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## STORY OF WILLIAMS

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH WHO WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.

### FEWER LAWS; BETTER MEN

is His Platform, But Wants Laws That Won't Have to Be Taken to Court.

The following write-up of Candidate Williams, the village blacksmith who wants to succeed Campbell as governor of Texas, is taken from the Fort Worth Telegram:

Cumby, Tex., July 4.—Over here in Hopkins county, where they raise corn, cotton, peaches and big sleek mules that net their owners \$300 a span, there is a blacksmith shop.

It is a plain building with unpainted board sides and a high, sloping roof, and stands on the main street leading from the depot at Cumby up to the business part of the little country town. Opposite to it and twenty feet away is a well that the owner of the shop dug thirty-one years ago. Scattered around the shop are anvils, vices, benches and tool chests. The floor is covered with cinder dust, which, sprinkled with water, makes the interior of the shop cool when the afternoon sun beats hard on the board roof.

In the center of the shop is a plain pine table probably six feet long. It is covered with papers and scattered over them are various tools used to keep them from blowing away when the breeze is strong.

From that table, surrounded by a half dozen plain wooden chairs, R. R. Williams is making a campaign for the governorship of Texas.

Cushion is the Only Hint of Luxury. Mr. Williams sits on one side, in a chair that has a cushion. The cushion is the only hint of luxury in the building. Across from him sits his friend, Levi Mercer, who has lived in Cumby thirty-one years and who is managing the campaign. The fire in the forge is out because business is dull in the summer months, when the farmers are in their fields and besides, Mr. Williams and his son, who helps him, are kept busy shaking hands with visitors, who struggle in from time to time, talk for a few minutes and then wander out again.

Born in Tennessee 69 Years Ago. Mr. Williams was born in McNairy county, Tennessee, May 4, 1839. He does not look his 69 years, his carriage being more that of a man of 50. For seventeen years he lived in Arkansas and then moved to Titus county, Texas. In 1872 he settled at the present site of Cumby and has lived there ever since. A war record is tucked in between his removal to Arkansas and his coming to this State. He commanded a company of Confederate scouts, was captured and condemned to be shot as a guerilla, but proved that he was a Confederate soldier, and went to prison instead.

The war left him without means and then it was that he took up the trade of woodworker and blacksmith, which he has followed ever since, excepting during an interval, when he practiced law.

He Got His Law Just Like Lincoln. His study of law is an interesting sidelight on his character. "I read law at home here," he said, "mostly because I wanted the honor of being admitted to the bar." He was successful in 1892.

Since then, as well as for a long time before, Mr. Williams has been legal adviser for the community. He draws up the wills and settles civil disputes. For five terms he has been justice of the peace and now looks after all the business of that office in his community.

Mrs. Williams is still living and they have a family of six children, three sons and three daughters. One son is in the shop with his father and one daughter lives at home. Another is married and lives in Greenville. The third daughter is proprietor of a millinery store in Cumby and one son is a merchant in the same town. The sixth son is a farmer.

Mr. Williams is a member of the Baptist church and is a Mason.

Tells How He Came to Announce. "Why did you announce for governor and why did you wait so long before announcing?" was the question I fired at him point blank.

Questions, by the way, do not embarrass Mr. Williams. A timid inter-viewer need have no hesitancy springing the most pertinent inquiries. He

accepts all as a matter of course and has a reply ready before the question ends; but he pauses just a second before giving it.

"For six or seven months," he said, "I had been watching things in Texas and noticing how people seemed to be dissatisfied with conditions. There was dissatisfaction over taxes and thousands of men were out of work. I believe legislation was largely to blame for it.

"I was interested enough to figure out the kind of campaign that might be made this year to bring about more confidence and I hoped some man would come out with my ideas so that I could support him.

I kept waiting, but nobody appeared. Then, at the last minute, when nobody had announced, I decided to make the race myself and filed my application."

That is the simple story of how the Hopkins county candidate entered the arena. There has been, still is, and will be plenty of talk about this or that sort of "interest" which "brought Williams out." No man, who is honest himself, can look into the Cumby candidate's mild brown eyes and hear the story from his own lips and doubt that he is hearing the literal truth. Many different classes may have since shouted vociferously for Williams as a candidate, but there can be no doubt that

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### 78 WERE KILLED AND 2594 INJURED

Chicago, Ill., July 5.—Revised figures on the Fourth of July casualties throughout the United States tonight show a total dead of seventy-eight; total injured, 2,594. Of the injured it is certain that many will die. Of the latter, 1,944 were crippled by fireworks, 116 by cannon, 183 by firearms, 115 by powder burns, 213 by toy pistols and 23 by runaways, due entirely to explosives.

In addition there were forty-three drownings and the total fire loss footed up \$112,640. These figures are not conclusive, as many remote places have not been heard from. It is thought that the deaths among the mutilated ones will carry the total above 100 within a week.

Chicago's Fourth of July this year, in spite of the strenuous movement for sanity in celebration, was no less deadly than that of last year. On the contrary it proved to be more disastrous, inasmuch as the figures up to this time, compared with those of last year for the same period, show that 1908 has three more dead and fifty-three more injured than 1907.

In the country at large the total of deaths was not reduced and the list of injured was little smaller than last year.

Two additional deaths and twenty-three more cases of injury in Chicago, bringing this city's total number of victims up to ten dead and 180 injured, is the sad epitome of the Fourth of July tragedies' shocking chapter.

### BURGLAR HELPED HIMSELF TO CHEESE AND CIGARS.

Sunday morning it was discovered that someone had entered King & White's grocery through a window at the rear of their store on Ohio avenue and had helped himself to cheese, cigars, candy and other articles.

The cash drawer had not been touched and nothing of much value was missing. A collar and tie were left by the trespasser and these articles may lead to the identity of the robber.

The screen had also been torn loose from the window at the rear of Lawyer's barber shop adjoining the grocery, the burglar evidently having mistaken the barber shop for the grocery.

The Majestic has installed eight sixteen inch fans to keep its patrons cool.

### VALLEY VIEW MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Special to the Times. Gainesville, Tex., July 6.—Joe Brooks, aged 30 years, was killed by a freight train at Valley View today. He was seated across a tie when the engine struck him, crushing his head to a pulp. He leaves wealthy relatives in Missouri.

Launch Benton Repaired. The launch Benton at Lake Wichita has been placed in good repair and is now ready for the use of pleasure parties.

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## GUFFEY RETAINS PLACE

Pennsylvanian, Denounced by Bryan, is Re-elected to National Committee —Important State Caucuses.

Guffey Re-Elected Despite Bryan's Protest.

By Associated Press. BULLETIN—Denver, Colo., July 6.—J. M. Guffey, who yesterday issued a bitter reply to the attack made upon him at Lincoln Saturday by Mr. Bryan, was today re-elected National committeeman by the Pennsylvania delegation. There was a bolt of the delegates opposing him.

By Associated Press. Denver, Colo., July 6.—The program for the day before the meeting of the Democratic National convention included the holding of caucuses by many State delegations, some of them being likely to have weighty significance, even affecting the presidential nomination.

The National committee today began work on several contests.

The anti-Bryan allies are holding conferences and trying to gauge the effect of the statement issued yesterday over signature of Committeeman Guffey of Pennsylvania concerning the recent strictures made by Mr. Bryan at Lincoln concerning Mr. Guffey.

This statement has added spice to what might have otherwise been a dull day.

Monday finds the general interest in the platform confined almost wholly to the proposed plank regarding the use of court injunctions, especially in labor controversies.

As representatives of labor, Gompers, Mitchell and others are on the ground pressing their claims.

It is expected that the national committee will appoint a sub-committee when it meets at 10 o'clock to consider each contest, and have the sub-committee report action at a full meeting of the committee.

Fairview Cut Off From Communication. Lincoln, Neb., July 6.—With the telephone wires out of commission and Fairview cut off from Lincoln by a washout on the trolley line, Mr. Bryan has ample opportunity to peruse the strictures upon himself, delivered by National Committeeman Guffey.

"I have nothing to say," was Bryan's response to an inquiry about the Guffey statement.

Dunlap Defends Bryan.

By Associated Press. Lincoln, Neb., July 6.—The charge that Bryan compromised with "Boss" Roger Sullivan of Illinois, whose vote on the first ballot, was denied by Delegate Dunlap of Illinois today. Mr. Dunlap declared that Mr. Sullivan will not be chairman of the national committee and that he will resign as the Illinois member of that committee.

When asked if Mr. Bryan had used his influence to that end, Mr. Dunlap said: "I think Bryan would be pleased at Sullivan's resignation."

Chairman Bell Visits Bryan at Fairview Farm.

By Associated Press. Lincoln, Neb., July 6.—Only two delegations are scheduled to visit Fairview today, the Jefferson Club of St. Louis, which will arrive at about noon, and the Bryan Volunteers of Iowa late in the afternoon.

A topic of interest which was expected to develop during the day was the visit of Theodore Bell of California.

Nothing was given out at Fairview Sunday regarding the coming of Bell and if Bryan knew it the fact was guarded from the newspaper men and others.

The delegation from Kings county, New York, and from Minnesota did not reach Lincoln until 2 o'clock this morning. The Minnesota train was significantly labeled "Johnson Special."

Herman Metz, comptroller of Greater New York, said: "Our people are generally for Bryan, if the rest of the convention waits him. One remarkable thing I noticed on the trip is that sentiment seems to have crystallized on the Nebraska. We met none but Bryan men and if nominated his chances seem fine."

The Kings county delegation contains seventy-one members.

Heavy Rains Cause Passenger Trains to be Annulled at Lincoln.

By Associated Press. Denver, Colo., July 6.—Train service has been practically annulled in and around Lincoln, Nebraska. Three inches of rain fell there and serious washouts are reported in all directions on the Burlington. The Rock Island tracks are submerged. The Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Northwestern officials are helpless.

Program for First Day's Session.

Special to the Times. Denver, Colo., July 6.—The Democratic National convention will be called to order at noon tomorrow by National Chairman Thomas Taggart. The program as outlined calls for four sessions, beginning tomorrow.

As has already been announced, it is proposed to take an adjournment out of respect to the memory of former President Cleveland as soon as the temporary organization is completed.

The first day's order of business is as follows:

1. Chairman Taggart of the National committee calls convention to order at noon.
2. Secretary Urey Woodson reads call for the convention.
3. Prayer by Archbishop James J. Keene.
4. Announcement of temporary officers agreed upon by National committee.
5. Chairman asks for further nominations.
6. No further nominations, chairman puts question on agreeing to the recommendations of the national committee.
7. Chairman appoints committee of two delegates to escort temporary chairman, Theodore A. Bell of California, to the chair.
- 8 and 9. Introduction and speech of temporary chairman.
10. Call of States for members of the following committees: Credentials, permanent organization, rules and order of business, platform and resolutions.
11. Probable adjournment or recess.

It is expected that the Cleveland resolutions as finally agreed upon will be introduced just before adjournment.

For the second session of the convention on Wednesday the program calls for the permanent organization, the address of the permanent chairman, and the receipt and adoption of reports. The nominations for president will be made on Thursday and it is planned to adjourn after this; is settled until Friday morning, when nominations for vice president will be in order.

Provision is made in the program for the receipt of motions to limit seconding speeches to presidential nominations and to limit both nominating and seconding speeches for the vice presidency. There will be no limit placed upon the presidential nominating speeches.

Texans Favor Deposit Guarantee Plank. South Winfield, Kan., July 5.—When the Texas democratic special train to the Denver convention pulled out of Fort Worth at 9:15 a. m., more than a quorum of the delegates and alternates and upwards of 100 lay passengers were on board.

When the train reached Gainesville, the home of United States Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey, a large party was at the railway station to greet the train.

The delegates responded with cheers for Bailey. Large crowds were at the stations through Oklahoma, and hearty cheers on the Texas special were always given.

At an informal meeting of the delegates this afternoon Judge M. M. Brooks of Dallas was agreed upon as chairman of the delegation and J. C. McNealus as secretary.

The selections will be laid before the full delegation at Denver tomorrow for formal ratification. A meeting of the delegation is to be held in the special train tomorrow to consider the attitude of the delegation on convention matters. Resolutions of regret at the ill-

ness of Senator Bailey and his absence because thereof will be adopted tomorrow and telegraphed to Senator Bailey at New York.

The delegation is almost a unit on a plank in the platform declaring in favor of guaranteeing bank deposits.

A strong anti-injunction plank is also favored: John Mitchell has many supporters for vice president.

CAMPBELL SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

Special to the Times. Austin, Tex., July 6.—Governor Campbell left here today for Corsicana where he will speak tonight. He says he is confident of defeating Williams by a large majority in the coming primaries.

Commissioner of Insurance Love today declared false the report that he will seek the governorship two years hence.

440 BUILDINGS BURNED AT PORT AU PRINCE.

By Associated Press. Port au Prince, Hayti, July 6.—A disastrous fire which started here yesterday, destroyed 440 buildings before it was brought under control. Several lives are reported to have been lost.

New program at Majestic.

### ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 8

An election will be held at the city hall on Wednesday, July 8th, for the purpose of determining whether the Wichita Falls Independent school district as now constituted shall be abolished.

As has previously been explained, it is proposed to dissolve the school corporation as now constituted and to organize a new district to be confined to the corporate limits of the city of Wichita Falls. This movement is proposed for the reason that the courts hold that it is not lawful to levy a tax of more than twenty cents in school districts where territory outside of the corporate limits of an incorporated town is included in the city. While it is believed that the higher school tax will be legal in a school corporation confined to the limits of an incorporated town.

A Picnic Party. Saturday evening, after a day of rest and rejoicing, the young people of Wichita Falls decided to close the celebrations of the most important day in the nation's history with a picnic.

As the evening hour approached, buggies and autos were provided, and all went with one accord to the railroad water tank, where the evening was spent in singing patriotic songs, fireworks, and last, but not least, a delicious luncheon.

The following comprising the party are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Thorburn, Dr. and Mrs. Walker and Mrs. J. T. Roberts for chaperoning them: Messrs. H. O. Leonard, Little, Diggs, Piner and Dave Avis, Walker, Gough, and Freeman, and Misses Anderson, Jewell and Sibley Kemp, Gorsline, Babcock, Allison, Avis, Willis, Frieze and Lillian McGregor. ONE OF THE BOYS.

ALABAMA COAL MINERS DECLARED A STRIKE TODAY.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., July 6.—The coal miners of Alabama declared a strike today.

The sheriff is appointing deputies in anticipation of trouble.

Dr. L. C. Tyson this morning presented the Times office with some fine peaches from his orchard a few miles north of town.

### STREET CAR HIT FARM WAGON—5 DEAD

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., July 6.—Four children and the father of two of them are dead and six persons were injured as the result of a collision between a farm wagon containing eight children, two men and one woman, and an electric car on the Santa Anna line near Watts, ten miles from the city, last night.

The dead are Joseph Oller, 46 year old; Joseph Oller Jr., 14 years; H. Oller, 6 years; Elsie Kuehner, 9 years; Theo. Huehner, 7 years.

## FORECAST OF NEWS

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IS THE CHIEF FEATURE OF INTEREST.

### WARSHIPS SAIL TOMORROW

Other Interesting Events, Political and Otherwise are on News Program For This Week.

The democratic national convention, which will open at Denver Tuesday, will be the chief news feature of the present week.

The selection of a chairman of the Republican national committee, the sailing Tuesday of the Atlantic battleship fleet from San Francisco on the next stage of its world circling cruise and the departure of Commodore Robert E. Peary on a voyage of exploration to the north polar regions are also among the events which the week holds in store.

William H. Taft, the republican presidential nominee, will confer with the members of the sub-committee of the republican national committee at Hot Springs, Va., Wednesday relative to the choice of a chairman of the committee to manage the campaign and the announcement of the result is awaited with interest.

A meeting of the sub-committee of the independence party will be held in Chicago Friday to perfect arrangements for the national convention of the party to be held in Chicago later in the month.

Thursday Georgia populists will hold their State convention in Atlanta. It is not expected that a State ticket will be named. The feature of the convention will be the formal notification of Thomas E. Watson of his nomination as the populist ticket for president of the United States and his speech of acceptance.

West Virginia republicans will hold a State convention Wednesday at Charleston to place in nomination a State ticket.

Commander Peary's steamship, the Roosevelt, built by the Peary Arctic club, will sail from New York Monday and after a stop the following day at Oyster Bay, where it is expected President Roosevelt will visit the ship, will proceed to Sydnese, where Peary, having gone by rail, will join her.

Conventions scheduled for the week include that of the International Association of Accident Underwriters at Atlantic City Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; the seventy-eighth annual meeting of the American Institute of Instruction at Burlington, Vermont, from Tuesday to Thursday; the American Federation of Zionists will meet at Atlantic City beginning Friday and the good roads convention at Buffalo Monday and Tuesday under the auspices of the American Automobile association.

Miss Mse. Wood, who sued United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce and who subsequently was indicted for forgery and perjury will be arraigned in New York Monday.

The battleship South Carolina, sister ship to the recently launched Michigan, will be launched Saturday at the Cramps shipyard in Philadelphia.

The presidential election in Panama will take place Sunday, July 12.

ATLANTIC FLEET TO SAIL FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Cal., July 6.—Today was the last day in this harbor of the Atlantic battleship squadron. The sixteen ships will steam out of the harbor at about 2 p. m. and will start on their journey for Honolulu, where the next stop will be made in their world wide voyage.

CROWD THREATENS TO LYNCH SAN ANTONIO SALOON MAN.

San Antonio, Tex., July 6.—Walter Duke, a saloon keeper, shot and killed Walter Evers, aged 18 years, and a lynching is threatened.

Evers was being abused by Duke and when he protested Duke emptied two loads from a shotgun in the boy's body, causing instant death.

The Wichita Falls base ball team which left Friday night for Frederick, where they were scheduled to play on the Fourth, did not reach Vernon in time to make connections with the Frisco and were compelled to lay over in Vernon. In a game with the Vernon team the locals were defeated in a loosely played game by a score of 14 to 12.



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## STORY OF WILLIAMS Professional Ads

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tion law, are holding elections and rescinding such supplemental taxes."

His Position on State Prohibition. In his original announcement, Mr. Williams said: "I favor State-wide prohibition and favor submitting that question to the people." Friday he said: "The wording of that should be changed. I am not urging State-wide prohibition, but I am in favor of it if the people declare they want it."

Mr. Williams is a believer in the intangible tax law, better provision for our educational institutions, more money to care for the State's dependents, more demonstration farms, "anything that helps toward the education of the people." He is opposed to the office of state tax commissioner, State revenue agent and charges that "the tendency of the present administration has been to multiply officers and to increase official salaries."

"I favor a business, economical administration in every department," he declared.

These are a few of the propositions on which Mr. Williams and his friend, Mr. Mercer, are conducting their campaign from the Cumby blacksmith shop. It is a campaign by mail and is mostly in short statements to the newspapers. "I do not believe the people like to read long arguments," said Mr. Williams.

The people of Cumby are sensitive about emphasis being put on Mr. Williams' occupation. "We want people to think of him, not as a blacksmith, but a capable man, who is well informed on public questions and who is going to win this election," one of them declared emphatically.

They are going to have a picnic at Cumby July 9, the first in eight years to celebrate Mr. Williams' candidacy.

"I don't know whether I will speak or not," said Mr. Williams. "That depends on the local committee. I expect most of the time I will be shaking hands."

Getting at "the Williams idea." It is a little difficult to draw from an hour's conversation with Mr. Williams just what the "Williams idea" in the present campaign really stands for, but a figure may help.

When a blacksmith wants to weld two pieces of iron he heats both in a forge, lays them on an anvil and then beats them together with firm, straight strokes. A glancing blow would spoil the job and that is why it takes a good blacksmith to make a perfect weld.

Just now in Texas there are two big classes. One represents the laboring people and the farmers and the other corporations and capital. Admittedly they are far apart and ought to be welded together in order that the State may be more harmonious, stronger and that its development may be more rapid. The joint between capital and labor in Texas has been broken for a number of years.

Straight, simple justice is the hammer Mr. Williams would use to bring them together.

"The people of all classes will get confidence when you give them all justice alike," he says, and the idea of class legislation is abhorrent to him. He voted against a bill to compel the railroads to kill Johnson grass once because it did not contain a provision making the farmer alongside the right of way do the same thing.

"When you are fair and just," he declares, "it will be recognized." And incidentally the hammer of justice cannot afford to strike any glancing blows.

But the question left with the voters of Texas in the primary July 25 remains, "Is Mr. Williams of Cumby the man to entrust with the hammer?"

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## Chapter VII

### ON THE DARK DECK.

AM Columbus every time I cross," said Shirley. "What lies out there in the west is an undiscovered country."

"Then I shall have to take the part of the rebellious and doubting crew. There is no America, and we're sure to get into trouble if we don't turn back."

"You shall be clipped into iron and fed on bread and water and turned over to the Indians as soon as we reach land."

"Don't starve me! Let me hang from the yardarm at once or walk the plank I choose the hour immediately after dinner for my obsequies!"

They were silent for a moment, continuing their tramp. Fair weather was peopling the decks. Dick Claiborne was engrossed with a vivacious California girl and Shirley saw him only at meals, but he and Armitage held night sessions in the smoking room, with increased liking on both sides.

Armitage saw something of all the Claibornes every day in the pleasant intimacy of ship life, and Hilton Claiborne found the young man an interesting talker. Judge Claiborne is, as every one knows, the best posted American of his time in diplomatic history, and when they were together Armitage suggested topics that were well calculated to awaken the old lawyer's interest.

Shirley and Armitage talked as people will on shipboard—of everything under the sun. Shirley's enthusiasms were in themselves interesting, but she was informed in the world's larger affairs, as became the daughter of a man who was an authority in such matters, and found it pleasant to discuss them with Armitage. He felt the poetic quality in her. It was that which had first appealed to him, but he did not know that something of the same sort in himself touched her. It was enough for those days that he was courteous and amusing and gained a trifle in her eyes from the fact that he had no tangible background.

Then came the evening of the fifth day. They were taking a turn after dinner on the lighted deck. The spring stars hung faint and far through thin clouds, and the wind was keen from the sea. A few passengers were out. The deck stewards went about gathering up rugs and chairs for the night. "Time oughtn't to be reckoned at all at sea, so that people who feel themselves getting old might sail forth into the deep and defy the old man with the hourglass."

"I like the idea. Such people could become fishers—permanently and grow very wise from so much brain food."

"They wouldn't eat, Mr. Armitage. Brain food forsooth! You talk like a breakfast food advertisement. My idea—mine, please note—is for such fortunate people to sail in pretty little boats with orange tinted sails and pick up lost dreams. I got a hint of that in a pretty poem once—

"Time seemed to pause a little space,  
I heard a dream go by."

"But out here in midocean a little boat with lateen sails wouldn't have much show. And dreams passing over—the idea is pretty and is creditable to your imagination. But I thought your fancy was more militant. Now, for example, you like battle pictures," he said. "That was a wonderful collection of military and battle pictures shown in Paris last winter."

She half withdrew her hand from his arm and turned away. The sea winds did not wholly account for the sudden color in her cheeks. She had seen Armitage in Paris—in cafes, at the opera, but not at the great exhibition of the world famous battle pictures, yet undoubtedly he had seen her, and she remembered with instant consciousness the hours of absorption she had spent before those canvases.

"I was in Paris during the exhibition," he said quietly. "Ormsby, the American painter—the man who did the 'High Tide at Gettysburg'—is an acquaintance of mine."

"Oh!"

It was Ormsby's painting that had particularly captivated Shirley. She had returned to it day after day, and she thought that Armitage had taken advantage of her deep interest in Pickett's charging gray line was annoying, and she abruptly changed the subject.

Shirley had speculated much as to the meaning of Armitage's remark at the carriage door in Geneva—that he expected the slayer of the old Austrian prime minister to pass that way. Armitage had not referred to the crime in any way in his talks with her on the King Edward. Their conversations had been pitched usually in a light and frivolous key, or, if one were disposed to be serious, the other responded in a note of levity.

They watched the lights of an east-bound steamer that was passing near. The exchange of rocket signals—that pretty and graceful parley between ships that pass in the night—interested

to minimize her impression of the incident.

Shirley did not refer to the matter again, but resolved to keep her own counsel. She felt that any one who would accept the one chance in a thousand of striking down an enemy on a steamer deck must be animated by very bitter hatred. She knew that to speak of the affair to her father or brother would be to alarm them and prejudice them against John Armitage, about whom her brother at least had entertained doubts. And it is not reassuring as to a man of whom little or nothing is known that he is menaced by secret enemies.

The attack had found Armitage unprepared and off guard, but with swift reaction his wits were at work. He at once sought the pursuer and scrutinized every name on the passenger list. It was unlikely that a steamer passenger could reach the saloon deck unobserved. A second cabin passenger might do so, however, and he sought among the names in the second cabin list for a clue. He did not believe that Chauvenet or Durand had boarded the King Edward. He himself had made the boat only by a quick dash, and he had left those two gentlemen at Geneva with much to consider.

It was, however, quite within the probabilities that they would send some one to watch him, for the two men whom he had overheard in the dark house on the Boulevard Froissart were active and resourceful rascals, he had no doubt. Whether they would be able to make anything of the cigarette case he had stypidly left behind he could not conjecture, but the importance of recovering the packet he had cut from Chauvenet's coat was not a trifle that rogues of their caliber would ignore. There was, the pursuer said, a sick man in the second cabin, who had kept close to his berth. The steward believed the man to be a continental of some sort, who spoke bad German. He had taken the boat at Liverpool, paid for his passage in gold, and complaining of illness, retired, evidently for the voyage. His name was Peter Ludovic, and the steward described him in detail.

"Big fellow, bullet head, bristling mustache, small eyes!"

"That will do," said Armitage, grinning at the ease with which he identified the man.

"You understand that it is wholly irregular for us to let such a matter pass without acting," said the pursuer.

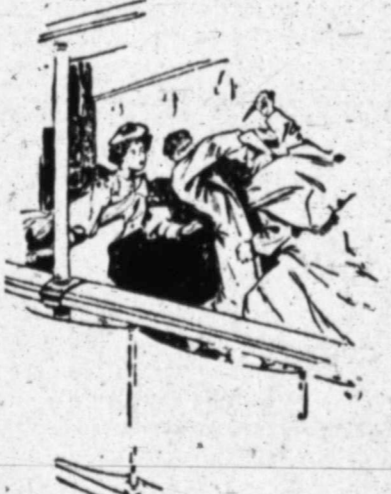
"It would serve no purpose and might do harm. I will take the responsibility."

And John Armitage made a memorandum in his notebook:

"Znal —; travels as Peter Ludovic."

Armitage carried the envelope which he had cut from Chauvenet's coat pinned into an inner pocket of his waistcoat, and since boarding the King Edward he had examined it twice daily to see that it was intact. The three red wax seals were in blank, replacing those of like size that had originally been affixed to the envelope, and at once after the attack on the dark deck he opened the packet and examined the papers, some half dozen sheets of thin linen written in a clerk's clear hand in black ink. There had been no mistake in the matter. The packet which Chauvenet had purloined from the old prime minister at Vienna had come again into Armitage's hands. He was daily tempted to destroy it and cast it in bits to the sea winds, but he was deterred by the remembrance of his last interview with the old prime minister.

"Do something for Austria—something for the empire." These phrases repeated themselves over and over again in his mind until they rose and fell with the cadence of the high, wavering voice of the cardinal archbishop of Vienna as he chanted the mass of requiem for Count Ferdinand von Stroebel.



A long arm shot high above his head and descended swiftly.

light and asked whether anything was wrong. Armitage turned the matter off.

"I guess it was a sea serpent," he said. "It bit a hole in my ulster, for which I am not grateful." Then in a lower tone to Shirley: "That was certainly a strange proceeding. I am sorry you were startled, and I am under great obligations to you, Miss Claiborne. Why, you actually palled the fellow away?"

"Oh, no," she returned lightly, but still breathing hard; "it was the instinct of self preservation. I was unsteady on my feet for a moment and sought something to take hold of. That pirate was the nearest thing, and I caught hold of his cloak. I'm sure it was a cloak, and that makes me sure he was a human villain of some sort. He didn't feel in the least like a sea serpent. But some one tried to injure you—it is no jesting matter."

"Some lunatic escaped from the steerage probably. I shall report it to the officers."

"Yes; it should be reported," said Shirley.

"It was very strange. Why, the deck of the King Edward is the safest place in the world, but it's something to have had hold of a sea serpent or a pirate! I hope you will forgive me for bringing you into such an encounter, but if you hadn't caught his cloak!"

Armitage was uncomfortable and anxious to allay her fears. The incident was by no means trivial, as he knew. Passengers on the great transatlantic steamers are safeguarded by every possible means, and the fact that he had been attacked in the few minutes that the deck lights had been out of order pointed to an espionage that was both close and daring. He was in Washington because Shirley Claiborne lived there, and he knew that even if he wished to do so he could no longer throw an air of inadvertence into his meetings with her. He had been very lonely in those days when he first saw her abroad. The sight of her had lifted his mood of depression, and now, after those enchanted hours at sea, his coming to Washington had been inevitable.

Many things passed through his mind as he stood at the open window. His life, he felt, could never be again as it had been before, and he sighed deeply as he recalled his talk with the old prime minister at Geneva. Then he laughed softly as he remembered



He scrutinized every name on the passenger list.

Chauvenet and Durand and the dark house on the Boulevard Froissart, but the further recollection of the attack made on his life on the deck of the King Edward sobered him, and he turned away from the window impatiently. He had seen the sick second cabin passenger leave the steamer at New York, but had taken no trouble either to watch or to avoid him. Very likely the man was under instructions and had been told to follow the Claibornes home, and the thought of their identification with himself by his enemies angered him. Chauvenet was likely to appear in Washington at any time and would undoubtedly seek the Claibornes at once. The fact that the man was a second might in some circumstances have afforded Armitage comfort, but here again Armitage's mood grew dark. Jules Chauvenet was undoubtedly a rascal of a shrewd and dangerous type, but who, pray, was John Armitage?

The bell in his entry rang, and he flashed on the lights and opened the door.

"Well, I like this, setting yourself up here in gloomy splendor and never saying a word. You never deserved to have any friends, John Armitage!"

"Jim Sanderson, come in!" Armitage grasped the hands of a red bearded giant of forty.

"The possessor of alert brown eyes and a big voice."

"It's my rural habit of reading the register every night in search of constituents that brings me here. They said they guessed you were in, so I just came up to see whether you were opening a poker game or had come to sneak a claim past the watchdog of the treasury."

The caller threw himself into a chair and rolled a fat, unlighted cigar about in his mouth. "You're a peach, all right, and as offensively hale and handsome as ever. When are you going to the ranch?"

"Well, not just immediately. I want to sample the fisheries for a day or two."

"You're getting soft; that's what the matter with you. You're afraid of the spring zephyrs on the Montana range. Well, I'll admit that it's rather more diverting here."

"There is no debating that, senator. How do you like being a statesman? It was so sudden and all that. I read an awful roast of you in an English paper. They took your election to the senate as another evidence of the complete domination of our politics by the plutocrats."

Sanderson winked prodigiously.

"The papers have rather skinned me; but, on the whole, I'll do very well. They say it isn't respectable to be a senator these days, but they oughtn't to hold it up against a man that he's rich. If the Lord put silver in the mountains of Montana and let me dig it out, it's nothing against me, is it?"

"Decidedly not! And if you want to invest it in a senatorship it's the Lord's hand again."

"Why, sure!" And the senator from Montana winked once more. "But it's expensive. I've got to be elected again next winter—I'm only filling out Billings' term—and I'm not sure I can go up against it."

"But you are nothing if not unselfish. If the good of the country demands it you'll not falter, if I know you."

"There's hot water heat in this hotel, so please turn off the hot air. I saw your foreman in Helena the last time I was out there, and he was sober. I mention the fact, knowing that I'm jeopardizing my reputation for veracity, but it's the Lord's truth. Of course you spent Christmas at the old home in England—one of those yule log and plum pudding Christmas when you read of in novels. You Englishmen!"

"My dear Sanderson, don't call me English; I've told you a dozen times that I'm not English."

"So you did, so you did! I'd forgotten that you're so sensitive about it," and Sanderson's eyes regarded Armitage intently for a moment, as though he were trying to recall some previous discussion of the young man's nativity.

"I offer you free swing at the bar, senator. May I smooch a Montana cocktail? You taught me the ingredients once—three dashes orange bitters, two dashes acid phosphate, half a jigger of whisky and half a jigger of Italian vermouth. You underplayed the constitutions of half Montana with that mess."

Sanderson reached for his bat with sudden dejection.

"The sprinkling cart for me! I've got a nerve specialist engaged by the year to keep me out of sanitariums. See here, I want you to go with us tonight to the secretary of state's push. Not many of the Montana boys got this far from home, and I want you for exhibition purposes. Say, John, when I saw 'Clutch Tight, Montana,' written on the register, down there it increased my circulation seven bends! You're all right, and I guess you're about as good an American as they make—anywhere—John Armitage!"

The invitation for which the senator from Montana provided an invitation for Armitage was a large affair in honor of several new ambassadors. At 10 o'clock Senator Sanderson was introducing Armitage right and left as one of his representative constituents. Armitage and he owned adjoining ranches in Montana, and Sanderson called upon his neighbor to stand up boldly for their state before the minions of effete monarchies.

Mrs. Sanderson had asked Armitage to return to her for a little Montana talk, as she put it, after the first rush of the season was over, and as he

walked in the drawing room for an opportunity of speaking to her he chatted with Franzel, an attaché of the Austrian embassy, to whom Sanderson had introduced him. Franzel was a gloomy young man with a monocle, and he was waiting for a particular girl, who happened to be the daughter of the Spanish ambassador. And, this being his object, he had chosen his position with care, near the door of the drawing room, and Armitage shared for the moment the advantage that lay in the Austrian's point of view. Armitage had half expected that the Claibornes would be present at a function as comprehensive of the higher official world as this, and he intended asking Mrs. Sanderson if she knew them as soon as an opportunity offered. The Austrian attaché proved tiresome, and Armitage was about to drop him, when suddenly he caught sight of Shirley Claiborne at the far end of the broad hall. Her head was turned partly toward him. He saw her for an instant through the throng. Then his eyes fell upon Chauvenet at her side, talking with liveliest animation. He was not more than her own height, and his profile presented the clean, sharp effect of a cameo. The vivid outline of his dark face held Armitage's eyes. Then as Shirley passed on through an opening in the crowd her escort turned, holding the way open for her, and Armitage met the man's gaze.

It was with an accepted gravity that Armitage nodded his head to some declaration of the melancholy attaché at this moment. He had known when he left Geneva that he had not done with Jules Chauvenet, but the man's prompt appearance surprised Armitage. He ran over the names of the steamers by which Chauvenet might easily have sailed from either a German or a French port and reached Washington quite as soon as himself. Chauvenet was in Washington, at any rate, and not only there, but socially accepted and in the good graces of Shirley Claiborne.

The somber attaché was speaking of the Japanese.

"They must be crushed—crushed," said Franzel. The two had been conversing in French.

"Yes, he must be crushed," returned Armitage absentmindedly, in English; then, remembering himself, he repeated the affirmation in French, changing the pronoun.

Mrs. Sanderson was now free. She was a pretty, vivacious woman, much younger than her stalwart husband—a college graduate whom he had found teaching school near one of his silver mines.

"Welcome once more, constituent! Our host is proud to see you; I can tell you. Our host owns some marvelous tapestries, and they're hung out tonight for the world to see." She guided Armitage toward the secretary's gallery on an upper floor. Their host was almost as famous as a connoisseur as for his achievements in diplomacy, and the gallery was a large apartment in which every article of furniture, as well as the paintings, tapestries and specimens of pottery, was the careful choice of a thoroughly cultivated taste.

"It isn't merely an art gallery. It's the most beautiful room in America," murmured Mrs. Sanderson.

"I can well believe it. There's my favorite Vibert—I wondered what had become of it."

"It isn't surprising that the secretary is making a great reputation by his dealings with foreign powers. It's a poor ambassador who could not be persuaded after an hour in this splendid room. The ordinary affairs of life should not be mentioned here. A king's coronation would not be out of place—in fact, there's a chair in the corner against that Gobelin that would serve the situation. The old gentleman by that cabinet is the Baron von Marhof, the ambassador from Austria-Hungary. He's a brother-in-law of Count von Stroebel, who was murdered so horribly in a railway carriage a few weeks ago."

"Ah, to be sure! I haven't seen the baron in years. He has changed little."

"Then you knew him—in the old country?"

"Yes; I used to see him—when I was a boy," remarked Armitage.

Mrs. Sanderson glanced at Armitage sharply. She had dined at his ranch house in Montana and knew that he lived like a gentleman; that his house, its appointments and service were unusual for a western ranchman. And she recalled, too, that she and her husband had often speculated as to Armitage's antecedents and history without arriving at any conclusion in regard to him.

The room had slowly filled, and they strolled about, dividing attention between distinguished persons and the not less celebrated works of art.

"Oh, by the way, Mr. Armitage, there's the girl I have chosen for you to marry. I suppose it would be just as well for you to meet her now, though that dark little foreigner seems to be monopolizing her."

"I am wholly agreeable," laughed Armitage. "The sooner the better and the done with it."

"Don't be so frivolous. There, you can look safely now. She's stopped to speak to that bald and pink justice of the supreme court—the girl with the brown eyes and hair. Have a care!"

Shirley and Chauvenet left the venerable justice, and Mrs. Sanderson intercepted them at once.

"To think of all these beautiful things in our own America!" exclaimed Shirley. "And you, Mr. Armitage!"

"Among the other curios, Miss Claiborne," laughed John, taking her hand. "But I haven't introduced you yet," began Mrs. Sanderson, puffed.

"No; the King Edward did that. We crossed together. Oh, M. Chauvenet, let me present Mr. Armitage," said Shirley, seeing that the men had not spoken.

The situation amused Armitage, and he smiled rather more broadly than was necessary in expressing his pleasure at meeting M. Chauvenet. They regarded each other with the swift interest of men who are used to the sharp exercise of their eyes, and when Armitage turned toward Shirley and Mrs. Sanderson he was aware that Chauvenet continued to regard him with fixed gaze.

"Miss Claiborne is a wonderful sailor. The Atlantic is a little tumultuous at times in the spring, but she reported to the captain every day."

"Miss Claiborne is nothing if not extraordinary," declared Mrs. Sanderson with frank admiration.

"The work seems to have been coined for her," said Chauvenet, his white teeth showing under his thin black mustache.

"And still leaves the language distinguished chiefly for its poverty," added Armitage, and the men bowed to Shirley and then to Mrs. Sanderson and again to each other. It was like a rehearsal of some trifling comedy.

"How charming!" laughed Mrs. Sanderson. "And this lovely room is just the place for it."

They were still talking together as Franzel, with whom Armitage had spoken before, entered hurriedly. He held a crumpled note, whose contents it seemed had shaken him out of his habitual melancholy composure.

"Is Baron von Marhof in the room?" he asked of Armitage, fumbling nervously at his monocle.

The Austrian ambassador, with several ladies and led by Senator Sanderson, was approaching.

The attaché hurried to his chief and addressed him in a low tone. The ambassador stopped, grew very white and stared at the messenger for a moment in blank unbelief.

The young man now repeated in English, in a tone that could be heard in all parts of the hushed room:

"His majesty the Emperor Johann Wilhelm died suddenly tonight in Vienna," he said and gave his arm to his chief.

It was a strange place for the delivery of such a message, and the strangeness of it was intensified to Shirley by the curious glance that passed between John Armitage and Jules Chauvenet. Shirley remembered afterward that as the attaché's words rang out in the room Armitage started, clinched his hands and caught his breath in a manner very uncommon in men unless they are greatly moved. The ambassador bowed directly from the room with bowed head, and every one waited in silent sympathy until he had gone.

The word passed swiftly through the great house, and through the open windows the servants were heard crying loudly for Baron von Marhof's carriage in the court below.

"The king is dead. Long live the king!" murmured Shirley.

"Long live the king!" repeated Chauvenet and Mrs. Sanderson in unison. And then Armitage, as though mastering a phrase they were teaching him, raised his head and said, with an intonation that surprised them: "Long live the emperor and king! God save Austria!"

Then he turned to Shirley with a smile.

"It is very pleasant to see you on your own ground. I hope your family are well."

"Thank you; yes. My father and mother are here somewhere."

"And Captain Claiborne?"

"He's probably sitting up all night to defend Fort Myer from the crafts and assaults of the enemy. I hope you will come to see us, Mr. Armitage."

"Thank you. You are very kind," he said gravely. "I shall certainly give myself the pleasure very soon."

As Shirley passed on with Chauvenet Mrs. Sanderson launched upon the girl's praises, but she found him suddenly preoccupied.

"The girl has gone to your head. Why didn't you tell me you knew the Claibornes?"

"I don't remember that you gave me a chance, but I'll say now that I intend to know them better."

She bade him take her to the drawing room. As they went down through the house they found that the announcement of the Emperor Johann Wilhelm's death had cast a pall upon the company. All the members of the diplomatic corps had withdrawn at once as a mark of respect and sympathy for Baron von Marhof, and at midnight the ballroom held all of the company that remained. Armitage had not sought Shirley again. He found a room that had been set apart for smokers, threw himself into a chair, lit a cigar and stared at a picture that had no interest for him whatever. He put down his cigar after a few whiffs, and his hand went to the pocket in which he had usually carried his cigarette case.

"Ah, Mr. Armitage, may I offer you a cigarette?"

He turned to find Chauvenet close at his side. He had not heard the man enter, but Chauvenet had been in his thoughts, and he started slightly at finding him so near. Chauvenet held in his white-gloved hand a gold cigarette case, which he opened with a deliberate care that displayed its embellished sides. The smooth golden surface gleamed in the light, the helmet in blue and the white falcon flashed in Armitage's eyes. The meeting was clearly by intention, and a slight unplayed about Chauvenet's lips in his enjoyment of the situation. Armitage smiled up at him in amiable acknowledgment of his courtesy and rose.

"You are very considerate, monsieur; I was just at the moment regretting our distinguished host's oversight in providing cigars alone. Allow me!"

He bent forward, took the outstretched open case into his own hands, removed a cigarette, snapped the case shut and thrust it into his trousers pocket.

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Senator Sanderson.

## Chapter VIII

### "THE KING IS DEAD; LONG LIVE THE KING!"

JOHN ARMITAGE lingered in New York for a week, not to press the Claibornes too closely, then went to Washington. He wrote himself down on the register of the New American as John Armitage, Clutch Tight, Mont., and took a suit of rooms high up, with an outlook that swept Pennsylvania avenue.

It was on the evening of a bright April day that he thus established himself, and after he had unpacked his belongings he stood long at the window and watched the lights leap out of the dusk over the city. He was in Washington because Shirley Claiborne lived there, and he knew that even if he wished to do so he could no longer throw an air of inadvertence into his meetings with her. He had been very lonely in those days when he first saw her abroad. The sight of her had lifted his mood of depression, and now, after those enchanted hours at sea, his coming to Washington had been inevitable.

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### MR. BRYAN'S OPTIMISM.

Mr. Bryan's optimism is of the right kind. He tells Mr. Ridder he believes he can carry New York, but that he can win without the electoral vote of that State. Mr. Bryan is confident

that vast changes of political sentiment have taken place within the past four years and in this his judgment may be accurate. He makes the race under conditions that are totally different from the conditions governing the last three presidential campaigns. The States carried by Judge Parker four years ago have 141 electoral votes and adding to these the eighteen votes of Missouri and the seven votes of Oklahoma, which are sure to be democratic this year, Mr. Bryan enters the leaving seventy-six votes to be obtained with 166 votes reasonably sure, ed from the debatable States.

New York, Ohio and Indiana would supply the deficiency. So would New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Nevada, or New York, Illinois and New Jersey. Leaving New York out of the calculation, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and New Jersey would do.

If Mr. Bryan should run well in the far West and carry California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Colorado and the Dakotas, he would need but forty-four votes, which might be obtained in Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska.

It is assumed that the democratic platform will present a stronger appeal to the masses than has any democratic platform of recent years, and it is assumed that there are more open-minded voters in the country now than ever before. It is probable, too, that democratic harmony will prevail to a greater extent than in any year since 1892, when Mr. Cleveland swept the country.—Houston Post.

The democratic national platform will undoubtedly contain a plank for legislation for publicity of campaign contributions, and Mr. Bryan can be relied upon to advocate publicity of contributions so far as the democrats are concerned in the campaign this fall. This will be an easy task for the democracy this year, as it is not probable that there will be any great campaign fund. Mr. Bryan will not tolerate contributions from privilege-seeking corporations, and experience has proved that no great sum can be expected from individuals.

The attitude of the democratic party and its leaders toward the publicity question furnishes a striking contrast to that of the republicans. When a similar plank was presented in the republican convention in Chicago it was rejected by an overwhelming vote. Taft's own State voting against the plank, from which it may be inferred that Taft himself believes that the republicans will need all the trust contributions they can extort in order to bring about Bryan's defeat.

R. R. Williams, the blacksmith candidate for governor of Texas, has sprung himself to the extent of a pine table, which he has placed in a corner of his shop, and hired a stenographer to assist him in answering wheelbarrow loads of letters which the mails bring him daily to Cumby. He is conducting his campaign in a novel way, and the newspapers of the State are good to him, in that they notice his every movement as much as if he were really a great man. This notoriety is gaining votes for Williams, and thousands of them will be given him just for the novelty of the thing. He is in his 67th year, but does not appear to have lost any of his cunning. Governor Campbell apparently realizes that he is up against it, and his friends are alarmed at the magnitude of the Williams boom, which seems to be sweeping the State from one end to the other.

Collecting accounts is a little slow at present, but if everyone who can would pay, many who cannot pay would pay.—Bonham News.

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### PAPER FROM COTTON SEED HULLS THE LATEST IDEA

If experiments which a German scientist is making with Texas cotton seed hulls prove successful, the publishers of the United States need no longer urge that the tariff on wood pulp be raised by congress. And they will need worry no longer about a threatening increase in the cost of white paper.

This German scientist has been in Texas, even passed through Fort Worth. He has explained to a number of Texas oil mill men, including several in the Panhandle, that he expects to perfect a system of making white paper from ordinary cotton seed hulls. Samples of Texas hulls have been forwarded to him in New York by oil mill managers in the Panhandle. They are awaiting with much interest the results of the experiments.

Cotton seed hulls are used in Texas for stock feeding. A very profitable market exists for them and the sale of the hulls forms a large part of the average oil mill's business in the spring and summer. The price is usually good.

It has been pointed out to the oil mill people that the use of the hulls for paper will offer a better and more reliable market than for feeding purposes.

The probable use of the hulls for paper has been explained to officials of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad by oil mill managers of the Panhandle. The latter are said to be heartily in sympathy with the German's experiments.

The reports from Washington last week that cotton stalks can be made into white paper has increased the interest among the oil mill managers in the hull experiments.—Fort Worth Record.

P. H. Pennington left yesterday for Dalhart to visit Mrs. Pennington and from there they will visit the summer resorts in Colorado. Mr. Pennington will also attend the National Democratic convention, which convenes in that city tomorrow.

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You have probably not yet formed enough "habits." It is likely that you would find the "ad-answering habit" a dividend-paying one, and one that would never lure you far away from the best thrift-creed ever devised. A habit is usually formed through yielding to natural inclination. The ad-answering habit will have to be cultivated—perhaps against present inclination, and through an effort of will.

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often means death. It's so in the "cut" glass line, where others attempt to imitate our method of selling.

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Postmaster O. T. Bacon.

American National Insurance Co., Galveston, Texas.

Gentlemen:—I had the pleasure of meeting your representative whom I found to be a most thorough gentleman, and also a thorough insurance man. I had explained to me the policy now being written by the American National Insurance Company, and I candidly say it is one of the best and so strongly did I think so, that I took a policy for \$5,000. I consider it the best of all I have, and I carry several. I am glad to see the strong men of Texas taking stock and pushing this company, as there is nothing like keeping Texas money at home. Be sure to keep the good work going, and also keep your agent at work in this part of the State, where he will not only help your company, but my friends also. Yours truly,

OTIS T. BACON.

Wichita Mill & Elevator Company.

I am much pleased to have investigated your company and I consider it a favor to be able to become a policy holder in your company.

In view of the upheaval in insurance matters in New York City recently, it has demonstrated to me that the time has now come for a great insurance company in Texas, so the people of Texas can retain their premiums at home, instead of sending them outside the borders of our State. Your company assisted by such men as you have associated with you in this company, is sufficient guarantee to anyone seeking a policy, that the money will be paid to his family after he is dead and gone.

Yours very truly,  
FRANK KELL, President

Office of County and District Clerk.  
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Your representative called on me today and explained the fine policy you are now issuing. It is a pleasure to me to take a policy in your company as I think the American National deserves the liberal patronage it is receiving among the representative men of our State.

It indicates a worthy desire to patronize a first-class home company and thus keep Texas money at home. Very truly yours,  
W. A. REID,  
County and District Clerk.

# DON'T BE GUILTY OF THE FOLLY OF TRYING TO BEAT LIFE INSURANCE

Lots of men, just as smart as you, tried it and their administrators had to sacrifice much of the property to pay off debts; their wives are fighting the wolf from the door, their children uneducated.

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- GET ONE—with a loan value after the third year.
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### OF GALVESTON

MORA C. CLARK, General Agent

Office of the City Council:  
Wichita Falls, Texas.

A representative of the American National Insurance Co., called on me today, and after showing me the advantages in the life insurance business with your home company, had no trouble in interesting me to the extent of a \$5,000 policy. In this connection I beg to say that you have in your company the very proposition in the way of life insurance that I have wished for for the last ten years. And I can state to you frankly that I believe the people of Texas will appreciate the fact that you people in organizing this company have done a great work for the people throughout the whole state.

Yours very truly,  
T. B. NOBLE, Mayor.

Coleman-Lysight-Blair Company.

As stated to you personally a few weeks ago, I believe that your Texas company is a better proposition for one to insure in than any of the old line Eastern companies, for several reasons.

The first of many reasons is that the gentlemen who are officers and directors of the American National Insurance Company are thoroughly known to the people of Texas to be clear, clean-cut, honest business men.

Another reason is that the premiums paid to the Texas Company will be invested in Texas.

It is a pleasure for me to take out a policy with your company today.

WILEY BLAIR,  
Sec'y. and Gen'l. Manager.

Wichita Falls, Texas

I have taken a policy in the American National Insurance Co., and I think it the most liberal contract I have ever known. I think your company as a Texas institution, deserves encouragement and support.

Yours truly,  
JAS. T. MONTGOMERY,  
Attorney-at-Law.

Bornside & Walker, Physicians and Surgeons.  
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Enclosed you will find my check for premiums, also acknowledge receipt of my policy, which I consider the best one I have out of five others I have had for some time.

Yours very truly,  
W. H. WALKER, M. D.



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LOST—On Ninth street Thursday afternoon \$10 in currency. Finder please return to 912 Ohio avenue and receive reward. 46-2tp

WANTED—The Times wants 100 ladies in Wichita Falls to copy the paper up over the phone and each give us an item of news. Our number 167. Will you do it? 285-1f

LOST—or strayed, large red, 2-year-old steer; possibly branded K on left jaw; has been missing eight months. Finder notify John F. Kiel and receive reward. 45-3t.

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I have had 17 years practical experience in the plumbing business and am the only practical man in the plumbing and heating business in this city. Will be glad to figure with you on anything in my line. Will give a strict guarantee, if necessary, on all work. We can furnish you with goods made by any of the leading manufacturers of the United States.

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An old gentleman in a village not far from Glasgow breakfasted every morning on porridge and in order to save fuel cooked a whole week's supply every Saturday. One Friday morning the stuff seemed very cold and very salt, and he felt he must abandon the struggle to eat it. But his stubborn nature forbade any such thought. So he fetched the whisky from the cupboard, poured out a glass and placed it before him on the table.

"Now, Sandy," said he, "if ye eat that porritch ye'll hae that whisky, an' if ye don't ye won't."

He stuck again at the last spoonful; but, keeping his eye steadily on the glass of whisky, he made a bold, brave effort and go it down. Then he slowly and carefully poured back the whisky into the bottle, with a broad grin, as he said to himself, "Sandy, my lad, I did ye that time, ye auld fule!"—Dundee Advertiser.

#### Forbearance.

Bacon—Did you ever have any desire to go on the stage? Egbert—Oh, yes; only last week I did. Oh, the actor was vile! But I contented myself with shying an egg at him.—Yonkers Statesman.

I never listen to calumnies, because if they are untrue I run the risk of being deceived and if they are true of hating people not worth thinking about.—Montesquieu.

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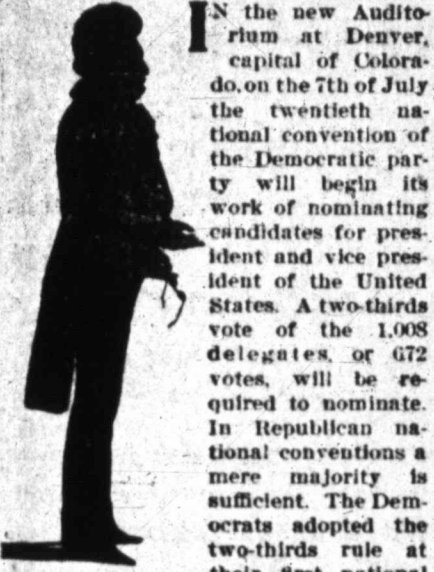
# DEMOCRATS IN DENVER

Twentieth National Convention of the Party of Jefferson and Jackson on July 7. Two-thirds Vote Needed to Secure Nomination.



Bryan and Johnson the Leading Candidates. Conventions of the Past. "Old Hickory" and "the Little Giant." Tilden vs. Hayes.

By ROBERTUS LOVE. Copyright, 1908, by Robertus Love.



ANDREW JACKSON IN SILHOUETTE. Of the candidates for the presidential nomination at Denver may be mentioned William J. Bryan of Nebraska, John A. Johnson of Minnesota, David R. Francis of Missouri, George Gray of Delaware and Lewis S. Chanler of New York. The convention will be called to order by Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee.

nessee for president and Silas Wright of New York for vice president, but Wright refused to accept the nomination. George M. Dallas of Pennsylvania was placed on the ticket in his stead. Wright's refusal was because of plique at the defeat of Van Buren, who tried to break down the two-thirds rule and secure a renomination for himself. Polk was the first "dark horse" nominee in our history. He had not been mentioned for the presidential nomination prior to the conventions.

Lewis Cass of Michigan was nominated for president at the 1848 convention, with William O. Butler of Kentucky as the vice presidential candidate. The convention met May 2.

The convention of 1852, which opened June 1, was a battle royal, and in the end another dark horse, Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire, was named for president. The fight was between Cass, nominated and defeated four years before, and James Buchanan of Pennsylvania. Finally Pierce was voted for on the thirty-fifth ballot by the Virginia delegation, which persisted in voting for the New Englander until on the forty-ninth ballot nearly all the other delegates swung over and nominated him. William B. King of Alabama was named on the second ballot for vice president.

In 1856 the Democracy finally broke away from Baltimore and met in Cincinnati on June 2. During all of President Pierce's administration James Buchanan had been absent from the country as minister to England and thus had escaped the fierce conflict on the slavery problem and the incidental anarchy in Kansas. Buchanan, Douglas and Cass were candidates before

national only as it related to the northern states. The eleven southern states then in the Confederacy, of course, were not represented. General George B. McClellan was named for the presidency on the first ballot and George H. Pendleton of Ohio for the vice presidency on the second ballot. The platform pronounced the war a failure.

The only time the city of New York ever entertained the national convention was in 1868, when the body met there on the Fourth of July and nominated for president Horatio Seymour, governor of New York, and for vice president Frank P. Blair of Missouri.

In 1872 the Democracy as then constituted returned to the first love of the party, Baltimore, meeting in convention July 9, and nominated for the first and second offices in the land two Republicans, Horace Greeley of New York and B. Gratz Brown of Missouri. This anomalous situation was brought about by a prior convention of "Liberal Republicans" at Cincinnati, led by Carl Schurz, which nominated Greeley and Brown. The only hope of defeating President Grant for re-election was in a combination of the Democrats and the Liberal Republicans, who had declared violently against the Grant administration. The Baltimore convention simply swallowed the Cincinnati convention product—ticket, platform and all. Greeley and Brown were defeated overwhelmingly in November.

St. Louis was the Democratic convention city in 1876, June 18 being the opening date. Samuel J. Tilden of New York and Thomas A. Hendricks of Indiana were named for president and vice president. Tilden, who was governor of New York, was a master politician and had planned his campaign with marvelous ability. Governor Hendricks of Indiana was his chief opponent. Hendricks accepted the second place on the ticket with some reluctance. Tilden was elected in November, according to the best knowledge and belief of all Democrats and many Republicans, but a special commission created to decide electoral contests voted his opponent, Rutherford B. Hayes of Ohio, into the presidential chair. The electoral commission was made up of eight Republicans and seven Democrats. The final vote on the matters in contest was eight Republicans for Hayes and seven Democrats for Tilden.

In 1880 the Democrats met June 22 in Cincinnati. Tilden declined a renomination. General Winfield S. Hancock of Pennsylvania was named for

# GLOVES!

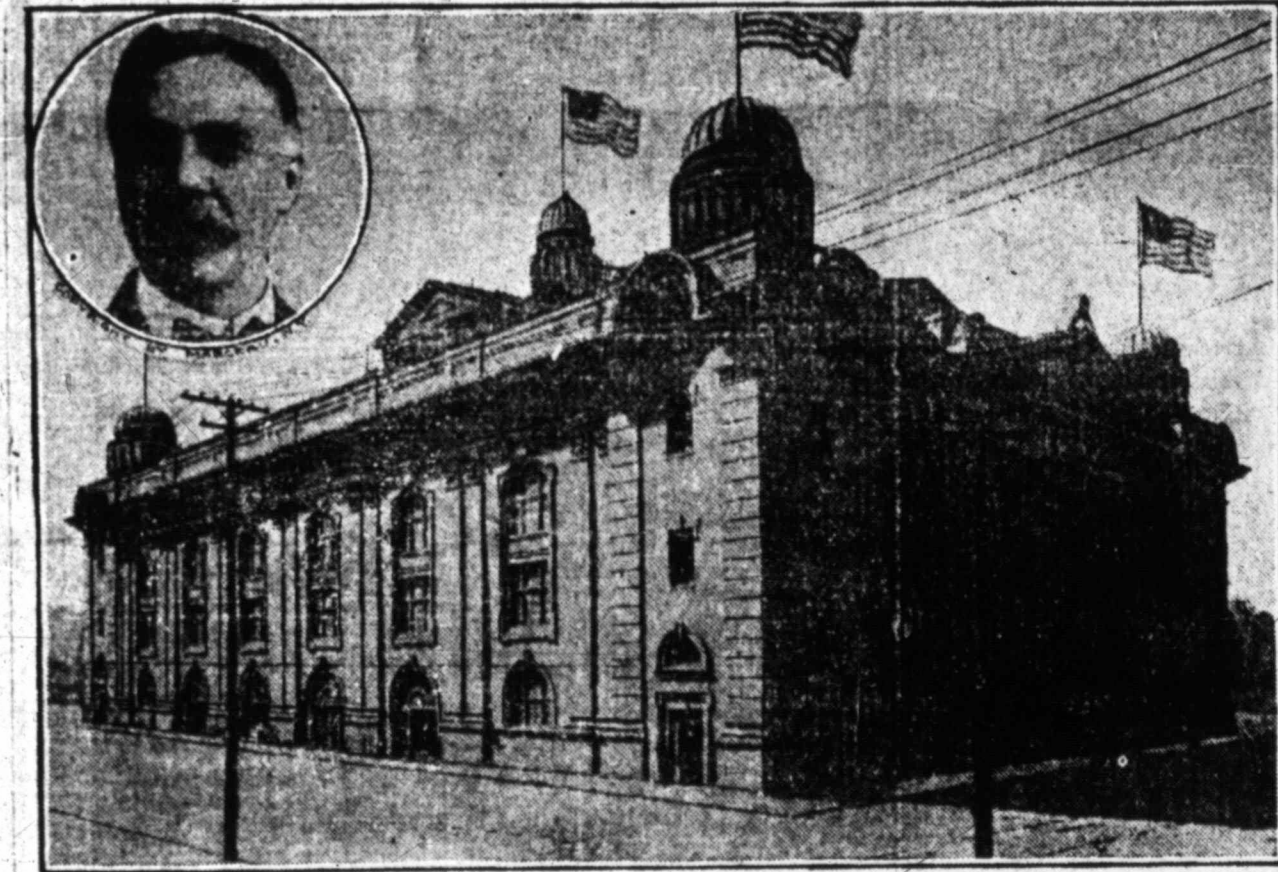
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versally popular with his party that no other name was considered for the presidency. A resolution endorsing Jackson in about a hundred words was the only platform adopted. Martin Van Buren of New York, Jackson's own selection, was named for the vice presidency.

Prior to 1832 presidential candidates were nominated by mass meetings, caucuses, legislative resolutions and in other ways not national in character. In the Baltimore convention all the states except Missouri were represented by delegates. Since 1832 the Democrats have held quadrennial conventions, and eight of them, including the first, have met at Baltimore.

At President Jackson's instance the convention which named candidates for the election of 1836 met May 20, 1835, nearly eighteen months prior to election day, thus giving Martin Van Buren and Richard M. Johnson, the nominees, the longest campaign in the history of America. This convention adopted no platform. Andrew Jackson was the Democratic platform. The whole power of Jackson's administration was exerted toward the election of Van Buren in order to overthrow John C. Calhoun, with whom "Old Hickory" had quarreled.

President Van Buren was renominated in 1840, the convention meeting May 5, as the unanimous choice of the party. The convention refused to renominate Vice President Johnson, making, in fact, no nomination for that office. Nevertheless Van Buren was badly defeated in the election by William Henry Harrison, while Johnson was elected vice president by the United States senate. The convention of 1840 adopted a platform, the first ever adopted by any national convention. It declared that the federal government is one of limited powers, which should be strictly construed by all the departments.

The convention of 1844 met May 27 and nominated James K. Polk of Ten-

the convention. Pierce sought a renomination and received a substantial vote, but his attitude in having favored the repeal of the Missouri compromise rendered him a weaker candidate than Buchanan, whose absence had been his political salvation. Buchanan received the nomination, with John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky as the vice presidential candidate. The platform adopted at this convention approved the course of the Pierce administration in repealing the Missouri compromise and thus giving slavery a chance to intrench itself in the new territories north of the southern line of Missouri. The convention of 1860 met at Charleston, S. C., April 23. This was the fiercest Democratic convention ever held, slavery extension being the bone of contention. Stephen A. Douglas was by far the strongest presidential probability. The convention voted fifty-seven ballots without casting the necessary two-thirds vote for one man.

Finally the convention adjourned to meet in Baltimore June 18. Before adjournment several southern states withdrew, being opposed to the Douglas platform. The seceding delegates held a convention in Charleston, adopted a platform for which they had contended in the regular convention, then adjourned to meet in Richmond the first Monday in June. On this date the seceding delegates met and again adjourned to the 21st of June. Meanwhile on the 18th the "regulars" met in Baltimore and nominated Douglas for president and Benjamin Fitzpatrick of Alabama for vice president. Fitzpatrick declined, and the national committee named Herschel V. Johnson in his place. Some of the "regulars" bolted the Baltimore convention and nominated for president John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky and for vice president Joseph Lane of Oregon. The "seceders" sitting in Richmond accepted this ticket.

At Chicago in 1864 the Democratic convention, which met Aug. 29, was

president and William H. English of Indiana for vice president.

Grover Cleveland of New York, the first Democrat elected president since 1856 and thus far the only one, was the presidential nominee of the three conventions of 1884 in Chicago, 1888 in St. Louis and 1892 in Chicago. His running mate in 1884 was Thomas A. Hendricks, in 1888 Allen G. Thurman of Ohio and in 1892 Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois.

When the convention of 1896 met in Chicago the leading candidate was Richard P. Bland of Missouri, but William J. Bryan of Nebraska, then only thirty-six years old, delivered in the convention his famous "cross of gold" speech, and in the ensuing whirlwind of enthusiasm he was nominated for president. Arthur Sewall of Maine was named for vice president. Bryan was renominated by acclamation at Kansas City in 1900, with former Vice President Stevenson in second place.

At the convention in St. Louis in 1904, of which Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri was permanent chairman, Judge Alton B. Parker of New York was nominated for president, with former Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia as running mate.

At the nineteenth Democratic national convention already held fifteen individuals have been named for the presidency. Of these six have been elected. The successful candidates were Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, James K. Polk, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan and Grover Cleveland. Van Buren was elected once and defeated once. Cleveland was elected twice and defeated once. Andrew Jackson was president two terms, but was the nominee of a national convention only once. Tilden was elected at the election and defeated by the electoral commission. Bryan has been defeated twice and is now again the leading candidate for the nomination. In 1904 he was not an aspirant for the honor.

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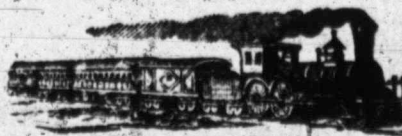
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### Hargrove Estate Valued at \$7,000.

Appraisers for the estate of Walker Hargrove, who was shot May 20th, in the Board of Trade room by Walter James, have been asked of the probate court by Mrs. Jeannette Hargrove, wife of the deceased. She made application to the probate court Saturday for the appointment of appraisers to make an inventory of the community estate of herself and her late husband.

The value of the estate is estimated at \$7,000 by the widow. It consists of property in Tarrant, Montague and Wichita counties, being chiefly houses and lots in Fort Worth, Bowie and Wichita Falls. Besides his wife, Hargrove left two children, an infant 4 months old, and a daughter, Ellen Bailey Hargrove.—Declarer News.

### Entertained "42" Club.

The 42 club and a few invited guests were charmingly entertained Saturday evening from 9 to 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Anderson, corner Tenth street and Burnett avenue. The notable event, Independence Day, gave to the hostess an opportunity of showing her patriotism and displaying her good taste in decorations, which were of the national colors, even to the score cards, which held a tiny American flag, and all the rooms looked gay. The floral decorations were nasturtiums and daisies, and dainty refreshments were served during the evening.

### Married.

At the Presbyterian manse at 11 o'clock this morning, Mr. George M. Kelley and Miss Virginia Pearl Edwards, both of Holliday, Rev. Dr. J. J. Dalton performing the ceremony. The newly married couple will take a short bridal trip, after which they will return to Holliday to make their future home.

In order to insure a change of ad on day of publication, advertisers MUST hand in copy not later than 9 a. m. It is impossible to make the change after that hour. By complying with this request, our advertising patrons will have but little complaint of the service rendered.

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Now don't make the mistake of thinking you can get these any time just because there is no time limit, for there is a limit and a close one on our stock of them, and the prices we quote are going to clean them up quick.

The towels are all genuine linen of good size, with either fringe or hem.

75c quality now	48c
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\$1.50 quality, now	\$1.15
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PHONE 233 **Reed-Brown & Co.**

### STORY OF WILLIAMS

(Continued from Page 1.)

he came out simply because he wanted to purely on his own initiative, as a representative of no interest but his own.

Which brings up Mr. Williams' title of "Honest Bob."

His Nicknames Don't Fit Him.

Across the street leading from the Cumby depot to the blacksmith shop is a muslin banner tacked to two uprights of 2x6 flooring timber. It was put up by traveling men who visit Cumby and reads:

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◆ Vote for Democratic Bob Will-  
◆ Iams for Governor. Help Us  
◆ Boost Him.  
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The traveling men did it on their own account and the townspeople are quite proud of it. But "Democratic Bob" gives no idea of the kind of man Mr. Williams is. Neither does the title "Honest Bob," nor "Black Jack Bob," or any other kind of "Bob" that might be suggested.

Nearer than any of these titles comes the one unconsciously bestowed by a 17-year-old boy, the type which grows up in small towns and is tremendously unsophisticated until it runs counter of a real city atmosphere.

This youth overheard a couple of men talking about Williams and his candacy and broke into their conversation, with "Well, I'll tell you—Uncle Bobbie is a mighty good man." Tribute to an elderly man as "good" and the affectionate prefix of "uncle" coming from a boy at the age when most boys have anything but respect for their elders, give a little idea of the kind of grip Mr. Williams has on the townspeople. He is the sort of man whom any one from children up to middle-aged people would call "Uncle Bobbie." He likes children, by the way, and a little group of them usually may be found playing around the shop. He is the sort of man who would be sent for when a sudden death occurred in a home or who would be one of the first to be told some bit of good news by one of his friends.

Here's a Rap for Governor Campbell. "How do you stand on the proposition of governor obeying the party platform? Is the next logical question, and Mr. Williams is ready for it.

"I am a firm believer in platform demands provided the platform demands are those of the people. If they aren't, what the people want I am not in favor of obeying them. The trouble has been for several years the platforms haven't represented what the people want and the man who has been obeying the demands just because the platform contained them has not been true to the people's interests."

"And how about fewer and better laws?"

"That has been misunderstood and if I had known how many people regard it I wouldn't have incorporated it in my announcement."

"My idea on fewer and better laws is the old Jefferson principle of 'The less the people are governed the better they are governed.' By fewer laws and better ones I mean that we ought to send to the legislature only men who can make laws that won't have to be threshed out in the courts the way they are now. If the laws are made better there won't be time to make so many new ones."

"Nearly all the benefits contained in some of the laws that have been passed during the last few years have been more than eaten up in court costs and testing them. This has been the result of sending to the legislature inexperienced men."

Pointer for the Full Renditionists.

"And how about full rendition?" "I have a different view of that from some people. I believe that the spirit of full rendition is to render for taxation everything you have rather than rendering the market value of some of the things you have and omitting the others."

"I think the Twenty-ninth legislature was right in raising the ad valorem rate to meet the deficiency in the treasury. That was just and fair to everybody. The present tax law is wrong."

"It will not do for the governor to boast about the reduction of the state ad valorem rate. He cannot touch the county rate, nor the city rates, and he knows it. Where rates have been fixed on the basis of old assessments to secure the payment of bonds issued to build our school buildings, no one has the power to reduce such rates. In many counties, where a supplemental tax has been voted to maintain our public schools, in rural communities, the people, in dread of the new rendition, (Continued on Page 6.)

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# PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cunningham of Petrolia were in the city today.

M. J. Talbot of Petrolia was transacting business in the city today.

T. S. Taylor left this afternoon on a business trip to Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Miss Esther Gorsline left this morning for a visit with friends at Marquez, Texas.

Fat Dolan, claim agent for the Fort Worth and Denver, was in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilcox of Archer City were among the visitors in the city today.

N. Henderson left yesterday for Denver to attend the National Democratic convention.

H. B. Hines, a prominent business man of Iowa Park, was transacting business here today.

Miss Nellie and Joe Word left this afternoon for Electra on a visit to Mrs. Mattie Bateman.

James Martin of Fort Worth, who has been visiting Mrs. A. H. Allen, left today on a visit at Texarkana.

W. H. Francis, a prominent real estate man, was in the city today, en route to Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Curtis left yesterday for a month's visit with relatives at Delanor, Illinois.

Mr. Rolse White of Vernon was a visitor to the city yesterday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Stampfl.

Dr. George Taylor of Claysville, Ohio, is the guest of his brother, W. A. Taylor, living southwest of town.

W. A. Carrigan, clerk for the Crazy Well at Mineral Wells, is shaking hands with friends here today.

Miss Laura Crowell of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Crowell, who live near this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stegall are happy over the arrival of a fine baby girl, born in their home last Saturday night.

Mrs. C. Widomayer of Graham arrived yesterday to assist in taking care of her brother, N. A. Crapp, who is ill with fever.

Mrs. B. C. Williams and children, Mabel and Tom, left this morning for a month's visit with relatives at Hubbard City, Texas.

Mrs. John Foshee and children left Saturday for an extended visit with relatives and friends at Stephenville, Hamilton and Belton.

Alex. Henderson and son, Franklin, of Cooperston, Oklahoma, returned to their home today after a visit with relatives here.

Frank Karrenbrock was one of the Wichita county delegation which left this morning to attend the Farmers' Congress at College Station.

W. D. Bentley and son, Arthur, J. L. Downing, J. L. McConkey and several others left this morning for College Station to attend the Farmers' Congress.

C. L. Fontaine, general freight and passenger agent for the Wichita Falls and Northwestern and Wichita Falls and Southern, left this morning for St. Louis.

Mr. J. A. Kemp will leave tomorrow for Chicago.

Mrs. Frank Kell and family and Miss Lucile Brooks left this afternoon for Colorado Springs, where they will spend the summer pleasure seeking.

Constable Randolph returned from Fort Worth last night, where he took Sam Caldwell, a negro convict from this city, and a white convict from Haskell to turn them over to the State prison contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nutt and granddaughter, Miss Louise Stevens, left yesterday on an extended pleasure trip through California and Denver, Colorado. They will be absent about three months.

### TODAY'S MARKETS.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 6.—The total cattle receipts today were 3,500.

Beef Steers—Receipts 500. Quality choice. Calfeders were active and higher at \$400@36.60, breaking the record for high prices in this class.

Butcher Cows—Receipts 1,500. Quality medium. Market active and higher at \$2.50@32.15.

Calves—Receipts 1,000. Quality fair. Market slow, but prices steady at \$3.00@33.65.

Hogs—Receipts 2,100. Quality was choice. Market active and higher at \$5.50@36.20.

**Chicago Grain Market.**

Wheat—	Open	High	Close
July	87 1/4	88 3/4	88 3/4
September	88 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4
December	89 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4

**Corn—**

July	73	74	74
September	72	73 1/2	73 1/2
December	67 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2

**Oats—**

July	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
September	41 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
December	42 1/2	43	43

**Kansas City Grain Market.**

Wheat—	Open	High	Close
July	84	85	85
September	82 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
December	84 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2

**Corn—**

July	71	72	72
September	67 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
December	55 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2

**Oats—**

July	46	47	47
September			
December			

# THE PORT OF MISSING MEN

(Continued From Page 7.)

pocket—his... stroke.

"My dear sir," began Chauvenet, white with rage.

"My dear M. Chauvenet," said Armitage, striking a match. "I am indebted to you for returning a trinket that I value highly."

The flame crept half the length of the stick while they regarded each other. Then Armitage raised it to the tip of his cigarette, lifted his head and blew a cloud of smoke.

"Are you able to prove your property, Mr. Armitage?" demanded Chauvenet furiously.

"My dear sir, they have a saying in this country that possession is nine points of the law. You had it—now I have it—wherefore it must be mine!"

Chauvenet's face grew suddenly relaxed. He leaned against a chair with a return of his habitual nonchalant air and waved his hand carelessly.

"Between gentlemen—so small a matter!"

"To be sure, the merest trifle," laughed Armitage with entire good humor. "And where a gentleman has the predatory habits of a burglar and housebreaker—"

"Then lesser affairs, such as picking up trinkets—"

"Come naturally; quite so!" And Chauvenet twisted his mustache with an air of immense satisfaction.

"But the genial art of assassination—there's a business that requires a calculating hand, my dear M. Chauvenet."

Chauvenet's hand went again to his lip.

"To be sure!" he ejaculated, with zest.

"But alone—alone one can do little. For larger operations one requires, I should say, courageous associates. Now, in my affairs, would you believe me, I am obliged to manage quite alone."

"How melancholy!" exclaimed Chauvenet.

"It is, indeed, very sad!" and Armitage sighed, tossed his cigarette into the smoldering grate and bade Chauvenet a ceremonious good night.

"Ah, we shall meet again, I dare say!"

"The thought does credit to a generous nature," responded Armitage and passed out into the house.

(To be Continued.)

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