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## The Devil's Own

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CHAPTER XII.

My friend, the Deputy Sheriff. Well below the surface, yet impelled swiftly downward by the sturdy rush of the current, sweeping about the steamer's stern, I struck out with all the strength of my arms, anxious to attain in that first effort the greatest possible distance. I came parting up to breathe, my face lifted only above the surface, dashing the water from my eyes, and casting one swift glance backward toward the landing. Great volumes of black smoke swept forth from the funnels and my ears could distinguish the ceaseless hiss of steam. Again I permitted my body to sink into the depths, swimming onward with easier stroke, satisfied I had not been seen.

I swam slowly ashore, creeping up the low bank into the seclusion of a shallow, sandy gully, scooped out by the late rains. Immediately about me all was silent, the steadily deepening gloom rendering my surroundings vaguely indistinct.

Thus far I possessed no plan—except to seek her. I would venture forward, rather blindly trusting that good fortune might direct my steps aright. I would have to discover first of all, where Kirby had taken Eloise—into whose hands he had deposited the girl for safekeeping. This task ought not to be difficult. The settlement was small, and the camp itself not a large one; no such party could hope to enter its confines without attracting attention, and causing comment. Once I had thus succeeded in locating her, the rest ought to prove comparatively easy—a mere matter of action. For I had determined to play the spy no longer; to cease being a mere shadow. I proposed finding Eloise, and telling her the whole truth; following that, and assured of her support, I would defy Kirby, denounce him if necessary to the military authorities, identifying myself by means of my army commission, and insist on the immediate release of the girl. The man had broken no law—unless the wanton killing of Shrank could be proven against him—and I might not be able to compel his arrest. Whatever he suspected now relative to his prisoner, he had originally supposed her to be his slave, his property, and hence possessed a right now under the law to restrain her liberty. But even if I were rebuffed from bringing the man to punishment, I could break his power, and overturn his plans. Beyond that it would be a personal matter between us; and the thought gave me joy.

I attained my feet, confident and at ease, and advanced up the gully, moving cautiously, so as not to run blindly upon some sentry post in the darkness. There would be nervous soldiers on duty, liable to fire at any sound, or suspicious movement, and it was a part of my plan to penetrate the lines unseen, and without inviting arrest. I was standing uncertain, when the dim figure of a man, unquestionably drunk, came weaving his uncertain way along a footpath which ran with-

I permitted him to lead me, his voice never ceasing as we followed the dim trail. I made out little of what he said, nor did I question him. The trail ended before a two-room log cabin, so deeply hidden in the woods as to be revealed merely by a glimmer of light shining out from within through chinks in the walls. Tim fumbled for the latch and finally opened the door, lurching across the threshold, dragging me along after him. There were two men at a sloppy table, a disreputable looking white woman stirring the contents of a pot hung over the open fire, and a fellow behind the bar, attired in a dingy white apron. It was all sordid enough, and dirty—a typical frontier grogshop; but the thing of most interest to me was the proprietor. The fellow was the same red-mustached individual whom I had watched disembark from the steamer that same afternoon, slipping in the yellow mud as he surmounted the bank, dragging his valise along after him. So it was this fellow passenger who had given these negatives away. It was his presence in these parts which had decided Kirby to make the venture ashore. He glanced up at our entrance, the glare of light overhead revealing a deep, ugly scar across his chin and a pair of deep-set, scowling eyes.

"Back in time for supper, hey, Kennedy," he growled, none too cordially. "Who's yer frien'?"

"A feller whut's goin' ter enlist. He's all right, Jack," the deputy hiccupped thickly. "Le's liquor, an' then we'll eat. I'm payin' the bill—so whut's it ter yer?"

"Nuthin' tall; eny frien' o' yers gits ther best I have."

He set out a squat bottle on the bar, and thinking it best to humor the both of them I poured out a stiff drink, fully aware that Rale was observing my features closely.

"Seen yer afore sumwhar, ain't I?"

"I reckon." I replied indifferently, watching Tim fill his glass. "I worked my way up on the boat; saw yer on board."

"Sure; that's it; 'tain't in my line for ter forgit a face. Yer ain't enlisted yit?"

"No; I reckon I'll wait till maunin', an' clean up a bit first. How 'bout sum soap an' water 'fore I eat?—an' yer cudn't loan me a razor, cud ye?"

"Wal' I got plenty o' water, an' maybe cud scare up sum soap. Tim yere he's got a razor, an' if he's a frien' o' yers, I reckon he mought lend it ter yer."

The deputy gulped down his drink, and snatched his lips, clinging with one hand to the bar, regarding me lovingly.

"Sure; he's a frien' o' mine. Shave him myself soon's I git sober. Whut's that? Yer can't wait? Oh, all right; he'll be it herself. Mighty 'fin' razor, o' maun."

Rale found me a tin basin, water, a bit of rag for a towel, and a small, cracked mirror, in which my reflection was scarcely recognizable. He was a man of few words, contenting himself with uttering merely a dry comment on Kennedy, who had dropped back into a convenient chair and buried his face on the table.

"Tim's a good fellow, an' I never saw him so blame drunk afore," he said, regretfully. "He an' Kirby hed a row, an' I reckon ther's whut started him drinkin'."

"A row; a quarrel, you mean?" forgetting myself in surprise. "Who's Kirby?"

"Joe Kirby; yer sure must know him if yer a river man. Slim sorter feller, with a smooth face; slickest gambler ever was, I reckon."

"Why, of course," getting control of myself once more. "Who picked him up, long with Tim, down river. Hed two women with 'em, didn't they? run-away niggers?"

Rale winked facetiously, evidently rather proud of the exploit as it had been related to him.

"Wal', ther way I understand, they wa'n't both of 'em niggers; however, that was the story told on board. This yere Joe Kirby is pretty slick, let me tell you. One of 'em's a white girl, who just pretended she was a nigger. I reckon ther even Kirby didn't catch on ter her game at first; an' when he did he was too blame smart ter ever let her know. She don't think he knows yet, but she's liable fer ter find out mighty soon."

"But he cannot hold a white woman," I protested stoutly.

"Can't, hey! Wal', I reckon there are ways o' even doin' that, an' if thar be, Kirby'll find it. I reckon she won't find no chance ter raise a holler fer he's got her tied good an' strong."

"Do you mean," I asked, horrified, "that he will compel her to marry him?"

"Sum smart little gnesser, ain't yer? I reckon she's in a right smart way ter do it, et ther."

"And was this the cause of the quarrel between Kirby and Kennedy?"

"Wal', I reckon it was; leastwise Tim wudn't be mixed up in the affair none. They hed it pruddy blame hot, an' I reckon thar'd bin a dead deputy if hedn't bin fer me. Tim thought I was a pruddy gud frien' an' cum over yere ter liquor, an' eat. Ther joke of it is, he never know'd ther Joe hed told me all 'bout the fix he was in, afore we cum ashore. He—, it was all fixed up whut was ter be done—only we didn't expect the steamer was goin' on north. Ther's sum boys wantin' a drink; see yer agin'."



"Who Are Yer? Frien' o' Mine?"

In a yard of my position. The sudden blazing up of a fire revealed the unmistakable features of the deputy.

"Hullo," I said, happily, stepping directly before him. "When did you come ashore?"

"Hello, yerself," he managed to ejaculate thickly. "Who are yer? frien' o' mine?"

"Why, don't yer remember me, o' man? I was talkin' tergether comin' up, I was goin' fer ter enlist."

"Hi—I yes; glad ter see yer. Sum hot whisky at this camp—tried eny?"

"No," I answered, grasping at the opportunity to arouse his generosity. "I ain't got no coin to buy. I'm flat broke; maybe yer cud stake me fer a bite ter eat?"

"Dat!" he lunged one arm lovingly about my shoulders, and burst into laughter. "Yer bet yer life, we're a goin' to eat, an' drink too. I don't go back on none o' ther boys. Yer never heard nuthin' like ther 'bout Tim Kennedy, I reckon. Ent, sure—yer know Jack Rale?"

"Never heard the name."

"Whut, never heard o' Jack Rale! O' river man, half hoss, half alligator; nster tend bar in Saint Louee. He's up yere now, a sellin' forty-rod ter sojers. Cum up long with him from Beardstown, Frien' o' mine. Yer just cum long with me—ther's all."

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TO MY FRIENDS IN SONORA AND SUTTON COUNTY

A wonderful way of showing appreciation for services rendered. I must say in the first place, I will state that my business is carrying the mail for a living, and not just for fun. If I were wealthy, I would not be doing this kind of work, but some one must do it, and this time I am found guilty and sentenced till July 1st, 1922. No one regrets this fact more than I. I don't save myself and my friends who make my life so hard, I must do the best I can under the circumstances. I humbly submit to giving poor service for about one year on account of rain, mud, bad roads and broken cars. Now, if you folks who signed this petition had told the real cause of the poor service (and you know then) you could not have expected a res one from Washington, and of course you want an investigation, but not half so badly as your humble servant. Instead of trying to help me give good service by patronizing the mail line, by riding the mail cars and having your stuff shipped by express out of San Angelo, I stand off by parcel post, when the rates are identical, you said each other, so don't beat me out of the passenger fares by hunting free ways to travel and loading me down with parcel post so that I can't supplement my mail contract salary sufficiently that I can keep my equipment in first class condition. During muddy times I have to haul flour and bacon to Sonora and Eldorado by parcel post, because the hungry people cannot get food over the roads any other way. (Ask the Assistant Postmaster of San Angelo for verification of this fact.) I have even had to run an extra car or pull an extra trailer to carry the automobile tires that have gone down in one day, or turn down two or three passengers in order to have room for parcel post. Now, if this stuff was going by express, it would cost no more and I would get a little pay for hauling same and you would be helping me to give service. How many of you people who signed this petition are guilty of these things? How many of you ever offered your services to assist me when stuck in the mud, or broken down in the road, free of charge? Pray tell me how bad you want efficient service any way? If you want me to give good service, give me a kind look, a pleasant word and your patronage, and don't be as some of you have been this petition was framed up, sour, sneered and actually could not see me when you meet me on the street. Be a friend to the one who is serving you. In your petition you refer to Bro. Dunn's bringing the mail through on Monday and making a sound trip, but you never stated that he was in a Ford by himself with two little bags of letters. Now, you did not appreciate my going down loaded that way. You also spoke of my going through that day. Why did you not tell it just as it was? That car spent all day Sunday on the road trying to get to Sonora, and had to be pulled by a team and finally abandoned for the night at the Ernest ranch. I notice that you did not refer to my ever sending cars to carry mail on Sunday to get the mail through when we had been bailed up, on account of bad roads. Why didn't you tell that? It would not have sounded bad enough, would it? I am truly glad that you are calling attention of the Department to the services on the line, and if they pay any attention to the petition (enough at least to get a man down here to investigate conditions) I am sure I will be benefitted more than any one else, especially if he happens down the line when it is real muddy and has to walk part of the way and sees the parcel post that I have to haul.

When you start to San Angelo you pick a pretty day and don't load your car to start; then if you get through all right, you think that the mail car ought to make it through with all the mail, 313 days out of the year. When one of you start through to Angelo, you may drive a car that you won't need any more for a few days, but my mail cars must be on the road every day, so we must take a gait that we can save the car and get through with the load. I am very sorry, indeed, that I have not been able to give the service that I want to give, but my bondsmen and I are responsible for the mail on the line and I can't afford to turn the mail over to Tom, Dick and Harry, when they are not bonded to me and many times I don't even know the party. Would you in your business, want me or someone else to hire help for you and put them in charge of your business in your absence? Nay, I say not, and especially if you were under \$5,000.00 bond for the safety of it. Now, my friends, be reasonable. Imagine yourself in my place, and weigh these matters accordingly, and I will be satisfied with the results, for I believe you are all reasonable if you can be made to see both sides of the question. On Monday, November 10th, I loaded both big cars and one trailer at the San Angelo postoffice, one for Sonora and one for Eldorado and Christoval. When

one of the cars got all the bearings burnt out at Christoval, I sent the driver with the Eldorado car on to Eldorado, and told him to return to Christoval for the load of Sonora mail, and then to carry it to Sonora. What else could I have done under the circumstances? Every postmaster on the line said I did right, except at Sonora, but sad to relate, the last big car broke down just one mile from Eldorado with Sonora mail. Therefore, Sonora had to do without mail until Wednesday, but on that day we got all your mail, including parcel post, at your office.

Now, listen, I taught school eighteen years, and in that time I actually taught 139 months, and of course, I had the ups and downs of a teacher's life. Therefore, I often said that every patron ought to have to teach school one year. Now, I believe, we would have more consideration in this case if each patron of this mail line should have to carry the mail one year over these roads, as they have been for the last 12 months. (How many people signed the petition who drove trucks, or carry heavy loads on touring cars? For the past two months the Santa Fe and Orient trains have been from one to twelve hours late on account of bad roads. Now isn't it very presumptuous for people to expect anything like ordinary service from heavily loaded mail cars on dirt roads (the very worst in the United States)? The rail road has an iron track to run on, and I have the very softest dirt most of the time. On a certain morning I had to leave some parcel post in the office for lack of room to carry same, and I found a lot of groceries at my office to go down by express, but of course I could not carry it. Now, the very next morning when I could have made a little money carrying the express, it was in the parcel post. This stuff referred to went to Sonora too. Without calling any name, I carried out a hundred pounds or more of groceries by parcel post in one day to a merchant in Sonora, when he had a truck in San Angelo that could have carried it. Now, to say the least of it, could he not have sent it by express so that I would have something out of it and not have lost him any more? I refer you to Section 1451 Post Office Laws, which shows you who has a right to send a car out for the mail and under what conditions, and how much the proper one can pay. Now, if this law had been complied with, I would not have had all this trouble and misunderstanding, and everything would have been lovely and the goose hanging high. Now G. M. C. Massey, Jr., is the contractor and his bondsmen are not known at Sonora, but many times the mail has been sent out without the consent of any one responsible for same. Now, who is to blame? I am not mad at you folks for signing the petition, for you did not know everything that I did about the conditions. You only saw one side of this case and my purpose in writing this letter is to cause, if I can, you to see the other side. The Devil's River News has kindly consented to print this letter for me, and now if you will read it carefully, you will once again confer a favor upon me, for I can talk to so many more at once in this way.

Think it over from every angle, dream over it and see then if you think I have been justly treated. Yours for better service, G. M. C. MASSEY, JR., Contractor from 7-1-1918 to 7-1-1922.

Jack Pierce News Agent. The San Angelo Standard, San Antonio Express, El Paso Herald, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Dallas News for sale at the Horn Palace. 92

OIL NEWS. D. O. Bayless of Houston has leased through T. L. Benson of Sonora, for the Texas Company, sixteen half sections of land in various parts of Sutton county at \$1 per acre.

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WOOL MARKET CONTINUES STRONG.

An old time movement, struck the Boston wool market during the week ending November 20th, and sales amounted to fifteen million pounds at an advance of about fifteen per cent. What the News as well as others predicted when the English government tried to control the Australian wools to corner the fine cloth market has occurred. The American manufacturer has produced a very handsome line of fabrics for mens wear that have been received favorably by the clothing houses and the demand for the finer American wools have come into demand and created an activity in the near fine. Wools that the Government took over during the war on a shrinkage basis of \$1.75 scoured is now quoted at \$2 and \$2.10 and it is predicted that \$2.20 will be reached.

STOCK NEWS.

J. W. Leifeste of Mason was here this week buying horses. We have a nice line of Xmas Apples at cheap prices. Sonora Mercantile Co. J. O. Rountree of Plainview, sold his interest in the Sonora Mercantile Co., to J. N. Ross. Gus Wheat has bought the J. L. Dismukes ranch about 3 miles from Rocksprings at \$12.50 per acre.

Jack Wardlaw has bought 1170 lambs from Blakeney & Allison at \$8.50. They are New Mexico March lambs and are well woolled and doing fine, Jack says. KILL THE BLUE BUGS and all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Merdian's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Guaranteed by all Dealers. 12 Cms.

Robert Johnson has sold his home on lower Main street to Thomas C. Murray for \$2,500. The lot is 75x100 feet. The trade was made by T. L. Benson.

B. W. Hutcherson sold to Don Cooper 48 fat Mexican steers at \$65. He also sold to Smith & Baumann of Mason, 50 grown steers, natives at \$70.

Hutcherson & Allison bought from Frank Baker 88, from W. D. Wallace 87; and from H. P. Cooper 70 coming year old steers all at \$35 per head.

The ranchmen have been unusually busy the past season with fence, fly, dipping and kindred troubles. The trouble caused by the fly can be controlled and efforts to handle this pest should be gone into intelligently next season. Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HORE-HOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.—Ad.

Tarrant county is among the Texas counties to be freed of ticks. The quarantine was lifted from that county Dec. 1st. This removes the last obstacle to the clean up of Texas cattle as the Fort Worth Stock Yards are now above the line.

T. L. Benson of Sonora, commission dealer in land and live stock reports the sale of 165 coming two year old ewes for R. H. Chalk of Sonora to R. W. Davis at \$18; for Bert Page of Eldorado to Hiram Christian \$25 good young ewes at \$17.50; for Jess Coy of Eldorado, 200 three and four year old cows to R. E. King at \$60.

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Joe Blakeney sold 2100 ewes to John A. Martin of Sonora at \$15. He also sold to Jack Wardlaw of Sonora, 1,175 lambs at \$8.50—Ozona Stockman.

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

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HOUSE FOR SALE. I offer for sale my house on East Crockett avenue, Sonora, at terms to suit purchaser. This is a desirably located home of seven rooms, on four lots, two car garage and other improvements. Address, John S. Allison, 01 San Angelo, Texas.

\$25 REWARD. Lost on the road between Sonora and San Angelo on Saturday Nov. 15 a leather hand satchel with name of owner, W. M. Holland, Del Rio, Texas, stamped thereon. The bag contained papers and 11 lease blanks and the finder will receive a reward of \$25 for its return to W. M. HOLLAND, 321 Del Rio, Texas.

FREIGHTERS WANTED. Freighters wanted to haul about 90,000 lbs of heavy tower timbers from San Angelo to the Paul Turney ranch 25 miles below Sonora. WEST TEXAS LUMBER CO. San Angelo, Texas.

NO TRESPASS. Notice is hereby given that trespassers on my farm and pasture adjoining Sonora on the east, will be prosecuted according to law. Please tell your friends and relatives of this notice and they will avoid prosecution. T. L. BENSON, Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1919.

Notice to Trespasser. Notice is hereby given that I trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of getting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. W. J. FIELD, Sonora, Texas.

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

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

### EDUCATOR ATTENDS STATE MEETING.

Jewell Matthews, superintendent of the Sonora schools, attended the Texas State Teachers Association meeting at Houston last week. Representative men and women from all the leading educational institutions in the State were present and Dr. Vinson of the University of Texas was elected president. Superintendent Matthews is not overlooking any opportunity to advance the interests of the Sonora school for which he is to be commended.

### Program for Dec. 7

Subject—Truth that Jesus taught.  
Leader—Alice Trainer.  
Song—  
Announcement of subject and reading of Scripture lessons (Mat. 1:3-12).  
1 Cor. II: 5-10  
Talk—Poor in spirit—B. Grace Glasscock.  
Prayer—  
Song—  
Talk—They that mourn—Evelyn Trainer.  
Talk—They that hunger and thirst after righteousness—Jewel Eaton.  
Talk—Be merciful—Woodson Hebert.  
League Benediction.

### NOTICE OF SALE.

On Monday December 15th, 1919, the Sales Committee of the Sutton County Chapter of the American Red Cross will receive sealed bids for either one or all of three electric sewing machines the same to be awarded to the highest bidder, with the right reserved to reject any and all bids. Address your bids to  
L. W. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

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

J. T. Evans and daughter, Miss Elma Evans and Miss Willie Mae Winn, visited in Angelo last week. Just received at Sonora Mercantile an assortment of Home Patterns **SCHOOL NO. 185.**

Last week Mr. Matthews appointed Miss Stout to conduct chapel the following Monday morning, which would be Dec. 1st. Mr. Matthews left last Wednesday and did not return until Monday evening. The consequences were we had no chapel that Monday morning. That is how Miss Stout conducts Chapel! Perhaps they will give her another chance of obtaining "the honor." As said before Mr. Matthews returned Monday evening. He burdened every one with an extraordinary amount of super-talking. Tho it was a jaded very much—for every one likes to hear something they have never heard before—just so it isn't history. On account of the bad weather many pupils have been late. How's that? That must not happen too often. It counts off. Several of the Fourth Grade pupils were made exchange pupils, on account of the much unnecessary talking. But really the tenth grade in general, never did it much.

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### KEETON-STUART.

Miss Fay Keeton of Jewett and Louise Stuart of Sonora were married at the home of the bride in Jewett on Thursday, Nov. 27th. The News has not received further information of the wedding but the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stuart and brother Henry witnessed the ceremony. The bride visited here last summer and made many friends who will welcome her to her new home. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stuart and is a popular and worthy young stockman. The News extends its best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Louise Stuart. They will make their home on the ranch 25 miles southeast of Sonora.

### Lorene Mayer Married

Her relatives and friends in Ozona and elsewhere in this immediate section, have received announcements of the marriage of Lorene, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Mayer, to Capt. George Leland Eberle, of the 34th Infantry, U.S. Army. The ceremony occurred in Fort Worth Wednesday Nov. 19th, and the happy young couple will be at home in Junction City Kansas, after Dec. 1st. Lorene was born in Sonora. She is a sweet child, of dainty attractiveness and unusual mental attainments. She was for a time in charge of City Park work in the El Paso schools. We pray sincerely for her happiness. —Ozona Stockman.

### Chilton—Word.

The marriage of Horace Thomas Chilton of Chicago and Miss Lear Word, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Word, was solemnized Thursday evening in the home of the bride's parents, 523 East Park Avenue, Rev. T. W. Chilton of Detroit, Mich., father of the bridegroom, performing the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of ivory satin with trimmings of seed pearls and old lace. Her tulle veil fell gracefully from a cap of old lace. She carried a bridal bouquet of bride roses and valley lilies. The attendants were Mrs. L. J. Bonner of Dallas as matron of honor, Miss Nathalie Darby of Lampasas, maid of honor and Miss Elsie Tolle of New Braunfels and Miss Trula Harbert, bridesmaids. They wore orchid, tulle frocks over satin with hats to match and carried orchid chrysanthemums. J. L. Bonner was best man, Little Miss Allie May Wilson was the flower girl. She wore a frock of white tulle and carried a basket of white chrysanthemums. An informal reception followed the ceremony and a buffet supper was served. Assisting Mrs. Word were Mesdames Wheeler Pettus, Helen Getzwiller, L. E. Brown of Del Rio, J. W. Willson of Sonora and E. W. Richardson. —San Antonio Express.

### KATE ADELE HILL

TEACHER OF PIANO AND VOICE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

## The First Fine Day The Hotel Committee Wants to See You.

The committee is: T. B. Adams, W. A. Myers, E. F. Vander Stucken, W. C. Bryson, L. W. Elliott, Theo. Savell, B. M. Halbert.

The second "whereas" in the Hotel Company proposition says: "There is a great and urgent need of a first-class Hotel in the town of Sonora, Texas, and such an enterprise would be of great benefit to the town and country generally, and of benefit to each of the subscribers hereto individually."

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Those who have bought \$2,500 worth of stock are:  
W. A. Myers, E. F. Vander Stucken, Adwell Brothers, W. E. Hodges, Sonora Garage, S. E. McKnight, Oscar Appelt, B. W. Hutcheson, T. B. Adams, Geo. S. Allison, J. M. Pickett, G. P. Hill, H. P. Allison, W. E. Glasscock, W. C. Bryson, W. D. Wallace, Theo. Savell

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J. D. Lowrey... 1500  
Mat Karnes... 1000  
Arthur Stuart... 1000  
B. M. Halbert... 1000  
Eden & Co... 1000  
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San Angelo Telephone Co... 1000  
Doe K... 500  
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C. E. Siles... 500  
Fred T. Earwood... 500  
Jack Wardlaw... 500  
J. W. Trainer... 500  
H. P. Cooper... 500

This totals \$56,500 and there is \$400 in smaller amount but the first fine day that comes the committee will get busy and see some of the big ranches and wind up this hotel matter. This list is published for the purpose of letting you know who believe in a bigger and better home town. Many of these hunted up the Committee and bought stock. Its not oil or watered.

### MORE VELVET.

The ranchmen in the "Canven" country have found another source of revenue. Having leased the oil and mineral rights they are now leasing the hunting privileges to up-State people at \$25 a section or \$100 for 2000 acres. The Golf enthusiast may come next but the Aviator will not invade that country for a long time. The hunting privilege strikes us as a good thing for both parties.

Clayton Puckett and sister Miss Winnoa Puckett visited friends in Angelo last week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roueche and children visited relatives in Angelo last week.

Sam Adams is out on crutches after a ten days fight with blood poisoning in his leg. On the 16th of Nov. he was kicked by a horse but having been through the war with the 36th Division did not give the injury much attention and came to town on business that day. He has started to his home on the North Llano that evening but was only a few miles from town when he returned for treatment. He has since been at the home of his aunt Mrs. Geo. Trainer under the doctors care.

## THE HAPPY HOUR Friday & Saturday

The Friday nights program are World Pictures Brady Made and Saturday are Consolidated Film features.

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### SHOWER.

A most enjoyable shower was given Nov. 26th at 3 p.m. for Mrs. Heber Wyatt by Mrs. T. L. Miller and Miss Edith Trainer at the home of Mrs. R. K. James.

Refreshments of chocolate and cake were served in the dining room which was decorated with white and blue crepe paper with blue birds. Miss Rae Davis delivered a toast at the table.

After refreshments were served the bride was issued into a room which was decorated in autumn colors and where an old fashioned well was arranged. From the rope the bride drew out many handsome and beautiful presents, the last of which was a bucket of water.

Those present were: Mesdame J. L. Davis, Al Jucoel, Harry Sharp, H. A. Echell, S. H. Stokes, Henry Diebitsch, G. B. Hamilton, John Yowell, W. C. Bryson, S. Gilmo, E. L. Smith, Ralph Trainer, Jim Barton, Geo. Trainer, Tom O'Conner, Joe Trainer, E. F. Vander Stucken, J. D. Lowrey, C. A. Trainer, Tom Davis, Joe Ross, A. D. McKnight, W. H. Perry, Arthur Stias, Adison McDonald, R. K. James, T. L. Miller, Misses Rita Ross, Alice Trainer, Cora Trainer, Jennie Murray, Myrtle Myers, Rae Davis, Ruth Davis, Guida O'Leary, Ora Merck, Gulla Lowrey, Laura Merck, Ina Cruh, Daisy Perry, Pansy Perry, Minnie Martin, Sylvia and Bertha Katon, Annie Rouse, Edith Trainer.

We carry in stock the well established shopmade Kelly Boot.

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R. C. McCullum who ranches six miles south of Sonora was in town on business Monday.

We have a nice line of Xmas apples at cheap prices.

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Miss Bernice Stubblefield of Jasper, Ala., is the guest of her uncle Dr. A. G. Blanton.

See our stock of boys suits and trousers. Last of season, prices right.

Sonora Mercantile Co.

Born on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Trainer a son.

Owing to the shortage of sugar and other Fruit Cake ingredients, we will have a nice line of Fruit Cakes and Plum Puddings.

Sonora Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Clomer Holman is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin Morris in Angelo.

Mrs. Homer Holman and daughter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Miller, parents of Mrs. Holman, at Sherman.

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Ed Robbins and brother-in-law Lee Morris were in town Monday from the ranch in the eastern part of the county.

Owing to the shortage of sugar and other Fruit Cake ingredients, we will have a nice line of Fruit Cakes and Plum Puddings.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blakney and daughter, Marion were over from Ozona Sunday the guests of Mrs. Will Wilkinson.

Mrs. L. P. Bloodworth who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. B. M. Halbert, at Angelo the past few weeks, is moving from Fort Worth to Fort Smith, Ark.

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Mr and Mrs. Thomas Bond and son T. A. Bond, returned Tuesday from a visit to San Antonio. They came home by the Uvalde-Barksdale-Rocksprings route and had no trouble navigating the roads. The road from San Antonio to Uvalde was good and from Uvalde north to Barksdale was not bad. Tommie took in several games of football in which his old school, the West Texas Military Academy, in which his brother Frank is attending, was interested in while down there.

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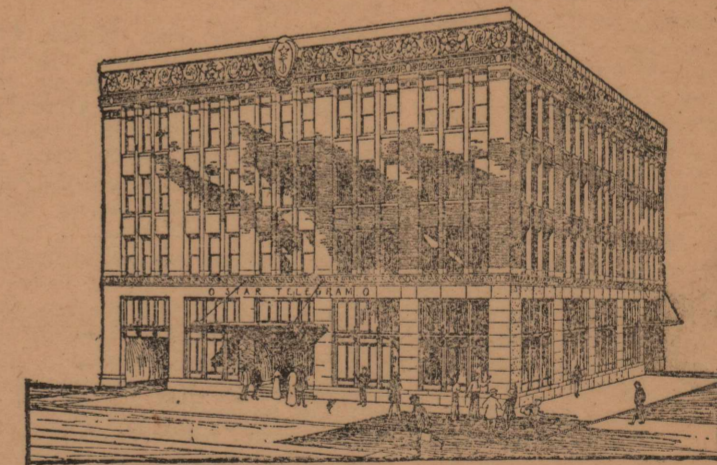
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