went toward the river. Several times Harvey tried to speak, but Alma would not permit it. Winding through the narrower streets, met twice by sentries and giving the password, which she knew, Alma led him safely to the wharf where the hayboats lay. Lanterns moved here and there, but most of the boatmen were asleep. Alma knew where the boat of Charka of Ashkar was moored and hurried to it. It could not well be mistaken, for it was the largest of the hayboats, and its cargo had not been touched.

"Charka!" she said as the two stepped upon the boat. "Charka of Ashkar?"

"Who calls Charka of Ashkar?" asked the sleepy boatman as he emerged from the dingy little box he called his house.

"It is I, Charka, who purchased your hay and bargained for you to deliver it at Astrabad with a passenger."

"Good. You were long coming. The hay has been wanted many times. But I knew you would come, so I did not sell."

"M. Irons," said Alma, turning to Harvey and putting out her hands. "I can do no more. Knowing that you were in danger of being killed or of being sent to Siberia, where your identity would be lost and all hope of rescue gone, I determined that I would set you free if possible. I have purchased this hay, and Charka will deliver it—you, rather—at Astrabad, where you will be safe from the persecutions of your enemies."

"But what of you, my darling girl, my bravest? You have sacrificed yourself for me."

"They dare not kill me," said Alma. "They would do anything. But I cannot go like this. Give me just a moment. Let me take you in my arms!"

Charka, with a fine sense of propriety, walked back to his little box.

"Oh, if love could repay you, dear," said Harvey, taking her in his arms. "If the devotion of a life could pay you for what you have done, how gladly would I make you happy! But what can I do? It will be impossible for me to see you now."

"Some day—some day I will come to you."

"Come with me now," raining kisses on her lips. "I will not go without you. I will go back and give myself up."

"Dear one, do not speak like that! It is ungrateful!"

"So it is, darling. You have cut off your hair, your beautiful hair, that I loved. How did you accomplish my rescue? Tell me what you did?"

Alma told Harvey the whole story.

"I even gave myself up to abandon for your sake, dear one," concluded Alma. "I permitted his lips to touch mine; I allowed his arm to encircle my waist. Oh, the thought of it burns, but it was for you!"

"Great heaven! What a woman! And now you want me to leave you to their vengeance! Russia does not forgive. You will be sent to Siberia. You must come with me or I shall remain and fight for you."

"And be killed! You must go at once. Kiss me, dear one! It may be the last."

"It shall not! Hark! The alarm gun of the prison!"

The dull boom of a cannon smote the air.

"Here, we must get out of this," said Charka, rushing from his box. "The soldiers will swarm along the river in no time."

"My uncle has thought we were gone too long," said Alma, trembling with the weakness of reaction. "He has searched for us in the palace and, not finding us, has gone to the prison. He has questioned the servants and learned that we were there. Perhaps he has even discovered that the prince is locked in a cell. My dear one, hide under the hay, Charka, where can he hide? He is your friend, and your enemies are after him!"

With a sweep of his hand Charka showed them the immense cargo of hay. It rested upon many long planks that met in the middle of the boat and extended some feet over each side. Under the planks was a vacant space.

"Under there," said Charka. "There you will be safe. Hurry! The dogs of Muscovites will soon be here."

"You shall not go back to imprisonment or death," said Harvey. "Come with me! We will go to America, where you will be safe and happy. Come, my darling, come."

Alma hesitated. Again sounded the alarm gun. Perhaps the thought of solitary imprisonment, perhaps the knout, perhaps Siberia, came to her.

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"I will go," she said simply. The two crawled under the hay, and Charka lay down on the boat as if asleep.

Everything happened as Alma had supposed. The ball had been deprived of its most brilliant lights. With Alma and Dellnikoff gone, it grew dull. A half hour passed, and Colonel Jurnieff got uneasy.

"Where are your beautiful niece and Dellnikoff?" asked the governor.

"The prince said they were going to find a secluded spot and talk things over. I asked Alma, and she consented to the announcement of their betrothal, but said the prince had not asked her to be his wife. I sent him to her, and they came to an agreement. But they wanted to be alone to talk. I do not know what keeps them."

"It is not so easy to leave off a conversation with a girl like Alma. It is almost time for the supper. I hope they will not forget."

The governor showed his anxiety as the time for him to take the highest of his guests to supper arrived.

"I am filled with misgivings, your excellency," said Jurnieff. "There is something wrong."

"Wrong! What can be wrong?"

"Something, I know not what. The girl bewitched us all tonight. I had never seen her so gay, so reckless. She acted as if she had drunk too much wine, and she seldom drinks any, and now, when she is not here, with her beauty and her wit to ensnare me, I recall how she lured the prince. She never said so, but she refused to marry him. She was in love with an American."

"Where is the American?"

"He is in our prison. He is implicated in the abduction of Koura Biarlekis."

"And you think—what do you think? Speak, man!"

"I cannot think. I am going to the prison to see what has happened."

He called for his carriage. It was gone. He took the nearest one—one in which a Chinese mandarin had come to the ball—and hurried to the prison. He dashed to the living apartments. Marie was asleep. He roared for her, and, trembling in every limb, she came to him.

"Has my niece returned from the ball?"

"She did return, colonel. I went to her, but she dismissed me and told me to go to bed."

Jurnieff ran to Alma's rooms. On the floor he saw her long brown tresses. "What devilry is here tonight?" he gasped.

He dashed to the prison. The captain of the guard started when he saw the pallor of the colonel's face.

"Has any one visited the prison to night?"

"Yes, the inspector general."

"What? Do you mean Prince Dellnikoff?"

"Yes, my colonel. He had with him also an orderly."

"Was my niece here?"

"I did not see the young lady."

"What did the inspector general do?"

"He and his orderly went into the dungeons where the prisoners for Siberia are kept. They soon came back, as the orderly was not well. The inspector general said they would go out in the air a short time and return. They did not return."

"Open that door to the dungeons!"

The captain looked down the bunch of keys. He trembled and turned white.

"What is the matter?" commanded Jurnieff.

"The key is gone."

Jurnieff—awayed. He no longer thought of promotion, but how to save himself from disgrace.

"The door must be broken in. Go for the locksmith."

The locksmith was roused from his sleep and soon had the door open. Jurnieff rushed in and began opening the cells. In one he found Dellnikoff, sleeping as if drunk. He dragged him out to the light.

"Drugged!" he exclaimed. "The girl has tricked us all! Where is the American?"

His cell was opened. It was empty.

"Fire the alarm gun! They are still in Tiflis! The guards will find them! Get out every man! Have the garrison turned loose! I must go and report to the governor."

In ten minutes the hall was over. Chinese mandarins and Persian princes were hustled off and chattered together in bewilderment. Every Russian at the ball was sent out to hunt the fugitive, with orders to bring him back dead or alive.

CHAPTER XII.  
THE SEARCH FOR THE FUGITIVES—THE HAYBOAT STARTS.

"Curses upon you!"

"Why am I awakened with these shouts? I am a peaceful man from Ashkar, trying to sell my hay."

"Oh, your hay!" shouted one of the soldiers, with a laugh. "With the lunacy of finding a prisoner of state on our minds, we must think of your hay!" As he spoke he thrust his bayonet deep into the hay.

"By the gods," exclaimed another, "that is an idea! This man is from Astrakhan and would no doubt assist the American to escape."

"Shut your mouth, fool!" said the officer. "There is no American. It was a Russian who escaped."

"Pardon! I forgot. But the Astrakhan does not love the czar."

"How much you love the czar?" replied Charka. "It is fear, not loyalty, that makes you curse me and stab my hay."

"By heaven, we will stab you! What did you come to Tiflis for?"

"To sell my hay. It has been purchased, but not yet paid for."

"Insolent pig! And do you think we want hay from you?"

"It is for beasts of a higher class I keep my hay," said Charka calmly.

A volley of curses answered him and a bayonet pricked his leg.

"Charge the hay!" said the officer. "They may be hiding in it."

"Burn the hay!" laughed a soldier. "That will settle it."

"Burn it if you dare! I have something in my pocket."

"A pistol, which you would use on the soldiers of the czar?"

"No; a passport to safety signed by the governor."

"Do not burn his hay!" shouted the officer as one of the soldiers made a light by twisting a wisp of the hay into the flame of the lantern. "We are after prisoners. We do not wish to run against the passport."

The soldiers were crawling over the hay, jamming their bayonets deep into it. The officer was slashing it with his sabre.

"I say truly I would do so if they came."

"Loosen your boat from its moorings and take yourself to the Caspian."

"But my hay is already sold."

"It is robbing no one. There is plenty of hay, and you say the payment has not been made. Go, or I will forget the passport."

With assumed reluctance Charka went to the door of his box, into which two soldiers had gone to investigate, and came out with two sleepy Astrakhan.

"Behold the loving acts of the czar, our master," said Charka to his men. "We have sold our hay, but before payment is made we are commanded to go to the Caspian."

"It will destroy the hay. There will be no profit from the fair," said one.

"Profits! You want profits from a fair and yet follow the mollah against the czar?" returned one of the soldiers.

Charka made a sign. The men at once began releasing the boat, amid the shouts and cries of soldiers and disturbed boatmen all along the river. Hundreds of soldiers flocked along the wharfs, invaded boats, routing out men and women that they might in spect the most secret places.

Charka, grumbling and with much make believe anger, slowly got under way. The soldiers laughed as the hayboat began slowly to descend the stream. The boat was a most crude affair. Its only means of propulsion was a great lateen sail, useless on this quiet night. So the men resorted to long poles, and the big boat crawled along the bank.

The search throughout Tiflis went on. Generals and colonels, many of them informed for the first time that the abductor of Koura Biarlekis was an American, joined in the hunt. Officers in the brilliant uniforms they had worn at the ball rushed with those in working garb and searched bazaars, coffee houses and churches. There was not a square foot of ground in Tiflis that was not searched nor a building that was not entered.

Mystified, baffled and enraged, Jurnieff raved and cursed as he paced the prison corridor. But while he raved, and soldiers searched, Charka and his boat continued slowly down the river. By daylight Charka had made twenty miles and tied up at the rotting wharf of a small town. Leaving his men in charge, he went ashore to buy food. He returned with a sufficient supply for the day, and the boat went on. A little steam launch containing soldiers came puffing up behind him.

"Who are you?" demanded the officer. "Why do you leave Tiflis with a load of hay? The markets are there."

"There are no markets for me," said Charka, with a sad wail. "Many days



have I spent on the journey. Many nights I lay and thought of my profits. At last, when I reached Tiflis, there came a merchant who owned five camels. He purchased the hay and promised to come and take it away and pay me for it. But, alas, the soldiers of the czar came in the night and drove me away! I am Charka of Ashkar. They said that because I follow the mollah I am not fit to sell hay to camels."

"Enjoy yourself, fanatic. Go ask the mollah to buy your hay. He has many camels."

"Aye, and men and guns," muttered Charka as the launch sped on.

"Have you seen two escaped prisoners?" came back a voice.

"I have seen many men. No one informed me he was an escaped prisoner."

"One was a woman."

"Then let a woman hunt. It is the only way."

A curse for his insolence came floating back. The launch continued down the river.

In the little box of a house Charka prepared a meal. Before he or his men partook of anything he called to the refugees.

"It is safe," he said. "The launch is out of sight, and we are passing swamps, lands where there are no villages or farms. We shall meet no one. Come! [Continued on 4th page.]



CANYON CITY NEWS.

GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.  
WALTER E. BRANDON, Editor.

THE STOCK OUTLOOK.

J. I. Campbell last week purchased about 75 head of cattle from L. N. Lochridge of Happy, most of the stuff being yearlings. Mr. Campbell says he will experiment with his yearlings again this winter in the manner of preparing them for an early spring market, but will commence feeding at once. He will use the native feed crops and will begin feeding forage crops before they have reached the perfection of maturity. He will thus bring his cattle into the winter months in prime condition and by crowding the stuff will have it ready for the early spring market. Mr. Campbell believes this will enable the producer in the Panhandle to realize a better price for his product and even though the price is not satisfactory at the desired time of marketing it will be nothing lost, especially with such an enormous feed crop in prospect. The News believes the plan is a good one and worthy of emulation by others. Such a procedure on the part of Panhandle stock-farmers will enable them to place in competition a finished product that will compare favorably with the class of stuff shipped by northern feeders. All the panhandle needs to develop is a class of stock-farmers who will get out of the old rut and try methods that are not tainted with the smell of more than a decade's antiquity, at least. The antediluvian course of grazing cattle on agricultural lands will eventually prove to thinking people the utter impossibility of making money under its regime.

With the improved methods for caring and handling stock in winter and the most excellent condition of the range country the general opinion seems to be that better things will come with the new year, and that the men who can weather through the prevailing adverse conditions will win out in the end. The beginning of the fall months finds the range conditions in the panhandle much better than at this time last year.

The quite general rain that visited this section last Thursday night and the local showers that are now materializing are in ample time to provide all the grass necessary for the winter. With plenty of moisture now and no frost until the first week in November, the range country will present the appearance of spring and there will be plenty of grazing for the cattle. While the cattle are going into the winter in good shape, they have not taken on as much fat this summer as they have done during more favorable periods; they are nevertheless thrifty and will continue to improve from now on and a liberal supply of forage crops for winter's use there need not be any apprehension felt on this score.

Careful inquiry among the cattlemen and from the information given by animal and hide inspector Foster, reveals the fact that while the country tributary to Canyon City shipping point has less cattle to market than usual this fall, yet that does not alter the fact that a considerable per cent will now begin to move regardless of prices or conditions. These cattle have now been held back for some time in the hope that the market would improve, and most of such holdings are by owners who are so involved that they must sell their surplus stuff in order to satisfy their creditors. Added to this the fact that it now looks as if the longer marketing is delayed the less the prices will be, strengthens the opinion of our informants that there will yet be many

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cars of stuff loaded from this point.

Some effort is being made to stem the tide of the impending shipments, by sacrificing a few cars at a time, rather in the nature of feelers, and those that are in a position to do so will no doubt continue to hold back, and will greatly minimize the disaster of shipping and taking the consequences, which are far from cheerful and reassuring just now.

STOCK SHIPMENTS.

The following parties shipped cattle to Kansas City from this point last Saturday and Monday.

Name	Cars
John French, Tulia	4
J Rouser, "	2
J F Smyer, Kansas	10
F Hoffman, Canyon	4
L N Lochridge, Happy	2
Bird & Smith, Canyon	9
J W Begley, "	3
MONDAY	
Wallace Good, Canyon	5
J B Parker, Tulia	3
Bert Jackson, Roswell	1

RANDALL COUNTY CROPS.

The fine rains of last week, general throughout the county, have in so far as necessary moisture is concerned, put the finishing touch on the crops of this county and the yield will be all that could be asked.

Indian corn where given anything like a chance will go from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre. Mexican June corn also gives promise of a good turnout. The Malze, Kaffir corn and cane crops will be immense. Cotton is doing nicely. The growth is backward owing to the very late planting, but if frost holds off it is going to make a fair crop anyway. In places, where given the attention that it receives in the cotton countries "back east," a third of a bale to the acre can almost be counted on now. The experience of this year surely goes to prove that cotton will do well in Randall county.

Coming to the range conditions there should not and cannot be any complaint in this direction—grass is just as good as it can be. With this much already known, of course it goes without telling that all kinds of stock are doing well. The only drawback to the stock interests is the present low price of cattle.

Vegetables, strictly speaking, are not within the line of crops in this section yet but the only apparent reason is that a good market is lacking for nowhere, not even in the celebrated truck gardens of the State do they grow better than right here on the Plains. This is true of almost all kinds of garden truck and

when it comes to the melon tribe not even the famous Colorado growth can take the shine off the Plains product.

And what is true of Randall county crops, from all reports, applies all over the Plains country.

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Regular home-seeker's excursion rates of one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip apply on the first and third Tuesday of each month up to and including December, 1904.

A. L. CONRAD, Traffic Manager.

District Court

Lovelady and Pyron vs The Pecos Valley Ry. in the hands of a jury at the issue of this paper last week, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiffs for the sum of \$1,767. Motion for new trial was overruled and plaintiff gave notice of appeal.

The next case taken up, that of Mrs. Gorman vs. W. S. Bailey; trespass to try title, was submitted to a jury Friday night and Saturday evening the jury having failed to agree upon a verdict a mistrial was declared and the case continued for the

term. This case was rather a difficult one for a jury to handle under the issues presented by the pleadings and charge of the court as it required a direct finding upon one issue—contract or no contract. If the jury found a contract then the law gave the measure of damages and the money judgment all went to the defendant; if on the other hand no contract was found the defendant got nothing. While the members of the jury differed upon this question of contract they all wanted to give the defendant compensation for his labor and seeing no way under the charge of the court to accomplish this no verdict was found as above stated. The jury was composed of the following:

J. T. Jowell, J. F. Smith, I. W. McClure, G. R. Stratton, C. P. Money, L. C. Lair, W. W. Merrill, Robt. Saylor, W. W. Stephenson, T. M. Laster, E. W. Neese and Lee Shifflett.

Four of them stood for "no contract," to wit:

J. T. Jowell, I. W. McClure, J. F. Smith and Bob Stratton. The other eight were for "a contract" but not one even of these eight was willing to allow the defendant over five hundred dollars damages.

The judgment of these twelve men, as good a jury as could be found in this Judicial district, could well be used as a sound basis for the settlement of this controversy ere another court term rolls around.

The grand jury adjourned Friday evening having returned into court eight bills—one felony and 7 misdemeanors. The first named bill is against M. C. Chamlee; the other seven are

for alleged violations of the local option law and all evidently against some person or persons not at present in town as no arrests have as yet been effected. The final report of the grand jury read in court reads as follows:

"We, the Grand Jury, empaneled at the August term, 1904, of the District Court of Randall County, here with submit this, our final report."

"We have carefully investigated all reported violations of the criminal laws of Texas committed in Randall County, and have returned one indictment for felony and seven for misdemeanors."

"We have heard numerous complaints of citizens concerning petty offenses, such as breaking windows, screens and doors of residence houses in Canyon City, by small boys, and while we have not found sufficient evidence as to who are the guilty parties to warrant returning indictments, still we are satisfied that such offenses have been unusually frequent in the county during the past year, and we hope the people all will assist each other and the officers to discover the offenders and have them brought to speedy justice and rid the community of such pests as those who are doing the mischief."

"We inspected the County Jail, courthouse and other public premises, and find all in a very good condition of repair except that the jail is not in a very good sanitary condition and needs some repair on the roof and some window glass put in."

"We have examined the books of the county officers and find them all regularly kept and the accounts all balanced."

District Court adjourned for the term last Saturday evening.

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COUNTY JUDGES MEET.

Pursuant to a call of the County Judge of Potter County a number of Panhandle judges and county commissioners met at the court house in Amarillo on Friday the 2nd inst, and formed a temporary organization. Judges Lon D. Marrs, and A. N. Henson were selected to draft a constitution for the organization and to report at the next meeting. Judges Marrs, Henson and Moore, and Commissioners Randel and Reid were appointed a committee on program who reported the following subjects for discussion at the next meeting:

1. What legislation is needed with reference to school districts? Discussion to be led by Judge Q. Moore of Armstrong County.
  2. Our Public Roads. Discussion led by Commissioner Randel of Wilbarger.
  3. Query Box.
- The Association adjourned to meet in Amarillo on Sept. 24, 1904, when the organization will be perfected.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Rosa Coleman, from Deaf Smith Co., has been visiting her sister Mrs. Alice Coleman the past week.

B. T. Johnson and wife attended the camp meeting at Canyon Sunday.

J. W. McClain's family visited B. T. Johnson's Saturday night. Thanks to Mr. Tommie for the nice melons he brought, and the nice music they rendered while there.

H. S. Burnham who has been away for most a year returned home Sunday night.

Mrs. Mabel Deeberry went to Canyon Wednesday.

Our section of country has been visited by good rains which was gladly received.

The protracted meeting will begin at Paloduro Friday night. Bro. Wesson from Hereford will assist Bro. Burnett. Everybody is invited to attend and help in this great work.

The farmers have begun to harvest their feed.

Cattle are fat and in good condition for winter.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. More interest is being manifested every Sunday.

W. R. McClain has returned home and will be with us in Sunday school and church work. He has purchased an organ that will add wonderfully to our church music.

TASSIE.

A News reporter attended the Amarillo Street Fair and Carnival on Monday-Labor Day—and saw many of the Canyonites among the large crowd. In fact Canyon City seemed to furnish more than her pro rata of the general average attendance. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and the old Confederate soldiers who attended are loud in their praise of Amarillo as a host. There were more visitors at the Carnival Monday than at any other time during the five days, and as "Bill" Kenyon remarked to the reporter after he had sought an elevation overlooking the great sea of humanity, "There were about as many people 'milling' around in Amarillo at the Carnival as could be found in Canyon City most any old Saturday."

Mr. H. C. Dorsey came in from Canyon City last Sunday morning on his automobile, the first trial with the machine. He made the trip very nicely. Sunday afternoon he took the editor and wife for a spin on the auto and we pronounced it fine as we went humming along the streets, though it is somewhat of a bouncer when it strikes an elevated street crossing. Mr. Dorsey has not yet learned the thorough management of the machine, but when he does, he will be pleased with it and find it a great convenience, furnishing cheap and rapid transit.—Plainview Herald.

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THE FUTURE OUTLOOK ON CATTLE WAS NEVER BRIGHTER THAN TO-DAY.

We call the attention of our Texas friends to the fact that our old stand-by, GEO. LONG, of Canyon City, one of the best known and most popular cow men of the Panhandle, is now located in our office at Kansas City, where he will meet his friends and give his personal attention to their shipments.

OFFICES.

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## Local.

If it's candy you want see Wilson for the best kind. 1914

Mrs. Guber is visiting in Tulia this week.

Rev. J. M. Carroll left Wednesday evening for his home at Waco.

Little Frances Buie is quite sick with fever this week.

Rev. W. H. Younger came down from Channing yesterday.

Mrs. S. V. Wirt returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Hobart, Oklahoma.

Bunk Long and sister, Miss Jessie, left Sunday evening for White Wright, where they will enter college.

Miss Cora Reynolds left this week for Denton where she will attend the Girls Industrial college.

Miss Minnie Donohoo leaves next Sunday for Sherman where she will enter college.

Owing to the unfinished condition of the building, school will not begin until Monday, September 14th.

The Hix school will open next Monday. Miss Bertha Mills, of Denton, will teach this school.

Dunlap and Frank Lester left Monday evening for Waco to resume college duties.

Miss Lena Hickox, of Claude, came in yesterday for a visit with her cousins, J. D. and Oscar Gamble and Mrs. Henry Bradford.

Jim Cummings has installed a boot-blacking chair in front of the Parks barber shop. Jim is quite a hustler for a boy of his age.

W. C. Maddox, superintendent of agencies for the Union Central Life Insurance Co., is in town this week.

Mrs. J. Rusk left Wednesday evening for Stratford where she will visit her brother, L. F. Whitescraver, for some time.

John Hutson this week purchased 515 acres of land from C. M. Houser, near Umbarger, at \$5 per acre.

W. C. Kenyon came up Saturday with a seven-pound bass which he had caught in the Canyon. It was a beauty. —Amarillo Herald.

Miss Ida Jones from near Hereford is staying with Mr. Joe Service's family and is studying photography at Lusby's studio.

M. S. Lusby is preparing for a miniature waterworks system on his premises and has already had a large tank unloaded in his yard. The windmill will go up later.

I. N. Hix has the lumber on the ground for a frame house on the lot just north of John Orr's, which we understand he will move into when completed.

Judge C. T. Word went down to Hereford yesterday to submit to the courts of Deaf Smith county a claim for damages against the Peecos Valley Ry.

Mr. Newton Harrell and wife left Wednesday evening for their home at Drew, Georgia, after a month's visit with their son, Ed Harrell.

Such ice cream and cold drinks as can be had at Wilson's makes one want to sing "In The Good Old Summer Time."

Mrs. G. W. Carr who visited friends here for a few days last week, left Monday for Ft. Worth on a visit.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church announce that they will have a bazaar on Thanksgiving Day.

**For Sale**—A four room house on corner lot and in good neighborhood at \$450. Apply to H. James or to this office.

The town had quite a number of visitors the first of the week, most of them being in attendance at the Baptist meeting.

Rev. A. B. Haynes, who has been pastor of the C. P. church at Silverton for some time, will move here at once and assume the pastorate of the local church.

W. E. Bates is looking for his son and wife to arrive here this week, who will conduct the Holiness meeting which is to begin at the court house on the night of the 15th inst.

Miss Mollie Hitchcock, a brilliant young pianist, came up last Saturday from Canyon City to take a special teachers course in music with Mrs. Erwin. She will remain for the year. —Amarillo Herald.

Lewis Bentley, of Dalhart, a brother of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, has been here visiting his sister and family since Friday of last week and will possibly make the trip to Arizona with them.

Rev. W. E. Skinner and wife, of Clarendon were visitors here Wednesday, they, like many others, having come from a distance here to attend the big revival meeting only to find that it had closed.

Smiley Wilson passed through here this week enroute to St. Louis, and stopped off a day or so with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Wilson. He is manager for the Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co. at Lubbock.

J. M. Rockwell, of Houston, president of the Texas Lumbermen's Ass'n., spent a day or two here this week inspecting his lumber interests, which is growing under the able management of C. R. Burrow.

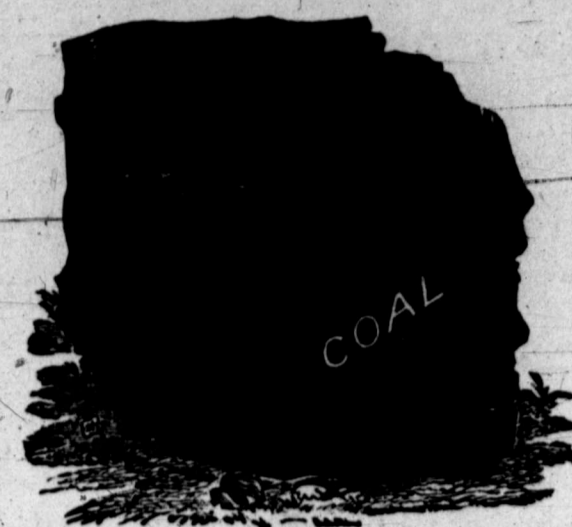
Harry James was in the hub Wednesday from his Ceta ranch. He has removed his mustache to enable his friends to discern the bland smile he wears now-a-days. Nothing unusual however in his case, just had a good rain in the reason assigned.

### The Car of Apples

Is yet on the track at the depot, though greatly diminished in quantity. Those who have been waiting to get apples cheap had better avail themselves of this opportunity as this car will be the last to come here this season.

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## CANYON CITY HARDWARE AND GRAIN COMPANY.

Miss Delia Wilkinson returned last Friday from St. Louis. Miss Wilkinson says she has some pleasant surprises for her friends in the way of fall millinery. Besides doing shopping for her firm in the millinery department, she was able to stay in St. Louis long enough to see the salient features of the great Fair.

Sam Shotwell was in town Saturday with some samples of his crops for Joe Garrison. He had maize, kafir corn and something that had the appearance of broom corn heads which he says correctly named is "California wheat." Strange name sure enough, but the heads are large and well filled with grain and if the quality is there, and Sam says it is, it will prove a valuable addition to crops of this section.

It is not improbable that Canyon City will have buyers here this fall to handle the cotton that will naturally come to this point for marketing and shipping, in fact one party has assured the News that such facilities will be provided, and that the matter will be advertised judiciously in the large cotton area south of here, provided he will be able to receive the co-operation of local merchants.

Don't forget we have a few gallons of the Lincoln paint yet on hand. Now is the time to pick up a bargain.

CANYON LBR. CO.

Robt. Campbell, Harry Howell, Nash Hix and Willie Burnett left last Sunday evening for the purpose of entering college. The three first named young men going to Weatherford, Okla., and the latter to Goodnight. All of these young men are worthy of success and many well-wishers look forward to their rapid promotion in acquiring the things needful for a practical education.

The regular quarterly conference of the M. E. church will be held here next Saturday and Sunday. There will be preaching Saturday morning and evening, also regular services on Sunday. Bro. Stephens, the pastor, has been at Gillem school house this week conducting a revival meeting which began there last Friday night. The meeting closed and Bro. Stephens returned home yesterday.

W. W. Merrill, the tinner, has become imbued with the Western fever and has decided to close up his shop and tie away to far-a-way California. He and family will be joined in Amarillo, about the 15th inst., by Tom, Miss Alice, and Jim Grant and family, who have been at Ft. Worth for some time, and will all leave at once for Los Angeles. Mr. Merrill has been a good citizen, a good neighbor and a staunch friend of the News and it is with regret that we see him and his estimable wife and son leave.

F. L. Vanderburgh, the hustling business manager of the Amarillo Herald, and Prof. J. W. Carson, director of Farmers' Institutes under the auspices of the A. & M. College of Texas, passed through here Monday enroute to the South Plains country, where they will lend valuable assistance in forming local Farmers' Institutes in the towns of Tulia, Plainview, Lockney and Silverton.

Miss Emma Bowyer, of Linneus, Mo., arrived here last week and immediately began preparation for the Millinery Department which becomes a permanent feature with Wright, Gamble & Co. Miss Bowyer comes well recommended as a milliner and will appreciate the opportunity of showing the ladies all of the novelties incident to fashionable wearing apparel.

Bee Hitchcock came in from Erath county the latter part of last week and says he is very much pleased to again get back to the Plains. He commenced work this week putting a fence around the News building. He brought back several healthy specimens of pears and apples which were grown on Mr. Daugherty's orchard near Lingleville and left some of them in the care of the News which upon being "sampled" were pronounced "all right."

The interior of Wright, Gamble & Co.'s dry goods and grocery store presents an improved appearance this week as a result of the installation of such modern fixtures as large solid glass show cases for the attractive display of novelties, trimmings, etc. The ingenious minds of the firm's members, as well as that of C. P. Hutchings, their clever dry goods salesman, are always injecting practical ideas in store methods of doing business that are pleasing to their customers and creditable to the enterprise of the firm.

### Are you Going to the World's Fair.

If so, you should take along a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The hot weather, fatigue and change of drinking water and diet are almost certain to produce diarrhoea, and when you have this remedy at hand you can check it at once. If you wish to buy it while there you can get it at any drug store in St. Louis, and at the Inside Inn-Drug Store. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

Prof. Hardy, president of the Clarendon College, was here yesterday.

J. L. Perdue was among our visitors Monday. Mr. Perdue came to this county a little over a year ago chiefly in the hope that the climate would benefit his wife who was in very bad health, and he says that she is now entirely well. Very thankful for this he is also enthusiastic over his first crop experience here which was on sod land turned over in March and April of this year. He states that his crops consisting of June corn, maize, kafir, cane etc, rival anything anywhere and that his garden stuff, condition of planting and period of growth considered, beats anything heretofore had in his experience or observation. As a proof of this he exhibited a cabbage planted on sod land June 1st, which weighed nine pounds and was placed on file in this office. He also says there is cotton in his neighborhood that in his opinion will make a third of a bale to the acre.

The Baptist revival meeting which commenced on Thursday night of last week in Paloduro canyon came to a terminus last Tuesday night. The announcement came to many somewhat as a surprise as most everybody fully expected that it would continue until next Sunday night, and perhaps longer. A meeting of the Association Board was held Tuesday afternoon with visiting members, A. E. Baten of Amarillo, and W. B. Slaughter of Dalhart, present. In this conference it was the consensus of opinion among those who participated that it was not expedient to further continue the meeting inasmuch as it was growing late in the season for a camp of this character and at the time of year when most of the people have settled down at home for the busy time of crop gathering. It was voted by the Board to establish a permanent camp here and commence a series of meetings each year some time in the month of August. Though this year's meeting has passed into history without recording large numbers of conversions, it was not the fault of Dr. J. M. Carroll or of his helpers that such was not the case. They worked hard and deserve credit for their faithfulness.

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 from under and eat. It may be some time before you reach a place of safety.

Harvey was the first to appear, and then the shining boots of Alma came wriggling from under the hay. They looked into each other's eyes and laughed. It was so good to be free. They went into the little house and ate the meal Charka had prepared.

"Charka, you have done well," said Alma. "I took the precaution to bring my purse. In it you will find enough to pay you—for your hay."

Charka took the purse and opened it. The shining gold brought a gleam to his eyes.

"Let them ask again," he said. "You have kept your word with Charka. No Muscovite dog shall take you from this boat while I am alive."  
 "Good Charka!" said Alma. "It is so good to find a faithful friend."

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Arrive	Amarillo	9:50	"	"	"
Leave	Amarillo	10:20	"	"	"
"	Washburn	11:15	"	"	"
"	Panhandle	12:05 AM	Tuesday	—	Sunday
"	Pampa	1:30	"	"	"
"	Miami	2:25	"	"	"
"	Canadian	3:25	"	"	"
"	Higgins	5:15	"	"	"
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