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Advertising Medium of the
Stockman's Paradise.

Sonora, Texas, May 2, 1914.

A Curious Incident.

Projecting from the wall of a house overlooking the Lake of Thun, in Switzerland, may be seen the bow of a small rowing boat with the name Petronella painted upon it. The wife of the owner of the house was drowned from this boat while rowing on the lake. Her husband determined, as a memorial to his wife, to build the boat into his house. The room destined to contain it, however, proved too short for the whole length of the boat, and the bow projects from the wall, just beneath the balcony. The house is close by one of the steamboat piers, and the unaccountable appearance of this strange memorial excites much curiosity among the passengers on the steamers.—Strand Magazine

Bonfire Originally "Bone-Fire."

It is doubtful, however, whether any bonfires contain even a proportion of the material which bonfires were primarily constituted, to wit, bones; for originally "bonfire" was "bone-fire," signifying "a fire of bones," and the older method of spelling the word was common down to near the end of the eighteenth century. The real, old-fashioned meaning of the "bone-fire" (or "bone-fire," as it was then called), survived longer in Scotland, and we learn that old bones were regularly stored up for the annual conflagration in the burgh of Hawick till about the year 1800.—Liverpool Courier.

The Sea Serpent Myth.

It is possible, even probable, that the sea serpent myth started in all good faith. In the southern seas grow the gigantic algae, the largest of which measure from 400 to 600 feet in length. These when rolled on the beach form enormous cables several hundred feet long and as thick as a good sized tree trunk. Such cables washed out to sea by storms may very easily have given rise to the far famed but yet undiscovered sea serpent.—New York American.

TEXAS FACTS

CATTLE.

There are 6,238,000 head of cattle in Texas, which are valued at \$185,648,000. Of this number 5,173,000 are beef cattle and valued at \$137,084,000, while 1,065,000 are milk cows, which are worth \$48,564,000.

From 1910 to 1914, the value of the Texas steer has increased \$11.30.

Fifteen per cent of the beef cattle of the United States are in Texas. We have more than twice as many as any other state.

Texas ranks fifth in number of milk cows and first in quality of milk, cream and butter produced.

The Texas milk cow on January 1st, 1914, was valued at \$45.60 by Uncle Sam, while five years ago she was worth only \$29.50.

There are 17,500 cowboys on the cattle ranches in Texas.

Our packing houses slaughter 2,000,000 head of meat animals annually.

More calves are received at the Fort Worth market than at any other market in the world.

The largest cattle feeding plant in the world is near Stamford, Texas, in Jones county.

There are 14 packing houses in Texas.

Texas is the leading meat producing state in the Union. We produce \$140,000,000 worth of livestock and products annually.

TEXAS FACTS

POPULATION.

Texas had 3,896,512 people in 1910, according to the Federal Census.

Our population at the present time is approximately 4,500,000.

The first Texas Census, taken in 1850, showed 212,595 persons in the state.

Texas ranks fifth with other states in population, having wrested that place from Missouri during the past decade.

In 1850 Texas ranked twenty-fifth with other states in population.

The 1910 population classifies—3,204,848 white, 690,049 negroes, 702 Indians, 595 Chinese, 340 Japanese, 6 Filipinos and 2 Hindus.

Eighty-two and two-tenths per cent of our population is white, 17.7 negro, and 1 per cent Indians, Chinese, Japanese and others.

There are 242,000 persons in Texas who were born in foreign countries.

Seventy-six per cent of our population is rural and 24 per cent urban. There are 2,017,626 males and 1,878,916 females in Texas.

We have 109 white males to every 100 white females in Texas.

We have a million persons in Texas who have moved here from other states. Most of them came from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas.

There are 20,000 negroes in Texas who came here from Louisiana.

Seventy-five per cent of the native white population in Texas were born in this state.

For every person who leaves Texas and moves to some other state in the Union, we get eight in return.

Cochran county in 1910 had only 65 persons living within its borders.

TEXAS FACTS

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY.

There are 4,408 persons engaged in the printing and publishing industry of Texas.

The printing and publishing industry of Texas represents a capital investment of \$107,000,000.

Texas has 1,067 printing and publishing establishments.

Printing and publishing houses are the predominant class of manufacturing establishments in Texas.

Texas has 814 weekly papers and 95 daily papers. We rank second with other states.

We have 23 semi-weekly papers.

The first newspaper ever published in Texas was the Houston Telegraph. It was established by Gail Borden in 1836. It is now defunct.

A Texas newspaper man invented condensed milk.

The oldest newspaper now being published in Texas is the Galveston News. It was established in 1843.

The Circulation of Texas newspapers is 5 papers per family per issue.

There are 57 foreign publications issued in Texas.

The combined circulation of Texas publications is 5,000,000 per issue.

Thirty-five Texas papers issue Sunday editions.

In 1850 Texas had 5 tri-weekly and 29 weekly papers.

TEXAS FACTS

COTTON.

Twenty-five per cent of the world's cotton crop is produced in Texas.

The annual per capita cotton production of Texas is one bale.

Texas produces 4,000,000 bales of cotton annually.

Cotton yields the Texas farmers a million dollars per day.

Cotton is the principal farm product of Texas, although every crop grown to agriculture can be raised in this state.

A cotton crop failure is unknown in Texas and a small yield per acre is always offset by an increase in price per pound.

Cotton occupies 45 per cent of our cultivated area.

Within the past decade the cotton acreage of Texas has increased 25 per cent.

An acre of Texas cotton, in 1912, was worth \$27.19, including the value of the seed.

Texas cotton, in 1912, yielded 200 pounds of lint to the acre and had a value of 11 1-2 cents per pound.

Texas is not only the leading cotton-producing unit, but is also the principal exporting center of the globe.

Galveston, Texas, is the world's leading cotton exporting port.

Houston, Texas, is the largest inland port cotton market in the world.

At one planting a seed of Texas cotton will multiply 1,600 times.

To plant the Texas cotton crop requires the services of 500,000 persons, 1,000,000 cultivate it and 2,000,000 persons are kept busy 4 months gathering it.

It costs \$15,000,000 to pick the Texas cotton crop, \$12,000,000 to gin it and \$3,000,000 to compress it.

TEXAS FACTS

RAILROADS.

Texas has more railroad mileage than any State in the Union.

We now have 15,000 miles of main line of railroads.

The first railroad built in Texas was in 1851.

To encourage railroad construction, the State of Texas gave away 36,000,000 acres of land in the pioneer days as a subsidy for building 6,000 miles of road.

Since the building of our first road, the railway mileage of Texas has increased at the average rate of 290 miles per annum.

During the calendar year 424 miles of railroad was constructed in Texas.

The gross earnings of the Texas railroads was \$140,827,000 in 1913.

We have 563 miles of railroad to each 100 square miles of territory. Texas has 37 miles of railway track to every 10,000 inhabitants.

There are 1,916 locomotives, 1,284 passenger coaches and 45,894 freight cars in service on Texas roads.

The railroads of Texas are long enough to reach across the United States five times.

One-fortieth of the world's railway mileage is in Texas.

We have 27 counties without a single mile of railroad and 11 counties with less than 1/2 miles.

Compared with other states, Texas ranks fortieth in railway mileage per area.

To afford Texas the same railway facilities as Illinois has, will require an additional investment of \$1,000,000,000.

Texas railroad property is valued at \$409,000,000.

TEXAS FACTS

TEXAS HAS—

More cotton land than any country on the face of the earth.

The largest State Agricultural Fair in the world.

Largest cotton seaport in the world.

Largest inland port cotton market in the world.

Largest farmers' organization in the world.

The first state-wide advertising bureau ever established in the world.

The largest cattle feeding plant in the world.

Longest reinforced concrete viaduct in the world.

The largest cotton seed oil mills in the world.

The world's leading crude oil exporting port.

The longest pipe line in the United States.

The longest interurban system in the Southwest.

The largest United States army post.

Longest telephone line in the United States.

Largest Bermuda onion gardens in the world.

TEXAS RANKS SECOND IN—

Number of newspapers published.

Rice production and manufacture.

Production of quicksilver.

Asphalt production.

And has the second longest coast line of any state in the Union.

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Best accommodations, Rates Reasonable.

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Americans in Old Mexico.
 Washington, April 21.—State department estimates put the number of Americans in Mexico City at 1200; Vera Cruz about 800; Tampico, 600; Torreon, 150; Chihuahua, 150; Guadalajara, 200; and the rest scattered in Guaymas, Mazatlan, Acapulco and other small towns.

Ozons vs Sonora.
 Saturday, April 10th, a goodly bunch of fans assembled at Powell Park in Ozona to witness Ozona and Sonora crossed bats.
 The game was called promptly as advertised, the line up being: Sonora: Will Adams c, Artur McDonald p, Ben (Heber) 1st b, Dred Martin 2d b, John Martin 3rd b, Harry Keesee ss, Heber Wyatt rf, Vernon H. Milton cf, Ernest Cooke lf Ozona: Will Stewart c, Sam Cox p, Horace Friend 1st b, Charley Coates 2nd b, Vernon Cox 3rd b, Houston Smith ss, Bescumb Cox rf, Lucian Craig cf, Lenord Russell lf.
 Both sides played splendid ball from the word go. But Sonora never could locate Cox's curve, and although they never finished for the full nine innings, the best they could do was to take a goose-egg which they did like game men as they went; and Ozona scored only 4 times. All of which goes to show that both sides are sure enough ball players.

Ozona is very proud of her team and Sonora should be proud of the nice bunch of real gentlemen she sent to Ozona to open the 1914 season.
 As both sides were anxious to practice and try out their substitutes another game of seven innings was called, same line up as the first game. For Sonora: Keesee c, Dred Martin p, John Martin 1st b, H. Milton 2d b, McDonald 3rd b, Adams ss, Lowrey cf, and Ozona, Horace Friend p, Cox 1st b, Howard Westfall cf and Aaron Justin lf.
 This seven innings game seemed to develop, that the Ozona boys had been consuming a better quantity of frijoles, for they came to the quarter stretch with heads in the and landed seven scores while Dred Martin in the seventh inning picked up one for Sonora.
 Gate receipts \$35.10 Hotel b 1 \$11.30.—Ozona Stockman.

Indigestion? Can't Eat? No Appetite?
 A treatment of Electric Bitters increases your appetite; stops indigestion; you can eat everything. A real spring tonic for liver, kidney and stomach troubles. Cleanses your whole system and you feel fine. Electric Bitters did more for Mr. T. D. Peesie's stomach troubles than any medicine he ever tried. Get a bottle today. 50c and \$1.00 at your Druggist.
 Bucklen's Arnica Salve For Eczema. Adv.

United States Department of Agriculture? Bureau of Animal Industry.
 Washington, D. C. April 18, 1914.
 Dr. E. R. Forbes, State Veterinarian, Fort Worth, Texas.
 Sir:—Replying to your letter of March 31, relative to disease among goats and sheep at Sonora, you are advised that the specimens which you obtained from five of the affected animals and forwarded to this office, arrived in excellent condition. Blood samples were prepared from two goats and two sheep and these were inoculated into both rabbits and guinea pigs on April 4, but none of the test animals have at any time since inoculation shown any disposition, and are today lively and active. Since the blood with which they were inoculated reached this laboratory in good condition for inoculation purposes, it is evident that the sheep and goats are not suffering from any infectious malady, but are probably affected by eating food that is irritant, too concentrated, or that is in some other character unsuited to the requirements of the animals to which it is being fed.
 Very respectfully,
 H. J. Washburn,
 Acting Chief, Division of Pathology.

Feterita, A New Forage Crop.
 Within the last year or so the United States Department of Agriculture has brought into favor a new forage plant that is of great value as a grain producer especially in the dryer sections of the country. This plant is known as feterita and in many respects resembles kaffir and milo; the heads are white, stand upright, and are shaped like milo heads, but the grains are larger and a few than milo or kaffir. Like milo, the stalks have a tendency to sucker and to grow new heads after the main head has ripened or been cut. The forage is sweeter and juicier than milo and equals that of kaffir.
 Feterita can be grown upon almost any soil that will produce the other grain sorghums and its feeding value is fully equal to them. It is planted and harvested in the same way that kaffir or milo is cultivated.

The soil upon which it is planted should be broken in the fall or winter or early enough in the spring to come firm. It may be planted with a corn planter or in the same way that such other grains are planted. The rows should be about the same width as for corn. In the dryer sections the plants should be from eight to twenty-four inches apart in the drill. In those sections having a larger amount of rain the distance can be reduced to ten or twelve inches. Where greater spacing is practiced, it will take about two pounds of seed to plant an acre; if planted more closely, about three pounds will be required.
 Cultivation should begin as soon as the feterita shows above the ground, and should be similar to the cultivation given to corn. When the plant has come up a smothering narrow run diagonally across the rows will be of much benefit. Feterita does not require as much cultivation as corn, but it will repay good treatment.
 Harvesting can be done with a row binder or with a header, although much of it is harvested by hand. The grain will absorb moisture from the air, and is apt to heat when first harvested if placed in piles, and for that reason when the heads are to be stored, it is advisable to place them upon alternate layers of straw, by making the necessary adjustment an ordinary thrasher may be used in threshing feterita, but if threshed and stored, care should be taken to prevent heating. A convenient way is to place burlap sacks half filled with straw between every four or five inches of the threshed grain.

Feterita stalks are rich in food value, and this makes the crop an excellent one for ensilage or forage. When grown for forage purposes it can be left from four to five inches in the row and the row can be somewhat closer together. When planted in this way upon good ground, it yields better than either kaffir or milo. It is especially valuable for forage purposes in the dryer sections of the State.

Child Cross? Fevers? Sick?
 A cross, peevish, listless child with a red tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then again ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhea; glands teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a Worm Killer—something that expels worms and almost every child has them. Kickapoo Worm Killer is needed. Get a box today. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Kickapoo Worm Killer is a candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c at your druggist.—Adv.

Recital.
 On last Thursday evening the expression pupils of Mrs. B. I. Mauldin and the music pupils of Miss Myrtle Bryant gave a joint recital at the school house and the capacious auditorium was crowded to overflowing. Everyone there was glad afterwards that they went. Every number on the program was good, and the pupils did themselves and their instructor credit. It was a most enjoyable affair and every one enjoyed it immensely. It is just such things as this that draw us together as a community; just such things binds and cement us and cause us to labor together for the common good. The teachers are to be congratulated for the successful training exhibited by the pupils, and the pupils are to be congratulated for their efforts and industriousness in trying to prepare themselves for a useful future life.—Ozona Stockman.

London Says It's War.
 London, April 21.—All phases of the Mexican situation are discussed at length today by the English newspaper particularly President Wilson's declaration that the active steps taken by the United States forces are directed against General Huerta and not Mexico. The Globe predicts the annexation of Mexico and the establishment of a protectorate by the United States saying: "Military operations are not to be less than war and will involve the same contingent liabilities. The pretense that they are being undertaken, not against the people of Mexico but against Huerta does not alter the realities or the situation. In that declaration we have the root of the weakness of Wilson's policy. He undertakes to say who does not represent the Mexican people. That is a pretension to which there is no other issue than annexation and a protectorate as valid as that exercised over Cuba."

A similar stand is taken by the Evening Standard, which comments as follows: "The note of comedy in the Mexican imbroglio still rises shrill and clear above the rumblings of the God of war. Wilson is sending a first breathing armada to Tampico but he is not at war with Mexico. He is only at war with Huerta. Huerta does not defy the United States. He only defies President Wilson, who does not in his opinion in the least represent his country."
 The Pall Mall Gazette calls for action against the constitutionalists as well as Huerta, saying: "The constitutionalist brigade who slew Benton are at least as formidable enemies to civil government as the regime that exists in Mexico City and a real settlement such as President Wilson aims at must involve the extinction of both parties now in the field."
 The Evening News says: "President Wilson would have done better to declare that the blood of murdered Americans called for intervention; to say that war will not be war, and that it is over a question of etiquette makes people think it might have been avoided, which is not the case."

PERIL IN MIDAIR.
 A Triple Somersault and Presence of Mind.
 A certain famous troupe of acrobats includes the only man who can do the triple somersault from a flying bar to what is known in circus talk as "the catch." That, interpreted by the Boston Herald, means that a man hangs by his legs and grasps by the wrists the somersaulting acrobat as he flies past. The feat requires an extremely accurate calculation of seconds and inches, and the most extraordinary flexibility and agility on the part of both performers.
 In this difficult act a man who may be called Silver does the swing through the air, and one named Marco does the catching. One day in Texarkana, before the show began, the acrobats saw a dark cloud on the horizon, and when one sees that in Texas it is a sign of trouble. The equestrian director, who is ringmaster for that part of the performance, asked, "Will you take a chance on your act?"
 The acrobats never like to disappoint an audience, and one of them said, "All right, we'll go ahead."
 "Hurry it up, then," counseled the equestrian director.
 They had put through part of their performance, and Marco was hanging by his legs, waiting for Silver to swing, when that black cloud arrived directly above the tent. It lifted a corner of the tent and began to rip it into shreds. The audience knew what was happening and ran. The elephants began to trumpet and the other animals to give their various cries of fear.
 Silver, however, had started his swing and was making his triple somersault through the air, when the tornado simply lifted the whole tent, the main pole and their apparatus and shifted it all over at least eight inches. Partly by luck and partly by great effort and skill, Marco managed to catch Silver as he flew by. To continue in Marco's own words:
 "The minute I had his wrists and before I had swung him back to his trapeze, he yelled:
 "Hold places!"
 "You see, when a wind strikes a tent or we see other danger coming, the women in our troupe, of whom there are four—Silver's wife, my wife and two others—drop into the net first, and the men after them. You can't all drop into the net at once. You've got to take your turn."
 "But the wind had so twisted our apparatus about that any one who dropped would take a chance of falling outside the net. All the trapezes were swaying violently.
 "Silver landed back on his trapeze safely, and for six or seven minutes we all hung tight, while the tornado blew itself out.
 "Then we dropped down by the ropes to the ground, and I can tell you," Marco concluded, "we were a mighty thankful lot."



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Advertised Letters.
 List of letters remaining on hand in Post Office at Sonora, Texas, for week ending April 14, 1914.

Domestic Letters.
 Post Sutton, Grade Furness, Talmage Wilson, Joe Wats Jr., J. B. McKinney, Eibel Everett, Juanito Bisiop, Mrs. Norma Beadman, Emmatt Bellings, Miss Fay Robertson.

Foreign Letters.
 Florencio Vazquez, Andras Nat Jola, J. B. Reyes, Felipe Castaneda, Juan Sanchez, Juan Sandobal, Fabian...
 When asking for above please say advertised.
 G. W. Smith,
 Post Master.

Coughed for Three Years.
 "I am a lover of your goodness to humanity and science. Your medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery, cured my cough of three years standing," says Jennie Fleming, of New Dover, Ohio. "I have you an annoying cough? I am stubborn and won't yield to treatment? Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery to day. What it did for Jennie Fleming it will do for you, no matter how stubborn or chronic a cough may be. It stops a cough and stops throat and lung trouble. Relief or money back. 50c and \$1.00 at your druggist.—Adv.
 Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Pimples.

Avoid Substitutes.
 They were enjoying a motor ride and had just entered a country road.
 "May I kiss your hand?" he asked, a little confusedly.
 She removed her veil.
 "No," she replied; "I have my gloves on."—Lippincott's.

The Blackwell Bulletin tells of a case where cattle became intoxicated on ensilage. Several cases of this kind have been reported, and it explains why the editor of the Ballinger Ledger advised everybody to build a silo even if he had no farm. New discoveries teach new duties, and the day may yet come when ambitious young statesmen will go out to fight the evil, state-wide, nationwide and worldwide. When the lowing herd winds softly o'er the lex" to the feed pens, it will find nothing but dry cane from the stack.—Callan in Star Telegram

For Sale.
 A four roomed house corner lot 50 & 140 near school house, Price \$750. Apply at news office 31-1f.
 The Census bureau has announced that continental United States contains a population of 98,000,000, while its possessions the total is 109,000,400. Texas has 4,257,854 population.

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JIM DOUGLASS
WHISKEY.
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R. Blaine Jordan

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Ed Decker, Prop.

Notice To Trespassers,
 Notice is hereby given that all Trespassers on my ranch 25 miles east of Sonora, for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, or driving cattle, or THESE PASTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 H. T. BAKER,
 Sonora, Texas, April 18, 1914.

Citation by Publication.
 Estate of E. R. Jackson, Deceased. In County Court, Sutton County, Texas, To May Term, 1914.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sutton County, Greeting.
 L. L. Farr, administrator, with the will annexed of the estate of E. R. Jackson, deceased, having on the 23 day of April, 1914, filed in our County Court his application to resign as such administrator and accompanied the same with an exhibit of the condition of said estate, together with his administration account, both verified by affidavit:
 You are hereby commanded that by publication of this citation for at least 30 days in some newspaper published in the county of Sutton, in the State of Texas, if there be only one, or then by posting copies thereof for a like period of time in the manner required for posting other citations, you give due notice to all persons interested in said estate that said exhibit and account and said application to resign will be acted upon at the next regular term of the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, commencing and to be holden at the court house in the town of Sonora in the county of Sutton and State of Texas, on the third Monday in May, 1914, the same being the 18th day of May, 1914, when all those interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said exhibit and account if they see proper.
 Witness J. D. Lowrey, Clerk of the County Court of Sutton County, Texas.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court at my office in the town of Sonora this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1914.
 J. D. LOWREY,
 Clerk, County Court, Sutton County, Texas.

Notice To Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that any one trespassing on my ranches 25 miles east of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, or driving cattle THROUGH THESE PASTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 J. R. ROBBINS,
 Sonora, Texas, April 12, 1914

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 6 miles south of Sonora, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 J. T. EVERETT, Sr.

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 D. B. CUSENBARY,
 Sonora, Texas.

Ranch For Sale.
 One-fourth mile from Sonora 17 section ranch. 3 good wells, with sufficient tanks. Price \$7 per acre. Apply to
AUGUST MECKEL,
 794f. Sonora, Texas.

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

Announcements.
 The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce.
 The News rates for announcements is:
 Congressional, Legislature and Judicial Districts \$5.
 County officer \$10.
 Precinct officers \$2.50.
 All announcements are payable in cash in advance.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR
 R. H. Martin, as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

TAX ASSESSOR
 Geo. J. Trainer, as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COUNTY JUDGE.
 E. S. Bryant, as a candidate for election to the office of county judge, of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COUNTY TREASURER.
 J. E. Grimland, as a candidate for election to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK
 J. D. Lowrey as a candidate for election to the office of County and District Clerk of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COMMISSIONER.
 W. R. Adam, as a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Last Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
A. E. CHARLSON,
 Sonora, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.
 Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch one mile west of Sonora on the Ozona road, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood hunting hogs or fishing without our permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 Fred & Joe Binger,
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Bishop Shaw Visits Sonora.

Eight Reverend J. W. Shaw of San Antonio, Catholic Bishop of West Texas, was a visitor in Sonora, Tuesday and confirmed a class of 107 all of Texas Max can originate. The Bishop was accompanied by Fathers J. A. Boreas of Del Rio, B. P. Herrmann of Uvalde, Y. Tymen of Brownsville and A. G. Caeterrier of Del Rio. The Priests accompanying the Bishop are members of the Oblate order which has charge of many parishes in South West Texas. Father Caeterrier for the present will visit Sonora every three months. Bishop Shaw expressed himself as impressed at the size and importance of Sonora commercially and stated that as soon as possible a church would be erected in Sonora.

L. M. Henderson of Del Rio was in Sonora Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hudspeth were in town this week visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stephenson were in town this week shopping.

Judge and Mrs. James Cornell returned from San Antonio Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Evans of the Fort Ferret ranch were in Sonora a few days this week.

Ed Martin from the east side of Sutton County was a business visitor in Sonora Saturday.

Mrs. Flora Newman of the Victoria country was visiting in Sonora Thursday.

Henry Geody of Junction was in Sonora this week looking after cattle interests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryson were in Sonora Thursday with their son Duke who was not feeling well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Halbert of Eldorado were in Sonora Saturday visiting.

Jack Wardlaw was in Sonora Thursday from the Juno Pecos ranch.

Mrs. W. L. Aldwell returned Thursday from attending the fiesta in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert visited in San Angelo this week.

C. D. Wyatt the North Llano ranchman was in town this week.

Ed Mears of the live stock firm of Mears & Wilkinson was in Sonora Friday.

Louis Stuart son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stuart has gone to Kansas City with B. J. Means the cattle man.

M. D. Gearhart was in Sonora this week representing the Texas Silo Co. with headquarters at Beaumont.

Miss Wright, S. E. McKnight and W. B. Hutcherson of the S. E. McKnight ranch were in Sonora for a few hours Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Mayfield and babies were up from Juno this week visiting relatives and shopping.

James Kinchlow of Vernon who has a large farm in that country, was in Sonora Sunday the guest of Mrs. J. R. Word.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Yaws and Miss Cora Rountree were in town Thursday from the Middle Valley country.

John Swinburn is building a fire proof concrete vault at the back of the First National Bank building. The vault will be used for reserved papers.

Judge L. J. Wardlaw was in Sonora a few hours Thursday and stated that he understood that the contract had been let for the building of the grade of the Uvalde and Northern Railroad from Uvalde to Camp Wood.

Charlie Adams says that the book entitled "Forty Years a Fool Facts, Figures and Fun" is selling everywhere from reports he has received from parties that is handling it for him. But the most encouraging report is that the bankers are figuring on it and some are selling it for him now. Wall appears that they all want to hear about the show.

Names of men handling lists for subscriptions for Charlie Adams' book entitled "Forty Years a Fool Facts, Figures and Fun":—Max Mayer El Paso, John Young Alpa, Mart Adams Stockton, Eton Silliman Van Horn, Jack Allen and Will Hunter Sanderson, Dr. Midkiff Maria, Jim Powell Sierra Blanca, John Z. Means Valentine, Sam Murray Sheffield, Chris McIntocke Ozona, Tom Besheer Ozona Dick Freeman Comstock, Richard Smith Juno, Herbert Palmer Hatchita, N. M. Mat Keton Beeber, Arizone, J. H. Fitzpatrick Miami, Arizona, and 40 others east of Sonora.



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Eldorado vs Sonora.

At the Sonora High School Campus Saturday afternoon Eldorado presented a very strong team for the return game of base ball with Sonora. In the first game of this seasons series Eldorado was victorious, with a score of 4 to 2. But Saturday they brought, probably their strongest team—and there is no question as to their strength, and in our mind the result might have been closer had not two of Eldorado's best players met with a mishap early in the game. Bailey the catcher and Murray the 3rd baseman ran for a high fly that was coming down midway between them. It was a foul ball and the crowd standing close to the home base line prevented the players from seeing each other. They came to gether with such force, right under the ball, that both fell. At the time it was thought that Bailey was the most injured. Bailey's place was filled by Joe Bridge of Sonora for four innings and Murray continued to play but a wire from Eldorado Thursday stated that Murray was not expected to live but later reports say that he is out of danger and doing well. Ed Hill of Eldorado was umpire and Arthur McDonald, who was pitching for Sonora boys said after several innings had been played "He's all right, just as clean and fair as an umpire could be." My enquiring was possibly due after to a close decision, but I must admit that Mr. Hill was on the "Mound" all the time.

A pretty thing about the game was the attendance and the encouragement the Sonora boys received by the patronage, some of the ladies paying 25 cents to see the game and many of the men chipping in two bits to help pay expenses and for other incidents.

Of course the Sonora boys can play better ball if they will practice—but as they won the game 10 to 5 is sufficient for the present, considering the fact that Sonora has lost three games away from home. Cochran the Eldorado pitcher was fine and understood the game and when it was in his mind fanned or walked the Sonora Swipers. In the eighth inning Arthur Mac let down some and the visitors were active in picking up first strikes but Arthur was just giving the boys in field practice.

Grady Lowrey and Ben Cosenbary who last year seemed to be afraid of the ball played well, John Martin made a home run and Dred Martin the long run catch in right field. Hamilton took in a pretty fly to center. Adams played safe as catcher. Keesee and Saunders would have done better had they known what was expected of each other. The team work of the Sonora boys was poor. Humpbery of Eldorado was or had the most opportunity to show his skill as a ball player. Cochran was getting a little slow as the game ended. However it was a good, clean serious contest.

Notice.
Who has an extra Chair? On last Saturday night April 25, a leather bottom, golden oak dining chair was left in the Court room, which was, probably carried off with other chairs through mistake. Please this office.

HONOR ROLL.

The following pupils in the first and second grades have had perfect spelling lessons for the week ending May 1st:—Frances Adams, Frank Merriman, Anna Turney, Gertrude North, Carnet Barum, Lem Trainer, Booste Glasscock, Moody Barnes, Mary Fields, Ruby Belle Martin, Artie Belle Ory, Frank James, Eula May Ross, Wil da Boyon, Della May Drennon, Dora Smith, George Trainer, George Smith, Earl Merck, Angie Robinson, Lawrence Grimland, Archie Ory, Johnnie Stauley, Hilton Turney, Orlta Pfister, Joe Trainer, Perry Ory.
Third grade pupils who were excused from Reading or Friday afternoon: Grace Trainer, Geo. D. Chalk, Paul Mauldin, Lyle Mauldin, Jewel Eaton, Jessie Mae Bellows, Neil Davis, Joe Martin, Dottie Barnes, Pearl Hall, Turmon Beard, John Eaton, Paschet Holland.

Best driver and one spelling for week ending May 1st: Neil Davis, B. Anche Turney, Jewel Eaton, Hollie Laxson, Grace Trainer.

Beginning May 1st.
Twenty five cents storage will be charged on all cars. Excepting cars being worked on. Special monthly rates. Sonora Garage.

An inch of rain fell in the Sonora country this (Saturday) morning. The territory covered was more extended than that of the previous spring rains.

G. B. Hamilton, Ben F. Meckel, Fred Berger, Curt Allison, A. H. Nathan, will attend Federal court in San Angelo Monday.

Sid Martin and C. F. Adams left for Fort Worth Friday. Sid Adams is in the interest of the sale of his hook Forty Years a Fool.

Chas. Whitehead of the firm of Whitehead & Wardlaw is in town this week recuperating from a grippattack.

Marcus Bligh was in town Sat. to see the ball game. He is doing the finishing work on the G. G. Stephenson ranch home.

Mrs. Q. W. Smith is visiting her son William at Eldorado. The young man is recovering from a recent operation for appendicitis.

Wm. Mittle the Southeast Divide stockman-farmer was in Sonora Friday. His clip of 12 months wool promises to be very fine and he is expecting to top the market with it.

W. E. Hodges was in town Thursday from his ranch in Val Verde county. "Lute" did not expect it to be published but he has marked up 1122 kids from 800 nannies and thinks the goat business is all right.

Arthur Simmons has gone back to the ranch and Fred Simmons, the popular secretary is secretary of the Sonora Club has again joined the staff of the Sonora Mercantile Co. in the book keeping department.

Wedding Announcement

Friends in the city have received the following announcements: Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Harrell announce the marriage of their daughter, Emma Lou, to Mr. Alvin Gordon Kerne, Thursday evening April 23, 1914, San Angelo Texas. At home after May 1, 41 Baker street. The wedding was a very quiet affair and Mr. and Mrs. Kerne left immediately for San Antonio where they attended the Battle of Flowers. San-Angelo Standard.

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H. W. B. Montgomery sold Elam Dudley 3 bull calves this week at \$85 00 per head.

Bruce Drake received for Abe Mayer, last week, the 83 cows and 53 yearlings recently bought from Will Baker. Also the 94 head of steers, 2's and 3's bought from Floyd Earwood.

Sam Oglerby bought last week from T. W. Patrick, 75 muttons at \$3 75 per head.

John R. Bailey returned last Monday from McKavett, where he went after 200 black muley two year old heifers he and G. C. Cable recently bought from Irve Ellis. The price paid was \$35 00 around. —Ozona Stockman.

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SYNOPSIS.

Kirk Anthony, son of a rich man, with college friends, gets into a fracas in a New York resort. A detective is hired, Jefferson Locke investigates himself into the college men's party...

Locke, aided by Kirk's friend Higgins, who thinks it a joke, drugs Kirk and puts him aboard a ship bound for Colon. Kirk is on the passenger list as Locke.

"Broke" and without baggage, aboard the ship Kirk makes the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cortland.

Cortland is in the American diplomatic service and is going to Panama on a mission. In Colon Kirk, as the son of a big railroad man, is taken up by Weeks, American consul.

Kirk's father repudiates him, and Weeks assists him out as an investor. Kirk meets Allan, a Jamaican negro, who is working on a job. The two are arrested by Colon police for helping to put out a fire.

Kirk and Allan are treated exactly in a Colon jail by young Alfarez, commander of police. Allan's release is obtained by the British consul, but Weeks refuses to let Kirk. Mrs. Cortland gets a phone call.

Mrs. Cortland obtains Kirk's release by using influence with Colonel Johnson, head of the canal. The Cortlands are in Panama to make Alfarez's father president of Panama.

Kirk's father casts him out finally, and Mrs. Cortland obtains for him a position on the Panama railroad under Rannels, master of transportation.

The Cortlands and Kirk plan a picnic on the island of Tobago, near Panama. Cortland is detained and his wife and Kirk are marooned on the island.

Kirk kisses Mrs. Cortland and is then ashamed to think he has violated Cortland's trust in him. Cortland, returned by his wife's absence, rescues her and Kirk from the island. In the country near Panama Kirk meets a charming Spanish girl.

The girl tells him her name is "Chinita" and she tells him that that means only "little one." Kirk begins his work with Cortland, who has learned who Jefferson Locke is.

Locke's real name is Wellart, is a scoundrel and has disappeared. His description is given to Kirk. The latter tries in vain in Panama to learn something of Chiquita and meets Alfarez again.

Kirk wins the capital stock, \$10,000, in the lottery. He and Rannels make plans for advancement. The Cortlands, having turned from the older Alfarez, intend to make Senator Garavel, a banker, president of Panama.

Alfarez's son, Kirk's foe, is engaged to Gertrudis, Garavel's daughter. She is Kirk's "Chinita." He meets her again at the opera through Mrs. Cortland's aid.

Kirk makes love to Chinita. Edith Cortland, infatuated with Kirk, goes racing with him frequently.

CHAPTER XVIII. A Challenge and a Confession.

It was very trying to be the target of so many glances. Instead of resigning their conversation the entire assemblage of Garavel's waited calmly for their caller to begin, and he realized in a panic that he was expected to make conversation. He cast about madly for a topic.

His host helped him to get started, and he did fairly well until one of the Misses Garavel began to translate his remarks to the old lady and the ferocious cousin from Guatemala. As their replies were not rendered into English, he was left stranded. He knew that his whole salvation lay in properly impressing his auditors, so he began again and floundered through a painful monologue.

yet he understood quite well that these people were not making sport of him. All this was only a part of their foreign custom. They were gentlemanly, treated to a different code from his—that was all—and since he had elected to come among them he could only suffer and be strong.

What he ever talked about during that evening he never quite remembered. When it came time to leave he expected at least to be allowed a farewell word or two with Gertrudis, but instead he was bowed out as ceremoniously as he had been bowed in and, finding himself at last in the open, sighed with relief. He felt like a paroled prisoner, but he thought of the girl's glance of sympathy and was instantly consoled. He crossed slowly to the plaza, pausing a moment for a good night look at the house, then, as he turned, he caught a glimpse of a figure sinking into the shadows of a side street and smiled indulgently. Evidently Allan had been unable to resist the temptation to follow him. But when he had reached his quarters he was surprised to find the boy there ahead of him.

"How did you beat me home?" he inquired.

"I have been waiting impatiently ever since you went out. To be sure, I have had a little dream."

"Didn't you follow me to the Garavel's?"

"Oh, boss! Never would I do such!" Seeing that the negro was honest, Kirk decided that some one had been spying upon him, but the matter was of so little consequence that he dismissed it from his mind.

Although Rannels had spoken with confidence of the coming shakeup in the railroad organization, it was not without a certain surprise that he awoke one morning to find himself actively in charge of the entire system. He lost no time in sending for Kirk, who took the news of their joint advancement with characteristic equanimity.

"Now, there is nothing cinched yet, understand. The acting superintendent cautioned him. 'We're all on probation, but if we make good I think we'll stick.'

"I'll do my best to fill your shoes."

"And I have the inside track on Binkley, in spite of Colonel Johnson. So I'm not alarmed. The break came sooner than I expected, and now that we chaps are in control it's the chance of our lifetimes."

Kirk nodded. "You're entitled to all you get, but I've never quite understood how I managed to force ahead so fast. I've been mighty lucky."

"You don't really call it luck, do you?" Rannels looked at him curiously.

"I'm not concerned enough to think I'm a downright genius."

"Why, the Cortlands engineered everything. It was they who arranged your promotion to the office in the first place, and they're behind this last affair. They have stood back of you at every step, and incidentally, back of me and the 'boss boys.'

"When you say 'the boss of course' men 'she'."

"Of course. One has to recognize him, though, as the head of the family. And he really did have a part in it too. At least if he had been against us we never would have won."

"I don't know the Cortlands and we appreciate what they've done, but we can't openly thank her without humiliating him. I'd like to give him something."

"Suppose we give him a quiet little supper some night and tell him frankly how grateful we are. He's the sort to appreciate a thing like that, and it would be a delicate way of thanking his wife too."

"Good! I'll speak to the other fellows, and now the acting master of transportation is going to shake with the new acting superintendent and wish him every success."

Rannels grasped the outstretched hand.

"Say, Anthony," he said, "we're young and we have a start. I have what you lack, and you have what I lack. If we stick together, we'll own a railroad some day. Is it a go?"

"You bet!"

With a warm glow in his breast the new master of transportation plunged into his duties. He really was making a success, it seemed, although it was a bit disappointing to learn that he owed so much of it to Edith Cortland. But this last advancement, too, was very timely, for it would surely have its effect upon Andres Garavel.

But his new work brought new troubles and worries. He began to sleep shorter hours; he concentrated with every atom of determination in him; he drove himself with an iron hand. He attacked his task from every angle, and with his big constitution and unbounded youthful energy he covered an amazing quantity of work. He covered it so well, moreover, that Rannels complimented him.

latter could not understand a word of his tongue, he addressed himself to the girl with some degree of naturalness.

"I was sorry for you the last time, son," she said, in reply to his last humorous complaint, "and yet it was funny; you were so frightened."

"It was my first memorial service. I thought I was going to see you alone."

"Oh, that is never allowed."

His understanding of Spanish customs received a considerable enlargement on the following day when he met Ramon Alfarez outside the railroad office. Ramon had evidently waited purposely for him, and now began to voice a protest in the greatest excitement.

"You've insulted me," he cried furiously, "and now you've the insolence to interfere in my affairs!" He paused dramatically. "Make it yourself ready to fight tomorrow."



"What's the use of putting it off? I couldn't make your weight in that time. I'll do it now, if you say."

"No, no! Ourselves we shall fight like gentlemen. I shall feel you with any weapon you prefer."

"By love!" Kirk exclaimed in amazement. "This is a challenge. You want to fight a duel? Why, this really is a joke!" He began to laugh, at which Ramon became white and calm. "Listen, Kirk, when I tell you what we'll do, we'll fight with the hose again. I suppose you want satisfaction for that ducking."

"I prefer to shoot you, senior," the other declared quietly. "Those marriage shall never occur until first I walk upon your dead body. As matter of honor I offer you this opportunity before it is too late. All Panama is speaking of those engagements in Sonora Garavel. Come, then, must I insult you further?"

CHAPTER XIX. What About Me?

Kirk replied dryly, looking the Spaniard over with cold blue eyes. "No! I think you've gone about for enough."

"Alfarez" exclaimed Ramon triumphantly.

"Look here!" said Kirk. "I've had enough of this. You've insulted me, and you've insulted me. I don't fight duels. It's against the law in my country it's a crime to kill a man in cold blood, and when he's helpless and then offer him the honorable satisfaction of killing him by committing murder or being killed. They're not wearing duels this season."

"I don't want to hurt you, Alfarez, but I may not be able to help it if you don't keep out of my way."

He left the fiery little Panamanian still scowling and muttering threats and went his way, wondering vaguely how his attentions to Chiquita had become so quickly known. He was in formed later in the afternoon.

As he left the office for the day he was handed a note from Mrs. Cortland requesting him to call at once, and, summoning a coach, he was driven directly to her house. Unlike the Garavel home, the house which the Cortlands had leased was set upon the water front, its rear balcony overlooking the sea where it lapped the foundation of the city wall.

Edith Kirk, waiting a moment before she descended, dressed for her afternoon ride.

"You got my note?"

"Yes, and I came straight from the office."

"I suppose you know what it is about and are wondering how I heard the news."

"What news?"

"Your engagement!" She laughed with an amusement that did not ring quite true.

"You're the second one to speak about that. I'm not engaged."

"Of course not. Don't think for a moment I believed it. I was calling on some Spanish people this afternoon and heard the report. I admit it was a shock. When I learned the details I knew at once you ought to be told before it developed into something embarrassing. Come into the other room; there is a breeze from the water."

She led him into the parlor, from which the open windows, shielded now by drawn shutters, gave egress to the rear porch with its chairs and hammock.

"Dear, dear! You foolish boy, you're always in trouble, aren't you? You really don't deserve to be helped. Why, I have avoided me for weeks."

"The new arrangement has swamped us with work. I have had no time to go out."

"Indeed! You had time to run after the first pretty Spanish face you saw."

"You mean Miss Garavel?"

"No, no. I've seen her at Las Savanas. That's why I went hunting so often."

At this confession, which Kirk delivered with a selfish reluctance, Mrs. Cortland drew herself up with an expression of anger.

"Then this has been going on for some time?" she cried. "Why, Kirk, you never told me."

"Why should I?"

She flushed at this unconscious brutality, but after a moment ran on bravely. "But why did you let it go so far? Why did you let them commit you?"

"Am I committed?"

Her look was half-offended, half incredulous. "Are you trying to be disagreeable or is it possible you don't know the meaning of those invitations to call and dine with the family, and all that? Why, they expect you to marry her. It is all settled now, according to the Spanish custom. The whole town is talking about it."

"I hope you're not joking," said Kirk. "I've knocked clear off my pins! A tremendous wave of excitement surged over him. That's what Alfarez meant. That's what she meant last night when she told me to look up—"

"He broke off suddenly, for Edith's face had gone chalk white.

"But, Kirk, what about me?" she asked in a strained voice.

"There was deathlike silence in the room."

"You can't love her," said the woman. "Why, she's only a child, and she's Spanish."

They stood motionless, facing each other. At last Kirk said gravely and deliberately.

"Yes, I love her better than anything in the world, and I want to marry her. I could give up my country, my dad—anything for her."

Pressing her gloved fingers to her temples, she turned her head blindly from side to side, whispering as if to herself.

"What will become of me?"

"Don't!" he cried in a panic and cast a hurried look over his shoulder. "You'll be overheard. Where's Cortland?"

"At his club, I suppose. I don't know—I don't care. You've been dishonest with me, Kirk."

"Don't act this way," he ordered roughly. "I'm terribly fond of you, but I never knew—"

"I must have known."

"I know nothing. I chose not to think. What I saw I forgot. I supposed you merely liked me as I liked you."

"You say you didn't know. Then what about that afternoon in the jungle? Oh, you're not blind. You must have seen a thousand times. Every hour we've been alone together I've told you, and you let me go on believing you cared. I have no pride. I am not ashamed. It's too late for shame now. Why, even my husband knows."

With an exclamation she seized her by the arm. "You don't mean that!" he cried fiercely. But she wrenched herself away.

"Why do you think I made a man of you? Why do you think you're up and up and outside the heads of others? Why do you think you're the best position on the railroad? Did you think you had made good by your own efforts?" She laughed harshly.

"I took Rannels and Wade and Kinsale and the others that you liked and forced them up with you, so you'd have an organization that couldn't be pulled down."

"Did you do all that?"

"I did more. I broke with Alfarez because of what his son did to you. I juggled the politics of this country, I threw him over and took Garavel—Garavel! My God, what a mockery! But I won't let you—I won't let that girl spoil my work. I favored this quarrel between Johnson and the superintendent, and I've used Rannels to break trail for you. Why? Ask yourself why! Oh, Kirk," she cried, "you mustn't marry that girl! I'll make you a great man!"

"You seem to forget Cortland," he said dully.

She gave a scornful laugh. "You needn't bring Stephen in. He doesn't count. I don't if he'd even care."

"I'm not going to listen to you," he cried. "I suppose I've been a fool, but this must end right here."

"You can't marry that girl," she reiterated, hysterically. She was half sobbing again, but not with the weakness of a woman; her grief was more like that of a despairing man.

"For heaven's sake, pull yourself together," said Kirk. "You have servants. I—I don't know what to say. I want to get out. I want to think it over. I'm dreadfully sorry. That's all I can seem to think about now."

He turned and went blindly to the door, leaving her without a look behind.

When he had gone she drew off her riding gloves, removed her hat and crossed her feet upon the ottoman chair, then crept wearily up the stairs to her room.

A moment later the latticed wooden blinds at the end of the parlor swung open, and through the front window stepped Stephen Cortland. Behind him was a hammock swung in the coolest part of the balcony. The pupils of his eyes, ordinarily so dead and expressionless, were distended like those of a man under the influence of a drug or suffering from a violent headache. He listened attentively for an instant, his head on one side, then, hearing footsteps approaching from the rear of the house, he strode into the hall.

A maid appeared with a tray, a glass and a bottle. "I could not find the medicine," she said, "but I brought you some substitute. It will deaden the pain, sir."

He thanked her and with shaking fingers poured the glass full, then drank it off like so much water.

"You're not going out again in the heat, sir?"

"Yes. Tell Mrs. Cortland that I am dining at the University club."

Kirk never possessed a more unpleasant night than the one which followed. In the morning he went straight to Rannels with the statement that he could take no part in the little testimonial they had intended to give Cortland.

"But it's too late now to back out. I saw him at the University club last evening and fixed the date for Saturday night."

"Did you tell him I was in the affair?"

"Certainly. I said it was your idea. It affected him deeply too. I never saw a chap so moved over a little thing."

Kirk thought quickly. Perhaps Edith had spoken rashly in her excitement, and her husband did not know her feelings after all. Perhaps—"

"It would never do to withdraw a confession of guilt."

as he accepted that ends it, I suppose," he said finally.

"What has happened?" Rannels was watching him sharply.

"Nothing. I merely wish I hadn't entered into the arrangement, that's all. I've ordered a watch for him, too, and it's being engraved. I wanted to give him something to show my own personal gratitude for what he and his wife have done for me. Look! It took a month's salary. I know it's a joy present, but there's nothing decent in these shops."

"Look here! I've wanted to say something to you for some time, though it's deuced hard to speak of such things. Steve Cortland has put us where we are. You understand, when I speak of him I include his wife too. Well, I like him, Kirk, and I'd hate to see him made unhappy. If a chap loses a married woman he ought to be man enough to forget it. Rotten way to express myself, of course—"

Kirk looked the speaker squarely in the eyes as he answered. "I haven't the least interest in any married man's affairs, never have had in fact. I'm in love with Gertrudis Garavel, and I'm engaged to marry her."

"The devil!"

"It's a fact. I didn't know until last night that I'd been accepted."

"Then just forget what I said. I was going north on a south bound track—I ran ahead of orders. I really do congratulate you, old man. Miss Garavel is well. I won't try to do her justice—I had no idea. Please pardon me."

"Certainly. Now that it's settled I'm not going to let any grass grow under my feet."

"Why, say! Garavel is to be the best present! He's lucky! Cortland told me last night that the old fellow's candidacy was to be announced Saturday night at the big ball. That's how he came to accept our invitation. He said his work would be over by then, and he'd be glad to join us after the dance. Well, well! Your future wife and father-in-law are to be his guests that night. I suppose you know."

"Then they have putched up a trace with Alfarez? I'm glad to hear that."

"It's all settled, I believe. This dance is a big special event. The American minister and the various diplomatic gangs will be there, besides the prominent Spanish people. It's precisely the moment to launch the Garavel boom, and Cortland intends to do it. After it's over our little crowd will have supper and think him for what he has done for us. Your promotion came just then, didn't it? Talk about luck! We ought to hear from Washington before Saturday and know that our plans are cinched. This uncertainty is nerve for me. You know, I have a wife and kid, and it means a lot. When you give Cortland that watch you'll have to present him with a loving cup from the rest of us. I think it's coming to him, don't you?"

"I'd rather you presented it."

"Not much! I can run trains, but I can't engineer social functions. You'll have to be spokesman."

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