

CANYON CITY NEWS.

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ELECTION INFORMATION.

Don't forget your 1903 poll tax receipt.

The official ballots, six thousand in all, were printed at the News office this week. No others can be used.

There will be six different tickets, Democratic, Republican, Prohibition, Populist, Socialist, and Labor. When the voter enters the polling place and presents his poll tax receipt or qualifies himself otherwise, he will be handed one of each of these tickets and from them he selects the ticket he desires to vote.

Only one of these tickets will have the names of the county candidates, to wit, the Democratic ticket. If you desire to vote the Prohibition or any one of the other tickets you can look over the Democratic ticket and from it take the names of such county and precinct candidates as you want to vote for and write them in the blank places prepared on the ticket you choose. If you require any information in doing this, make it known to the election judges.

In writing names, be sure and spell them correctly, and use only black pencil or black ink in doing it or your ticket won't be counted.

That poll tax receipt—bring it with you.

Under the present election law it requires some time to cast a ballot and if voters do as they have done heretofore, a great majority wait until after noon to vote, it is possible that many will lose their vote for want of time to poll them, hence the necessity for voting early.

All the election officers and as many other citizens as feel so inclined should attend the meeting in the Court House Saturday evening.

OUR ELECTION.

Before another issue of The News the general election will have been held and the result determined.

On the National ticket each of the great parties, Democratic and Republican, are today claiming a "dead cinch"—one of them is sure to get it, but which, is too great a question for The News to answer.

As to the State there is no doubt; Texas will go Democratic.

Coming to the county, which undoubtedly concerns us most, as our interests should always begin at home, the result is also in doubt. By saying in doubt it is not at all intended to convey the idea that our election for county and precinct officers may result badly for such can hardly be the case as some of the candidates have already served well and all of them are capable of doing so. The doubt expressed here goes not to the character of, but to the personnel of our next county government. Of the county government proper, Trigg and Coffee, having no announced opposition will likely succeed themselves and we can with equal propriety say the same about I. W. McClure getting there. He's not one of the old board but he will make a worthy successor of the present efficient commissioner, T. F. Gilleland. Whether Redfern succeeds himself or Parks

COAL! COAL! COAL!

WE ARE EXCLUSIVE AGENTS FOR

The Genuine

"Niggerhead" Maitland Lump Coal

AND

Victor Lump Coal

And when we say we will give you the Genuine Maitland Coal WE MEAN IT, and will not substitute some other grade of coal. Don't be fooled in taking something that is claimed to be just as good, but come and get the Genuine Maitland and Victor Coal.

We also carry a large stock of Grain and Field Seeds of all kinds, also the genuine Piedmont Smithing Coal.

We pay the highest CASH Prices for Hides. Good Wagon Yards and courteous treatment to all.

COME AND SEE US WHEN IN TOWN.

GOBER, HUME & KENYON,

By W. C. KENYON, Manager.

takes his place the eighth of November must decide.

All of the other county candidates from judge down are good men; each of them has a big bump of hope, judging from the way they talk; all of them are working hard to succeed in their ambition; each one is certain that he will be the choice of the sovereigns on the ides of November; all have their friends who are equally certain of their man winning, and nothing but the count of votes will convince them otherwise.

A DEATH-DEALING BUSINESS.

The Fort Worth health officers, in company with a United States inspector, recently visited some of the cold storage plants in that city for the purpose of examining the meats held there for sale. The outcome of this investigation as detailed in the Fort Worth Telegram, and also mentioned in the Stockman-Journal of that city, is far from reassuring to the consumers of that section or any other section for that matter into which these cold storage meats go. A portion of the report, as found in the Stockman-Journal, reads as follows:

"At several places meat was found that was evidently to be sold, which was not in a fit condition for eating. One piece of this meat showed beyond all doubt that the animal was diseased before it was killed and in another case the carcass was so bruised that blotches had formed on the inside of the animal. On the second animal it was seen that the ribs had been broken and the animal was probably in a state so near death at the time of its killing that a very slight blow was needed to extinguish the spark of life. Some of the meat was also very old, but this is excused, as the meat was for the private use of some who are desirous of having the meat as near a state of decomposition as is possible to get it."

This investigation seems to have been rather forced upon the authorities of Fort Worth, owing to the large number of

cases of sickness and in many instances death, resulting, as alleged by physicians, from the eating of tainted and diseased meats.

As the Stockman-Journal remarks, "This is a serious condition of affairs," and it concerns not only Fort Worth, but everybody else that uses its meats, and that the city is going to try to put a stop to the abominable business is a fact that will be welcomed by all.

And in this connection it might be truly said that Fort Worth is not the only city in which this disreputable death-dealing business is carried on—there are others, and many of them.

No punishment can be too great for those who wilfully engage in a business so dangerous to life, and they should be hunted out of high as well as low places, and be made to suffer the penalty fixed by law for poisoners for in that class they of right belong.

Croup.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

Wilson carries a nice line of Tablets, Pencils, Pens, Ink, etc. for the School children.

Write Us. Wire Us. Ship Us.
THIS IS LOW YEAR.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COMMISSION COMPANY

GOES ON RECORD.

We believe cattle values are dragging on the bottom this season. Another year will witness a decided up-turn, lasting for many years to come. Our Texas friends must be of good cheer. Now is the time to have nerve. Cattle raising is the best business on God's green earth. Let no man become discouraged on account of low markets. The man who sticks and lasts will surely reap a rich reward as the years go by.

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.

CHICAGO.

ST. LOUIS.

FT. WORTH.

KANSAS CITY.

Mustard Greens.

There's jes' dead loads of garden sass that's pleasin' to the taste, That seems to fill a achin' void inside a feller's waist. There's carrots an' there's cabbages an' lettuce by the ton. And pa'snips, collyflower, an' sich that some think takes the bun. There's young an' tender onions, too, that everybody knows. Has of'n interposed to keep the gals from ketchin' beaux. But none o' these spring thingumbobs kin fill the magazines. That natur' placed inside our midst like good ol' mustard greens.

In corners o' the ol' rail fence back home they ust to grow. An' long the little medder brook, so peaceful in its flow. An' mother an' the gals 'd wade through dewy grass to find, That luxury we loved the best of all the greenish kind. When proper cooked with homemade pork they had a twang jes' right. To tech the tender places in a feller's appytime. It starts a yearnin' to go back toward them boyhood scenes. Jes' thinkin' how we ust to feed on snappy mustard greens.

Some other bold aspirin' weeds that sometimes tuk the place. O' this surpassin' feed a feller passed in through his face. Want bad material on which to chaw, we will admit. But none o' 'em could tech the spot like that ol' favorit'. Lamb's quarter tasted ruther fine an' beet tops wasn't bad. An' turnip tops, when gathered in their infancy, 'd pad. The stomach in a pleasin' way, but tell to the marines. Yer yarns about 'em bein' up to good ol' mustard greens.

The Englishman kin have his beef, the Frenchman have his frog. The Irishman his mealy spuds, the Indian the dog. The fop his bottle an' his bird, ef he can stand the price. The Scotchman have his porridge mush, the Chink his snowy rice. The raw Missourian his pone, the Jerseyite his clams. The Dixie coon his 'possum bird stuffed full o' yeller yams. The preacher his chicken pie, the Bostonee his beans. But gracious Master, let us have our good ol' mustard greens!

—Denver Post.

A big oil strike is reported on the Pecos Valley line 12 miles north of Roswell.

Nothing fresh that The News is able to obtain about "our new railroad."

One second-hand heater for sale.

CANYON LBR. CO.

Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber

The Dallas Semi-weekly News and this paper one year for \$1.80.

HERE AND THERE.

G. A. B.

Joe Mulhatten, famous a few years back as a writer of marvelous fiction, is now at San Francisco, a physical as well as a financial wreck. Twenty years ago "Joe" was a drummer, being a writer of fiction on the side, and so popular did he make himself that he readily at that time commanded a salary of \$15,000 a year with expenses, which are said to have quite equaled his pay. In those days he was known as a "royal good fellow," then "everybody was his friend;" now, he is alone in his misery and sadly neglected by those he favored in the "old days" if not entirely forgotten by them.

In the heyday of his career Joe Mulhatten had plenty of cash and 'tis said of him that there was "never a friend who could not borrow his money or obtain it as a gift upon almost any plea of necessity." But the life of a "good fellow" was too much for Joe, as it is for all big hearted brainy men; his vitality pegged out and then his nerves got shaky and finally his brain became muddled; then his money flowed away from him as water and with it went "his friends." We might well say with "Coal Oil Johnny," whose experience with such friends cost him several millions and left him alone as is the case of Joe Mulhatten: "May the Lord deliver us from such friends!"

Mr. Bryan has been doing heroic work during the campaign, particularly in Indiana, for all of which he has recently been warmly thanked by Judge Parker.

At the Democratic State rally held at Dallas, Oct. 12, Gov. Hogg, Col. Wynne of Ft. Worth, and a few other champions of the people, sounded the key-notes for the State campaign of 1906. As in '92 it will be the masses against the classes, the latter of which have for their leader chairman Frank Andrews, general attorney for the Southern Pacific system.

The writer has frequently been asked of late whom he thought would be the next President. It is said that "money talks best" and at this date the betting continues strongly in favor of Mr. Roosevelt at the ratio of 4 to 1. The men who are putting up this cash on the issue no doubt are in a far better position to know of its outcome than we are, but odds are lost sometimes and even "dead things crawl" and such may be the case here.

Who knows the minds of all the voters?

Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber

Hope For The Dyspeptic.

Everyone who has realized the discomfort and distress which accompany a disarrangement of the digestive organs will rejoice with Mrs. M. Macy, of Port Arthur, Ontario, in the relief she has obtained after having suffered for so long a time. She says: "I have suffered for the last four or five years from stomach trouble and dyspepsia, experiencing great pain. I took Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and can truthfully say they have done me a great deal of good. I feel like a different woman as a result of using them, and the after-effect is never unpleasant. These Tablets are for sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist."

Leaving out the candidates, very few citizens seem to be taking much stock in the coming election.

Be sure to figure with us before placing your order.
CANYON LBR. CO.

Local.

Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber

If it's candy you want see Wilson for the best kind. 19 tf

Look out for our new serial to begin about November 11.

Remember the ladies are going to serve a nice dinner on election day.

For Sale—Ladies' Hawthorne Bicycle. Apply at this office.

J. D. Gamble returned home Sunday from an extended visit to the old Tennessee home.

M. S. Lusby came in home Wednesday from a visit to the World's Fair. He is very much pleased with what he saw at this great menagerie.

Charlie Thomas made it back home Tuesday from a trip of several weeks down South.

Mesdames Faulkner and Burge, of Missouri, mother and sister respectively of L. M. Faulkner, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. J. A. Grundy and children visited friends near Umbarger from Friday until Sunday.

Homer Faulkner, who is attending school at Amarillo, visited home folks here Sunday.

James M. Kindred, Republican candidate for Congress in the 13th District, is billed to speak at the Court House tonight, in the interest of his candidacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, T. C. Thompson and wife and Mesdames Cobb, Reynolds, and Dean, attended the funeral of Mrs. Overhuls, in Amarillo Monday.

The News force is under obligations to Judge Henson for a nice bucket of tomatoes, delivered at our office last week.

Messrs. Stephens, Wallace, Hume and Donohoo left last Monday on a hunting expedition. They will return today. We expect to hear some wonderful "bear" stories next week.

New subscribers and renewals for the Ladies Home Journal will be accepted with thanks by the C. P. ladies at their Thanksgiving Bazaar. Price \$1.00 per year—the world over, but the ladies will be allowed 25cts commission on all subscriptions taken that day.

J. E. Simms and Miss I. C. Connally, of Umbarger, were united in marriage last Monday night at the home of Rev. J. T. Burnett, who performed the ceremony. We are not acquainted with either of the contracting parties but have been informed that both of them stand well in their community, and The News joins their friends in wishing them well.

Burch Campbell is rebuilding his residence on about the same plan as the one recently burnt. Scott & Roland are doing the work.

This month is a good time for tree planting. See the Hereford Nursery ad elsewhere. Plains grown trees can be had there and at the right prices. Write the Hereford Nursery for prices.

Halloween was commemorated and its memory perpetuated by a number of our young people who assembled in weird ghost-like costumes in the attic at the Victoria Hotel and held their annual seance last Monday night. Many peculiar means were employed by the young folk to determine their "future." At a late hour the guests departed, thanking Misses Wilkinson and Bowyer for the pleasant and novel manner in which they entertained.

Our New Serial.

"The Blazed Trail" by Stewart E. White, this is the title of the new serial that will appear in The News beginning Nov. 11th. It is a story of the forest and will make you feel the woods, as masters of salt-water fiction make you feel the sea.

It is a high class copyrighted serial and one of great merit and will hold your attention from start to finish. Don't miss the opening chapters.

WHAT IS AGGRESSIVE MERCHANDISING?

If aggressive merchandising consists of placing before the public in our newspaper announcements goods and garments most in demand, quoting them at lower prices than any other store in Canyon City, drawing people to the store, supply them with their needs for Winter and making regular patrons of those who respond to our advertisements, we may feel secure in claiming the credit of being an aggressive and a progressive store in every sense of the term. We keep permanent patronage in view by making one price to all and aim to make this a store to which you will turn, not simply when we announce extraordinary bargains, but as the natural source from which to supply your every want in the many lines we sell. Read the following:

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Wright's Health Underwear, without doubt the best Underwear on the market, price per suit	\$1.90.
Light Weight Wool Underwear, per suit	\$1.90.
Extra Heavy All Wool Underwear, per suit	\$3.50
Heavy Fleece-Lined Underwear, per suit	\$1.00.
Boy's Knee Suits, extra good values,	\$1.50 to \$4.00
1 Lot Ladies' Capes, worth \$5 at	\$4
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1 Lot Ladies' Jackets, worth \$8.00, at	\$7.00
1 Lot Ladies' Jackets, worth 6.00, at	5.00
1 Lot Ladies' Jackets, worth 5.00, at	4.00
All Calico at	.5 per yd.
Good Apron Check Gingham at	6 1-4c per yd.
Good Values in Cotton Blankets	90c to \$1.75
All Wool Blankets, at	\$3.50 to \$6.

WRIGHT, GAMBLE & CO.

Get Your Trees From the Hereford Nursery.

Over 100 varieties growing here; 100,000 trees in stock, all of which are Plains' grown. Have had 14 years experience in Texas. Write me for catalogue. Visitors welcome. L. P. LANDRUM, Proprietor, Hereford, Texas.

Died At Amarillo.

The intense suffering of Mrs. M. J. Overhuls was brought to an end last Sunday evening about 6 o'clock by the visitation of the angel of death as the patient was seeking relief and life in the Sanitarium at Amarillo.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Presbyterian church, in the city where she met death, and a host of friends both from here and at Amarillo attended the sad rites of the deceased. Mrs. Overhuls was universally loved by our townspeople and her death brings sorrow to all hearts.

We understand that the surviving young children of the deceased widow will make their home in the future with their brothers who live in Amarillo.

DEATH.

Why speak of death as bitter? For 'tis the dawn of life; 'Tis but a change in a moment made And then comes rest from strife.

Why speak of death as an angel dark? No, his wings are silvery bright; He will bear thee above earth's strife and toil To a land of love and light.

Death is a step from a darkened room To a world of golden light, Where never-withering flowers bloom Untouched by winter's blight.

Why fear the shining angel Who bears thee to thy throne, Unto a world of vaster joys Than thou hast ever known?

Why fear to cross those waters Whose waves break on that shore Where heaven's blissful music rings, And sorrow is no more?

Why fear the darkness of the grave? There's nought to fear amid its gloom; Death but begins a brighter life, The gate of heaven is the tomb.

—Esma G. Denby, Brandsville, Mo.

News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

J. P. Orr \$1.00
J. H. Waller 1.00

In Memoriam.

Whereas, Our Father has removed from earthly toil to heavenly rest our sister and co-worker, Mrs. M. J. Overhuls, the great interest manifested for years by her of religious work make it proper that we record our appreciation of her; therefore resolve that we esteem her most highly as a Christian sister and officer of our church; that the town, the church and the family have sustained a great loss; that we commend the bereaved family to God's loving care and to the sympathy of the church; that these resolutions be published in "The Cumberland Presbyterian" and The Canyon City News, and that a copy be sent to the family.

Mrs. M. E. Leonard, Pres.,
Mrs. Dean, Sec.,
C. P. W. Society.

Buy a home! Do not delay another day, but get a home. A year or two will make an immense difference. Today \$100.00 will make a respectable payment on a valuable plot of ground. Next year two hundred or five hundred perhaps will not make an equivalent payment. Get a home. Become identified with one spot of Texas dirt. Be able to call some place home. It will require very little effort to secure a home today. What you pay for rent will almost pay for a home, and the satisfaction of calling a place "home" and knowing that it belongs to you—is not that worth much? Get a home—get it now—you'll never regret it. Strawn Enterprise.

Never growl because a newspaper man fails to give every scrap of news so long as you take no pains to give the editor information. We have seen readers who are awfully put out at times because we have made no note of the arrival or departure of a friend visiting them, or the heaven-sent babies that visit their homes over night. The average newspaper man isn't a medium of a mind reader, but gets most of his news the same way the milkman gets his milk—by pumping.—The Gordon Courier.

Dr. J. Ed Crawford of Silverton, accompanied by his father, was in town Saturday. The sale of his residence under execution, advertised in The News to take place on Tuesday, was stopped by writ of injunction upon the grounds that it was his homestead.

STOCK SHIPMENTS.

From this point to Kansas City and other markets, as follows:

SATURDAY.

E. Brooks..... 3 cars
J. P. Snyder..... 5 "
E. J. Evans..... 4 "
A. B. Rosen..... 4 "
J. A. Turman..... 1 "
E. W. Watts..... 2 "
Luna and Crawford..... 3 "

TUESDAY

Llano Cattle Co..... 2 "
F. Hoffman..... 5 "
T. B. Rider..... 3 "
F. Rowson..... 3 "
C. C. Poff..... 1 "
W. R. Matsler..... 6 "
Bob Bishop..... 1 "

WEDNESDAY

Bird & Smith..... 9 "

NOTES

Three cars of the Hoffman shipment were yearlings and calves, grading all the way from good to sorry, the other two cars were cows and in fair condition.

The Llano Cattle Co., shipment was wet cows with a fine growth of horn and will probably net the shipper about \$10.

The Bob Bishop car contained 45 head of 1904, pure bred white face steer calves, of good form, well colored and in fair condition as to flesh. They go north to the feed lots having been sold to an Ohio man at \$25 per head.

Our reporter failed to see the stock shipped Saturday, but if they correspond in condition to those in the pen Tuesday, nothing went out that would near reach the top of the market as butcher stuff.

Nearly all went to Kansas City.

The bulk of our alfalfa crop is being shipped east. It has made three and in some instances four cuttings for this season. The average yield per acre has been about three tons. Forty acres of Henry Shinnbarger's made 140 tons. He and C. T. Word were the heaviest shippers. The price of that shipped, to the producer, was \$10 per ton.

C. N. Harrison returned home Tuesday from a business trip to Ft. Worth.

Lawrence Robeson and family left Monday by prairie schooner for Cook county, where he expects to make his future home.

Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber

1904 Special Advantages Offered by The 1905

Canyon City School

- 1.—A good High School Course sustained.
- 2.—Instruction thorough, practical, progressive.
- 3.—Instructors of ability, energy and experience.
- 4.—Prepares students for teachers' examinations.
- 5.—A new brick building, convenient, comfortable and beautiful.
- 6.—A specialty made of all grades from the primary to the college grades.
- 7.—Broadest culture of mind and heart, and aspirations for future good are aimed at.
- 8.—The moral as well as the intellectual is emphasized.
- 9.—A modernized, progressive school which seeks the harmonious development of the whole being.
- 10.—A town free from saloons, and many other vices common to cities.
- 11.—Prepares students for college.
- 12.—Instruction adapted to the age and ability of the pupil.
- 13.—An excellent class of students and citizens.
- 14.—A student can master a subject as well in the Canyon City school as elsewhere.
- 15.—Methodical habits of study, and due respect for authority, will be inculcated.

A. ERNSBERGER, A. M.,
Superintendent.

Crushed maize and kafir corn is being placed upon the market here. The crushing process largely increases its value as a ration for horses and cattle and if sold right it would not only take the place of the foreign grains in use here, but ought to command also a good market abroad. W. E. Bates has a large crusher and talks of doing custom work on this line if the patronage will justify. Considering the immense crop of these grains there is undoubtedly money in this business for all concerned if handled right.

Prices cut in the Middle.

From now till January 1, 1905, I will do all work in the repairing of watches, clocks, and jewelry at just one half the price you can get the same work done to in Amarillo or anywhere else. Get others to make you prices and I will do the work for half of that amount let it be what it may, and a strict guarantee with all work done. Will also repair Sewing Machines and grind razors, and sell Watches, Clocks, Silverware, and all kinds of Jewelry for 50 per cent less than catalogue prices plus 5 per cent and express charges. Will put in watch glass at 10 cts to 25 cts. Call and see me, one door east of the City Restaurant.

M. C. Chamlee,
Canyon City, Texas.

Try the News for Job Work.

A good dentist could do a fair business in Canyon City.

E. W. O'Rear came in Tuesday from his new home in Chillicothe and will spend several days here with old friends.

John Orr returned home Sunday from Dalhart where he had been for several days disposing of a car of apples. Mr. Orr said that he got into Dalhart with his car of Roswell apples about the same time that a car of Kansas apples arrived there but that after a test of the two the people readily chose the Roswell variety on account of its superior quality. Mr. Orr says he may bring another car of apples here in about 15 days.

Belgium is one of those benighted countries which has built and owns 2,530 miles of railroad. It is a great co-operative country by the way, and its enterprises have been fostered by a friendly disposition toward the producer. What do you think of this? You can ride five whole days on these 2,530 miles in any direction day and night, if you are willing to ride third class, for \$2.30. Second class, good enough for anybody, \$4.00. First class, reserved compartments in palace cars for \$6.00. This is official. It is not because there is a king in Belgium, and a president in the United States, that the difference is so great. The Belgians have their eyes open and would not endure the oppression we submit to. With such a railroad the producer has some show.—The Farm Home.

Ready For An Extensive Fall Business

We have anticipated the varied wants of our many customers in the way of Fall and Winter supplies and are ready to serve you in the best possible manner when you happen to be in need of Hardware, Implements, and all kinds of Farming machinery Wagons, Buggies, Harness and Saddles. Eclipse wood and Steel Star Windmills, Pipe, Casing and Cylinders, Barb Wire and Nails. In fact everything that is kept in a first-class hardware store. Best line of Queensware and Glassware ever brought to Canyon.

IN SHELF HARDWARE

Our stock is complete and we can supply your wants at a saving to you. Call for what you want in this line—we have it. We can't enumerate the whole line, but suffice to say we are setting the pace for the great Plains country, especially in Price and Quality. What you need to do is to come into our place and let us convince you.

Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co.

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

"A Scientific Experiment"

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"Stop," Mrs. Van Styler called after her. "Why not come this evening? I shall not go out till 10. Come at 9."

"But," demurred the secretary, "I fear—"

"At 9 o'clock," loudly repeated her employer. "We can then finish to-day's work. No objections, if you please."

The secretary took herself away, trembling in every limb. She had no intention of going at 9 o'clock in the evening to do the work which she had contracted to perform from 4 to 5 in the afternoon. And to be spoken to like that before Tom Harroway!

As for Harroway, he was furious. "Upon my word," Mrs. Van Styler," he said, "you have needlessly humiliated a lady," and went hastily from the house.

If he expected to see the secretary outside he was doomed to disappointment, for when he reached the street she was nowhere in sight.

Mrs. Van Styler had her maid fetch her a cup of strong beef tea, she felt so used up.

"Any thinks I want him to marry Charlotte!" And, she said, "hereafter I shall sympathize with every scientific experiment I hear of. And human nature is the same as it ever was! Hold, though! What shall I do when Amy comes tomorrow, for of course she will not come this evening? I suppose I must chance it. I am growing reckless. And, Charlotte means to marry the count—didn't her mother hint as much last night?"

As for the secretary, she had something to think about. And in the warp and weft of her thought was a thread of satisfaction that a young man had seen the folly of being an idler and was about to become a useful member of society. It is always a satisfaction to know that our theories receive support. And, apropos of that young man, what sort of spirit did he think she possessed when she would put up with such treatment as he had witnessed Mrs. Van Styler inflict upon her? And suppose he was flirting with Miss Templeton! She tossed her head.

She had promised the lady with whom she boarded to go to the opera that night, the lady having had two tickets presented to her by a friend who was hastily called from the city and could not use them.

The thought of Harroway's possible flirtation with Miss Templeton made her feel that she should like to look her best that evening. Her hair was her first care, and she arranged it so as to set off its abundance and color.

"As though it would be in good taste to wear it this way when I am attending to business," she said loftily.

Next she donned a white gown full of fleeciness and rippling with ribbons. She looked in the glass and was not dissatisfied with the reflection.

It was then 8 o'clock, and she sat down and waited for the lady who was to escort her to the opera. Instead the lady had to go and tumble down the back stairs and received such contusions and abrasions as made it impossible for her to stir from the house that night. Of course the secretary could not go alone, so she started to take off her finery. All at once the enormity of Mrs. Van Styler's treatment of her struck her more cruelly than ever. Should she keep on accepting that lady's favors? "Not if I had a dozen mothers," she said, "and she had been to school with every one of them!"

She would inform Mrs. Van Styler tomorrow that she must decline to act as her secretary any longer.

Tomorrow! It was not yet 9 o'clock. Mrs. Van Styler had commanded her to come to her at 9. Why not go to-night and tell her not to expect her next day and, just as she was, let that arrogant schoolmate of her mother see her possibilities as a well-dressed woman?

It was all very foolish, very girlish, but she did not care to be considered a dowdy any more than she would accept gratuitous contumely.

A maid-servant was coerced, and, con-

ered with a long cloak, the secretary went forth on an errand prompted by righteous indignation.

At about the same time Mrs. Van Styler was issuing from her maid's ministrations also in opera array. She seldom courted music until late in the evening, when, as she said, she reached Wagner's agony and soon had it over.

She looked up as her secretary entered the rosy room, whose shaded candles cast a most becoming light. Perhaps she had never been so scared in all her life before. She had not expected Amy, and the brilliancy of the girl's eyes and the bloom on her face told her that a battle was imminent.

"The secretary eased the clasp of her cloak—there was a pulse higher throat that hurt her. For when she stood in the presence of her mother's old friend who had been of such signal service to her and noted that Mrs. Van Styler's face now showed kindness and even admiration her courage seemed to ebb from her.

Mrs. Van Styler was the first to speak. "I am so sorry, Amy, child," she said, "to bring you out at night. I wasn't in earnest."

"Not in earnest!" At that the secretary's courage flowed back again. Was she to be made sport of all around? "I came," she said, "to tell you to look out for another secretary. I am no longer in your employ."

Mrs. Van Styler regarded her in silence, knowing not what to say, admiring the girl's well-arranged hair, her face that was beautiful in its excitement, but, more than all, her spirit and vigor.

Now, Harroway had felt uncomfortable all the early part of the evening. By the time he had dined at the club he was quite of opinion that he should visit at Mrs. Van Styler's no more. He refused to be a further witness of the humiliation of a poor girl at the hands of the lady who presumed on the fact of his being her heir and so making marriage arrangements for him. Confound the money! First, he must set Mrs. Van right with regard to Charlotte Templeton. She had cut him off when he had begun to tell her about Charlotte's engagement to the count, taking it for granted that he himself was the happy man. A woman like that must not remain uncorrected in such a mistake. And if the secretary thought he was flirting—He wiped the perspiration from his brow.

But why shouldn't he go to Mrs. Van's this evening, not waiting till tomorrow afternoon? By tomorrow some one or other might be already told of his presumed engagement to Charlotte Templeton. It irritated him mightily to think of such a report being attributed to him, even though the mistake might be corrected later on.

He went. On the threshold of the pink room he paused. Inside the two women confronted each other.

"Another thing," the secretary was saying. "You tell me that you have informed Mr. Harroway that I despise him for having no desire to make his way in the world. I never said so. I told you that every man, in my opinion, should do his best to carve out a niche for himself in the world."

Just then the speaker saw Tom Harroway. Her hand that had clutched the cloak at her throbbing throat faltered, and the long loose garment slid down to the floor, and she stood revealed in a fleecy white gown, a fair vision of girlish charm.

Harroway took a step toward her, she looked so sweet and lovable. "I should like," he said, "to—that is—I wish to correct something."

"Nonsense!" interrupted Mrs. Van Styler in a loud voice, and refusing to let the girl use her as a shield. "I know you are not engaged to Charlotte Templeton. While you may not know it, I am a bit of a scientist, which accounts for my recent behavior toward you and Amy—Ah, I must see my maid!"

She fairly tottered from the room, closing the door after her, noting as she went away that the secretary let Harroway take her hand, the young woman and the young man looking

preposterously happy. A somewhat conscious.

In her sleeping room she sank on the side of the bed as her maid ran to her. "Beef tea," she managed to say. "I experimented scientifically to see if they couldn't be made to fall in love with each other," and something about going to school with somebody's mother and having somebody else's father for one of her earliest beaus.

At that time in the rose colored room Harroway talked with the secretary. "I came tonight to have it out with her," he said.

"Oh, did you?" she cried blithely. "I was waiting to see when you should do so. I should never have done it myself if I waited till to-morrow, after."

"After you thought I was flirting with Charlotte Templeton?" he asked admiringly.

She shrugged her shoulders. "So much of the jest is gone," she said. "Mrs. Van has been playing with us all the time, the mean old dear."

Just then the "mean old dear" rushed into the room. She had found it impossible to keep away.

"Oh," she said, "Amy—Tom—all this has been a scientific experiment. I designed to bring you two together."

"And you succeeded," responded Harroway, taking Amy by the hand, "for we have been married over a month!"

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