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## **SCORES CON-**TINGENT FEES

Dr. W. E. Sturgis, of San Angelo, Texas, read a paper before the State Medical Association in its annual meeting at Amarillo, in which he scored unmercifully that class of the medical fraternity who make a profession of giving "expert" testimony in damage suit cases for a part of the damages when such are collected from the railroads.

Dr. Sturgis emphatically stated that about 85 per cent of the "incurable" cases are permanently cured when the salve of a good, healthy damage fee is collected by the "incurable."

The people of Hunt County, unfortunately, are only too fa miliar with the fact that what Dr. Sturgis states is, in a meas-

ants."

a part of the damage to be col- some scheme with a set of petticounty seat. This half can be be without character. divided with medical or other assistants in smaller percentages a wholesome adjustment of the until forces and powers with a growing damage suit industry, financial interest at stake are and it is high time legislation brought to bear in the interest of was forthcoming along this line. the "poor unfortunate and per- When a doctor visits his pa- Macon and in doing this he will heartless corporation, that ap-charge him \$50 if he lives. den citizenship of the land until he plants his man or not. an ordinary jury is overwhelm. A lawyer does not promise land.

This "contingent fee" business If the said printer also prints a fee is questionable. newspaper he is likely to at once grow wonderfully sympathetic should always be preferred as with "perfectly maimed humanity" whose permanent injury can able-Greenville Messenger. be thoroughly established out of the mouth of a great medical Texas' Increase in Wealth Fifty "expert" whose "contingent" fee in the case is about twelve times the size of his own, and the public fails to get a fair and impartial account of this case in which there are various and sundry "contingent" fees involved along with the unfortunate victim who has suffered a collision with a railroad.

all "contingent" fees are tainted, far from that.

The contingent fee in damage suits is well nigh universal in Texas, and there are hundreds of February classifies a follows: the most capable and upright lawyers who take them and associate none other than honorable actions with their conduct. But still, lawyers are just made out of clay, and some of them of a rather moderate and exceedingly pliable product of the earth. Hence, the honorable man is not hurt and the ambulance chasers and other unrighteous adjuncts of this system are estopped from their unholy action when this "contingent fee"

is cut ous Dr. Stargis complains of the to please you.

#### **KINDNESS**

(BY THE FREE PRESS STAFF POET.)

Kindness is a fruitful seed, From which springs a fragrant flower; It inspires many a noble deed, And brightens the lonely hour.

Cultivate it with careful hand, Nourish it tenderly; And in the beautiful golden land, It will insure a place for thee.

Give to this beautiful plant, A protection from sorrow's scorching sun, And God's glerious chant Will be, "Thou faithful servant, well done."

Guard it from the icy waters, And Winter's chilling blast, With the spirit of the martyrs, And your reward will be Heaven, at last.

brings his profession, but his JUDGE SCURRY ure, true in or own little baili- low level to which this system The contingent fee is not only profession is only a part. We unwholesome for the medico, grant that it is a most imporbut is equally unwholesome for tant part, but there is nothing the attorney and his general uplifting about the contingent line-up of "contingent assist fee anywhere, and if carried to its logical conclusion, the hired The contingent fee is simply man will soon be conducting lected and is usually half the foggers to rob his landlord when the Sons of Confederate Veterans said damage at this particular the said hired man happens to

Every citizen would profit by

manently maimed" victim who tient, he doesn't promise to do urge that the sons of veterans exhas suffered at the hands of a the work free if he dies and parently wears a smile while fat- just makes a decent charge for tening on the blood the down-trod- his service and collects whether

ed with the earnestness and criminal to do his work free if "truthfulness" of all this "disin- he goes to the pen and charge terested" force who are fighting \$500 if he saves him. He just for humanity against the great takes a mortgege on his horse, heartless corporations of the cow and pigs and sells them after his man gets in the pen.

There is no reason why a legieven goes so far that printers mate fee should not be charged are offered brief printing at a for all professional service rendouble price when a suit is won dered and this is perfectly and no fee when said suit is lost. wholesome while the contingent

> That which is wholesome against that which is question-

## Millions In February.

The statistical bureau of the Texas Commercial Secretaries & Business Men's Association, which is engaged in keeping a monthly record of Texas progress, has just issued its report for the month of February. This report shows that the total increase in the wealth of the Lone We need a legislature that Star State for the month of will put a crimp in contingent February, 1912, approximates fees. Not that we believe that \$4,572,500. This is \$59,814,000, or 11 per cent greater than the increase shown for the month of January. Divided according to its source of production, the

> Agricultural production, ... \$15,992,000 Total..... 248,572,500

#### Money to Loan

on land at 8 per cent and 9 per cent interest, also to buy Vendors Lien Notes. If you want a loan. come and see us.

SANDERS & WILSON,

Let the Free Press do your of membership. job printing. We are prepared

Judge Edgar Scurry of this city has received notice of his appointment by Gen. N. B. Forest, Commander-in-chief of as bridage commander of a district comprising about a score of Texas counties.

Judge Scurry has accepted the honor and his first effort will be to organize his district to send delegations to the reunion at tend every possible aid and assistance to Confederate Veterans to enable them to make the trip. Whether any considerable number of sons of veterans from his district go to Macon or not he is anxious that as many veterans themselves go or be sent to the reunion.

He will send to Camps of Sons of Confederate Veterans and where no camps are organized, to prominent sons of veterans the following letter:

Wichita Falls, Tex., March 7. To the Sons of Confederate Soldiers.

Gen. N. B. Forest, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Comrade Thomas J. Baten, Division (The State of Texas) Commander has done me the honor to appoint me Brigade Commander of this district, the district being composed of the following counties: Johnson, Tarrant, Montague, Parker, Wise, Hood Sumerville, Hamilton, Erath, Comanche, Eastland, Palo Pinto, Stevens, Jack, Clay, Wichita, Archer, Young, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Haskell, Knox, Foard, and Hardeman.

I have accepted the appointment and am taking this means of getting in touch with the sons and I hereby ask that all comof camps where there is an organized camp, and sons who feel interested where there is no or Wichita and Clay counties. ganized camp to write me at once Factory production,..........16,150,000 as the reunion will be at Macon, give low rates and I would like the largest from any district to go from ours.

> any comrade that will write me. raising of good beef cattle Let me hear from you. In writ- Texas. ing give the name and number

> > Yours truly,

## TEXAS INDUS-TRIAL NOTES

A charter has been granted the South Texas Commercial National Bank of Houston; capital stock \$1,000,000.

Plans are being perfected for the erection of a sixteen story office building at San Antonio.

It is reported that \$100,000 will be spent for civic improvements at Brownsville in the near future.

The Texas and Pacific and International & Great Northern will run an agricultural exhibit car over their lines this spring.

The Crescent Oil & Gas Company of Electra, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona, has been granted a permit to do business in Texas with principal office at Fort Worth.

Bonds to the amount of \$250, 000 have been sold in New York markets for the purpose of rebuilding the Austin dam.

The Commissioners' Court of San Angelo is contemplating the issuance of \$70,000 in bonds for the erection of viaducts across the Concho river.

Plans are being made by the Young Men's League of Palestine to erect a peanut factory at that place.

Two hundred acres of land near Clinton recently sold for \$72,000.

Arrangements are being made by the Galveston Commercial Association for a celebration in May upon the completion of the causeway connecting Galveston with the mainland.

The Houston & Texas Central has received twenty new locomotives at Houston and twentyfive more are reported to be en route to that city.

The Gaudalupe Water Power Company of Austin has been chartered with a capital stock of \$600,000.

The Kansas City Southern and the Frisco railways are contemplating the erection of a new depot at Beaumont.

Kingsville will have a "City Plan." The Commissioners have engaged civil engineers to establish grades and levels, provide for street extensions and park areas and make estimates for paving and sewerage.

It is reported that approximately 400 acres will be planted in grapes near Fort Stockton this Spring.

A contract has been let for the construction of dams above Brady to impound water for the city's use.

The C. B. Livestock Company of Chicago, Ill., has been granted a permit to do business in Texas with principal offices at Crosbyton; capital stock \$1,250, 000.

The People's Oil and Gas Company is the name of the new \$250,000 oil company of Wichita manders or the secretaries of Falls. The company, which is composed of Texas and eastern capitalists, will develop leases in

> It is reported that the Cotton Belt Railroad will extend its line from Hillsboro to Whiney.

The Fort Worth Chamber to have a large delegation, if not Commerce has offered a handsome loving cup, valued at \$250. for the best car of Texas-fed I shall be pleased to hear from cattle. This is to encourage the

The city well at Lubbock has of your Camp and the number capacity of 3,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.

Edgar Scurry. at Livingston has been incorpor- terial and price.

## WHITE AND WASH **FABRICS**

They grow prettier and prettier, more varied and more likable year by year and they never lose their serviceability. Our stock of White Goods aud Wash Fabrics this year is not to be equaled in this city. You should see them before buying. In this department are many new and beautiful patterns in Tissues, which are very popular for medium priced dresses at this season of the year. You will find them in all the popular colors in stripes and small checks.

#### SILK FOULARDS

This week we received another shipment of Silk Foulards, which have been added to our Silk department. We would like for every lady in Haskell to see these. They come in the most popular colors and no two alike.

#### LONG GLOVES

New sixteen button Silk Gloves in Black and white at \$1.25

New sixteen button Chamoisette Gloves, Natural Color, at \$1.25

## G. Alexander & Sons

THE BIG STORE

ated with a capital stock \$100,000.

The district supervisor for the government in demonstration farm work has arranged with the county commissioners to put fifty demonstration farms in Denton county.

Arrangements are being made to build a new railroad from San Antonio to Fredricksburg.

Construction work on the construction from Boston, self as well pleased with the system and method employed

Southeast Texas Fair Associa. tion to the farmers of Southeast Texas for the best yield of cotton on one acre of ground.

Five hundred cattle were recently sold near Plainview for fifty dollars each.

It is estimated that lettuce from San Benito during the Spring months will total over \$175,000.

Let the Free Press do your job printing. We are prepared to The Choats Lumber Company please you in workmanship, ma-

## **HOME-COMING** OF MONEY

The marvelous opportunities for investments in Texas which are unfolding like buds bursting on the trees, suggest a homecoming of Texas dollars. We have quite a considerable sum roads at Brady has now begun. invested in foreign lands and The general supervisor of road while frequently a dollar is whipped home with bleeding Mass., is there under orders feet and tattered garments, yet from the government to assist in the bulk of our prodigal dollars the work. He expresses him- never know what they missed when they left home.

We need a home-coming of Texas dollars so they can see A farmer of Liberty county the wonderful change that has made two bales of cotton on one taken place in Texas since they acre of ground and received the left us and that they may have prize offered by the Beaumont an opportunity of repenting of Chamber of Commerce and the their sins at the altar of golden opportunity.

#### Take Notice.

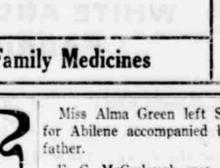
The time has come that every body should save money. Then shone 239 for feed, wood and coal. Your money back if not satisfie M. A. Clifton

I can furnish complete list of the poll tax payers of Haskell county with correct post office and occupation. If you want one (9-tf) J. H. Meadors

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Spalding Base Ball Goods Spencer & Richardson **DRUGGISTS** The Rexall Store

Nyal's Family Medicines



I have several good farms to J. D. Kinnison.

LOCAL

W. T. Newsom went to Weinert

Dick Carney of O'Brien was in the city this week.

R. A. Lackey made us a pleasant call Thursday.

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Mrs. Wash McCarty visited near Munday this week.

Bring your eggs and poultry to Co-operative Store. D. Scott arrived on the south

bound train Monday.

Reed Hughes came in from Weinert Monday night.

F. G. Alexander & Sons.

Miss Willie Whatley has returned from a visit at Anson.

Gus Wiltong of Wichita Falls ton Wednesday. was in this city this week.

A. H. Alexander made a business trip to Dalias this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Therwhanger were in the city this week.

C. F. Shipp of Stamford was in the city Thursday on business.

Press Baldwin and wife of the

east side were in the city Tuesday. We are in the market for poul-

try and eggs, Co-operative Store. Kaffir corn, mile maize and

millet seed for sale at M. A. Clif-

C. W. Turner of Hedley is visiting his friend Burwell Cox of this

Try Heinz Mustard Catsup or Dill pickles at F. G. Alexander &

J. E. Archer of Asperment is visiting friends in Haskell this pington chickens for sale.

week. Get your menidgitis preventa-

Store.

Anson.

That hand lotion Will Marr makes is fine, try a bottle, satis-

Miss Alma Green left Sunday for Abilene accompanied by her

E. C. McCullough was a pas-Friday.

T. J. Graham has sold eleven cars of Apples at this place this

Selected barred plymouth rock eggs, 15 for 30 cts., phone J. M. 4t. pd.

J. D. Roberts of the northeast building. side spent several days in the city this week.

Candies at Will Marr's, Corner J. W. Meadors. Drug Store.

train Friday.

Give a luncheon to your friends, ander & Sons.

Steve Neathery came in from A fresh shipment of bulk cakes. Hamlin and spent the day with his family Sunday.

F. G. Alexander and F. M. Morton visited the ranch of Mr. Mor-

Co-operative Store is prepared to handle your poultry and eggs

at market price. Fred C. Mendick and wife of O'Brien spent Sunday in the city

visiting relatives. Miss Olga Fitzgerald of Garza Texas is visiting the Misses Fitz-

gerald of this city. George Davis, and wife have returned from Elas county to make Haskell their home.

Mrs. Will Smith of Denton county is visiting her son-in-law, Bud

Yates, near this city. George Reynolds of Throck-

the week on business. Mrs. S. A. Hughes visited her

northeast side this week. I have some pure bred Buff Or-

J. D. Kinnison.

tives at Will Marr's Corner Drug ing at Weinert, spent Sunday with Will Marr of this city. her parents of this place.

Miss Flora Garvin returned last Dr. Daly of Abilene was in the sons Masters Howell and Arthur Friday from a visit to friends at city Tuesday and when we met were visiting the family of Rev. him he made us feel good.

Ben Thompson of Dallas, a Monday.

# Avoid Sickness

It shows more practical sense to take medicine to prevent sickness than to take it to get well after becoming sick You save in three ways-a doctor bill, a smaller medicine bill and a good deal of suffering.

## Another Thing

be sure to get pure drugs. We handle only the best drugs, and all prescriptions are given the most painstaking care. We carry a full line of toilet articles, cigars, etc. in connection with our splendid drugs and medicines. We are here to please you, and will appreciate your business

West Side Pharmacy J. R. Walton, Prop

Hughes Chocolate Candies are fine. Buy your girl a box at Will Marr's, Corner Drug Store.

J. A. L. Wood and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Bulah Washburn near Anson this week.

T. A. Corbett returned home from Spur where he has been on business the past few weeks.

I can make money and you can save money. Hair cut 25cts. at A. P. Kinnison's Barber Shop.

Found-A pair of spectacles, owner call at this office, pay for this local and get the spectacles.

T. J. Hutchison of Rule will be

in charge of the light and ice plant during the season of 1912. A five room house with 16 acres

J. D. Kinnison. senger on the north bound train of Throckmorton were in Haskell Anson to visit her parents.

> the first of the week on business. Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from

J. Walker Smith has returned

from Swenson, where he has been for some time erecting a bank going to run a cut of your stallion

For Sale—Three dozen thorough order you a cut for your horse? bred white brown-legon young A nice line of Hughes Chocolate hens, at 50 cents each. See Mrs.

The Baptist Church of this rity N. I. McCollum and Dr. H. N. has called Rev. T. R. Waggener of your money back. M. A. Clifton. Robertson came in on the morning Hubbard City to the pastorate of the church here.

J. A. Flournoy of the Jud comand serve chop suey, at F. G. Alex- munity called at our office Tues- reasonable charges. Phonef day and gave us his subscription No. 45. for the Free Press.

### I CAN REPAIR THAT WATCH

For ten years I have been handling "balky" keepers.

I know their tricks, have learned all nasty little ways.

I know too just how

Let me look over that watch you can't depend out I'll tell you so.

If it isn't, I'll make it right.

### R. M. CRAIG, morton was in the city the first of Jeweler & Optician.

mother, Mrs. W. M. Wood of the the city this week. Mr. Remit Smith Hardware Co.

Miss Lucy Stogner who is teach-spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. they think will be more satisfac-attended and the pupils from

Mrs. C. S. Jones of Anson, and W. P. Garvin Sunday.

Marr's, Corner Drug Store.

Our abstract books are com-Sanders & Wilson.

J. J. Stevens of Stamford stopped a while in our city Wednesday on his return home from a trip in Northwest Texas.

Mrs. J. M. Cobb of Fort Worth, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. B. H. Dodson of this city, returned to her hame Friday.

Mr. and Mrs, W. S. Hicks of the Rochester Record spent Sunday with Judge and Mrs. D. H. Hamilton, the parents of Mrs. Hicks.

Carol Haswell, now of Amarilo arrived here Friday and will spend a couple of weeks here. Carol was raised in Haskell and has many friends here.

The contractors for the Stamford and North Fastern railroad unloaded a car of plows and scrapers at this place Friday. They will soon begin work on a section of the road east of this place.

The Symphony Club will hold its annual election of officers Wednesday afternoon, March 20th, at the home of Miss Vera Neathery. There will be no program that afternoon.

Senator Weinert of Seguin was in Haskell this week. Senator Weinert has established a state wide reputation for the humane and progressive bills he has gotten through the legislature.

S. C. R. I. Reds, Pure-bred foundation stock from Walter Sherman of Rhode Island. The very best, 15 eggs \$1.00.

L. C. Mckelvy, Albany, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennis Jones, of Rule and Mr. and Mrs. Chester of land to trade for a farm. Jones, of Jud, and Miss Leta Baker of Rule were in this city E. T. Parrott and son, Bramwell Sunday. Miss Baker left here for

> For Sale or Trade-A good Tennessee Jack. If not sold will make the season 1912 at my place or at Haskell.

(9-tf W. T. Boatright.

Notice to Stockmen-If you are in your advertising this spring, had you not best come and let us

Wake up and come to M. A. Clitton's to get first class flour, fuel, wood and coal. Then if you are not satisfied phone 239 and

Northcutt and Ashcraft are the people to do your hauling. Our drays are always easy to Services |prompt and find.

Beginning Saturday March 16, the Baptist Ladies Aid will keep a Saturday market at the Co-Operative Store. Give us orders for your Sunday dinners. Phone special orders to Mrs. W. P. Whitman, Pres.

In another column will be found the announcement of Emory we feel justified in recommending upon the shy lasses we believe Fairis feels that he is justified him to the people.

on anymore. If its worn its subscribers a statement show- arrow among this young set. ing the conditions of each account At a late hour the hostess served this week. Our subscribers who a tempting salad course and were in arrears are doing the each departing couple declared handsome thing by coming in and it had been a most joyous even court has made a good record in settling up. The cheerful re- ing. sponse of those who are behind is very encouraging. They not only pay up but they compliment us for sending them the statement Auditorium last Saturday night Ed Remit of McGregor, was in of their account. We are glad to by pupils of Miss Maxwell's note the general disposition to re- music class and Miss Day's exwas at one time with McNeill and spond. We have no one to object pression class was pronounced to our action in this matter but by all who attended as being Carl Lewis of Aspermont, who many of our subscribers approve quite a success in every particis attending the Stamford College, a pay in advance policy, which ular. A very fair sized audience tory. They tell us that the lax both classes acquitted thempolicy of the Free Press in the selves admirably. past should be changed.

#### The Sons of Herman

Better get you a bottle of hand No. 241 will give a picnic the 28th ginning more than ever to recbrother of J. W. Thompson of the lotion, makes the hand smooth and of May. They have invited the ognize that an announcement of faction guaranteed. Corner Drug Free Fress force was in the city soft, only 25 cts. bottle at Will candidates and will give them a a program by their pupils means splended opportunity to meet the an enjoyable evening for those people. There will be dinner and who may be fortunate enough to betracts from lin Process Read will as the Hamattend. lin Brass Band will furnish music. At night there will be a big ball. We make this announcement at the request of Mr. Grusendorf, who is on the committee, and is already active in getting things in shape for a big time.

Boys! HERE EVERY DAY - PERFECTION" PETE IS ON HIS WAY TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THE JOYS OF WEARING PERFECTION CLOTHES FOR BOYS

We've an enviable reputation as headquarters for boys clothes of the better sort.

Our assortment of boys clothing is at its very best right now. Everything is new and fresh-just the sort of nobby clothing that you would like.

Perfection, Clothes for boys are the best that you could wish for-they are made for your satisfaction.

"If you want the best-you want Perfection, Boys Clothes." Suits for every taste and every purse, all moderately priced.

FOR SALE BY

#### Mrs. Keister Entertains.

The prettily appointed home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Keister was the scene of much merriment Thursday evening when Mrs. Keister entertained her Sunday School class complimentary to Miss McNatt of Abilene.

#### A Successful Entertainment

The recital at the High School These two talented ladies are doing a great work in training the young people in the art of music and ex-The Sons of Herman, Lodge pression and the people are be-

Another recital will be given by this class either the night of March 22nd or 23rd. Definite announcement of the date will be made later.

Subscribe for the Free Press.

#### W. J. Fairis for County Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce W. J. Fairis of Weinert for reelection to the office of commissioner of precinct No. 2. Mr. Fairis has served the county the past two years and won the con Hearts was the game chosen for fidence of his constituency by Menefee for re-election to the amusement and several pro- his honest straight forward way office of county treasurer. Mr. nounce it most appropriate, and of acting on public questions Menetee has given excellent ser- judging from the admiring coming before the body of vice during his incumbency and glances of the gallant lads cast which he is a member. Mr. the little god of Love has been by his record in asking an en-The Free Press has mailed all playing some pranks with his dorsement of his people for the second time. He believes that considering the financial conditions the county has had to confront, that the commissioners the matter of economy in administration, and spent the people's money judiciously. We would ask for his candidacy the careful consideration of the

#### Useless Repetition

Nona and Nina were two beautiful little Canadian girl twins, as alike as the proverbial peas in personal appearance, yet widely different temperamentally. Nona possessed a strong aversion for study and discipline. One evening the governess sent her from the school room in disgrace; Nona hadn't learned her spelling

"Get your book, Nona, and sit right down and don't stir until you've learned that lesson,' ordered mamma.

"But Nina got the lesson mamma," protested Nona.

"That makes no difference. You must get the lesson, too."

"Oh, what's the use of both of us learning the same things?" wailed Nona

## THE POLICY OF THIS BANK

Is to extend its facilities for legitimate business transactions only; To accord its customers the utmost liberality consistent with sound bonking; To keep its organization and equipment so complete that its patrons may enjoy the

advantages of the most up-to-date banking methods.

We always haee time to talk to you and will be pleased to confer with persons desiring to start an account.

...THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK.

## County News Items

Interesting Facts Gathered During the Week by Our Regular Correspondents.

#### East of Kirkdale

Hello Dear Editor and chats. shining.

very good at present.

Miss Myrtle Kennedy has been on the sick list for the past week. Will Dyer had business in Has-

kell to-day. Frank Kennedy had business in the city Saturday.

Arthur Atcherson had business in Haskell Thursday.

one day last week.

Earl Atchison had business in the Roberts community Friday.

Frank Haley and wife visited the latters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Grimsley Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Smithee and son of near town visited T. S. Grimsley Sun-

Kirby and Ralph spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs J. F. Kennedy.

John Roberts and wife of Roberts community spent Saturfamily.

Frank Kennedy spent one eyening with R. A. Zelisco last week. Little Floyd the eight year old son of T. S. Grimsley had the misfortune of getting his left arm broken Saturday. He is doing as

well as can be expected. Well as this is the first time, I will go and leave space for a better writer. Come on Vidette and unknown:

#### **Themistocles**

R. G. Collins, Postmaster, Barnsevere la grippe cough. He says: cise of the singing school at Bal"I would be completely exhausted after each fit of violent coughing. Claud and Clyde Gordon attenda."

Claud and Clyde Gordon attenda. I bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and before I the closing exercises ing school at Ballew. spells had entirely ceased. It can't Drug Store.

#### Center Point

The people are greatly enjoying the sunshine this week. They are all busy plowing, harrowing and burning stalks, and the birds are singing as if spring was here.

Mrs. B. F. McDonald and children spent Sunday with Mrs. A. J. Rhodes.

Mrs. Haralson and Mrs. Frank Jeter called on Mrs. Stephens Tuesday afternoon.

Henry Jeter made a business trip to Haskell Monday morning. Mr. Emerson went to Haskell

dance at the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows Tuesday night.

D. M. Gross has been quite sick for the past few days. We hope days? him a speedy recovery, as he is needed in the field work.

ience with a run-a-way team Mon- community now. day. He was thown in front of feet but escaped without serious writing, but we hope she soon will injury.

Jim Fouts and Miss Wavie Mc-Gregor were seen enroute to sing- Robertson and daughter one evening at Sayles Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Will Jeter visited Mrs. J. R. Jeter Tuesday.

last Saturday afternoon alone, but welcome this family back again. on his return had good company. There was no singing Sunday

Saturday night and Sunday with er being so bad but hope next his sister, Miss Wavie. There was no preaching at this crowd and lots of good singing.

place Sunday on account of the Earl Barton from town spent ad weather.

Mrs. G. W. Haralson and family his cousin, Arthur Barton. and Mr. McGregor and sister attended church at Joe Bailey Sun- attended the party at Mr. Gor-

Henry Jeter who has been makhow are you all this morning, ing preparations the winter to beguess you are glad to see the sun gin plowing, plowed Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning made Health in this community is not a flying trip to the blacksmith a few days with her grand mother, shop with no plow point.

Singing at Will Bland's was called off Saturday night on account of the rain.

Mrs. McLennan spent last Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Jeter.

On passing by Frank Jeter's last Saturday we saw him buildtook dinner with J. F. Kennedy pose he is going into the poultry business.

Mrs, Canthen called on Mrs. Rhodes Monday afternoon.

We hope to see interesting letters from Sudge, Marguerite and others again this week.

Unknown

#### What We Never Forget

according to science, are the Mrs. I. W. Kirkpatrick and sons, things associated with our early home life, such as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that mother or grandmother used to cure our burns, boils, scalds, sores, skin eruptions, cuts, sprains or bruises. day night and Sunday with the latter's parents T. G. Grimsley and merit. Unrivaled for piles, corns or cold-sores. Only 25 cents at Jas. R. Walton's.

#### Rose Chapel

Well here I come again with a cover again. few dots.

weather this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hays visited Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bishop Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bell are the Callie, Tuesday evening. happy parents of a fine girl.

egat, N. J., was troubled with a Hays attended the closing exer- are glad to say.

Miss Susie Bischop has been the singing school, she returned evening. home Saturday night with her

Claud Thomas and Claud Gordon visited Floyd Rose Sunday.

Well as news is scarce I will ring off and give room for some of the better writers.

School Boy

#### Uncle Ezra Says

"It don't take more'n a gill uv ef fort to git folks into a peck of trouble" and a little neglect of constipation, biliousness, indigestion or other derangement will do the same. If ailing, take Dr. King's New Life Pills for quick Quite a number were in attendant only 25 cents at Jas. R. Walton's.

Rose Items How are you enjoying the fine

Most all the farmers are busy at work in their fields, a great deal Clyde Gross had quite an exper- of gardening is going on in our

The little daughter of Mr. and the planter and dragged several Mrs. Will Vinson is very ill at this be up again.

Miss Minnie Barton visited Mrs. ing last week.

J. C. Bland and family have moved into our community from Prof. Brooks went to Vernon Baylor county. We are glad to

Mr. McGregor of Stamford spent evening on account of the weath- OR THROW YOUR MONEY AWA Sunday there will be a large By patronizing spectacle ped-

from Thursday until Sunday with outrageous.

There were a few of the boys don's Friday night of last week,

Jake Shipman and wife made a all reported a nice time.

flying trip to Haskell Saturday Miss Minnie Barton visited Mrs.

Vinson Saturday evening.

Arthur and Earl Barton visited Ben and Wade Parks Friday night and played 42 awhile.

Don Parrott of Throckmorton is spending a few days with Mr. Barton on business.

Robert Hayse of the Whitman community spent Saturday night with his brother, Mose Hayse.

Miss Minnie Barton spent from Sunday until Monday with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Barton in town and was accompanied home by Myrtle, the daughter of Mrs. Barton to spend Mrs. D. J. Barton.

Mrs. Minnie Bishop returned to her home in Robertson county Friday, she has been visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Miss Susie Bishop attended the singing school at Ballew last week. As news is scarce I'll leave my place for some good writer "Mary C. Wilkerson of Throckmorton ing a new chicken house. Sup- Jane" would like to hear from you again.

Best wishes to our Editor and host of readers.

Mocking Bird

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#### North East of Haskell.

Health in our community is not very good at present.

Mr. Andy Strain is on the sick list but we hope he will soon re-

Mrs. J. F. Culp and children We have had a little pretty visited Mrs. W. J. Boatwright and daughter Miss Lena What-

ley on Thursday of last week. Mrs. N. A. Grisco visited Mrs. K. D. Webb and daughter Miss

Little Miss Irene Patton was Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bishop and sick the latter part of last week family and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. but is better at this writing we

the closing exercises of the sing- brother and family Mr. Grimsley of Arkendale Sunday.

fell and happened to the awful perpetuating anything that accident of breaking his arm. wrong, sinful and criminal. We hope he will soon be well.

drilling Friday. Guess the and factories? weather got too cold for them. Miss Callie Webb visited

Friday night. Mr. Cetron of near Post school house visited Mr. C. Sears a

short while Tuesday. Little Cole Webb is right sick at this writing. We wish him

speedy recovery. I'll be going with best wishes

Blue Bells. to our paper. Let the Free Press do your

to please you. the result.



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### Abolish Capitolism.

Editor Haskell Free Press: Dear Friend:

We know that as a sincere Christain you believe in "Doing unto others as you would have others do unto you." You believe in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Millions of your brothers and sisters need your moral support

your mental and spiritual aid. We feel that you are fair minded and will read this letter and re-Miss Lena Whatley visited ceive its message in the kindly be beat." For sale by Robertson's visiting at Ballew and attending Miss Callie Webb Saturday spirit in which it is written. We are sure that no sincere Christian Mr. Grimslely's little boy can willingly and knowingly aid while riding a horse Saturday in anyway in maintaining and

> Can you as a Christian or as an Wiley Whatley visited Mr. honest citizen, aid in maintaining in the crime of Capitalism—for Walter Roberts of Rose Sunday. and perpetuating the Liquor traf-Mr. Whitaker and Oliver Win- fic, the White Slave traffic, the ters came in from their well murdering of children in the mills

anyone be a Christian and lend their influence in maintaining a system that breaks eyery Comof man? Certainly not.

job printing. We are prepared buy and sell liquor for profit, and alism and Christianity are identi-

of their labor than out of the la- Church, for Socialism is Chistianbor of men.

For profits, men and women engage in the White Slave traffic, with what terrible and sintul results all are familiar. The profit system is the chief cause of poverty, for through it Labor is robbed of four-fifths of the product of its toil, and want, destitution, disease and death results.

The Bible says that "The love all evil," and Christ condemned principles of Socialism. the profit system when he went into the temple and "Cast out them that bought and sold," saying "My house shall be known of all nations as a house of prayer, but

ye have made it a den of thieves.'

If it was stealing to buy and sell in the church, it would be stealing to do the same thing out of the church. The profit system is based on the essential principle of theft: taking something without returning an equivalent, for profit adds absolutely nothing to the value of the article sold.

As a Christian you are to pray "Thy (God's) will be done in earth as it is in Heaven." Now. surely God would not permit this vicious and criminal profit system For Sheriff: to exist in Heaven, so why should you maintain it on earth? The For District Clerk: Republican, the Democrat and the Prohibition parties stand for competition—for buying and selling for profit-for Capitalism, and when you vote for any one of these parties, you become an accessory you help to maintain and perpetu-

ate it. The Socialist party is organized for the express purpose of abolish-Can you support a system that ing Capitalism and substituting is the direct cause of poverty and therefore a co-operative system in Misses Myrtle and Zula Patton all the crimes and diseases that keeping with the teachings of the can be traced to poverty? Can Bible and in harmony with the Golden Rule.

> The Bible says that "Every man should eat and drink and enmandment of God and every law joy the good ot all his labor' (Eccles.-3-13.) The fundamental Capitalism, or the buying and principle on which Socialism is selling everything for profit, is the based is to give to the worker all For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: direct cause of the liquor traffic, of the product of his toil. The for saloon keepers and bootleggers ethics or moral principles of Socinothing else, and drunkeness is cal. How can you accept one and reject the other? We feel that Millions of children are mur- when you get in touch with the dered in the mills and factories of message of Socialism and under-United States for the sole reason stand its teachings, you will work that more profit can be made out for it as you now work for your ity applied.

We know you are intelligent enough to understand the princi- For Mayor: ples of Socialism. We believe you are honest enough to accept it when convinced of the justice of its demands. We think you are brave enough and broad minded enough to investigate. We thank you for a careful reading of this letter and others that will follow, of money (profits) is the root of discussing in plain language the We are respectfully, yours for

the common good.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July, 1912.

For Representative of the 102nd Legislative District:

R. B. HUMPHREYS, (Re-election) For County Judge: A. J. SMITH, (Re-election). H. R. JONES,

GAYLORD KLINE F. L. DAUGHERTY. OSCAR MARTIN. C. B. LONG.

W. D. Falkner, (Re-Election.)

L. C. ELLIS. GUY O. STREET, (Re-Election,) E. W. LOE,

or County Clerk: JOHN L. ROBERTSON.
J. D. HALL,

For Tax Collector:

For Tax Assessor: R. H. SPROWLS.
J. W. TARBET, [Re-Election.]
OTIS B. SMITHEE.

J. E. WALLING. [R-Election.] For County Treasurer: EMORY MENIFEE [Re-Election.

For Public Weigher: A, T CREWS. C. H. RUSSELL, (Re-Election.) E. L. NORTHCUTT.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: R. C. WHITMIRE, [Re-Election.] T. A. WILLIAMS. For Commissioner Precint No. 2:

B. H. OWSLEY. W. J. FAIRIS Re-Election

J. B. DAVIS-Re-Election. For Commissioner Pre. No. 4:

G. W. SOLLOCK, [Re-Election] R. D. C. STEPHENS. For Justice of the Peace of Pre. No. 1:

J. S. POST. [Re-Election.] For Constable Precinct No. 1: A. G. (Cap) LAMBERT,

#### ANNOUNCEM' Election April 2nd, 1912.

V. TOMPSON.

For City Marshal: ED THORNTON.

J. W. FRENCH, (Re-Election.)

J. E. STEENSON.

essor and Collector:

Gaylord Kline of Rule, candidate for county attorney was in Haskell Friday.

J. D. Hall of the Rule Review was in the city Tuesday.

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It is better to have the town full of boosters than knockers.

If you want your town to be first, make it first by speaking of its superiority over other towns, instead of proclaiming its shortcomings.

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Poverty has its virtues, perhaps, as well as its draw-backs. An individual as well as a town. possessed of much wealth, loses energy and ambition, very often, and never amounts to much to the community or his fellows.

Every honest man and woman respects and honors the ambitious and energetic workman. The little man who works is worth ten big ones who won't. A lazy man has no place in the estimation of good people, and should not have.

A wise parent usually takes away the destructive agency by which his children may devastate anything that he may reach. Likewise a town that wants to improve and progress should take the destructive hammer away from the "knocker" and force him to "go way back and sit down."

It is said that first impressions are generally the most lasting. A pretty and well-kept town, symmetrically arranged, at once attracts the stranger who chances to enter its gates; an ill-kept, ugly, dilapidated town, has the reversed impression. Each and every citizen of a town should constantly keep this fact in mind and not let his premises go untidy. Keep things clean, attractive and inviting.

Help the Free Press tell of the good things of Haskell. If we fail to make note of something that might be of interest to the outside world, call our attention to it. We are here to say the good things. If we hint about the bad things our purpose is to purge ourselves of such things and make such improvements that will benefit both town and individual.

Natural advantages are very good things to have for a town. but very often they kill a town or impede its progress for the reason the people depend too largely upon those things to build the town and do not put out any effort or means to aid the natural advantages in making the town what it ought to be. When people do not depend upon these things to make the town, they get up and make one themselves.

If you should enter a home in which you had never been before and see dirt and filth, scraps of paper, trash, etc., scattered around, you would at once become convinced that the lady of the house was untidy and had no ambition as housekeeper, and you could not possibly have even the "stay at home." the same high opinion of her that you would form if the house had been otherwise. It is the same ing, praying? You know that the year do you remember to way with a stranger who visits a the continued interest of the pray for Christs' kindgom. town and finds the streets litter | regular meetings depends on the ed up with rubbish, a rank growth of weeds, the sidewalks rough and ill-kept. Clean streets, nice concrete sidewalks and well-kept yards, appeal to the





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## Hardy Grissom

#### Womans Missionary Notes

The program on social service work with Mrs. Long as leader meetings we have had this year. We learned that it is a work at

efforts of individual members, pray.—(Sam. III, 40.) What have you done to to add to the interest?

join the Society? Have you re- to Foreign Mission study with membered to make your pay. Mrs. Turrentine as teacher. ments regularly? Have you alwas one of the most interesting ways contributed as much as possible or as little as possible? What have you denied yourself which every member could work that you might have more to give to him who for your sake became What are you going to do this poor? On how many of the three year in the line of working, giv- hundred and sixty five days of

Let us search our hearts and

Each member is urged to ask themselves the above questions Have you made persistent and come to the next meeting stranger's love for the beautiful. efforts to induce one person to March, 18. It will be devoted printing. We can please you.

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Yours truly, (Advertisement)

a friend of Mr. Hall with a re- fy you in a given length of time, quest to publish and send and will secure you the position the bill to him.

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vils. Now how can you prove that, I'd like to know?" "Well, sah, did you ebber read in de Bible how de seben debbles

wuz cast out o' Mary Magdalen?" "Oh, yes, I've heard of that; but what does that prove?"

"Did you ebber hear of 'em bein' cast out of any odder woman sah?" and the old man assumed a wise look.

"No, I never did."

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Many women destroy the beauty of their hair through thoughtlessness or ignorance of the small boy. "What'll you give irons over-heated, or to excess, which destroys the natural oil of the hair, causing it to split, break, and come out. They do not shampoo their hair often enough, or too often. They use soaps or preparations which contain ingredients positively harm-

As a result of such treatment, dandruff is created, the hair loosens, loses color, falls out, and baldness commences, unless proper and prompt precautions After years of suffering with are taken in time. Then again, rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach microbes and certain diseases disorders and deranged kidneys. bring about unhealthy scalp and bring about unhealthy scalp and hair conditions.

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The district debating and de- you? clamatory contests will be held at Sweetwater March the 28 and 29. to such an extent that it is only Six schools will participate in these contests. The Haskell boys, Their active principle is a recent Grissom, Ballard and Loven, hope scientific discovery that is odorto win these contests and then be less, colorless, and tasteless; in the state. They are being "Aw, get wise. Doc," suggested certain facts. They use curling High School teachers and especially by Mr. Bell who was at one nausea, flatulence, griping, or in the University of Michigan.

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books will be printed and by means, for one thing, that at the keeping this list you will keep in end of each month we must have touch with the latest and most the sexton's salary ready for popular books of the day.

Below is a list of book recep-

nice Fields.

The Princess Virginia-Mrs. Goose.

The Immer Shrine - Mrs. Pinkerton. Atter to Mammon -Mrs. Mc-

Connell. Alice of Old Vincennes-Mrs.

(6 vol.)-Mrs. H. S. Wilson. Sandy-Mrs. Key.

Col. Carter-Mrs. Roach. Elsies Holiday-Mrs. McGreg-

Cardigan- Miss Lipscomb. Long Roll-Miss Abright. Emerson Poems-Mrs. Eng-

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#### An Appeal

In a few days the Haskell ernoons and 5:30 to six Saturday There are just a few of us who have worked long and faithfully, Each week a list of the new who realize what that means. It

him. He will not work for us without pay, although some of you who read this article expect White Mice-Miss A. Fields. us to keep up your lots without The Silver Horde-Miss An- paying for them. It is hard to eral lookout. The sky was overcast, understand and yet it is true.

For instance, there is a man in our county (who was once a citi- an observation taken the previous noon, zen of this town) whose own we were not near any land or sunken father and whose wife's mother, rocks-that is, nothing to warrant a lies buried here. They dress home and yet they will not pay tance," the sound of a buoy bell. I say Mixed Pickles-Myrtle Marr. the resting places of their nize at once as belonging to these bell The Winning of the West parents, under these circumstances could you in the great beyond meet your loved one's face to face?

are not likely to meet them."

our town when approached who bottom. say they "Have somuch business do anything but hand us a check. tinct. We will attend to the care of that the fact that there was no bottom. gave them birth and also that of The watch heard the tolling and were come upon an island. Their stores the father who struggled to educate them.

place of your beloved companion | The strokes continued to approach us only three men aboard. While they There is nothing that gives so (husband or wife as the case or we them till they seemed to be were gone a hurricane sprang up from quick benefit as Hunt's Lightning may be) departed but surely not scarcely a cable's length distant. Then

forgotten. embrace and hear the sound of that we could not distinguish what it of them was washed overboard.

ered that her husband had swal- many encouraging words to ly for more than an hour. It was a supply of food necessary to keep them lowed a large quantity of strych. cheer us and hands that are not grewsome sound and depressed the both alive would be exhausted, kept nine at their home in West Ham. empty, help us to keep our crew, causing forebodings among the it for her child. She thought over lin, and gave the alarm at once, cemetery the most beautiful in but the deadly poison had al. West Texas. We realize that far astern of us. She had no sails set, ready had its effect when physi- times are hard, but for the paltry and our glasses failed to reveal any the clapper swing with the waves. cians arrived, the victim dying sum of three dollars a year would her direction sprang up, and since on and if each one would pay their the waves. part this work would be a pleas-

> Our committees will wait upon you next week for back dues. Please meet them with the glad hand and be sure it is not empty. A Member

C. A. Glossner, 24 Ontario St., Rochester, N. Y., has recovered from a long and severe attack of kidney trouble, his cure being due of Foley Kidney Pills. In a few days time my backache completeproved. My kidneys became stronger, dizzy spells left me and I was no longer annoyed at night. I feel 100 per cent better since using Foley Kidney Pills." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

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### Just A Jokelet.

An Indian boy at Hampton wrote the following in a composition on Patrick Henry:

"Patrick Henry was not a very bright boy. He had blue eyes and light hair. Once he got Let the Free Press de your job married and he said then, 'Give seeing me, he broke into a smile. Be-

## The Tolling Bell

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It Was a Mystery, but It Was Explained

By ALBERT TUCKER KENYON

When I was master of the Helen MacAvoy, one of the old time brigs, I was on deck one night keeping a genrendering the night dark, but there was no wind. The sea was smooth only for a ground swell. According to warning to ships.

And yet there came across the surfashonable and have a beautiful face of the water, "mellowed by disa buoy bell because it tolled with that for their lot nor for the care of irregularity which sallors would recogwarnings against dangerous places at

I at once ordered the lead heaved, but "no bottom" was reported. Nevertheless I confess I was very uneasy. Perhaps some reader will say might be near a ledge. However, we to do but provision and water her. 'It dosen't matter much for they could do nothing but keep posted so though it would be safer to do some far as possible as to the depth of wa-

Meanwhile, though we were scarcely northward. moving, we continued to approach the everywhere" they cannot attend bell or it approached us, for the sound to it. We will not ask them to became gradually more and more dis-

I would have cast anchor except for dear old mother's grave who I could only wait for developments on the qui vive for something to happen. Those below came up one by one and leaned against the rail, listening. had expected, the captain had taken And reader this is the resting or in knots discussed in low tones what the main part of the crew ashore to the mysterious sound might be.

we began to make out something black the ship was anchored, and she was dead ahead. I called out to the man at blown out to sea. The captain's wife And mother what of your the wheel to port the helm. He did so, helped the men to get down the ment has been acknowledged to child? Even though its precious but there was so little headway that hatches. This was about all they be the best for these troubles, body is lying beneath the sod, A black hulk passed so near us that The men remained on deck trying to our course was but slightly deflected. can you not still feel its clinging we could see it was there, but so far get her under control, but every one

> your duty to these sainted ones? was affoat and drifting. Gradually lict. Most of the food left aboard had On the other hand we have less distinct, but did not die out entire that before they would be rescued the

> The next morning a vessel appeared one aboard. A fresh breeze blowing in This done, she remained in her cabin you have us drop this work and the course we were sailing it was dead let this sacred place become a shead I concluded to turn about and investigate this strange ship. As we wilderness of weeds and sunken neared her we falled to see any one graves'. Such were the condi- aboard of her, and her wheel was retions when we began the work volving as the rudder was swayed by

If any of the sails had been set they had been blown away. As soon as we came within hearing distance we knew that the tolling of the night before came from her, for we began to bear it again. It was evident that she was a derelict, and I inferred that the rope attached to the clapper of her bell had either rotted away or become loosened, so that as she rose and fel on the seas the bell was tolled.

As soon as we came within easy reach of her I ordered a boat lowered. and I was pulled to the derelict. A

We found the sails furled and a cable dangling from her bow with the starboard anchor gone, indicating that she had been lying at anchor and had been blown away. This theory was borne out by the fact that most of her boats were gone, no fragment of them being left, indicating that the crew had taken them. The ladder hanging over the side was further proof of this. The ship was not in bad condition. Indeed, had I seen any one aboard of her I should not have taken her for a

There were one thing that puzzled me. The bell rope had not been parted; it was hanging loose. Why it was so I could not divine. Such ropes are always fastened, and I saw no reason why it should have been left unfastened or have become so after the crew had left the ship.

There was nothing open that would jeopardize the ship in case of bad weather. The hatches were in place and the companionway closed. Why this was so I could not understandthat is, if the crew had gone ashore from the anchorage, leaving her alone, and she had been blown off.

Having noted these things, I went below by the forecastle companion-

There was not a soul below forward. I did not expect to find any one there alive, but I fancied I might find find one or more dead bodies. I went aft to where the officers' quarters were and looked into every room. The last one I came to, evidently the captain's.

gave me a surprise. On the broad berth a little boy, not a year old, sat looking at me. His eye was bright and his cheeks ruddy. Indeed, he was the picture of health.

hy a woman. I touched her, but she ald not move. Pulling her over so that I could see ber face, I saw by a slight muscular movement that she

I had brought a flask of liquor with me in case of such an emergency and poured a little down her thront. She opened her eyes, but soon closed them

We had brought some broth in a bottle, which one of the men carried. I called for him to come down to me and fed the woman a little of the broth. She opened her eyes again and this time looked for the child. Seeing him, she looked again at us men and muttered what I took to be thanks that the boy would be saved. We fed her a tenspoonful of broth at a time till she was able to articulate. She was so low that I dared not move her, and yet 1 would not leave her. We remained near the vessel all day, and before dark I determined to take her and her boy on to our own ship. Wrapping her in blankets, we carried her on deck. The most difficult part of it was to get her into the boat, but we accomplished this by tying her in a hammock and with a rope at each end lowered her. The baby I carried down in my arms. In the same way we took her aboard the Mac-Avoy.

The derelict was in such good condition that I concluded to put a prize crew aboard of her and send her to Honolulu. not many days' sail to the Though we were in deep water, we north of us. There would be nothing pumping, so I sent half a dozen men ter beneath us, and, though we kept aboard of her with what they would Then there are men right in lowering the lead, we did not reach need and had the pleasure of seeing them hoist her sails and move away

The woman we had rescued was ready the next morning to give the main points of her experience. The ship was commanded by her husband. They had sailed from San Francisco for the Hawalian Islands. Blown off their course by bad weather, they had and water being pretty nearly exhausted from being out longer than they see if he could replenish both, leaving off shore, parted the cable by which

When the storm abated the captain's its voice still? Then why not do Nevertheless we all agreed that it wife found herself at sea on a derebeen damaged. The mother, fearing ossible ways to attract attention of other vessels, but could devise no way except to loosen the bell rope and let with her child awaiting such fate as

Providence might have for them. She had no idea how many days she had been afloat. Her little larder grew less and less every day, and, while at first she ate what was absolutely necessary to keep sufficient strength in her to take care of her child, at last, that the little one might live as long as possible to get the benefit of a rescue, she refrained from food entirely. It is probable that had our coming been delayed a few hours she would have died.

I got what information I could from her as to the island on which her husband and his crew had been marooned and judged that it was one of the Sporades on the Polynesian groups. I was bound for the Philippines, so that both these groups lay in my course. It behooved me to find them if possible, not only to reunite this family, but take off the marooned men. A few days' sail brought us to the first of the groups, but we heard nothing of the men we searched for. But when we struck the Polynesians we had better success. The rescued woman was on deck when we passed one of them and recognized it as the island from which she had been blown. We circled it and on a bit of high ground saw with a glass something white fluttering. We turned our course toward it and struck the marconed men.

As we approached we saw them standing on the shore watching us, and presently we heard the cheer, but when we came near enough to make them hear that we had the captain's wife and boy on board they went wild with delight, and I saw one of them drop on his knees. I was sure it was the captain himself.

I shall never forget the meeting beween the captain and his wife, to say nothing at his having his boy restored to him. He was so relieved and delighted at their restoration that for ome time he did not ask for the story of their rescue. When he had heard it and that his ship was also saved and gone to Honolulu he had nothing further to desire.

We took him and his crew aboard and transferred them to the first ship we met going westward.

From that day to this there are two things connected with the adventure that will never fade from my memory. shall never cease to hear the melan choly irregular tolling of that ship's bell. But, more than this, the sudden coming upon that picture of innocent budding life, unconscious of the dreadful situation of which it was the center, is stamped indelibly on my men-tal vision. I had found in the midst of an ocean a ship, on that ship the only conscious thing was a child and on that child's face a si

## THE ROSE SCARF

A Tale of the Far

By CLARISSA MACKIE

"I believe Mrs. Hanford has a tale to unfold," observed that lady's husband as he placed a chair for ber.

"Good!" exclaimed Professor Trayle heartily. "Now. Alex, spread the car pet of truth on the deck and let Mrs. Hanford begin at once."

A little laugh ran around the group of seven friends touring the world on the steamer Neptune. Each one had had a story to relate concerning some adventure encountered in quaint street noisy bazaar or primitive environs of foreign cities. Every night after dinner the seven had gathered on deck and in the moonlight had told stories and exchanged opinions on many matters of mutual interest.

The carpet of truth to which the professor had referred was a precious bit of oriental carpet that Alexander Felton had brought from a remote Turkish province, and the Neptune sto ry tellers had each told his tale sitting upon its breadth of silken richness Now Mrs. Hanford removed her chair so that she sat upon the carpet, and the six listeners composed themselves

for an hour's enjoyment. "My story is about this rose colored scarf," began Mrs. Hanford, opening one plump hand to display a crumpled ball of pink silk and silver tissue. She shook out the airy fabric, and it floated a shimmering length that seemed woven of sunset and moonbeams. The airy scarf undulated like a thing alive, leaped at Arthur Clayton's eager, interested face and clung to it with a caressing motion and then left him to brush Mr. Hanford's bronzed cheek, to tweak the golden eyeglasses from Professor Trayle's dignified nose and finally to rumple Alexander Felton's hair into untidiness. Then it settled down in Mrs. Hanford's lap and was

"The darling!" cried Arthur Clayton enthusiastically, with a dizzy look at the pink scarf.

"Why, did you see her, too?" demanded the other three men in bewildered chorus

"Yes-you don't mean-I say, Mrs. Hanford, what sort of a juggling game is this?" Young Clayton stared first at the rose silk scarf and then at Mrs. Hanford's sensible, motherly face

"You ought to explain it. Mary," assured her husband with some concern. What is it all about?" demanded Miss Emeline Gray, the strong minded aunt of Arthur Clayton. "What has happened to turn all of their heads? I'm sure I saw nothing save a pretty pink silk scarf. What did you see,

Madeline?" "I see an eastern city, a beautiful hourl with a pink scarf on her head, a space left for the eyes, trousers a la Turk and gold coins hanging over her

forebead." "We are missing the story. Pray, egin, Mrs. Hanford," urged Miss Gray practically.

Mrs. Hanford folded her hands over the pink and silver thing in ber lap and fixed her eyes on the molten silver track that led across the Mediterranean to the rising moon.

"This is the only secret I ever kept from James," she said, not looking at ber surprised husband. "When we were in Cairo he was busy hunting for scarabs to carry home to souvenir loving friends. I was seeking gauze scarfs to take to the girls at home. The dealer in scarfs had sold me several beauties, and woven in each one was some romantic story that the wily old fellow invented as he went along.

"One of the scarfs had belonged to that daughter of Pharaoh who found young Moses among the bulrushes; another of apple green and seed pearls had been the gift of Antony to Cleopatra; a third one of black and gold and crimson had jealousy and murder

for its setting. When he brought out this dream of pink and silver I was skeptical at his air of exaggerated concern in handling it, at his respectful tone when speak ing of it, at the almost fear in his

"'Madame, this is the wedding scarf of the Princess Anem,' he murmured. looking over his shoulder at the dark interior of his little shop. 'She had a lover, Fedar by name, a handsome, worthless scamp, of whom her respected father strongly disapproved. There was another lover, a prince of royal blood, who sought the hand of the Princess Anem, and it was he who brought to her this royally beautiful

"It much enhances the beauty of all who wear it tenfold, but the Princess Anem would have none of its magic. for she was beautiful herself beyond compare, so she flung the prince's gift back in his face, and—and tradition says that the scarf turned to a lovely woman who became the prince's bride As for the foolish Princess Anem'the seller of scarfs turned his venerable head and inclined a listening ear toward the rear of his shop. I looked and thought I could make out a dim, shadowy whiteness, like the form of a oung girl clad in a flowing robe. "'As for the foolish Princess Anem.

She married the handsome Fedar

cried a sweet, mocking voice from rear, and then the white shadow van-

the peller of scarfs. " 'She is a beartless jade,' be muttered bitterly, turning the scarf in his

" 'Is that the Princess Anem?' I asked

bluntly. "He shook his head. 'Nay, that is my graceless daughter Lella. She was promised this scarf for her marriage if she chose wisely; but, alas, she is breaking my heart and bringing my gray bairs to the grave's edge!" He forgot the bargaining instinct that usually overpowers all other sentiment in the Egyptian bazaars and beat his bead against the low stone table.

"'I am very sorry,' I murmured. 'Are you quite sure your daughter has not chosen wisely? Does she love?

" 'Aye, she loves the wrong man, even as did the Princess Anem, who was never a greater coquette than my saucy Lella. Lella believes she is in leve with Fedar, the water carrier, when my neighbor here. Hashour, the silk merchant, is impatiently waiting to

carry her off as his bride. "I peeped into the next bazaar and was rewarded with a glimpse of the desirable Hasbour, an enormously fat man as old as Lella's father and very ugly of feature. He was asleep and snoring audibly.

"You want her to marry that? I almost shricked at him, and as I spoke I was conscious that the white shadow had returned to the shop. It paused behind the seller of scarfs as if waiting for his answer.

"The old man nodded. 'He is rich.' he said briefly. 'She could have had the scarf of the Princess Anem for a gift if she had been obedient. But she is saucy and will not wait upon her stepmother as she should, and, worst of all, she swears she will marry the water carrier or disgrace me by remaining single. I am afflicted indeedbut madame has not chosen to buy the rose scarf? It is the choicest of my stock.' His voice changed magically to a bargaining whine.

'You cannot want to sell it. You better forgive your daughter, let her marry Fedar and wear the rose scarf,

"He dashed the scarf impatiently down. 'Never! If madame does not buy it I will sell it to the next comer. and I will soon have a customer for it,' he ended craftily, and I lifted my head and looked behind me to see a group of American women coming

post haste toward the bazaar. "That was enough for me. an absurd price for the scarf. James, you shall never know. As I tucked it away with the other purchases 1 had made I heard a long drawn sigh from

the white shadow as it vanished. "It was in the next street that a girl came flying up to me and lightly touched my arm. A pair of dark flashing eyes shone above the gauze that velled her face, and-well, any must have been exquisitely beautiful. I knew at once that it was the embodiment of the shadow that had lurked behind the seller of scarfs, and I guessed that it was his daughter Lella, she who loved Fedar the water

carrier. "She addressed me in a low, musical voice, a mixture of broken French and fluent Arabic. She thanked me for the words I had spoken to her father concerning her marriage. She giggled with delight over my borror at the fatness of Hashour, the silk merchant and her despised suitor. Then she made an appeal. She wanted to come with me as my maid and traveling companion, only as far as Alexandria, where her water carrier had gone to work on the new wharfs as a sort of foreman.

Mrs. Hanford stopped abruptly. The great vessel was drawing near to the Egyptian city, lying like a jeweled necklace along the blue Mediterranean. In the roadstead the great anchors rattled down into the moonlit water, myriads of little boats surrounded the ocean liner, and a steam tug bustled from the shore. All was confusion below on the Neptune.

"Well?" inquired Mr. Hanford, breaking the silence that had fallen upon the

"Let us see if all is well," murmures his wife, and so the seven, half under standing the real romance they had been listening to, followed her to the ship's rail.

As they leaned over, watching a smar boat whose single oarsman was espe cially insistent in getting close to the Neptune's landing stairs, Mrs. Hanford uttered an exclamation of delight, and they all turned to see such a vision of beauty as is seldom vouchsafed to western eyes.

It was Leila, daughter of the seller of scarfs. Her exquisite face was unveiled and shone a vision of rose and ivory and melting onyx eyes from the background of a long hooded black cloak. "Madame, it is farewell!" she half wept, holding out little white hands to Mrs. Hanford.

Mrs. Hanford tossed the rose scart over the lovely head and then impalsively kissed the lips of Leila. "Go to thy Fedar, Lella, and be happy forever after," she whispered, and, with a joyous laugh, the girl went . Later they saw her enter the boat with the single oarsman, and the two disappears down a silvery track of water.

"Yours is the only story that has had a real ending," murmured Madelin Trayle as they went back to their

"All stories have a real ending if one only waits long enough," laughed Mrs Hanford.

"I wonder-I wonder what was in that scarf?" mused Arthur Clayton

"The spirit of the east," retur Professor Trayle promptly, and neentradicted him.

the importance of knowing talks with his or her pupils neg the simple laws of health. I believe that those truths taught to the child by the teacher, in the morning lectures, have more to do with shaping and fixing its teacher who fails to take ad- the close.

Some teachers fail to impress vantage of using five or ten minupon the mind of the child utes each day in common sense lects one of the most important duties of the teacher.

Most schools will continue for three months yet and it is hoped that parents will see that their character than any other one that parents will see that their thing in all the child's life. The children remain in school until



LAKE CREEK SCHOOL HOUSE

#### Smallpox in Fort Worth

We have received a telegram from one of our business men who is in St. Louis, relative to the small pox situation at Fort Worth, and A Cold, La Grippe, Then Pneuin view of the fact that he felt the situation of sufficient gravity to telegram, that people may have the benefit of such information as Press, Haskell, Texas. I was informed at Fort Worth Monday that there were two hundred cases of small pox scattered all over town, and is being kept out of the papers owing to the cattlemens convention. I can't say that this report is correct, but might

notify citizens of the county for self protection, who may expect to attend the convention.

Resp. Yours, .....

Is too often the fatal sequence, telegraph us of the fact and we and coughs that bang on weaken in America and in Haskell by are unable to learn any thing of the system and lower the vital rethe true facts, we reproduce the sistance. Foley's Honey and Tar telegram, that people may have Compound is a reliable medicine that stops the cough promptly by healing the cause; soothes the inwe have. The telegram reads as flamed air passages, and checks follows, viz. "St, Louis, Mo., the cold. Keep always on hand. March 13, 1912. Haskell Free Refuse substitutes. For sale by Robertsons Drug Store.

#### Magazine Club Notes.

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## Recital

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Piano Solo—Violet Waltz
Piano Solo—Valse Caprice
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Duett—Dance of the Butterflies
Piano Solo—Dance of the Shadows
Song—Ting Ling Foo
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CHAPTER I.—The story opens in a tent of the Confederate army at a critical stage of the Civil War. Gen. Lee amparts to Captain Wayne a secret message to Longstreet, upon the delivery of which depend great issues. Accompanied by Sergeant Craig, an old army scout, Wayne starts out on his dangerous mission.

CHAPTER II.—The two messengers make a wild ride, dodging squads of soldiers, almost lose their bearings and final-ing pare within the lines of the enemy, having penetrated the cordon of pickets un-

CHAPTER III.—Encountering a small party of soldiers in the darkness, Wayne is taken for a federal officer who came to keep an appointment, is accepted as his representative, and a young lady on horseback is given in his charge.

CHAPTER IV.—The female companion of the two southern scouts is a northern girl, who, when she becomes aware of their army affiliations, slashes Wayne with her riding whip and attempts to escape but fails.

CHAPTER V.—One of the horses giv-ing out, Wayne orders Craig to get through with the dispatches to Long-street. He and My Lady of the North are left alone near a rocky gorge. CHAPTER VI.—The Confederate officer and the Union girl thread the mazes of the woods. He discovers a lonely hut, and entering it in the dark a huge mas-tiff attacks him. The girl shoots the brute just in time.

CHAPTER VII.—The owner of the hut, one Jed Bungay, appears and he and his wife give the captain a welcome. Suddenly a party of horsemen are observed coming down the road.

CHAPTER VIII.—They are led by a man claiming to be Red Lowrie, who orders Mrs. Bungay to give them food, and her husband to act as a guide. The woman discovers the man to be a disguised impostor, attacks the intruder and there is a general melee.

CHAPTER IX.—The disguised leader proves to be Major Brennan, a Federal officer whom the Union girl recognizes. He orders the arrest of Wayne as a spy. The girl protests and says she will appeal to General Sheridan.

CHAPTER X.—Wayne held prisoner in a copse, sees files of Confederates pass the road at a distance and knows that Craig has delivered the message.

CHAPTER XI.—The captive is brought before General Sheridan who refuses to set him free unless he reveals the secret

CHAPTER XII.—Captain Wayne is led to understand that the woman he admires is Edith Brennan, wife of the Federal officer, who hates him. He is given the choice of revealing the Lee message or of being shot as a spy.

CHAPTER XIII.—Wayne is rescued from his prison by Jed Bungay. One of them must get a quick report through the lines to General Lee and Jed starts on

CHAPTER XIV.—Finding the garb of an absent officer of the Union artillery, Wayne penetrates to the ballroom, where a social army function is in progress, and pretends to be Col. Curran of Ohio.

#### CHAPTER XV.

At the Staff Officers' Ball. The young officer glanced up hastily at sound of approaching footsteps, and rose to his feet to permit of my passage. He wore the full dress uniform of an artilleryman, and his evident surprise at my presence made me realize the necessity of addressing

"Lieutenant," I asked courteously. resting one hand easily upon the balustrade, "could you inform me if General Sheridan and those members of the staff who accompanied him down the lines this afternoon have yet returned?"

"They have not, sir." "Ah, I was in hopes they might have arrived by this time."

I bowed to them both, and passed slowly down the wide stairway, several couples rising as I drew near to permit of my passage. The lower hall was very comfortably filled with figures moving hers and there in converse, or occupying seats pressed close against the walls. The greater portion were attired in uniforms of the various branches of service, yet I observed not a few civilian suits. and a considerable number of women, some wearing the nest dress of the army nurse, others much more elaborately attired-daughters of the neighborhood, probably, with a sprinkling of wives and sisters of the soldiery. Guards, leaning upon their muskets, stood in statuesque poses on either side of the main entrance, while the wide archway, draped with flags, opening into the ballroom, revealed an inspiring glimpse of swiftly revolving figures in gay uniforms and flashing skirts. Over all floated the low, swinging music of the band.

A fat, good-natured-looking man of forty, an infantry major, but wearing staff decorations, and evidently officiating in the capacity of floor-man ager, after whispering a word in the ear of another of the same kind beside the ballroom door, hastily pushed his way through the laughing throng directly toward me.

"Good-evening, Colonel," he said, bowing deeply. "Your face is not familiar to me, but you will permit me to introduce myself-Major Monsoon, of General Sheridan's staff."

I accepted the fat, shapeless hand he extended, and pressed it warmly. "I was just meditating a retreat

frankly. "For I fear my face is equally unknown to all others present. Indeed, I feel like a cat in a strange garret, and hesitated to appear at all. My only excuse for doing so was a promise made Colonel Culbertson previous to his being ordered out on duty. I am Colonel Curran, of the Sixth Ohio, but at present serving on the staff of General Halleck at Washington."

The Major's round, red face glowed with welcome.

"Extremely pleased to meet you, indeed," he exclaimed eagerly, "and you may be sure of a cordial greeting. Will you kindly step this way?"

As we slowly elbowed our way forward, all desire to escape from the ordeal fled, and I assumed the risks of the masquerade with the reckless audacity of my years. Before we reached the ballroom my conductor, his fat countenance fairly beaming with cordiality, had stopped at least twenty times to present me to various military titles, and I had accepted innumerable invitations without in the least knowing who gave them, or where they were to be fulfilled. Finally, however, we broke through the massed ring, and succeeded in reaching the tall individual in spectacles to whom the Major had spoken previous to seeking me, and I learned through the introduction which followed that I was in the presence of Brigadier-General Carlton, chief of

staff.

For a moment, as I responded to the hearty cordiality of his welcome, I was enabled to take my first glance at the ballroom, and found it to my unaccustomed soldier eyes an inspiring spectacle. The room was magnificently large,-a surprising apartment, indeed, even in so superb a Southern home as this had evidently been, and its proportions were magnified by numerous mirrors extending from floor to ceiling, causing the more distant dancers to appear circling in space. Brilliantly fllumined by means of hanging chandeliers that oscillated slightly to the merry feet; decorated lavishly everywhere with festooned flags and tastefully arranged munitions of war; gay with the dress uniforms of the men and the handsome gowns of the women, it composed a scene so different from any I had looked upon in years as to hold me fascinated. The constant clatter of tongues, the merry laughter, the flashing of bright eyes, and the gleam of snowy shoulders, the good-humored repartees caught as the various couples circle swiftly past, the quick, musical gliding of flying feet over the waxen floor, the continuous whirl of tne intoxicating waltz, and over all the inspiring strains of Strauss, caused my heart to bound, and brought with it an insane desire to participate.

Yet gazing, entranced, upon the animated scene, and feeling deeply the intoxication of the moment, my eyes were eagerly searching that happy throng for sight of one fair woman's face. Strange as it must seem to others, in spite of the fact that to meet her might mean betrayal and deathay! might even result in the destruction of an army-in my weakness I secretly longed for just such a happening; felt, indeed, that I must again see her, have speech with her, before I went forth alone into the manifold dangers of the night. It was foolhardiness,-insanity in very truth,yet such was the secret yearning of my heart. If I could only once know from her own truthful lips, that



"I Am, Most Assuredly, Colonel Curran.

she already belonged to another, I could, I believe, tear her image from my memory; but while I yet doubted (and in spite of all I had heard I doubted still), no desperate case should ever prevent my seeking her with all the mad ardor of love, no faintness of heart should intervene between us. That she was present I knew from those chance words overheard in the chimney, and my one deep hope ever since I donned that Federal uniform and ventured down the stairs (a hope most oddly mingled with dread) was that we might in some manner be brought together. I was yet vainly seeking a glimpse of her among the many who circled past. when I was suddenly recalled to the extreme delivacy of my situation by the deep voice of the Major asking me a direct question:

"Do you ever dance, Colonel?" Exactly what I may have replied I know not, but it was evidently translated as an affirmative, for in another moment I was being piloted down the side of the long room, while he gossiped in my rather inattentive ear.

"As you have doubtless remarked, Colonel, we are extremely fortunate in our ladies to-night. By Jove, they would grace an inauguration ball at

Washington. So many officers' wives have joined us lately, supposing we would make permanent camp here, and besides there are more loyal families in this neighborhood than we find usually. At least their loyalty is quite apparent while we remain. Then the General Hospital nurses are not especially busy,-no battle lately, you know,-and there are some deuced pretty girls among them. Ballroom looks nice, don't you think?"

"Extremely well; the decorations are in most excellent taste." "Entirely the work of the staff. Great pity so many were compelled to be absent, but a soldier can never tell. Here upon special duty, Colonel?"

"I brought despatches from the

"No, with Thomas in the Cumber-

President to General Sheridan." "Wish you might remain with us permanently. Your command, I believe, is not connected with our Eastearn army?"

land." "Ah, yes; had some very pretty fighting out there, I understand-oh, pardon me, Miss Minor, permit me to present to you Colonel C rran, of General Halleck's staff. The Colonel, I believe, is as able a dancer as he is a soldier, and no higher compliment to his abilities could possibly be paid. Miss Minor, Colonel, is a native Virginian, who is present under protest, hoping doubtless to capture some young officer, and thus weaken the

enemy.

I bowed pleasantly to the brighteyed young woman facing me, and not sorry to escape the Major's inquisitiveness, at once begged for the remainder of the waltz. The request was laughingly granted, and in another moment we were threading our way amid the numerous couples upon the floor. She proved so delightful a dancer that I simply yielded myself up to full enjoyment of the measure, and conversation lapsed, until a sudden cessation of the music left us stranded so close to the fireplace that the very sight of it brought a vivid realization of my perilous position. If it had not, my companion's chance remark most assuredly would.

"How easily you waltz!" she said enthusiastically, her sparkling eyes and flushed cheeks testifying to her keen enjoyment. "So many find me difficult to keep step with that I have become fearful of venturing upon the floor with a stranger. However, I shall always be glad to give you a character to any of my friends."

"I sincerely thank you," I returned in the same spirit, "and I can certainly return the compliment most heartily. It is so long since I was privileged to dance with a lady that I confess to having felt decidedly awkward at the start, but your step proved so accommodating that I became at once at home, and enjoyed the waltz immensely. I fail to discover any seats in the room, or I for you."

She was looking at me with so deep an expression of interest in her eyes that I dimly wondered at it.

"Did I understand rightly," she asked, playing idly with her fan, "that Major Monsoon introduced you to me as Colonel Curran of General Halleck's staff?"

What the deuce am I up against now? I thought, and my heart beat quickly. Yet retreat was impossible, and I arswered with assumed carelessness:

"I am, most assuredly, Colonel Cur-

"From Ohio?" This was certainly coming after me was devoid of suspicion, merely evincing a polite interest.

"I have the honor of commanding the Sixth Artillery Regiment from that State."

"You must pardon me, Colonel, for my seeming inquisitiveness," and her eyes sparkled with demure mischief. 'Yet I cannot quite understand. I was at school in Connecticut with a Miss Curran whose father was an officer of artillery from Ohio, and, naturally, I at once thought of her when the Major pronounced your name; yet it certainly cannot be you-you are altogether too young, for Myrtle must be eighteen."

I laughed, decidedly reli-ved from what I feared might prove a most awkward situation.

"Well, yes, Miss Minor, I am in deed somewhat youthful to be Myrtle's father," I said at a venture, "but I might serve as her brother, you know, and not stretch the point of age over-much."

She clasped her hands on my arm with a gesture of delight. "Oh, I am so glad; I knew Myrtle had a brother, but never heard he also was in the army. Did you know, Colonel, she was intending to come down here with me when I returned South, at the close of our school year, but from some cause was disappointed. How delighted she would have been to meet you! I shall certainly write and tell her what a splendidly romantic time we had together. You look so much like Myrtle I wonder I failed to recognise you at once.

She was rattling on without affording me the slightest opportunity to slip in a word explanatory, when her glance chanced to fall upon some one who was approaching us through the throng.

"Oh, by the way, Colonel, there is another of Myrtle's old schoolmates present to-night—a most intimate friend, indeed, who would never forgive me if I permitted you to go without meeting her."

She drew me back hastily. "Edith," she said, touching sleeve of a young woman who was slowly passing, "Edith, wait just a moment, dear; this is Colonel Curran-Myrtle Curran's brother, you know. Colonel Curran, Mrs. Brennan."

#### CHAPTER XVI.

The Woman I Loved. The crucial moment had arrived, and I think my heart actually stopped beating as I stood gazing helplessly into her face. I saw her eyes open wide in astonished recognition, and then a deep flush swept over throat and cheek. For the instant I believed she would not speak, or that she would give way to her excitement and betray everything. I durst give no signal of warning, for there existed no tie between us to warrant my expecting any consideration from her. It was an instant so tense that her silence seemed like a blow. Yet it was only an instant. Then her eyes smiled into mine most frankly,

and her hand was extended. "I am more than delighted to meet you, Colonel Curran," she said calmly, although I could feel her lips tremble to the words, while the fingers I held were like ice. "Myrtie was one of my dearest friends, and she chanced to be in my mind even as we met. That was why," she added, turning toward Miss Minor, as though she felt her momentary agitation had not passed unobserved, "I was so sur-prised when you first presented Colonel Curran."

"I confess to having felt strangely myself," returned the other, archly, "although I believe I concealed my feelings far better than you did, Edith. Really, I thought you were going to faint. It must be that Colonel Curran exercises some strange occult influence over the weaker sex. Perhaps he is the seventh son of a seventh son; are you, Colonel? However, dear, I am safe for the present from his mysterious spell, and you will be compelled to face the danger alone, as here comes Lieutenant Hammersmith to claim the dance I've promised him."

Before Mrs. Brennan could interfere, the laughing girl had placed her hand on the Lieutenant's blue sleeve, and, with a mocking good-bye flung backward over her shoulder, vanished in the crowd, leaving us standing there alone.

The lady waited in much apparent indifference, gently tapping the floor with her neatly shod foot.

"Would you be exceedingly angry if I were to ask you to dance?" I questioned, stealing surreptitiously & glance at her proudly averted face.

"Angry? Most assuredly not," in apparent surprise. "Yet I trust you will not ask me. I have been upon the floor only once to-night. I am not at all in the mood."

"If there were chairs here I should venture to ask even a greater favorshould endeavor to find one vacant that you would consent to sit out this set with me."

inquiringly to mine, and her face lightened.

"No doubt we might discover seats without difficulty in the antercom," she answered, indicating the direction by a glance. "There do not appear to be many 'sitters' at this ball, and the few who do are not crowded."

The apartment contained, as she prophesied, but few occupants, and I conducted her to the farther end of it, where we found a comfortable divan and no troublesome neighbors.

As I glanced at her now, I marked a distinct change in her face. The old indifference, so well assumed while we were in the presence of with a vengeance, and I stole one others, had utterly vanished as by quick glance at the girl's face. It magic, and she sat looking at me in anxious yet impetuous questioning.

"Captain Wayne," she exclaimed, her eyes never once leaving my face, "what does this mean? this masquerade? this wearing of the Federal uniform? this taking of another's name? this being here at all?"

"If I should say that I came hoping to see you again," I answered, scarce knowing how best to proceed or how far to put confidence in her, "what would you think?"

"If that is true, that you were extremely foolish to take such a risk for so small a reward," she returned calmly. "Nor, under these circumstances, would I remain here so much as a not true. This is no light act; your very life must lie in the balance, or

you could never assume such risk." "I would trust you gladly with my life or my honor," I replied soberly. "If I had less faith in you I should not be here now. I understand that I am condemned to be shot as a spy

at daybreak." "Shot? On what authority? Who

told you?" "On the order of General Sheridan. My informant was Lieutenant Caton, of his staff."

"Shot? As a spy? Why, it surely cannot be! Frank said— Captain Wayne, believe me, I knew absolutely nothing of all this. Do you think I should ever have rested if I had dreamed that you were held under so false a charge? I promised you I would see General Sheridan on your behalf. Frank-" she bit her lip impatiently-"I was told, that is, I was led to believe that you were-had been sent North as a prisoner of war late last night. Otherwise I should have insisted upon seeing you—on pleading your cause with the General himself. The major and I breakfasted with him this morning, but your name was

She did not appear to realise, so

feel that I could prove such an in-

"You need never suppose I should think that," I replied, with an earnestness of manner that caused her to glance at me in surprise. "I confidently expected to hear from you all day, and finally when no word came I became convinced some such misconception as you have mentioned must have occurred. Then it became my turn to act upon my own behalf if I would preserve my life; yet never for one moment have I doubted you or the sincerity of your pledge to

me." She waited quietly while a couple passed us and sought seats nearer the door.

"Tell me the entire story," she said gently.

As quickly as possible I reviewed the salient events which had occurred since our last meeting. Without denying the presence of Major Brennan during my stormy meeting with General Sheridan, I did not dwell upon it, nor mention the personal affray thas had occurred between us. Even had I not supposed the man to be her husband I should never have taken advantage of his treachery to advance my own cause. As I concluded there was a tear glistening on her long lashes, but she seemed unconscious of it, and made no attempt to dash it away.

"You have not told me all," she commented quietly. "But I can understand and appreciate the reason for your silence. I know Frank's impetuosity, and you are very kind, Captain Wayne, to spare my feelings, but you must not remain here; every moment of delay increases your danger. Sheridan and those of his staff who would surely recognize you were expected back before this, and may appear at any moment-yet how can you get away? how is it possible for me to assist you?"

There was an eager anxiety in her face that piqued me. Like most lovers choso to give it a wrong interpretation.

"You are anxious to be rid of me?" asked, ashamed of the words even as I uttered them.

"That remark is unworthy of you," and she arose to her feet almost haughtily. "My sole thought in this is the terrible risk you incur in remaining here."

"Your interest then is personal to me. may I believe?"

"I am a loyal woman," proudly, "and would do nothing whatever to imperil the cause of by country; but your condemnation is unjust, and I am, in a measure, responsible for it. I assist you, Captain Wayne, for your own sake, and in response to my individual sense of honor."

"Have you formulated any plan?" she asked quickly, and her rising color made me feel that she had deciphered my struggle in my eyes.

"Only to walk out under protection of this uniform, and when once safe in the open to trust that sam good fortune which has thus far be-

friended me.' She shook her head doubtfully, and stood a moment in silence, looking

thoughtfully at the moving figures in the room beyond. "I' fear it cannot be done without

arousing suspicion," she said at last, slowly. "I chance to know there are unusual precautions being taken tonight, and the entire camp is doubly patrolled. Even this house has a cordon of guards about it, but for what reason I have not learned. No," she spoke decisively, "there is no other way. Captain Wayne, I am going to try to save you tonight, but in doing so I must trust my reputation in your keeping."

"I will protect it with my life." "Protect it with your silence, rather. I know you to be a gentleman, or I should never attempt to carry out the only means of escape which seems at all feasible. Discovery would place me in an extremely embarrassing position, and I must rely upon you to protect me from such a possibility."

"I beg you," I began, "do not compromise yourself in any way for my sake."

"But I am myself already deeply involved in this," she interrupted, "and could retain no peace of mind were I to do otherwise. Now listen. Make your way back to the ballroom, and moment to encourage you. But it is in fifteen minutes from now be engaged in conversation with General Carlton near the main entrance. I shall join you there, and you will take your cue from me. You understand?" "Perfectly, but-"

"There is no 'but,' Captain Wayne, only do not fail me."

Our eyes met for an instant; what she read in mine God knows—in hers was determination, with a daring strange to woman. The next moment she had vanished through a side door, and I was alone.

#### CHAPTER XVII.

Through the Camp of the Enemy. A glance at my watch told me that it was already within a few moments of midnight. There was, however, no diminution in the festivities, and I waited in silence until I heard the sentries calling the hour, and then pressed my way back into the noisy, crowded ballroom. I was stopped twice by well-meaning officers whom I had met earlier in the evening, but breaking away from them after the exchange of a sentence or two, I urged my course as directly as possible toward where the spectacled brigadier not mentioned, for I believed you yet held his post as master of cere-

We had been conversing pleasantly deep was her present indignation and for several minutes when Mrs. Bren-regret, that my hand had found a rest nan appeared. Standing so as to face ing place upon her own.

"You must believe me, Captain down, and noted that she were her wayne: I could not bear to have you

hat, and had a light walking-cloak thrown over her shoulders. My heart beat faster as I realized for the first time that she intended to be my

companion. "Oh, General, I am exceedingly glad to find you yet here, she exclaimed as she came up, and extended a neatly gloved hand to him. "I have a favor to ask which I am told you alone have the authority to grant."

He bowed gallantly. "I am very sure," he returned smil-



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ingly, "that Mrs. Brennan will never request anything which I would not gladly yield."

She flashed her eyes brightly intohis face.

"Most assuredly not. The fact is, General, Colonel Curran, with whom I see you are already acquainted, was to pass the night at the Major's quarters, and as he has not yet returned. the duty has naturally devolved upon me to see our guest safely deposited. We are at the Mitchell House, you remember, which is beyond the inner lines; and while, of course, I have been furnished with a pass," she held up the paper for his inspection, 'and' have been also instructed as to the countersign, I fear this will scarcely suffice for the safe passage of the Colonel."

The General laughed good-humoredly, evidently pleased with her assumption of military knowledge.

"Colonel Curran is certainly to be congratulated upon having found so charming a guide, madam, and I can assure you 1 st Z cost gladly do my part toward the success of the expedition. The Majo was expected back before this, I believe?"

"He left worf that if he had not returned by tweete I was to wait for him no longer, as he should go directly to his quarters. I find the life of a soldier to be extremely uncertain."

"We are our country's servants, madam," he replied proudly, and then taking out a pad of blanks from his pocket, turned to me.

rank, Colonel?" "Patrick L. Curran, Colonel, Bixth.

Ohio Light Artillery." He write it down rapidly tore off the paper, and handed it to me.

"That will take you safely through our inner guard lines," he said gravely, "that being as far as my jurisdiction extends. Good-night, Colonel; good-night, Mrs. Brennan."

We bowed ceremoniously, and the next moment Mrs. Brennan and I were out upon the steps, breathing the cool night air. I glanced ourlously at her face as the gleam of light fell upon it—how calm and reserved she appeared, and yet her eyes were aglow with intense excitement. At the foot of the steps she glanced up at the dark, projecting roof far above

"Do you suppose he can possibly be up there yet?" she asked, in a tone so low as to be inaudible to the cars of the sentry.

"Who? Bungay?" I questioned in surprise, for my thoughts were elsewhere. "Oh, he was like a cat, and there are trees at the rear. Probably he is safe long ago, or else prisoner once more.

Beyond the gleam of the uncovered windows all was wrapped in complete darkness, save that here and there we could distinguish the dull red glare of camp-fires where the company cooks were yet at work, or some sentry post had been established. We turned sharply to the left, and proceeded down a comparatively smooth road, which seemed to me to possess a rock basis, it felt so hard. From the position of the stars I judged our course to be eastward, but the night was sufficiently obscured to shroud all objects more than a few yards distant. Except for the varied campnoises on either side of us the eve ning was oppressively still, and the air had the late chill of high altitudes. Mrs. Brennan pressed more closely to me as we passed beyond the narrow sone of light, and unconsciously we fell into step together.

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