

A SOLDIER OF COMMERCE

BY JOHN ROE GORDON

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CHAPTER XV.
FOUR GENTLEMEN OF WEALTH.

THE situation of Harvey Irons on the hayboat was critical in the extreme; but, great as was his danger, he regarded it as nothing compared to the danger that threatened Alma. He was at most exhausted from hunger, cold and grief. The boat slowly drifted in a southern direction, making toward the eastern side of the Caspian. It drifted out of the ordinary course of navigation, and he watched in vain for a passing vessel. He watched as long as possible the course of the ameer's sloop and reasoned that it was making for the nearest Bokharan port. Night came on, with no rescuing vessel in sight. Hour after hour he drifted, hoping almost against hope, ever thinking of Alma and of a way to help her. About midnight it seemed to him that the rocking motion of the boat had ceased; that it had become stationary. "Here is a pretty mess!" he exclaimed. "I wonder if this old hulk has run aground. The Caspian is shallow, but I did not think a boat like this could run aground in the middle of it."

An examination in the dark was not easy. Harvey slid down the pile of hay, groping about with one hand while he clung for safety with the other. He fancied he saw a faint light glimmering some distance from him, but it disappeared as suddenly as it had come. He saw the light again, a quick passing from one point to another, but showing for a moment only.

"Now, that light is not on a vessel," Harvey reasoned. "It is a lantern carried around by a person who is walking on land. If I drifted aground here, certainly there cannot be water enough at that place to float any kind of vessel. I've probably drifted on the shore of some island. Is it a hospitable island, or will I be worse off in the clutches of the inhabitants than where I am? The wind may drive me off again before morning and a vessel pick me up. But would the vessel be any safer than this island? And how can I investigate without attracting attention?"

Soon there was another gleam of light such as might come through an open door from a light within. A man was standing between Harvey and the light. He seemed to be looking toward the hayboat but soon disappeared into the same place from which came the mysterious light.

"It is an island," said Harvey. "I am now resting on a shoal, and the water cannot be very deep between this and the island. I'll swim ashore and risk it."

He removed some of his clothing, made a bundle of it and slid off into the water. To his surprise he could stand on bottom. Carefully he felt his way. For a short distance the water grew more shallow. Then it got deeper, and he was forced to swim. After a short swim he again felt the ground under his feet, and he waded on to dry land. The shore was sandy.

He moved slowly and cautiously. It was difficult to locate where the light had been. He groped along, wandering in many curves. Trees were on the island, but he could see no trace of a building. After groping some time in the darkness he discovered what appeared to be a rock about five feet high. Feeling the surface of this, he found that it was not a solid rock, but a rocky formation with an opening on one side. Lying flat on the ground and peering in, he saw a light far in the earth, apparently from a lantern hung on a peg. He slowly crawled inside the cave. After advancing for several feet he found that he could stand up and walk.

A voice came from behind a shelter of the rocky wall that projected into the chamber. It pleased Harvey that it was not the voice of a Russian, for Russians were the only people he had any reason to fear.

"I have spoken," said a calm, stern voice within the concealed chamber. "I have given the treasure as it should be given."

"But, no, my brother," came a voice that seemed to Harvey to tremble with emotion. It was a harsh, cold voice, not like the other. "You have done well for yourself. You have done well for the clans in the mountains. But we have not fared as we should. Was it not our courage that made the accumulation of this booty possible?"

"Yes, that is so," answered the first speaker. "But I am Palpak, chief of the Zanucks, and it was I who planned everything. The wealth that came from the ameer's people we were compelled to hide here until the ameer's soldiers had finished their search among our villages, and the wealth that came from the Buddhist temples, which we found the most valuable of all, and the gold that came from the paymasters of the Russian soldiers

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FALL OPENING OF MILLINERY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

when we attacked and robbed. All these are mine—mine! Do you understand, Domitan? It was Palpak, the chief, who in the interest of all his people, downtrodden as they are by the wicked ameer, strove to gain that with which we could buy horses and cattle and make the Zanucks wealthy. I have given you enough. The rest must be divided among the people."

"No," said a third voice, thick and guttural. "Domitan is right, Palpak, though you be chief. We were with you in all the ventures. It is not right that you should rob us now."

"Rob you?" cried Palpak angrily. "Rob you of what? In the name of the white hair, of what can I rob you when you have nothing save what I have given you? I tell you I am working not for wealth for you, my brothers, but for the whole people. The Zanucks have been downtrodden and robbed by the ameer. He demands more tribute than we possess. He taxes us for our oxen, for our cattle, and then his soldiers steal the cattle. He taxes us for our families, and the soldiers steal our children. Our boys are compelled to enter the ameer's army, and our girls—curses upon the ameer and upon you if you cannot see the justice of what I am doing. But the ameer has desisted from his search. He has some great affair now in progress. It is time we took the treasure to the mountains and distributed it among the people and then begin again to plan."

"It shall not be so! I swear it!"

"There are three of us!" growled the surly voice.

"And we are determined men!" said one who had not spoken before.

"Do you intend to defy me?" demanded the one who called himself Palpak.

The three laughed. "We intend to you will see what we intend."

Harvey began to catch the drift of things.

"This," he reasoned, "is what is popularly called honor among thieves. Here's a band of four who have been successful in gathering treasure by robbing everything and everybody to enrich a people kept down by that miserable wretch of an ameer. And now the only decent one, if there is such a thing as decency among them, is to be killed so that the other three can keep the treasure instead of putting it to the use originally intended. Three against one. If I can save the leader, I can no doubt enlist him in my behalf."

He crept to the wall and peered around. A strange sight met his eager gaze. On a wooden peg that had been driven into a crevice of the rocky wall hung a lantern. On the stone floor of the cavern squatted four men in a circle, and between them were many bags of gleaming jewels, bales of choicest fabrics and bags of gold.

It was not difficult to pick out Palpak, for his watchful eyes were roving from one to the other as he remained on his guard against an attack. But the plans of the other three were already laid. It was evidently a preconcerted arrangement. The one called Domitan shouted "Now!" and the three hurled themselves upon Palpak.



"Who are you?" the robbers demanded. "Hold on there! Let that man alone!" shouted Harvey, rushing in. His presence disconcerted the robbers, and they stopped fighting. Domitan, with a curse and gasping for breath, rose to his feet and seized his knife.

"Who are you?" the robbers demanded in chorus.

"The four seemed ready to join against Harvey.

"My friends," he said, "permit me to say that this conduct upon my own territory, to which you were not invited, is most unseemly. I am the owner of this island, having just purchased it from the Russian government. I'll have no murder committed here."

"You! The owner of the island of Ping Shong?"

"That's what I said! At this moment I own the island."

"It is a lie," said Domitan. "You die on your island, then."

He made a rush, but Palpak intercepted him. The other two, recovering from their astonishment, joined with

Domitan. Suddenly from the outer cavern came the rush of booted feet and the clank of arms.

"Seize them all!" commanded Captain Sergius Orskoff to the force of Russian soldiers, who rushed upon the combatants and executed the order before the American and the robbers were aware of their presence.

At the moment Harvey recognized Orskoff the latter exclaimed: "The American! I have found you at last!"

CHAPTER XVI

AN ARGUMENT AND AN EXPLANATION.

VENGEANCE gleamed in Orskoff's eyes. His sword was at the throat of the American.

"Stealer of women! Scoundrel who has twice stolen the daughter of Bartelkis. Where have you hidden her? The searchlight of the gunboat revealed the hayboat, but she is not there. Where have you hidden her?"

"Now, captain," said Harvey, "don't be too hasty in this matter. I did not steal Koura Bartelkis, but I know where she is."

"You know? Of course you know! But you lie when you say you did not steal her. You came down the Kur in a hayboat belonging to the Astrakhan Charka with a woman disguised as a man? Who else was that but Koura?"

"You are getting excited! Kindly take that confounded sword from my throat. I'd like to talk with some comfort."

"Comfort! A stealer of girls asks for comfort! That is the limit of American effrontery. I'll run the sword to the hilt."

"If you do, I assure you that you will never see your Koura again."

"See, he admits he has the girl! He has accomplices who will kill her if he is harmed!" shouted one of the soldiers.

Something in the words and manner of Harvey impelled Orskoff to lower his sword. He turned to the soldiers who were guarding the four robbers and said:

"Take them on board the gunboat. It is evident that they have robbed Russians, for here are bags of rubles. They must be taken at once to Tills, Convey all the treasure on board."

Turning again to Harvey, his face resuming its expression of hate, he said: "You know that I love Koura, and to rescue her I am willing to parley with you. I had determined to kill you on sight. Come with me."

Harvey followed his captor to the entrance of the cave. Here he found a guard of additional soldiers with lanterns. In the distance a brilliant searchlight sent its gleam upon the island, lighting it as by day. In the great light from the gunboat Harvey

could see that the old hayboat had stuck in the mud near the island. At a little distance was a sailing vessel, evidently the property of Palpak and his robber brothers. On the shore were two boats, which had landed the Russians.

The five prisoners were jostled rudely while getting into the boats and at a command from Orskoff were soon on the way to the waiting gunboat. They were received on board by a young officer, who saluted Orskoff.

"I congratulate you, my captain. I am told by the men that you not only captured the American who stole the daughter of Bartelkis, but that you also had the good fortune to seize the four robbers who attacked the paymaster and robbed him at Mogda."

"Are you sure these are the men?"

"I could not be mistaken. The leader is Palpak, chief of the tribe of Zanucks, nominally under the rule of the ameer, but hating him."

"Guard them well, then."

"Shall we get under way at once, my captain?"

"No, lieutenant. As you know, we want to find Koura Bartelkis. I have, it is true, captured the man who stole her, but I have not succeeded in finding the young woman. Remain here while I investigate. I shall go on that island in the daytime and search. I can see little at night even with the searchlight."

Harvey stood waiting to be questioned, but Orskoff paid little heed to him.

"Put the prisoners in irons," he said to a subaltern.

"But irons won't unlock my lips," said Harvey.

"I will find a way to unlock your lips. If I cannot find Koura on that island in the morning, I will hang you by your thumbs till you tell the truth."

"But I am anxious to tell it now. You won't listen."

Orskoff waved his hands, and Harvey was dragged away.

The gunboat remained, and as soon as it was sufficiently light in the morning Orskoff took a squad and returned to the island. He examined every foot of the place and returned to the gunboat chagrined and angry.

"Bring up that American!" he commanded. Harvey was hustled to the deck.

"Lieutenant Nevisky, attend!" said Orskoff. "Now, stealer of women, I will give you one more chance to tell the truth. If you do not, your thumbs will be torn out. Your life depends upon your answers. Tell where you have hidden Koura. Your punishment will be worse than death if you do not. Koura was to have been my wife."

"You said something like that before, but that she was to be your wife is news to me. For my part, I am willing

to tell you where she is."

"I have searched the island. I am convinced that Koura is not there."

"I could have told you that and saved you trouble and time. Koura is getting farther away every minute. You will never find her."

"You lie! I will have your life!" howled the captain as he sprang to his feet.

"You do seem inclined that way, but before you take it, reflect. Just show a little common sense, if you have any. If you kill me, how do you expect to find Koura?"

"But you say you do not know where she is."

"I said nothing of the kind. I said I did not know where she was. But I did not take her there. Take off these confounded irons, treat me like a man, and I will tell you what I know."

"Remove the irons," said the captain. The lieutenant unlocked them.

"Come with me alone," said Harvey. Surprised, Orskoff beckoned to Nevisky, who turned and walked away.

"Beware," said Orskoff, "how you trifle with me."

"I am not trifling with you. I am the only man who can help you find your Koura, and it happens that I have as ardent a reason to want to find her as you."

"You love her?"

"I don't even know her, but one I love is with her."

"Then you did take her away?"

"No, I did not. I know nothing about Koura—that is, except where she is this moment. But, before I tell you, must first tell me how you traced me to the island."

Orskoff made a gesture of impatience.

"Koura had been lying with her uncle in Tills. I saw her every day, and if I was not on duty I spent the evening at the house. One night I was on duty and did not go. I stopped to see her the next morning, and her uncle, who was beside himself with terror, told me she had gone out the night before and had not returned. I knew she had been stolen, and, as that was the morning you escaped from prison, I knew you had taken her. I searched the river and learned that Charka's hayboat had gone down toward the Caspian. It was said that a man and woman, the woman disguised as a man, had gone with Charka. I reached the coast as soon as possible, but I could not overtake you. The launch had gone before I made the discovery, or all this would not have happened. On the gunboat I cruised everywhere, making the searchlight at night. Last night we discovered the hayboat and at once went to the island."

"I was on Charka's boat," said Har-

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CANYON CITY NEWS.

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

The farmers over the county are bringing into town some nice specimens of their products and one of just recent occurrence is worthy of special mention, that of several heads of milo maize brought in by Sam Lofton from his place one mile west of town and placed on exhibition at Buie & Rollins' real estate office. The specimen is hard to beat in any man's country.

Canyon City is enjoying at present a better trade than she has had for the past two years, particularly in this true of the lumber, coal and hardware business. A local lumber dealer, informed a News reporter Monday that on Friday of last week he loaded out fifteen wagon loads of material which will be utilized for building new Plains homes. The wagon yards are full every night with wagons and teams that are hauling away what Canyon City business men have for sale. The town has by no means the symptoms of slumber that characterize some of the Western towns during such adversities as the West has undergone lately.

I. W. McClure.

The News is authorized to announce I. W. McClure as a candidate for County Commissioner of precinct No. 3. Mr. McClure is a staunch citizen with a good level business head and will make a worthy successor to the present excellent commissioner, T. F. Gilliland, who, it is said, has declined to serve longer in that capacity.

The Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners' Association, which has been recently organized, will meet in Amarillo next Saturday.

STOCK SHIPMENTS.

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

SATURDAY.	
A. A. Hoagan	5 "
Luna & Crawford	1 "
Campbell Bros.	1 "
J. W. French	4 "
Grundy & Jordan	2 "
G. N. Caler	2 "
W. C. Dinwiddie	4 "
Crowder Bros.	6 "
MONDAY.	
Luna & Crawford	2 "
W. E. Bledsoe	2 "
T. C. Jennings	2 "
G. W. Tucker	2 "
L. L. Hand	1 "
E. Brooks	8 "
C. Brooks	4 "
J. E. Rogers	3 "
M. N. Wesley	2 "

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Prof. Mosely arrived last Thursday. Glad to have him back again. School opened Monday with flattering prospects.

J. R. Skidmore was in our midst last week, we were indeed glad to see him. Never saw him wear a happier smile. He seems to be searching for a jewel of some kind that he expects to find. (?)

J. M. White, of Amarillo, was in our midst Sunday.

Relus Potter, of Amarillo, was in our community Saturday buying cattle.

The series of meetings closed at Paloduro Sunday evening with good results, and great honor to God. Rev. J. T. Burnett is pastor and has done good work for the past year, and has been called again. He is a very zealous and earnest pastor trying to keep his church in perfect duty all the time. Bro. Wesson, of Hereford, came in Monday night and did the preaching during the meeting. He is an able servant of God, filled with the Holy Spirit and love in his heart. There were 15 conversions; 6 restored to the joy of salvation and 15 additions to the church. The church has a membership of 52, for which we are very thankful. Several came from Hereford and assisted in the meeting.

A mission collection of \$64.15 was taken up Sunday morning before service.

Mr. Fewel of Auxvasee, Mo., is out here prospecting. He is well pleased with this country.

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RANDALL CO. PRODUCTIONS.

It is not many years since that Randall, as well as all the other Plains counties, was one vast cattle range. In that day, which was just before the coming of the Iron Horse, no country on God's green earth presented better opportunities at less outlay to the stockman than did the great Plains. Hither came the drifting cowman from the Central and Southern portions of the State. Here he found a second land of Goshen and well did he keep the secret until the advent of the railroad wrested it from him. Then as now this great plateau, marked upon some maps as a barren waste or desert, was covered with a fine turf of the best flesh producing grasses in the world. With no ticks, "creeps" unknown, few screw worms, and pure cold water everywhere and easy to get, especially since the era of the bored well industry, it proved to be then and is now a paradise for man's most useful animals—the horse, cow and hog.

Dealing with the present, the News will state some facts going to prove what the native grasses alone will show in the way of beef production. These facts are nothing more nor less than the average weight of common range cattle, at different ages, shipped from this county, this year, to the Kansas City and other markets. The figures are furnished by a well known local shipper and tell the following tale:

Steers, 4's,	1050 lbs.
" 3's	850 "
" 2 year old;	700 "
" 1 "	500 "
Cows,	850 lbs.
Heifers 2 year old	600 "
" 1 "	500 "
Calves, Spring, 300 lbs.	

Mind you, the weights given are those for common range or grass stock. There are other cattle here, many of them, pure bred and high grades, that are "wintered" to some extent which would in heft and other particulars sought by the markets come up to the same class of stock produced in the North. Horses do exceptionally well here and no country can beat this for hogs.

SMALL GRAIN

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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.

In Randall county, where given the attention required for success elsewhere, small grain—wheat and oats—has done well. This year owing to total absence of rain last winter and early spring the grain crop was a failure, but last year, said to have been about average, the yield for wheat in Randall and the adjoining counties of Deaf Smith and Swisher, was over twenty bushels per acre. These are the figures given by those who did the threshing. Few oats were threshed but the crops visited by a News reporter were good enough for anybody.

KAFFIR, MAIZE AND MILLETT.
These productions to which might be added cane, grow to perfection here. The output for this year will average for maize and kaffir about 50 bushels of heads per acre and perhaps 3 tons of forage. Millett and cane will fall some below the general average for past years, taken the county over, and may not yield over 1 1/2 tons per acre. Indian corn is not generally planted but Randall county has several fields this year that will readily go over 25 bushels per acre—not a good year for corn either—missed a rain just when it needed it worst.

COTTON

In Randall county this staple is in the experimental stage—just a few patches in this year for the first time. It's going to do all right. It was an entirely new proposition and as it generally happens our people, most of them, took to it in a kind of half-hearted way. A few however, went right ahead and put in "patches" anyhow. One of these, named because of being

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Is about worked out as an advertising catch phrase. Men who work hard know that there is nothing **FREE** but air, and that it costs taxes to breathe that in most places. So we don't offer you anything for nothing, but if you will give us the chance we will give you 20 per cent off on all our **Mattings and Lace Curtains**. That offer will hold good till October 1. Better come early.

THOMAS BROS.
FURNITURE DEALERS.

"close in" is G. W. Palmer's. His patch of about three acres is, you might say, right in town. It was planted June 15, will go close to waist high, is well limbed and balled and is at this writing, Sept. 20, also covered with blooms. Planted a month earlier, as it should have been, or given a month's longer lease of life, as it ordinarily would enjoy on the Plains, a third bale to the acre would be easy and a half bale probable. Where cotton has passed this experimental stage as in Swisher, Floyd and Hale counties, and is cultivated by farmers, the claim for this year is made now at from one-half to one bale per acre average for the three counties.

When we consider that the soil, altitude and seasons are practically the same in Randall county as there, why not the same result?

VEGETABLES.

Speaking of vegetables, a short trip through the county this week brought to the view of a News reporter lots of garden truck. Carloads of watermelons weighing up to eighty pounds and with a flavor that would gladden the heart of a Brazos river nigger, are laying around thick—no market for 'em. Cabbages, solid, crisp and otherwise A1, lots of them tipping the beam at 12 lbs. and over; beets, Irish and sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, pars-

nips, carrots, rhubarb, beans, peas, but why particularize for all garden truck does well. Randall county has all these things row and they'll last till winter. When vegetables become "scarce" at Ft. Worth they are always in plenty on the Plains and it does look to the News that with a little effort on the part of our citizens a thriving business could be gotten up in supplying the eastern market. Right here is where the crying need of a Farmers' Institute is indicated.

Later on the News will have something to say about pure bred stock, alfalfa and many other things. This article began, you may say, with the cow—it closes with the bee. When the Supreme Architect of the universe wanted to picture a country as above all others it was painted as "a land flowing with milk and honey," and even so is Randall county, and in fact the whole of the great plains country. All must admit the cow does well here and now comes G. W. Palmer, one of our very best citizens, and makes the following statement concerning bees:

Last year he purchased two swarms and that this season each of them gave off three additional swarms, and all—judging from the weight of one the News reporter was invited to lift—are full of honey. Verily, verily, the long thought barren wastes of the Lone Star State is destined to become the corner stone of its agricultural prominence and future prosperity.

NEW RAILROAD MATTERS.

A special from Chicago to the Dallas News under date of Sept. 17, gives the following concerning our proposed new railroad:

"C. L. Tallmadge of Chicago today returned from New York, where he succeeded in financing a project which will give Texas a new railway line through a producing part of the State, now without transportation facilities.

The new line will extend south and a little east from Canyon City, Tex., in the direction of San Antonio, to which city it will probably be eventually extended. The Pecos Valley lines of the Santa Fe now touch Canyon City, but officials of that road deny that the Santa Fe has any interest in the projected line.

Surveys have been completed and contracts let for the construction of 150 miles of the road.

It is understood that the same interests have made a survey for a second Texas line to extend from El Paso east, to be known as the East and West Texas Railroad, and to cross the northern Texas line at some point south of Canyon City. The El Paso line will connect with the Pecos Valley Road at Dexter, N. M., in the heart of the Pecos Valley country. These two lines, it is said, will give both the Pecos Valley and the Panhandle Plains and South Plains of Texas ample transportation facilities."

Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber

Portions of last and this week a News reporter in company with the genial "picture man," M. S. Lusby, was out in the country taking scenes for "The Earth," a Santa Fe Journal, published at Chicago. These views will include a bunch of cattle, milo maize, oats in shock, a cotton field and other rural objects. The new school building is perhaps the only one that will go from town. These, together with a write-up of town and county indorsed by the Board of Trade, will appear in thirty thousand copies of "The Earth" which will be read in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and other States of the North.

Cured of Lame Back After 15 Years of Suffering.

"I had been troubled with lame back for fifteen years and I found a complete recovery in the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says John G. Bisher, Gilliam, Ind. This liniment is also without an equal for sprains and bruises. It is for sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

W. C. T. U. Organized.

While Mrs. Stoddard was here a local W. C. T. U. was organized with the following officers elected: Mrs. J. K. Dean, president; Miss May Lair, secretary and Miss Bertha Wallace, treasurer. Quite a number of members were enrolled at the initial meeting.

NOTICE.

I have sold my interest in the drug stock of Thompson Drug Co. to A. H. Thompson and D. M. Stewart who assume all liabilities and collect all debts due the old firm.

Thos. Odell, M. D.

Local.

Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber

I. W. McClure reports a good rain in his vicinity Monday night.

Miss Pearl Gillum, the music teacher, came in Monday.

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

John Rowan returned Monday from a trip to Dallas and Terrell.

The best Bakers' light bread at Wilson's. Fresh and good.

Heberd Smith and George Reniecke came in Monday evening from a tour through New Mexico.

The local order of Odd Fellows had a sociable picnic on the creek near Ed Harrell's last Saturday.

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

Five wagon loads of wool were brought in Wednesday from Crosby county for shipment.

Attorney R. A. Sowder has been attending to some legal business at Hereford this week.

Dr. Parsons and wife returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Snyder.

Mrs. W. H. Hightower went down to Portales, N. M., yesterday where she will visit her son for a while.

Send your laundry to the National Steam Laundry at Sherman—Otis McQuatter, local agent. Good work, prompt delivery.

Bro. Stephens informed the News that the Methodist meeting which was to have begun next Sunday, has been called off indefinitely.

M. C. Chamlee secured bail Wednesday, in the sum of \$500, for appearance at the next district court, H. E. Hume and Joe Garrison bondsmen.

Charlie Thomas came in from the Lubbock country last week and reports that he has been doing a good business for his furniture house.

Miss Annie Buie returned last Saturday from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Stamford. She also visited the Fair at St. Louis before returning home.

John Orr returned last week from Roswell, N. M., where he contracted for a car of apples which he sold later to Oscar Smith. Mr. Smith left Tuesday evening for Clarendon where he will dispose of the apples.

J. N. Donohoo and daughter, together with a party of Plainview friends and relatives, left last Saturday for a visit to the World's Fair. Miss Minnie Donohoo will enter Sherman college after the termination of the pending visit.

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

CANYON LBR. CO.

Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber

R. E. Foster was quite painfully though not seriously injured Wednesday morning while hauling a barrel of water from the public drinking tub by falling on his left side on the wall of the tub.

W. R. Brandon last week purchased the W. D. Kirkland residence. Mrs. Kirkland and brother, Lewis Bentley, left Monday evening for Yuma, Arizona, their future home.

Smiley Wilson stopped over here Wednesday with his parents on his return to Lubbock from a two weeks' visit to the World's Fair, which he pronounced the greatest thing he had seen lately.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. O'Keefe and daughter, Miss May, returned home Monday from a visit of several weeks to their old home in Alabama. They also took in the World's Fair at St. Louis on their return.

The contract for building the Christian church was let to Scott & Roland for the sum of \$250. Work began Monday. In size it will be 48 feet long by 30 wide with walls 16 feet high and otherwise in general appearance as it is in size a duplicate of the Baptist church.

The followers of the Holiness faith under the guidance of the Bates Band are progressing in a meeting at the court house. Several visitors of that belief from Amarillo and other places are here rendering assistance. The meeting will continue on until after Sunday night services.

"Pete" Jones returned home Wednesday from a cotton picking tour down in the north central part of the State. He says that good cotton is hard to find around Dallas, Ft. Worth and Waco and that there are plenty of pickers to pick all that will be made. Along the Ft. Worth & Denver Ry. the cotton is good but it will not be open for two weeks yet.

Last Saturday Mrs. M. J. Overhuls was pleasantly surprised by the arrival of her two sons, Churchill and Gus Lewis, from Amarillo. Churchill has been over quite a lot of United States soil since he was here last, having been principally in the north and northwestern States. Gus, who lives in Amarillo, has just recovered from a long siege of typhoid fever. They returned to Amarillo Tuesday evening.

Do not overlook the fact that today, Friday, Sept. 23, Wright, Gamble & Co. will have on display the greatest assortment of popular priced Millinery ever brought to Canyon City. Come and let us show you what we have, and do not feel in doing so that you are imposing on us in the least. It is here for your inspection whether you are ready to buy yet or not.

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CANYON LUMBER CO.

Alfalfa For Sale.

Good clean alfalfa hay, cut and baled at the right time, delivered anywhere in town at ten dollars per ton.

Henry Shinebarger.

Dr. Thos. Odell left this week for Estacado, Crosby county, where he will "hang out his shingle" and make his future abode. The doctor exchanged his drug interest here to Dr. Stewart for two sections of land in Yoakum county, and this with the four that he owns adjacent making him a nice ranch of six sections in one body. Dr. Odell will move his family to the new home as soon as he can, make suitable arrangements for a residence. The News wishes them well in their new location.

For Sale

—200 acres patented land, under fence and on public road 6 miles South of town, 90 per cent tillable, 60 acres already in cultivation, house of 2 rooms, outhouses, two good wells of fine water and over one of them, a 2-inch pump outfit and 12-foot Red Cross Windmill—640 acres adjoining lease goes with it—all for \$1250. If taken at once 60 acres of cane that will make about 100 tons will be included.

Bicycles Repaired

And rented at the old W. W. Merrill tin shop. Have agency for best wheels in the world.
BOB HEDDMAN.

If your premises are infected with chicken mites or other similar pests you should give the outbuildings a coat of coal tar. This serves the purpose of preserving the lumber or tin besides ridding the place of pestilent insects.

J. R. Skidmore was a pleasant caller at the News office Wednesday and while here incidentally handed us a dollar for a year's supply of Randall county news for his brother at Biardstown. It has been currently reported that "J. R." was about to forsake the paths of lonely bachelorhood and get him a better-half, but upon being questioned as to the truthfulness of the report by a News reporter he said that it would not be safe to announce his marriage for a week or more yet.

BIRTHS.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster, Sept. 13, a girl baby.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie DeLong, Sept. 15, a girl.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Campbell, Monday, Sept. 19, a boy.

SCHOOL OPENS.

School began Monday, and with children of all ages and sizes hurrying up and down the streets Canyon City certainly looked like herself again. The real work of the year began Tuesday. Monday the teachers employed the time in meeting the new pupils, greeting the old ones, classifying, and outlining the course of study for the term. Recitations began in earnest Tuesday, and the long vacation has given way to a period of work that means lots of worry for the little folk.

A notable feature of the opening was the presence and interest of many of the school patrons—the parents. The new school structure added a degree of magnificence and permanency to the solemnity of renewed educational duties that was alike impressive to both teachers, students and patrons. School opened with some 210 pupils but just what enrollment will be made for an average during the term cannot be easily determined until about three week's time shall have passed. This is due to the fact that there are yet families busily engaged in the harvest fields who have expressed an intention of moving in for the school as soon as the crops are gathered. But there is a sufficient number of youngsters to give animated appearance to school rooms and grounds, vacated and silent for some time.

When one stops to consider that these troops of school children from tiny youngsters in pinafores to young ladies with their back hair done up, and from knickerbockers to long trousers, run up into the hundreds, this mustering of so many regiments means no end of work for those most concerned and speaks volumes for the coming of a Greater Canyon City.

Perhaps, best of all in Monday's parade were the little tots belonging to the first primary, rejoicing in their suddenly developed educational advantage and struggling with books quite large enough to hide their diminutive bodies. These little soldiers whose bare legs speak of the vacation tan that comes from the wind and reflected sun of the silvery Plains enter upon the arduous duties just as heroically as their larger brothers and sisters.

Time was when there were no such ponderous looking volumes for these little ones, and from

the multiplication table, which hung on the wall, and the "a-b-c's," which were written on the blackboard, the mind of the very young was directed in the right direction for the proper shoot. But it seems to be quite different now, and the very young start in to store knowledge at a rate that ought to lift education to a very high plane indeed, by the time these little folks are handling the reins of government.

THE FACULTY.

That the patrons may know something of the faculty of the above school, the Board authorizes the following statement concerning the teachers employed therein.

A. Ernsberger, Supt., Graduate in Classics, Northern University, Ada, Ohio.

Mrs. Ernsberger, Graduate in Scientific, Northern University Ada, Ohio.

B. F. Hodges, Graduate State Normal, Huntsville, Texas.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson, Graduate State Normal, Huntsville, Texas.

Miss Ona Long, Graduate Canyon City High School.

Miss Belle Parker attended Training Dep't., for primary course Vanderbilt University, (not graduate) and has 1st grade certificate on general average of 96.

All pupils who complete the prescribed course of study in Canyon City High School will receive a Diploma at the close of the term, and the Board of Trustees respectively solicits the patronage of the general public.

Married.

At the residence of Judge Henson, Sunday, Sept. 16, J. I. Coulson and Miss Emma Williams of Umberger, the County Judge, performing the ceremony. A News reporter acknowledges an invitation to be present at the wedding and regrets his inability to attend.

Business Change.

We, A. H. Thompson & D. M. Stewart have bought the interest of Thos. Odell in the stock of drugs, fixtures, notions etc., owned by Thompson Drug Co. We, A. H. Thompson & D. M. Stewart, assume all liabilities and collect all indebtedness of old firm.

A. H. Thompson,
D. M. Stewart.

To conform with the itinerary of their pastor, the Cumberland Presbyterian brethren will hold church services in their building on the third and fourth Sundays in each month, instead of the first and third, as formerly, and in accordance with the change, the Christians, who have heretofore used the building on every fourth Sunday, will hold services there on Sunday, October 2. Mr. Haston will arrive on the preceding Saturday and will, perhaps, preach that night.

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

A Choice Display of Fall Dress Goods

We have gathered for this initial Autumnal event what is undoubtedly the most comprehensive and attractive variety of superior Dress Goods ever brought to this town. We extend a hearty invitation to every woman in Canyon City and vicinity to visit us and see the charming array of new Fall novelties.

We invite your attention to the following prices:

- Ladies' fancy Neck Wear.....25 and 35c.
- Crushed Velvet and Leather Belts, ..60c, 75c, \$1.
- Passametrica Persian Bands.....35c to 75c.
- Cravenette, 30 inches wide.....95c to \$1.25.
- Sicilian, 32 inches wide.....\$1.25 to \$1.35
- Sicilian, 36 inches wide.....60c
- Cheviot Serge, 30 inches wide.....90c
- Fancy Mohair, 45 and 36 inches wide, ..\$1.25, 60c
- Fancy Waistings, ..10c, 25c, 50c and 60c.
- Plain and Fancy Silks.....30c, 60c and \$1.00.

- Komona Cloth.....10c and 20c.
- Table Felt.....60c
- Linens, 40 and 80 inches wide, ..60c and \$1.00
- Complete Line Stamped Linens and thread to work, in the Embroidery and Mont Melic.
- Fancy Blankets and Slumber Robes.....\$1.50.
- Well Selected Line of Tailor Made Skirts, from.....\$1.00 to \$10.00.
- Knit Norfolk Jackets.....\$3.00
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"A Soldier of Commerce"

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vey, "and if you had used any reasoning powers you would have known that it could not have been Koura who was with me. You say you were told that the woman with me was disguised as a man. Now, how could I get Koura in such a disguise? When a woman disguises herself, it is for a purpose. Koura was stolen; she did not go of her own accord, as did Alma."

"You speak of Alma Jurnieff, niece of the colonel."

"Yes. She assisted me to escape, and our attempt was discovered before she could return to her apartments. It was necessary for her to fly with me. On the Caspian the bayonet met with disaster, and Alma and I were left on it alone. We drifted all night, shivering with cold and hunger. In the morning we found ourselves under the bows of a long, black boat belonging to the ameer of Bokhara."

"I know the boat. It is used to carry goods to Persia."

"Not this time. It is being used to carry Alma Jurnieff and Koura Biarlekis to Bokhara. They permitted Alma to go on board, and I, like a fool, in my excitement allowed them to know she was not what her clothing would show. They would not take me, and the captain, whose name, I believe, is Karakal, or something like that, shooed out to me that they had the daughter of Biarlekis and that soon both girls would be the brides of princes."

"Is this true? Do you swear you are telling me the truth? How did they get Koura?"

"Haiz Effendi passed us in a cayik. He was intercepted at the mouth of the river by the launch, and something was said about sacks. They were permitted to depart. Undoubtedly the Turk had Koura concealed."

"Orskoff spent several minutes in thought. Suddenly turning to Harvey he held out his hand, saying:

"I believe you. I ask your pardon for the insults I have heaped on you. This is terrible! Koura gone! A slave to the heathen ameer, and I helpless to aid or rescue her! It makes one mad! I could drive this sword blade into my heart."

"Sit down and be calm," said Harvey. "We can rescue Alma Jurnieff and Koura or kill the men who marry

or harm them. Let us work the game together. I am starving. Give me some food."

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SPECIAL HOMESEAKER'S EXCURSIONS!

On September 13th and 27th, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company will run special homeseaker's excursions from Chicago, Kansas City and intermediate points and all Missouri River points, at less than one-way rate for the round trip to all points on the Peos-Valley Lines - These tickets will be good for twenty-one days.

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Leave	Hereford	7:30 PM	Monday - Saturday
	Canyon City	9:00	" " " "
Arrive	Amarillo	9:50	" " " "
Leave	Amarillo	10:20	" " " "
	Washburn	11:15	" " " "
	Panhandle	12:05 AM	Tuesday - Sunday
	Pampa	1:30	" " " "
	Miami	2:25	" " " "
	Canadian	3:25	" " " "
	Higgins	5:15	" " " "
	Gage	6:25	" " " "
Arrive	Woodward	7:25	" " " "

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Shippers should file orders for cars at least three days before date on which they intend to load, and longer notice should be given whenever possible.

A. L. CONRAD,
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