

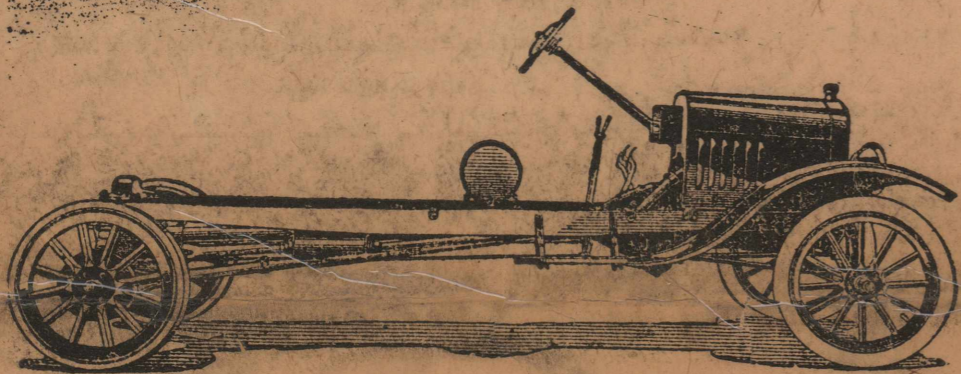
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If you are doubtful whether it will pay you to buy a Ford Truck for your farm, go to the man who owns one and ask him. Or we will come to you and will tell you what dozens of Ford Truck Owners have told us--that the Ford Truck is positively a paying proposition.

It brings the best markets to your door. It solves the hauling problem on the farm and between the farm and the city. It does a dozen different jobs every day and stands the wear and tear of farm work under all conditions.

A post card will bring you further information.

Sonora Motor Company

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The Store That Serves Ten Counties

DEL RIO,

TEXAS.

Welcome To Del Rio

RANCHMEN:—The Sheep and Goat Raisers' Convention for 1921 having been set for 21st to the 23rd of June, inclusive, at Del Rio, we wish to heartily welcome you to our city, where we hope to have the pleasure of soon meeting you. We hasten to place our fine roomy premises at the disposal of all Ranchmen, their families and friends, during their stay in Del Rio, where they will find plenty of writing and resting conveniences provided. And it will be our pleasure to be at your service in the good and genuine Texas fashion.

We would also like to invite your attendance at our demonstration of Sheep Shearing, under the direction of our Hardware Manager, Mr. W. C. Rau, and Mr. Stagg, the factory representative. We are having a special stand erected at the sales yards, where many fine breeding specimens are to be sold. It being imperative that Sheep and Goat Ranches should be properly equipped with the most modern of money-saving devices in shearing, we are giving a daily demonstration in the "last word" in shearing with Stewart's Improved Enclosed Shearing Machinery; and special instruction to Ranchmen and Shearers, will be given in the art of shearing, grinding and the proper operation of a shearing plant.

We carry a complete line of Ranch Supplies at all times, including Eclipse Windmills, Fairbank-Morse Gasoline Engines, Pump Jacks, Piping and Well Supplies.

Wishing you a pleasant sojourn in our midst,

Yours very cordially,

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Sonora, Texas, May 25, 1921.

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

**DECORATION DAY
MAY 30**

The Ladies of the Episcopal Church Guild will at 10 o'clock on May 30,

**Decorate the Graves
Of All Soldiers
In the Sonora
Cemetery**

The Public is Invited to take part and those having flowers are requested to leave them with Mrs. Gilmore, at Morris-Gilmores before 10 o'clock
Everyone Invited

To be present and pay honor to the Dead Heroes.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Courthouse, in the town of Sonora, in the Sonora Independent School District, on the 25th day of June, A.D. 1921, to determine whether the Board of Trustees of said district shall have power to annually levy and collect a tax upon all taxable property in said district, for the support and maintenance of public free schools in said Sonora Independent School District, of and at the rate of not exceeding one dollar on the one hundred dollar valuation of the taxable property of the district, which election is to be held in accordance with an order made and entered by the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District on the 18th day of May, A.D. 1921, as follows:

"It is, therefore, ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District that an election be held at the Courthouse, in the town of Sonora, in the said Sonora Independent School District, on the 25th day of June, A.D. 1921, to determine whether the Board of Trustees of said district shall have power to annually levy and collect a tax upon all taxable property in said district, for the support and maintenance of public free schools in said Sonora Independent School District, of and at the rate of not exceeding one dollar on the one hundred dollar valuation of the taxable property of the district; such tax, if voted, to be levied and collected for the current year 1921, and annually thereafter, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

"K. Thorp is hereby appointed judge of said election, and J. A. Bush and W. E. Hathorn are appointed clerks to assist him in holding the same.

"None but property taxpayers who are qualified voters in said Sonora Independent School District shall vote at said election; and those in favor of the tax shall write or have printed on their ballot 'FOR MAINTENANCE TAX' and those against the tax shall write or have printed on their ballot 'AGAINST MAINTENANCE TAX.'

"It is further ordered that the secretary of this Board of Trustees shall cause notice of said election to be given in accordance with law."

In pursuance of said order, I, W. E. Caldwell, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District, issue this notice, the 18th day of May, A.D. 1921.

W. E. CALDWELL,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of
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Put Out The Medicine Now.

Dr. D. H. Bennett, veterinarian at the Sonora Experiment Station was in town Wednesday and advises sheepmen to use preventative measures for the control of the "stomach worm." He recommends the following:

One and a half a pound of powdered Blue Stone. One half pound of powdered coppers.

Mix well into 100 pounds of salt. Put out so that stock may have access to it at all times.

**MARK THE GRAVES OF
YOUR LOVED ONES.**

I am agent for the Cherokee Marble and Granite Co., manufacturers of everlasting monuments and memorials. Before placing your order, let me figure with you.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.
GEO. J. TRAINER, Agent.

FOR SALE.

Will deliver Cotton Seed and Milo Maize in Sonora for \$30 per ton. This feed has had no rain on since gathered.

06-11 Eldorado.

**Why
Suffer?**

Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back—especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset.

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I heard of Cardui and decided to use it," continues Mrs. Simpson. "I saw shortly it was benefiting me, so I kept it up and it did wonders for me. And since then I have been glad to praise Cardui. It is the best woman's tonic made." Weak women need a tonic. Thousands and thousands, like Mrs. Simpson, have found Cardui of benefit to them. Try Cardui for your trouble.

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MARKET NOTICE.

We desire to notify our customers and the public generally that we cannot extend the monthly pay plan to those who do not settle their obligations before the 10th of each month. It should not be necessary to specify any reason for the observance of this requirement. Please arrange to pay before the 10th of each month if you desire the monthly pay system.

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Blackleg Filtrate 12c.
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SONORA DRUG STORE.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done

**Dorothy Harris and Nelson McNeill,
Pursued by Dick Harris, His wife,
And His Son, H. S. Harris, from
Valley Mills, Bosque County. Meet
Death Near Sonora, Saturday.**

**Coroners Verdict: Dorothy Harris Died of
Gunshot Wounds Inflicted by Person or
Persons Unknown. Nelson McNeill Died
Of Knife Wounds in the Neck, Self Inflicted.**

**Dick Harris and H. S. Harris, Charged with
Assault With Intent to Murder, Nelson
McNeill, Give Bond to Await Action of Grand
Jury, Which Convenes in October.**

Saturday May 21st, an elderly man and woman and a young man came to dinner at the Commercial hotel. After dinner the man showed Mrs. McDonald the photo of a girl and asked if she had remembered seeing her. She was his daughter and had run away from home and that they come in search of her. The car she was in was supposed to be a Buick roadster, State License No. 389628. Mrs. McDonald had called Deputy Sheriff Merck and while he and the father were talking, a traveling man who had overheard the conversation, noticed a Buick roadster coming down the street, with one front casing off, and called out "there's a Buick and it has the number." The occupants of the roadster had evidently intended stopping at the City garage on the corner opposite the hotel, but at the same time they were discovered must have recognized the people on the hotel gallery or their car, for the driver put gas to his car and left town out Concho avenue, east, the way they were headed when they turned the corner to enter the garage. The people at the hotel got into their car and gave chase. Deputy Sheriff Merck followed in his car immediately after. The cars left town about 1:30 and before three o'clock word was received that a young woman had been killed and a young man thought to be doing in the Joe Wyatt pasture about 11 miles southeast of town.

The news of the elopement had spread and when the report of the killing came in excitement was at its height. Deputy Sheriff J. L. Cook, Justice of the Peace H. B. Balch, Dr. A. G. Blanton left immediately for the scene of the killing and the next chapter was when Sam McKee and his son Frank McKee arrived in town. Mr. McKee said he was coming to town when in the Joe Wyatt ranch near the 11 mile rock, he was stopped by a woman, about 50 years of age, who distractedly cried for help, saying "they have killed my baby girl." Mr. McKee seeing a wrecked car thought it was an automobile accident and asked where her baby was. She pointed to his left of the road and about 100 yards from the road he saw a body lying on the ground and what he took to be the heads of two men squatted near by. The woman's story was confusing but he gathered that there had been a fight and a young woman had been killed. He thought it was his duty to notify the officers and did so by crossing the country to the Joe Wyatt headquarters ranch and phoning to town. Just as they were leaving the woman saw two men running from where the body was supposed to be. He did not go to the body. Mr. McKee did not see or hear the shooting. There was only the wrecked car on the road near the scene when they came by.

Will Wyatt and Will Word, not having heard of the elopement, but seeing a man who had been arrested that morning for having violated the traffic regulations, get in his car and follow Mr. Merck out of town, got in Wyatt's car and took the trail thinking to prevent Mr. Merck from abuse.

On reaching the forks of the roads, about 7 miles from town where the right goes to Bonds and the left to Lost Lake and the Llanos, the Wyatt car took the Bond road and when nearing the 11 mile hill were met by a young man in a Hudson who said he wanted the officers as in a fight with a bootlegger, his sister had been killed and the bootlegger seriously injured. Wyatt told him you have not had a fight

of his character and her mother had many arguments with her about him. She would reply that he was not as bad as they said he was and that the girls of the best families in Valley Mills went with him. When she was gone and they had gone together and my hope then was that had married. My daughter was very fond of her mother and when a student at Baylor University in 1920 would come home for the weekend.

Following the car which left town till it broke down on the hill, you know the distance from here, continued Mr. Harris, McNeill and my daughter jumped from their car and ran to the side of the road. McNeill fired a shot at me, I called to my daughter to come back or lay down or she would be killed. Mrs. Harris was calling to her too, and my son was making toward them from the side.

My daughter hesitated a moment and turned to go toward her mother, when McNeill took her by the wrist, turned her around and keeping her between me and him, backed behind some bushes. Instantly my son yelled, "He's shooting her. He's shooting her," and he did. Then he turned the gun on himself. I did not see this but my son did. Mr. Harris said he did not care to risk about what happened after he and his son closed in on McNeill.

H. S. Harris who was present when the elder Harris was talking to the News reporter, said after a minute the bodies of his sister and McNeill, he prevented his father from flushing McNeill. He told his father that enough had been done and that the law would attend to the rest. He disarmed a father, took McNeill's pistol and searched him for other arms, and taking the gun left his father there to guard McNeill while he came to town for the oilers.

Find Body of McNeill
Nelson McNeill's lifeless body was found on the edge of a small thicket, in the E. E. Steen pasture, about eight miles from the scene of the tragedy, and only a short distance from the road, by the posse headed by Deputy Sheriff Cook, Claude Keene and J. D. Wallace who struck the trail at the Holman road, about three miles from the place of the killing and followed it by the foot print to the Steen pasture. The trail was slow and at night and whenever the footprints left the road the posse cautiously searched the wayside and when they got to the Steen pasture and the trail was lost in the grass, the posse waited nearly until daylight when the body was found. The coroner was sent for and the Doctor examined the wounds. The slash or stab in the neck served the right carotid artery and was inflicted by a small pen knife which was found beside the body near the right hand. McNeill had been dead about three hours when found by the posse. The body was cold but the blood still flowed. The second finger of the right hand was almost served at the first joint by a bullet. There were severe bruises in the front and back of the head, but the skull was not thought to be fractured. There were bruises and scratches on the arms and other parts of the body. The verdict of the Justice of the Peace Balch, acting coroner, was that death was due to the wound in the neck and was self inflicted. The body was taken to San Angelo Sunday evening, embalmed and prepared for shipment to his home in Valley Mills.

Harris and Son Give Bond
At the request of Justice Balch, District Attorney N. W. Graham came over from Ozona Sunday afternoon and at 7:30 Sunday evening a complaint was made by Deputy Sheriff Merck charging Dick Harris and H. S. Harris with assault with intent to murder Nelson McNeill. The defendant underwent examination. Justice H. B. Balch set the bail at \$1,000 each and this was agreed to by District Attorney Graham and L. W. Elliott of the law firm of Wardlaw & Elliott attorneys for the defendants Harris. The Harris' did not appear before the Justice and the bond was made in a few minutes with W. L. Aldwell, L. R. Thorp, Ed Glascock, Mat Karnes, H. P. Allison and T. J. Jarrett as sureties.

**Sheriff Esc. Rts. Harris' to
Schleicher County Line**
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris and H. S. Harris left Sonora Monday morning, about ten o'clock, escorted to the Schleicher county

line by Sheriff Hutcherson, who they were met by Sheriff Lucio de Schleicher county. They would escort them through the county and the sheriff of Tom Green county would escort them to the angel. This precaution was taken to prevent further bloodshed because friends and relatives of Nelson McNeill were known to be on the way to Sonora.

Sheriff Hutcherson was unavoidably absent from Sonora Saturday and returned from Menard Sunday morning. Everyone regrets the absence of Sheriff Hutcherson at this time.

District Judge James Cornell arrived from Brackettville Monday morning, but in view of the action taken decided not to call the Grand Jury in special session. The Fall session of District court will be convened on October 31st.

**Relatives of McNeill who
visited Sonora in M. were
would be no private prosecution
The father is in poor health and
the State of Texas is in charge.**

**The Arsenal in Keeping
of Sheriff Hutcherson**
The sheriff's office has in charge one automatic pistol of .32 caliber, said to be the property of Nelson McNeill. There is one cartridge in the barrel of this pistol. One 16 gauge shot gun, which with a number of bird shot shells were found in the wrecked car. It had not recently been fired.

One 12 gauge shot gun, but broken off, claimed by Dick Harris to have been used by him in firing buck shot at McNeill. One automatic .45 pistol claimed by H. S. Harris as the pistol he used in the battle. One .380 automatic pistol said to belong to Mrs. Dick Harris, fully loaded and not recently fired. One regular .41 caliber pistol, not loaded and not recently fired. This last arm was found in the Harris car Sunday morning when it was searched by Sheriff Lucio de Schleicher county. The other arms were turned over to Deputy Sheriff Merck by the Harris' at the scene of the killing Saturday evening. Only one pistol of .32 caliber is in the possession of the Sheriff.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Sonora school had a notable closing with the graduating of a class of 14. The closing exercises might be said to have commenced with the May Day celebration in which the little folk were the performers. Then came the Junior and Sophomore class play, "Diamonds and Hearts" on May 10th; the presentation of Miss Willie Mae Winn by Mrs. W. E. Caldwell as a graduate in music on the 13th; the delivery of the "Commencement Sermon" by the Rev. W. E. Hathorn of the Baptist church, on the 18th; The Seventh Grade Graduation Exercises on the 19th; the Senior Class Graduation on the 20th; the Senior Class play "Cupid at Vas sar" on the 21st and the Recital by Mrs. Caldwell's music class on the 23rd.

All of these events were attended by large and interested audiences and the School spirit was very much in evidence. The graduation of the Seventh Grade was splendidly arranged and the programme given was worthy of nigher pupils. The class was composed of ten boys and eleven girls and it is to be hoped that conditions will be such that all these children may be kept in school until they complete the High school course.

The large stage of the School Auditorium was a most attractive and pleasing scene Friday night for the largest graduating class in the history of the Sonora school. The stage was resplendent in streamers of Green and Gold and the three boys were as links in the chain pearls. The young ladies were beautiful, perfectly possessed and apparently unconscious of the admiring gazes of the audience. On the platform were Superintendent M. O. Britt, Principal L. S. Runnel, Robert Hamilton, Miss Fear, Miss Bailey of the High School faculty; Geo. J. Trainer, president, Mrs. H. P. Allison, 1st vice president, Mrs. G. B. Hamilton, 2nd vice president, Mrs. W. C. Bryson, assessor, W. A. Miers, W. E. Caldwell, secretary of the School Board; Rev. T. W. Currie of Austin, Rev. O. E. Moreland and Rev. W. E. Hathorn; Mr. and Mrs. Sam O'Connor and Miss Ray Davis, who assisted with a musical program.

The address for the occasion was delivered by Rev. T. W. Currie of Austin, director of the Y.M.C.A. at the University of Texas. Mr. Currie is a pleasing speaker and his address was well received. The invocation was asked by Rev. O. E. Moreland and the Benediction said by Rev. W. E. Hathorn. The diplomas were presented by Geo. J. Trainer president of the Board.

The choice of several Scholarships were awarded to Miss Evelyn Trainer and to Woodson Hebert, the high girl and boy students of the class. The Salutatory was read by Miss Irma McCollum and the Valedictory by Miss Evelyn Trainer. The Class of 1921 was composed of Dorothy D. Smith, Rita Merck, Johnnie Guila Lowrey, Joanna J. Stokes, Bonnie Lee Glasscock, Woodson Hebert, Evelyn E. Trainer, Frances Kathleen Coker, Irma McCollum, Pauline Willie Pfeister, Greydon Rees, Winnie D. Wyatt, Albert C. Runnels, Belma Eorene Rees.

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We note from the Menard Messenger that Rev. Richard Mercer preached the school sermon there and the citizens were highly pleased.

The stork visited at the home of E. W. Hargrave Monday morning and left a 19 pound baby boy. The young man has been named Allen Wylie Hargrave. The father is a ranchman near Sander son.—Standard.

HONOR ROLL.

Below is given the Honor Roll for the Sonora Public School for the ninth month of the term.

FIRST GRADE.
Marvin Barnes
Lambrose Guest
Wesley Hill
Jack Pfeister
Edwin Sawyer.
Gladys Sims
Lena V. Stokes
Francis Trainer
Walter F. Hill
Albie Hubert
John Hill
Harold Ridley
M. John Smith
Annetta Stiles
Louis Trainer

SECOND GRADE.
Lea Allison
Le Witt Blanton
Pat Cooper.
Guy Miller
Woodrow Norris
Lillian Robinson
Muriel Simmons
Lewin Walters
Dorothy Baker
May Matheson
Lottie Paul
Lola Bess McCollum
Gaston Rulley
Mary Schweising
Zella Lee Lior

THIRD GRADE.
Gertrude Babcock
Burgess Edens
Lavinia Grounig
Jack Trainer
Mattie Merck
Morris Pfeister
James Barton
Maiver Ford
Mildred Turner
Mary Lee Simmons
Margaret Ogden

LOW FOURTH GRADE.
Hillman Brown
Margaret Hill
Andrew Mitchell
James Caldwell
John McCollum

HIGH FOURTH GRADE.
Lida Archer
Gordon Martin
Mable Martin
Evans Moreland
Katherine Rau
Walter Louis Walters
W. B. Langford
Clford Martin
Joe Gueter
Alma Gray
Frank Turner
Veynna Williamson

FIFTH GRADE.
Haskell Eders
Iris Clark
Julian Trainer.
Lavinia Williamson
Lester Archer
Harrington Moreland
Lily Mann

SIXTH GRADE.
William Allison
Billie Caldwell
May Homing
Mary Martin
Lester Gray
Houston Stokes
Bernice Stokes
Lillian White
Juliet Trainer
Avin Hiding
A. W. Logan
Elnest McCollum
Greta Mae Savage
Hazel Stokes
Joseph Trainer

SEVENTH GRADE.
Audrey Archer
Rena Uzzie
Rena Pfeister
Jewell Williamson
Hamilton Ford
George B. Hamilton
Eula, Trainer
Gwynne Benton
Mary Mitchell
Hattie Gray
Lynette Trainer
William Fields
Key Wasscock
Lee Hill
Garnie Wyatt

EIGHTH GRADE.
Marvin Logan
Frank Jans
Gwyneth Ridley
Angie Robinson
Elnest May Jones
Glen Martin
G. M. Seward

NINTH GRADE.
Milard Cope
Eula May Ross
Mary Dan Wilson
O. E. Deaton
Johnnie Dell White

JUNIOR CLASS.
Horace Rees
Gladys McCollum
Pearl Hill

SENIOR CLASS.
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Irma McCollum
Woodson Hebert
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O. E. Moreland, Pastor.

Baptist Church, Next Sunday.

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The pastor has decided not to attend the Fifth Sunday meeting at Grape Creek. He feels that the work at home is of supreme importance.

The Sunday school lesson for next Sunday is "Making the Neighborhood Christian." Let everyone come to church and Sunday school and do our best to study and apply this very practical lesson topic.
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Will E. Eaton of Eldorado and Miss Mattie C. Brown of Rocksprings were married at San Antonio Saturday, May 21st. At the same time Miss Sarah Elizabeth Brown of Rocksprings, was married to Earl Hall of San Antonio. The brides are sisters, daughters of the late Will G. Brown, former owner of a ranch near Bonds in this county. They are estimable young ladies and the Brown and Eaton children have grown up together. Will Eaton is one of our fine young men, now in the garage business at Eldorado. Mr. Hall is an employe at the S.P. depot in the Alamo City. The News extends best wishes.

SONORA WOMAN'S CLUB

The Sonora Woman's Club held its last meeting of the club year Saturday May 21st. Reports from all officers, standing committees and special committees were read and adopted. All outstanding bills were ordered paid. It was decided to close the Library for the Summer months.

The Tag Day committee reported \$25.35 from sales of tags. A vote of thanks was given the following young girls, who sold the tags: Misses Flet Miers, Eulah May Ross, Johnnie Dell White, Johnnie Stanley, Pansy Perry, Gladys McCollum and Mary Dan Wilson. The liberal patronage from the public was much appreciated.

Mrs. R. E. Aldwell invited the Embroidery department to meet at her home Friday June 3.

After a few splendid remarks and suggestions from the President, the meeting adjourned.
Press Reporter.

Rev. Richard Mercer held services at the Episcopal church Sunday, and preached a forceful sermon. He made mention very briefly of the tragedy and held a brief service with the family early Sunday morning. By their request he read the deceased young lady's favorite poem, "Crossing the Bar" by Tennyson.

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J. E. BEASON

J. E. Beason was here this week from Douglas, Ariz., where he has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Taylor for some months. He was accompanied by John and Elmo Rice, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Rice, who left here 19 years ago to make their home in Douglas. The boys while here were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Josie McDonald of the Commercial hotel. "Grandpa" Benson is 85 years of age and is going to drive the Ford back home. He says the Rices have the best fitted-up dairy farm he has seen in the country and only two miles from Douglas. The oldest Rice boy was two years old when his parents moved away but he knew lots of people when pointed out to him because he has been a constant reader of the Devil's River News his "Home Town" paper ever since he began to read. We got your message John, and will see you there later.

W. L. ALDWELL

W. L. Aldwell received a wire Friday from Congressman J. B. Hudspeth that the President signed the Tariff Bill at 4-15 that afternoon.

The Wreckers

By FRANCIS LYNDÉ

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CHAPTER V

And Satan Came Also
"I saw your office lights from the street," was the way the Red Tower president began of me, and his voice took me straight back to the Oregon woods and a lumber camp where the saw-filers were at work. "Where is Mr. Norcross?"

I told him that Mr. Norcross was up-town, and that I didn't suppose he would come back to the office again that night, now that it was so late. "My name is Hatch," of the Red Tower company," he grated, after a minute or two. "You're the one they call Dadda, aren't you?"

I admitted it, and he went on. "Norcross brought you here with him from the West, didn't he? What are you getting here?"

It was on the tip of my tongue to cuss him out right there and then and tell him it was none of his business. But the second thought (which isn't always as good as it's said to be) whispered to me to lead him on and see how far he would go. So I told him the figures of my pay check. "I'm needing another short-hand man, and I can afford to pay a good bit more than that," he growled. "They tell me you are well up at the top in your trade. Are you open to an offer?"

I let him have it straight then. "Not from you," I said.

"And why not from me?"
Here was where I made my first bid break. All of a sudden I got so angry at the thought that he was actually trying to buy me that I couldn't see anything but red, and I blurted out, "Because I don't like out to work for any strong-arm, outfit—not if I know it."

For a little while he sat blinking at me under his bushy eyebrows, and his hard mouth was drawn into a straight line with a mean little wrinkle coming and going at the corners of it.

When he got ready to speak again he said, "You're only a boy. You want to get on in the world, don't you? I'm offering you a good chance; the best you ever had. You don't owe Norcross anything more than your job, do you?"

"Maybe not."
"That's better. Put on your hat and come along with me. I want to show you what I can do for you in a better field than railroad engineering, or over will be. I'll pay you over, and the named a figure that very nearly made me fall dead out of my chair."

Of course, it was all plain enough. The boss had him on the hip with that kidnaping business, with me for a witness. And he was trying to fix the witness.

"I guess we needn't heat about the bushes any longer, Mr. Hatch," I said, bracing me to him. "I haven't told the sheriff or anybody but Mr. Norcross, what I know about a certain little train hold-up that happened a few weeks ago down at Sand Creek siding; but that isn't saying that I'm not going to."

If I had had the sense of a field mouse, I might have known that I was no match for such a man; but I carried it sense-lacked it good and hard.

"The four boss," he said. "You'd go a long distance out your way to make an enemy when there is no need of it. That hold-up business was a joke, from start to finish. I don't know how you and Norcross came to get in on it; the joke was meant to be on John Chadwick. The night before, at a little dinner we were giving him at the railroad club, he said there never was a railroad hold-up that couldn't have been stopped. A few of us got together afterward and put up a job on him; sent him over to Strathcona and arranged to have him held up on the way back."

"Mr. Chadwick didn't take it as a joke," I retorted.

"I know he didn't; and that's why we're all anxious now to dig a hole and bury the thing decently. Perhaps we had all been taking a drop too much at the club dinner that night."

At that I swelled up man-size and kicked the whole kettle of fat into the fire.

"Of course, it was a joke!" I ripped out. "And your coming here tonight to try to lure me away from Mr. Norcross is another. The woods are full of good short-hand men, Mr. Hatch, but for the present I think I shall stay right where I am—where a court subpoena can find me when I'm wanted."

"That's all nonsense, and you know it—if you're not too much of a kid to know anything," he snapped, snatching out his heavy jaw at me. "I merely wanted to give you a chance to get rid of the railroad collar, if you felt like it. I like a fighting man; and you've got none. Take a night and sleep on it. Maybe you'll think differently in the morning."

Here was another chance for me to get off with a whole skin, but by this time I was completely lost to any other weighing and measuring of the possible consequences. Leaning across the desk and I gave him a final shot, just as he was getting up to go.

"Listen, Mr. Hatch," I said. "You haven't fooled me for a single minute. Your guess is right; I heard every word that passed between you and Mr. Henckel that Monday morning in the Bullard lobby. As I say, I haven't told anybody yet but Mr. Norcross; but if you go to making trouble for him and the railroad company, I'll go to the sheriff and swear to what I know."

desk for quite a little while before I remembered the two telegrams, and the fact that I'd have to go and stick the three-bladed knife into Mr. Norcross. When I did remember, I shoved the messages into my pocket, flicked off the lights and started to go up-town and hunt for the boss.

After closing the outer door of the office I don't recall anything particular except that I felt my way down the headquarters stair in the dark and groped across the lower hall to the outside door that served for the staircase entrance from the street. When I had felt around and found the brass knob, something happened; I didn't know just what. In the tiny little fraction of a second that I had left, as you might say, between the hearse

I choked a little over a big scare that seemed to rush up out of the bed-clothes to smother me. But I made out to answer her question, telling her how Mr. Norcross had left the office maybe half an hour or so before I did, that night, going up-town with Mr. Ripley. Then I asked her why she wanted to know.

"Because nobody has seen him since a little later that same night," she said, saying it very softly and without turning her head. And then: "Mr. Van Brit found a letter from Mr. Norcross on his desk the next morning. It was just a little typewritten note, on a hotel Bullard letter sheet, saying that he had made up his mind that the Pioneer Short Line wasn't worth fighting for, and that he was resigning and taking the midnight train for the East."

I sat straight up in bed; I should have had to do it if both arms had been burnt to a crisp crease to the shoulders.

"Resigned?—gave up and ran away? I don't believe that for a single minute, Maisee Ann!" I burst out.

She was shaking her head again, still without turning her face so that I could see it.

"I'm afraid it's all true, Jimmie. There were two telegrams that came to Mr. Norcross the night he went away; one from Mr. Chadwick and the other from Mr. Dunton. I heard Mr. Van Brit telling Cousin Sheila what the messages were. He'd seen the copies of them that they keep in the telegraph office."

It was on my tongue's end to say that Mr. Norcross never had seen those two telegrams, because I had them in my pocket and was on my way to deliver them when I got shot; but I didn't. Instead, I said: "And you think that was why Mr. Norcross threw up his hands and ran away?"

"No; I don't think anything of the sort. I know what it was, and you know what it was, and at that she turned around and looked me gently down among the pillows.

"What was it?" I whispered, more than half afraid that I was going to hear a confirmation of my own breathtaking conviction. And I heard it, all right.

"It was what I was telling you about, that same evening, you remember—down in the hall when you brought the flowers for Cousin Sheila. You told him what I told you, didn't you?"

"No; I didn't have a chance—not any real chance."

"Then somebody else told him, Jimmie; and that is the reason he has resigned and gone away. Mr. Van Brit thinks it was on account of my messages from Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Dunton, and that is why he wants to talk to you about it. But you know, and I know, Jimmie, dear; and for Cousin Sheila's sake and Mr. Norcross's, we must never slip it to a human soul. A new general manager has been appointed, and he is on his way out here from New York. Every thing has gone to pieces on the railroad, and all of Mr. Norcross's friends are getting ready to resign. Isn't it perfectly heart-breaking?"

It was; it was so heart-breaking that I just gasped once or twice and went off the looks again, with Maisee Ann's frightened little simple slanging in my ears as she tried to hold me back from slipping over the edge.

CHAPTER VI

What Every Man Knows—

I wasn't gone very long on this second excursion into the woozy-woozies, though it was night-time, and the shaded electric light was turned on when I opened my eyes and found Mrs. Sheila sitting by the bedside. The change in Mrs. Sheila sort of made me gasp. She wasn't any less pretty as she sat there with her hands clasped in her lap, but she was different; sober, and with the laugh all gone out of the big gray eyes, and I look in them as if she had suddenly become so wise that nobody could ever fool her.

"You are feeling better now?" she asked, when she found me staring at her.

I told her I guessed I was, but that my hand hurt a great deal.

"You have had a good deal of some kind—besides the burn, Jimmie," she rejoined, folding up the bed covers so that the bandaged hand would rest easier. "The doctors are all puzzled. Does your head feel quite clear now—so that you can think?"

"It feels as if I had a crazy clock in it," I said. "But the thinking part is all right. Have you heard anything from Mr. Norcross yet?"

"Not a word," she answered, with her hand on her forehead. "We have been hoping that you could tell us something when you should recover sufficiently to talk. Can't you, Jimmie?"

Remembering what Maisee Ann had told me just before I went off the looks, I thought I might tell her a lot if I dared to. But that wouldn't do. So I just said:

"I told Maisee Ann all I knew about Mr. Norcross. He left the office some little time before I did—with Mr. Ripley. I didn't know where they were going."

"They went to the hotel," she helped out. "Mr. Ripley says they sat in the lobby until after ten o'clock, and then Mr. Norcross went up to his rooms."

Of course, I knew that Mr. Ripley knew all about the Hatch racket; but if he hadn't told her, I wasn't going to tell her.

"There was some trouble in connection with Mr. Hatch that evening, wasn't there?" she asked.

"Hatch had some trouble—yes. But I guess the boss didn't have any," I replied.

"All me about it," she commanded; and I told her just as little as I could;

how Hatch had had an interview with the boss earlier in the evening, while I was away.

"It wasn't a quarrel?" she suggested. "Why should they quarrel?" I asked.

She shook her head. "You are sparing with me, Jimmie, in some unspoken idea of being loyal to Mr. Norcross. You needn't, you know. Mr. Norcross has told me all about his plans; he has even been generous

stop all the betterment work on the Short Line until the new general manager could get on the ground; how the local capitalists at the head of the new Citizens' Storage & Warehouse organization were scared plumb out of their shoes and were afraid to make a move; and how the newspapers all over the state were saying that it was just what they had expected—that the railroad was crooked in root and branch, and that a good man couldn't stay with it long enough to get his breath.

"Then the new general manager has been appointed?" I asked.

He nodded. "Some fellow by the name of Dismuke. I don't know him, and neither does Hornack. He is on his way west now, they say."

"Mr. Norcross hasn't shown up at Mr. Chadwick's Chicago office?" I ventured.

"No. The telegraph people have been wiring everywhere and can't get any trace of him."

"Tell them to try Galesburg. That's where his people live."

"I know," he said; and he made a note of the address on the back of an envelope. Then he came at me again, on the "direct," as a lawyer would say.

"You've been closer to Norcross in an intimate way than any of us, Jimmie; haven't you seen or heard something that would help to turn a little more light on this dimmable blow?"

I hadn't—besides the one thing I couldn't talk about—and I told him so, and at this he let me see a little more of what was going on in his own mind.

"You're one of us, in a way, Jimmie, and I can talk freely to you. Mrs. Macrae insists that there has been foul play of some sort. You say you weren't present when Hatch called on Norcross at the office that night?"

"No; I came in just after Hatch went away."

"Did Norcross say anything to make you think there had been a fight?"

"He told me that Hatch was abusive and had made threats—in a business way."

"In a business way? What do you mean by that?"

I quoted the boss' own words, as nearly as I could recall them.

"So Hatch did make a threat, then? Can you add anything more?"

I could, but I didn't want to. Mr. Van Brit didn't know anything about the Sand Creek sliding hold-up, or I supposed he didn't, and I didn't want to be the first one to tell him. Besides, the whole business was beside the mark. Maisee Ann knew, and I knew, that the boss, strong and unbreakable as he was in other ways, had simply thrown up his hands and quit because somebody had told him that Mrs. Sheila had a husband living. So I just said:

"Nothing that would help out," and after he had talked a little while longer our only millionaire went downstairs again.

It's so funny how things change around for a person just by giving them time to sort of slake down into place and fit themselves together. After a while the chin edge of us weighs that Mrs. Sheila has been trying to drive into me began to take hold, just a little, in spite of what I knew—or thought I knew. Was it barely possible, after all, that there had been foul play of some sort?

In the first place, something had been done to me by somebody; it was a sure thing that I hadn't crippled and half-killed myself all by my lonesome. They had said that the boss stayed up with Mr. Ripley that night until after ten o'clock, and had then gone up to go to bed. That being the case, how could anybody have got to him between that time and the leaving time of the midnight Post Mail to tell him about Mrs. Sheila?

Anyway it was stacked up, it made a three-cornered puzzle, needing somebody to tackle it right away; and when I finally went to sleep it was with the notion that, sick or no sick, I was going to turn out early in the morning and get busy.

I was well enough to get up the next morning, and when I phoned to Mr. Van Brit he sent his car out to the major's to take me down to the office. Just before I left the house, Mrs. Sheila layd me, and after telling me that I must be careful and not take cold in the burnt hand, she put in another word about the boss' disappearance.

"I want you to remember what I said last night, Jimmie, and not let the others talk you over into the belief that Mr. Norcross has gone away because he was either discouraged or afraid. He wouldn't do that; you know it, and I know it. We are his friends, you and I, and we must stand by him and defend him when he isn't here to defend himself."

It did me good to hear her talk that way. I had been sort of getting ready to dislike her for letting the boss get in so deep and not telling him straight out that she was a married woman and he mustn't; but when I saw that she was trying to be just as loyal to him as I was, I pulled me over to her side again.

Though the boss' disappearance was now four days old, things were still in a sort of daze down at the railroad office. Mr. Van Brit, being the general superintendent and next in command, had moved over into the boss' office, and Fred May was doing his shorthand work. They wouldn't let me do anything much—I couldn't do much with my right arm in a sling—so I had a chance to hang around and size up the situation. If you want to know how it sized up, you can take it from me that it was pretty bad. People all along the line were bombarding Mr. Van Brit with letters and telegrams wanting to know what was going to be done, and what the change in management was going to mean for the public, and all that. You see, Mr. Norcross had laid out a mighty attractive program in the little time he had been at the wheel, and now it looked as if it was all going to be dumped into the ditch.

"We're in pretty bad shape, aren't we?" I suggested.

"We couldn't be in worse shape," was the way he put it. Then he told me a little more than Maisee Ann had; how President Dunton had wired to

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