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EVERY CHECK YOU WRITE



Whenever you pay a bill by check you are helping to advertise your business. When a man receives a check the inference is that he is successful in business else he would not have a checking account. The impression given that you are successful goes a long way towards making you so. Start on the road to success to-day by opening an account with us. You will never regret it.

Guaranty State Bank

Of Tahoka, Texas.

Move on Foot to Secure County Experiment Farm

A petition to the Hon. Commissioners Court to take the necessary steps to secure state aid in securing and maintaining a county experiment sub-station was circulated the past week and was presented to the court in regular session this week. The petition bore the signatures of 86 prominent business men and farmers, among which were the county judge elect, three retiring commissioners and two commissioners elect.

The experimental sub-station is of great value to any county, but to Lynn county, located as it is in a comparatively new country, whose agricultural possibilities have not been developed and into which immigrants are pouring from sections of the country where agricultural conditions are radically divergent the station would be doubly beneficial.

We need it, a little co-operative effort will secure it. Why not get it.

The court did not act on the matter this session, owing to the press of other business, but we are informed by a prominent member of the court that it will come up for action in the very near future.

Consider the performance given by the Georgia Smart Set and compare it with any other. Comparisons may be odious but this show courts them. 3



We Have A Line

On the High Class Goods and Exclusive Styles

found in the larger cities and are constantly keeping in touch with them in order to give our customers the benefit of our **First Class Connections** New Ladies Boots, New Coats, New Suits, New Dress Goods-- If you don't see the NEW, you'll be sorry.

Knight & Brashear

Tahoka's First Bale Friday, September 8th

W. A. Waller, of the Draw community, brought the season's first bale of cotton in last Friday. Fuller Gin Co. ginned the bale gratis, and Tahoka's progressive business men made up a premium of \$59 including ginning.

The bale weighed 584 pounds and was purchased by Paul Miller on the Ketter cotton account for 16.50, the bale netting \$96.36 Premium and purchase price totaling \$155.36.

Sell me your Maize Heads, get their worth. 11-p Paul Miller.

Tahoka Public School Opened Monday

Tahoka public school opened Monday morning with brightest prospects the institution ever had. The opening was hardly as well attended by either patrons or pupils as it might have otherwise been had not a slow rain been falling.

A formal opening was dispensed with on account of the entire faculty of the previous year being retained with the addition of one teacher. Both teachers and pupils stepped into their old places and the new ones fell into line with little confusion.

School opened with 227 pupils on roll at the morning session. Fifty-two in high school divided among three teachers; 175 in the lower grades divided among four teachers. The evening session increased the enrollment 20 or 30 pupils and has increased daily.

We are informed that the Board of Trustees will meet the latter part of the week to elect the eighth teacher, as the primary rooms are now over crowded and the natural increase will raise the enrollment beyond the maximum number it is possible for the present force to handle. The board has ordered fixtures for the laboratory to bring it within state requirements for a school of the first class.

Tahoka Public school is now classed in the first class and the effort is being made by board faculty and patrons to keep the school in the class.

Last week a list was circulated by the board to raise funds to fence and level the school yard. The president of the board, Mr. Meyers stated that they were fairly successful and the work would be done. The three lumber yards of Tahoka agree to furnish the school with the material necessary if the patrons would raise the funds to do the work.

Knight Will Build Brick Residence

W. L. Knight, of the firm of Knight & Brashear, will begin the construction Monday of a brick residence on his property in north Tahoka, across the street from G. W. Kings.

J. W. Wallis, has the contract for this residence which will contain five rooms, bath, pantry, and porches. There will be rooms which will not be finished up at present.

Street hats and dress hats, ready to wear, or millined to suit the individual customer— See Mrs. Ogden at Larins.

Jess Murrah, was in Tahoka last week attending court. Jess told the News man that he had about thirty-five acres of cotton that would be good for half bale, one that he never saw feed looking better than his was,

Classified Column

RESIDENCE FOR SALE—9 room residence, water connection, on quarter block, well, windmill, barn, service house and conveniences. Young orchard and vineyard: an ideal home. Would give terms.—O. M. Shook.

State land leases for sale by J. U. Williams of Tatum, New Mexico.

FOR TRADE—Model C-25 Buick in good running order and nice looking, will trade for Sudan Grass Seed. If you want a bargain, see me. 3-tf Hall Robinson.

For Ranch Property in Eastern New Mexico, see J. U. Williams, of Tatum, New Mexico. 49tf

If you want to buy a ranch in Eastern New Mexico, see J. U. Williams, of Tatum, New Mexico. 49-tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Horses, Mares, & Mules—apply Bowers & Vinson. 1-tf

FOR SALE—Twelve weaner pigs, see, Mrs. Jeff Fleming, in North Tahoka. 3-tf

FOR SALE or trade—City Blacksmith Shop, located in corner of Woods' Wagon Yard east of square. Building 24x28 feet. Well equipped, address J. C. Welch, owner, Tahoka. 2-tf

WANTED—Two rooms for light house keeping. Phone News Office. 3-1tp

BRING YOUR HIDES to Woods wagon yard for high prices. 3-tf

FOUND—Key ring and keys. Owner can secure same by describing, and paying for this local. Call at News Office. 3-2t

Geo. M. Wright, of Sweetwater, has located among us and has purchased the sheet metal tools belonging to the Tahoka Hardware Co., He will manage the business of the Tahoka Sheet Metal & Plumbing Co.

In the market strong for Cotton Seed. Paul Miller. 11-p

Highway Logging Party Thru Tahoka Saturday

D. E. Colp, of the Good Roads Ass'n., accompanied by J. C. Mabry, publicity man and photographer, and E. A. Kingsley, civil engineer, San Antonio to Lubbock, on a survey and log of that part of the Pstget Sound to Gulf Highway reached Tahoka Saturday, last, after having covered 363 miles of the trip.

The parts returned by way of Post City and points along the eastern route. Mr. Mabry, being connected with one of the San Antonio papers visited the News office and chatted a while with the editor. He tells us that in view of the activity in road building in the county on the eastern route, and the lack of same this way, that the route is liable to be changed unless we get busy along the line and improve our highways.

Here is a proposition that need the attention of a lively commercial club.

Without co-operation nothing along this line can be accomplished. Will we sit idly by and make no efforts to retain this highway or will we awake to the necessary action and get in behind a bond issue and put our roads in condition. The engineer with this party estimates that \$50.00 per mile would put Lynn counties roads in an a-one condition. Mr. Mabry went so far as to say that for this sum they could be made veritable speedways. We will have about a year of grace, before the ass'n can change the route and it is not a day to long for us to accomplish what we must to keep this highway.

Individuality—something classy, and something different, the line shown by Mrs. Ogden at Larins.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heart, felt thanks to the many friends who helped us to watch over our darling son and brother, Ples, during the 24 days of illness and eat, we wish them Gode richest blessing, and hope that they have not suffered the sorrow and pain from the loss of one so dear to them as our darling son, husband and brother.

MRS. PLES CROUCH, MR. AND MRS. Y. T. CROUCH AND FAMILY.

Hon. Hernan to Speak on Good Roads Tues. Night

Hon. J. B. Hernan, director general of the National Highway Ass'n. of America, will speak at Tahoka Tuesday night, September 19 at 8 o'clock on the importance of the construction and maintenance of permanent interstate highways and laterals.

The Hon. Hernan is a speaker of national prominence and is thoroughly posted on facts and figures pertaining to good roads construction.

The citizens of Lynn county are urged to hear Mr. Hernan, because the maintenance of the two interstate highways that cross at Tahoka is of vital importance to the entire citizenship. To the rural communities these highways would be trunk lines to market to which laterals could be built at a nominal cost. To the townspeople these roads are of double importance—first as trade feeder; good roads draw trade as surely as the magnet draws the steel; second they are far from a despicable source of revenue, it being a matter of record that motorist spend one dollar per capita per town.

I will buy your Maize Heads, Paul Miller. 11-p

C. W. Green, manufacturer of Tahoka Ice Cream, has moved into his new brick next door south of Ketter's store, and has installed one of the "swellest" set of fixtures it has been our pleasure to inspect. Charley is a live wire and is in business to put Tahoka on the map and incidently put a little coin of the realm in his "jeans." We hope he does both.

Get prices on Maize from others then I'll buy. 11-p Paul Miller.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist will be in O'Donnell Sept. 20th—Tahoka Sept. 21st. Have your school children's eyes examined. Office Stokes Hotel. 3

The Guaranty Bank is installing the fixtures in its sumptuous new home on the corner of Main and Porterfield. The furniture in this building is best described by a common slang phrase—"they are sure classy."

FRUIT JUICES



D. A. Parkhurst--Jewelry and Confections

FROM PEACH TO GRAPE

and from pineapple to lemon the fruit juices in our sodas are the purest, the freshest, and the most delicious that the market affords. But that doesn't make the cost any higher. We charge no more than others do for the doubtful kind, so why be vexed as to the proper choice? For your health's sake go to

Buckner Children Grateful

Dr. E. H. Inmon recently took up a contribution among Tahoka people for the children in Buckner Orphan's Home, Dallas, in response to their plea thru the press for funds to care for the typhoid patients in the home.

Dr. Inmon raised \$53.07 which he remitted to them. He received this week a letter of appreciation from Mr. Buckner on behalf of the children to the doctor and Tahoka citizens.

Lack of space forbids us quoting the letter.

W. J. Crouch, Contractor and Builder. Well finished substantial work. Let me figure on your building. No charges for estimates. 1-tf

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Embroidery Club

At the pretty suburban home of Mrs. Charles Shook, the embroidery club spent a delightful afternoon Wednesday.

Victrola music enhanced the enjoyment of the afternoon. Milk chocolate and angel food cake were served. Mesdames Marlin Jordan, A. E. Herring, Misses Pauline Ramsey, Mae Ellison, Era Wood, Ollie Knight, and Edna Montgomery were the members present.

Owing to the shortness of the afternoons, the meeting hour was fixed at 3:30 and the club will meet next week at that hour with Miss Montgomery.

Quality first, then quantity; the greatest in both. Georgia Smart Set started where the others finished. Remember the date is never changed. 3

Unsulphating Batteries

We have the agency for the only unsulking Battery on the market. These Batteries are guaranteed by manufacturer to run 18 months to 3 years, according to service required. Why take your batteries to an experimenter when an expert electrician is at your command. Mr. Shepard has had several years experience and is thoroughly competent to rebuild or repair magnetics, generators or anything pertaining to car electrics.

Dow & Shepard

at Tahoka Garage

Satisfaction or No Pay



THE TOP NOTCH OF BUTTER SCOTCH; THE CRISPEST MOLASSES; THAT CANDY FOR LASSES; BON BONS THE SWEETEST, IN A STORE THAT'S THE NEATEST

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"The Careful Druggist"

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the postoffice at Tahoka, Texas, under the act of
Congress of March 3rd, 1879.

Four Issues Counted a Month

And now some simlinheaded republican is advancing the idea that Wilson will keep all the northern militia on the Mexican border until after November to keep them from voting for Huges—West Texas News.

Well why not, everthings fair in love and war, and some gink added in business and politics.

Out in Lynn County, where Billy Crduch homelogates, they are building a \$125,000 Court House. Must be expecting Bill to start something—San Saba News.

We don't know exactly what kind of a crime "homelogates" is but if Crouch is guilty, we are in favor of deporting him, as an undesirable citizen. Reacon about the worst thing we could do to him would be to send him back to San Saba.

Swift & Co., wholesalé packers of Chicago, announce their intention of opening a poultry plant in Amarillo to purchase all poultry available in this portion of the southwest. They will handle creamery and poultry products.

Have you seen Mrs. Ogdens line of sport hats? They are all the go, and are going too. Better make your selection now.

Fresh Fish and Oysters

We receive a shipment of fresh Fish and Oysters every Friday. 3-tf Sanitary Meat Market.

If you fail to see me when you have poultry or grain to sell, we poth lose money. 2-tf B. F. Montgomery.

Drs. Inmon & Turrentine

Physicians and Surgeons
Office in Shook Building
Over Post Office

Tahoka, Texas

E.E.Callaway C.B.Townes
Res. Phone 48 Res. Phone 151

Physicians and Surgeons

Office Phone 45
Office upstairs Thomas Bros. Bldg

Dr. J. H. McCoy

Physician and Surgeon

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Dist. Judge 79th Judicial Dist.
W. R. Spencer.

Tax Assessor:
J. N. Thomas.

Treasurer:
C. T. Beard.

Sheriff and Tax Collector:
F. E. Redwine.

County Judge:
C. H. Cain.

Commissioner Pre. 1:
W. L. Tunnell.

Commissioner Pre. 3:
C. H. Doak.

Public Weigher Pre. 3:
W. B. Phillips.

Public Weigher Justice Pre. 1:
R. C. (Percy) Wood.

Business Moves

N. D. Goree, manager for Carter Bros., mercantile establishment on the west side of the square purchased the fixtures of the old Gillam Drug Store and has moved them from the building occupied by that firm to his store and put his grocery line in the cases. This improvement has added much to the neatness and sanitary appearance of this store.

J. N. Jones, owner of the old building occupied by the Gilliam Drug Store has moved his furniture stock into the building. He will use this new location for a show room, and retain his old building on the south side for storage.

Top Price for Maize Heads.
It-p Paul Miller.

O. M. Shook returned last week from a trip to El Paso, on which he was accompanied by Ovid Louallen. Otho tells us Ovid has cast his lot with Uncle Sam, and ere long will sail the briny deep aboard one of his fighting ships.

We are Here To Serve

We served quite a few farmers last year in the capacity of ginners, and were instrumental in boostidg pries. The more we do business with the farmers who come to Tahoka, the more we appreciate them and are prepared to offer even better service than last year. Our plant has been completely over hauled and is ready for service at a moment notice. Give us a trial.

Fuller Gin Co.,
2-tf W. T. Raybon, Mgr.

Dr. King, who purchased the Black farm south of Tahoka a year or so ago, has built a neat little bungalow in North Tahoka which will be occupied by his wife and childing during the school term.

Where to get your fall hat? Why see Mrs. Odgen at Larkins Store Of course. Hats for any and all occasions, and priced reasonable too.

Meeting At Wilson

The Meeting meeting at Wilson will begin October 1st, the same being the first Sunday in the month.

Rev. C. H. Ledger, pastor at Tahoka will assist Rev. Richardson, the local pastor in the services.

Don't sell your Maize Heads till you see me. It-p Paul Miller.

Southland Grows Apace

Pap Moore, of Morgan community was in Tahoka Monday, and while within our gates, passed the time of day with the News man.

He tells us that Southland, their nearest town locatsd in the extreme northwest corner of Garza county, now boasts of a hotel, five mercantile houses, and will soon be doing business at a local bank.

The country about Soutnland to the south, east, and west, will averege a family to every quarter section, and new farms are being opened every week.

'Lest You Forget

If you have a fine watch or any piece of jewelry that you wish repaired so it will be as good as new, bring it to me at Thomas Bros. Drug Store and you will find my work satisfactory and charges reasonable. 47-tf J. C. MAY.

C. Daughtery, the blind piano tuner of Ft. Worth was in Tahoka this week and left the later part of this week for his home. He makes this place about once a year.

Joe Elliot and family moved last Thursday to Abilene, where hey will make their future home.

In the market strong for Cotton Seed. Paul Miller. It-p

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

V. A. Collins
ON THE RELATION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR.



V. A. Collins, Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Texas Economic League and a recognized friend of organized labor, discussing the relations between employer and employe, says:

"Most of the friction between Capital and Labor is the result of misunderstanding between them. This lack of proper understanding often results from the fact that large investors do not, or cannot, follow up their investments, but are forced to operate through hired men, known as 'managers.' The capitalist or investor, possibly knows no laborer in the employment of the enterprise, and consequently knows nothing of his environment, his needs, his hopes, or aspirations—they are as widely separated as Dives and Lazarus. Their situation is not such as to create any sympathy one for another—the capitalist knows nothing of the trials and difficulties of the laborer, and the laborer cannot see that his employer may also have great difficulties to encounter in 'keeping the mill going.' Let the capitalist put himself in the place of the laborer and the laborer in the place of the capitalist and study each other's problems.

Be it said to the credit of many employers, they would like to make more favorable working conditions and pay better wages, but they have competitors in the same line of business who will make no change for the betterment of their labor and a man in business can scarcely make concessions which his competitors will not make, but when a change is demanded by labor, it cannot be convinced that the employer would be glad to make the change if his competitors would do likewise.

If the laborer hears of his employer at all, it is most probably through the press where he sees an account of his being abroad in company with Kings or princes, displaying his wealth that he may be admitted into royal society, or perhaps he sees where his employer has just given a million to the church or charities, while the wife and children of him whose calloused hands helped to produce that million are in the most direful circumstances. It needs no argument to prove that this is not calculated to create a genuine sympathy on the part of employe for his employer. I am persuaded that it is more charitable for employers to distribute the earnings of their industries above a reasonable return on their money among the men who co-operate with the machine in producing his wealth than to contribute large sums to charity and sound the bugle that the gift might be noted in the press.

Employers visit your enterprises and your laborers and see the discomforts and even the misery they sometimes endure and your charity may be kindled towards them. Employes, make the success of your employer's business your chief object and then demand a just share of the success you have made for him. See the Christ ideal of 'love thy neighbor as thyself' between capital and labor and the necessity for the militia to quell riots will never be known again and the race will grow wiser and better and the 'peace that passeth understanding' will prevail throughout the land."

Wonderful Millinery for Little Miss



Anyone might wish to be eleven again to wear such wonderful millinery as that which is shown in the picture. Since the making of hats for little girls has developed into a business which has become a distinct branch of the manufacture of millinery the hats of "little miss" are things to awaken the admiration and envy of her elders. They are less simple than they used to be, and the hand of the specialist is evident in them.

Two of these pictured and picturesque models are made of white hair braid—of all millinery braids the most exquisite. It is a pure, shining and translucent white and is woven in flat braid or in lace patterns or in combinations of the two.

The hat at the center of the group is made without a supporting frame of any sort and is therefore flexible. The braid is moderately narrow with one fancy edge and a little ruffle running along its surface midway of the width. The straight edge is corded and the close-set threads of hair braid make it wiry. When the hat is made by sewing the braid row on row this wiry edge proves sufficiently stiff to hold the shape.

Narrow faille ribbon, with picot edges, is used to give the hat color. It

is little over a half inch wide and is used in light pink and light green, about the crown and brim. At the back each ribbon band is finished with a tiny flat bow. A pink rose is set in small ragged daisies at the front.

Another hair braid hat is made over a wire frame covered with chiffon. The top crown is covered with a small plaque of the braid, and the wide crown with a woven band of it. There are three ruffles of platted chiffon about the upper brim, and a rose with foliage is mounted at the side.

The quaint poke bonnet is covered with brocade silk and the brim bound with old blue braid. There is a big bow, with one sash end, made of very wide blue ribbon, at the back. Against the rich background of brocade a bunch of velvet fruit and foliage rests at the front.

Julia Bottomley

Waist Lines.

There is a waist line to some of the envelope chemises, for they are held in with tucks, shirrs and gathers. This arrangement would make it possible to wear them over the corset, in the form of corset covers.

The Cost of Unpreparedness

Every battlefield of the war of 1861 gave proof to the world of the valor of the disciplined American soldier; but in achieving this reputation the nation was nearly overwhelmed with debt, from which we are still suffering, while nearly every family in the land was plunged into mourning.

UPTON.



Round Trip Excursion Fares

Fall buying season, Dallas Texas, Second Meeting August 13th to 22nd. Third Meeting August 27th to September 5th. Fourth Meeting September 10th to 19th. Fare one and one third, Open to All.

Ten Days Summer Excursion Fares Aransas Pass, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Palicoes, Port O'Connor And Rock-Port. One fare plus one dollar. On sale August 18th, & 25th, September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th. Several other excursion tickets on sale. Ask the Agent, J. L. Heare, Agent.

The First National Bank

Of Tahoka, Texas

Capital . . . \$50,000

Surplus . . . \$10,000

With a record behind it for fair dealing and an earnest desire to please all customers, offers its services in al departments of banking at the same time giving assurance of its appreciation of patronage extended.

Hotel St. Clair

L. L. WILLIAMS, PROP.

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Rates \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day

Corner of Main and Lockwood
North of Square

Tahoka, Texas

Don't Hesitate to Invite a Lady



to our restaurant—but don't fail to come yourself. We conduct an establishment that is suitable for every occasion. Well cooked dishes, in great variety, carefully selected, with a view to wholesome variations, everything as it should

be, including the service. Glance at the menu for yourself and note that our prices are not excessive.

BUSY BEE CAFE



If you haven't figured on what you are going to do to-night, spend an hour at the Star Theatre. We are presenting one of the most interesting bills of the Season.



THEATRE

ADMISSION 10C

...New Fall Goods...

We have a good variety of patterns in all the new colors and combinations and owing to the fact that we bought our goods before the recent rise, we are able to put interesting prices on them.

Carter Bros., N. D. Goree, Mgr.

Fresh, Seasonable Stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries.
Displayed in Dustless Sanitary Glass Cases



Your Winter's Coal

It is time you began thinking about laying in your winter's supply of coal. It will be possible to save a snug little sum by buying in bulk before the winter raise in price. See us.

Edwards Brothers,

Coal and Grin, Hay, and All Kinds Feedstuff



The Girl and The Game

SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad, by George Storm, a newsboy. Grown to young womanhood Helen makes a spectacular double rescue of Storm, now a freight freeman, and of her father and his friends Amos Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagrue, promoter, from a threatened collision between a passenger train and a runaway freight. Safebreakers employed by Seagrue and Capelle, his lawyer, interrupted by Helen while stealing General Holmes' survey plans of the cut-off line for the Tidewater, fatally wound General Holmes and escape. Storm and Helen chase the murderers on a light engine and capture them. Spike has hidden the plans and manages to inform Seagrue where

Helen, lifting her eyebrows in a profession of sympathy.

"Whereabouts is that man Rhinelander?" asked Storm lazily. "Hasn't he got some kind of a construction camp around this joint?"

"Why, how stupid of me not to have thought of Uncle Amos myself," exclaimed Helen. "Of course he has. And he's sure to have a job for you."

"He is sure," drawled Storm, "either to have a job for me or the best chance he ever had in his life to get licked—I give him his choice."

"Kind of you," retorted Helen; "he wouldn't mind getting 'licked,' of course, but he is short of men—I happen to know that."

"Maybe I'd better go over and give him a chance to hire me."

"Suppose I go with you."

Helen and Storm found Rhinelander

"You are assistant foreman. Get busy."

That particular day was to prove a busy one for the whole camp. Helen returned to the station and Storm went out with Wood—himself a veteran engineman. The mailman came in presently with a letter for Rhinelander, advising him that a bid he had made for a large quantity of ties had been accepted. The first shipment was promised for Thursday.

Rhinelander called in Wood to hear the news. "Have the flying gang here tomorrow early, to the last man jack," directed Rhinelander. "Now that we've got a chance, let's make a killing."

Wood summoned Storm. "Put up the bulletin, George," directed Wood.

At Oceanside, the directors of the road were in session. Capelle, representative of Seagrue, leader of the enemy camp in the cut-off race, learned from them that morning of the new

We have lots of necessary things for the Stable and Barn

We Invite You To Call.



WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR HARDWARE WE 'COMBED' THE MARKET AND FOUND MANY THINGS NO OTHER HARDWARE STORE IN THE CITY CARRIE. THIS BRUSH-ASIDE ALL COMPETITION.

WHEN YOU 'FORK' OVER YOUR GOOD MONEY TO US WE GIVE YOU HARDWARE THAT WILL STAND HARD WEAR.

WE LIKE TO HAVE THE LIGHT TURNED ON OUR BUSINESS METHODS. THOSE WHO SEE AND PRICE OUR GOODS BUY THEM.

Tahoka Hardware Company

They are each. Her father's estate badly involved by his death, Helen goes to work on the Tidewater. Seagrue helps Spike to break jail and uses him to set fire to a powder train hauled by Storm's engine. Helen saves Storm from a horrible death. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagrue, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blue print.

FIFTH INSTALLMENT

THE FIGHT AT SIGNAL STATION

The operator at Signal station could hardly have been more peacefully engaged than she was at the moment George Storm threw open the office door and paused on the threshold.

"What are you doing over here this morning?" demanded Helen.

"Looking for a job."

"You might take mine," suggested

hard at work. It was the first time he had seen Storm since the night on the launch and he greeted his visitors with a hearty laugh. "Licked?" He echoed, after Helen had repeated her companion's threats. "Why, George, I could whip my weight in wildcats this morning. I'll have steel half way up the pass if I can get hold of a few cars of ties this week. And something always happens when I feel this way. I'll tell you right now," he pointed a stubby finger at Storm, "it's up to you, young fellow. Either go to work here, or take a dressing down yourself."

"My hands are up," said Storm. "I'll go to work. What have you got?"

Rhinelander turned to his foreman. They took only a minute to confer. "Wood has a job for you right now," announced Rhinelander to Storm.

construction credits granted to Rhinelander. In the directors' room there had been a stormy scene when Capelle denounced the action they had taken. But his angry protest came too late and he was forced to carry his wrath and the bad news out to Seagrue.

Storm lost no time in posting the bulletin. While he wrote it out men gathered about and one, in especial, read the announcement with keen, snaky eyes:

"Flying gang will be at Signal station at 9 a. m. to unload ties."

This one was Spike, Seagrue's spy in the Rhinelander camp. Restless, conscienceless, teeming with crooked instincts, as devoted to mischief as the devil to men, Spike printed the substance of the bulletin on his memory, and turning from the men around him left the scene. By a circuitous



Helen Attached Her Instrument and Sent a Hurry-Up Message.

Route which he habitually used in sneaking from one camp to the other, Spike made his way to Seagrue's hut and reported what he had just read on the bulletin board.

Seagrue regarded him with amusement. "There are no more ties coming to Rhinelander," he explained patiently. "His supplies are cut off."

Before Seagrue could say more, there was a knock at the door and his foreman, Bill Delaney, appeared with Capelle. Seagrue lost no time in asking the news and Capelle, with the best face he could summon, told him how they had lost out on stopping Rhinelander's credit. Men that had known Seagrue a long time could never remember seeing him as angry as he was at that moment.

"Why wasn't the credit stopped?" he demanded furiously, "as you said it was?"

Capelle answered bluntly: "Rhinelander's new credit was granted during my absence."

No explanation served to allay Seagrue's rage. He pointed wrathfully at Spike. "Tell him what you saw about ties."

While Capelle, humiliated, listened, Spike repeated once more the bulletin board message.

"Had you followed my instructions," cried Seagrue, regarding Capelle scornfully, "the ties would not have been furnished."

Capelle turned sullenly away, refusing to talk further. "I did the best I could," was all he would say.

Seagrue, himself, was in no mood to listen to excuses had there been any more to offer. Paying no more attention to Capelle's presence he whirled angrily on Spike. Few words were ever needed or exchanged between these two men. "Those ties"—Seagrue looked significantly at his tool—"must never reach Rhinelander."

With a great deal of thought and very brief expressions, the two conferred apart. What they worked out no one knew. But a few moments later Seagrue gave Spike a liberal supply of money and Spike left the hut. Calling to Capelle, Seagrue resumed his abuse.

Spike, without delay, hastened to Signal station, bought a ticket from Helen and took the local passenger train for Oceanside. He had the day and the night before him to figure out schemes to prevent the delivery of the ties to Rhinelander, and by morning he had more than one ready.

The easiest one he tried first, and he might have been seen in the morning, early, in the out-freight yards at Oceanside watching the make-up of the freight train that was to take the four cars of ties to Signal. He kept in the background every moment, but had continually within his eye the preparations to get the train under way. When at length the brakeman entered the caboose to place the way-bills on the desk, Spike watched him closely, only taking care to get away before he was observed himself. Sneaking up toward the head end he caught sight of the conductor, and to avoid him dodged in between two box cars. But the conductor had seen him and scenting a knave summoned a yard policeman. The two descended on Spike with scant ceremony. The detective dragged him from his hiding place, questioned him, warned him, and marching him off shot him out of the yards on a goose step. But Spike, as strong for resources as a cat for lives, had only begun to work when he was ordered to "beat it." He did beat it, but to such good purpose that he got down to the bridge ahead of the freight train. When the train drew near, Spike handily boarded the head end.

Some moments later the hind-end brakeman, sitting on the caboose, saw a tramp in the door of a box car. The brakeman started forward to investigate and had he been able to see all that occurred just a moment later, he would also have seen the tramp clinging to the side of a car of ties removing Rhinelander's name from the billing card and substituting therefor the name of Seagrue.

One after another of the billing cards on the four cars of ties Spike manipulated in the same way. In the meantime the two brakemen, one of whom had caught a glimpse of him, were consulting as to how to get him. But



Rapped the Convict Over the Head.

at the time they had made their plans and were ready for a forcible laying on of hands Spike's work was done. Watching the trainmen walk forward, he dropped lightly from the last car and waiting for the caboose, which was empty, swung up by the hand rail and went inside the car. He grabbed the waybills from the rack box and examined them. Finding those for the cars of ties, he carefully erased Rhinelander's name from each of them and taking his time inserted Seagrue's. Having done what struck him as an artistic job on these, he replaced the bills and climbing into the cupola looked outside.

It was then by good fortune that the conductor and one of the two brakemen spotted him. To get back quick they flagged the engineer—the train was going at a pretty good clip—and started for the side. But this suited Spike's own game, for as the train slowed he dropped off and the crew, thinking themselves well rid of a nuisance, signaled their engineman ahead.

The train was running not far from Beaman when Spike left it, and slinking into the woods adjoining the right of way he made his way as fast as he could up to the Beaman telegraph office, where he sent this message to Seagrue:

Changed the two ties you thought Rhinelander wears for two that suit Seagrue.

"Say, where's the nearest livery stable in this place, mister," Spike asked the agent.

He hardly waited to hear the answer

given him before he was on his way out of the office. And without losing a minute he got a horse where he had been directed for one and rode hastily away on it.

Helen, a few moments later, took Spike's message to Seagrue. When she handed it to Lyons he said he would deliver it. Placing the duplicate on file, Helen resumed her crocheting work.

Passing the Tidewater camp, Lyons saw Rhinelander, Storm and Wood in conference over unloading the expected ties.

"You don't need me over at the station," said Wood to Rhinelander. "I'll send Storm with the men to look after the unloading. I'll stay here with these lazy graders."

Seagrue himself took the message from Lyons. He read it with secret satisfaction. The moment Lyons had left, Seagrue called Delaney, his foreman, told him to get the gang together to unload four cars of ties the instant the local freight pulled in.

But in the interval the Tidewater camp leaders, Rhinelander and Storm, were not losing any time in looking after the shipment themselves, and they appeared together at the station

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to get track of it. Lyons, in response to Rhineland's inquiries, said he did not know what the local freight was carrying.

"You find out, will you, Helen?" asked Rhineland. And as he made the request he showed her his letter advising him the ties were on the local.

While Rhineland, Storm, Helen and Lyons were thus engaged, Seagru and his foreman, Delaney, entered the office. Seagru seemed at his best, very affable and friendly with everybody and was soon asking questions as to what ties were coming for him that morning. Helen took his inquiries and Rhineland, overhearing, explained that the ties coming in on the local freight train that morning were for the Tidewater work, not for Seagru. Seagru declared him mistaken. A dispute flared up, which in a moment involved practically everybody in the room. Of these, the opposition bosses for the unloading jobs, Delaney and Storm, became the most heated and seemed about to come to blows. But Rhineland, checking Storm's indignation, advised restraint and referred the whole thing to Helen, asking her to find the real fact out from the dispatcher. Helen sent a hurry-up message and the answer came from the dispatcher's office within a few minutes.

"Local will set out four cars ties at Signal for Rhineland's construction gang." H. C. W.

Lyons, without comment, passed the message to Rhineland, who read it and showed it triumphantly to Seagru. Seagru entered an emphatic dissent. "I don't care what those boobs at Oceanside say," he snapped. "Those ties are for me and you'll find out I know what I'm talking about."

Fast words followed. Storm and Delaney again eyed each other fiercely. Then the sound of a freight train pulling in started everybody in the room out for the platform. The moment the train stopped the disputants crowded forward, each side eager to reach the conductor first. The conductor, a man of peace, listened unmoved to the violent contentions addressed to him. At length he produced the waybills for the property in dispute. Seagru got hold of them first. To his delight he saw that, as expected, they read to him as consignee, and he showed them with an injured air to Lyons. Rhineland, reading the doctored bills over Lyons' shoulder, was confounded.

Seagru meant to let nothing of his advantage slip for lack of action. He whirled on Delaney. "Get our ties off those cars, Bill, and do it quick."

Storm took a hand in. He felt his side was beaten, but would not quit. "Hold on," he said gruffly. "Not yet. This thing is in dispute. Take your time," he added to Delaney, and a significant look lent strength to his words.

Again Rhineland quieted Storm down. Delaney began giving orders to his men, and while Seagru kept a guarded eye on them, suspicious of some counter-move, Rhineland and Storm accompanied Lyons and Helen into the station.

Seagru's men, crowding after their triumphant foreman, gave the laugh to the Tidewater gang, who stood with their hands in their pockets, and started after the ties.

Inside the office a perplexed and disgruntled group gathered around Helen. She showed the dispatcher's message to the conductor. Seagru, not to be outdone, came inside to watch the proceedings and demanded to know again of the puzzled conductor whether the ties were not plainly enough for him. In the face of the conflicting evidence the conductor did not know what to decide. "Fight it out yourselves, boys! I give it up," was all that could be got out of him. And Seagru, declaring he would unload the ties anyway, left the office. Once outside, he again spurred Delaney to haste.

Storm followed Seagru from the

office and once outside and away from Helen he protested vigorously. Rhineland, behind him, told Storm to keep cool. At that moment Delaney, breaking in, almost precipitated a riot. "Get out of this thing," he bellowed at Storm, "and keep out! Do you get that? You're talking too much."

With the words, he pushed Storm back. It was the wrong moment to lay hands on the stalwart young engineer, now greatly wrought up. His arm shot out and his fist caught Delaney on the jaw. The big foreman staggered.

Seagru, glad enough to find himself outside the center of the brawl, walked away only to encounter Spike as the latter, dashing in from the highway, sprang from his horse and hurriedly beckoned Seagru to him.

The two conferred in quick undertones together and Rhineland, who stood with Helen and Lyons, watching them, saw them run to the tie cars, remove the billing cards and bring them back. Seagru, with the air of a man aggrieved, showed the cards to Rhineland.

"What do you say to this?" he demanded, in the confirmation of his claims. "Call off your men. They're starting a riot here to keep me from taking possession of my own property."

Rhineland, as near angry as he ever got, stamped his foot. "I tell you those ties don't belong to you. It's some trickery and thievery your gang has put up on us. This way, Lyons!"

Accompanied by the agent, Helen following, Rhineland entered the station. Helen went to her desk to wire for a confirmation of the dispatcher's message. As she did this, her eyes fell on the clip on which had been filed the duplicate of Spike's message to Seagru. Across it she had thrown her crochet work and her eye was now met by the words of the cipher message as Spike had meant the secret message to be read by Seagru:

"Changed ties Rhineland to Seagru."

Startled, she called to Rhineland. With Lyons, the latter read the message as she now pointed it out to them. The two men saw the import at once.

But outside the station Spike and Seagru were listening. "You see you're caught," muttered Seagru to Spike. "They'll wire for confirmation and help. We're in for trouble."

"No trouble at all," declared Spike coolly. "I'll save them the work of wiring."

"How?"

"By clipping their wire. Just keep cool, Seagru. I'll get you through." Spike, without delay, climbed a pole and with a pair of clippers made good his threat.

Helen, sitting at the instrument, was trying to call. She stopped. "The wires are cut," she exclaimed.

Seagru and Spike on the platform passed the window. Storm, at this juncture, ran in from the field of battle. "There's too many of them," he said in disgust. "Every time you knock one dago down, two Greeks come in to take his place. The way to win this thing up, Mr. Rhineland, quick and clean, is to capture Seagru and lock him up. We can do it. Stick him in the freighthouse here and pile a couple of dozen bags of cement on him. No? I say, yes!!! Something's got to be done."

Can't you get a message through somehow?" asked Rhineland of Helen in agitation.

"Yes," she answered, unhesitatingly. "I can. I'll get one through for you." So saying, she caught up an extra instrument, ran out on the platform and climbed the pole Spike had climbed, to cut in with her pony above the break.

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Pushing straight through his own demoralized forces to the thick of the scuffle, knocking men right and left when he had to and dodging in between when he could, Storm, his two trustees at his elbows, struck, shoved and jumped his way straight to where Seagru was urging his fighting men on. The latter, busy with the main encounter, saw Storm too late. The engineerman catching him by the collar whirled him unceremoniously around, pinioned him before a blow could be struck and with his helpers dragged him victoriously off.

Bedlam was let loose. Seagru's men, seeing the trick too late, ran in with a yell to rescue him. Back and forth the fight swayed, while Helen, above at the depot, attached her instrument and sent to the dispatcher her hurry-up message.

"Seagru has the ties. Send Help. H."

But whoever had the ties, Storm had Seagru, and his men were now easily standing off the onslaughts of Seagru's men on the platform. The latter, needing help, sent for re-enforcements, and a moment later the entire gang, leaving the unloading of the tie cars ran down the track to join in the fight. The train was left deserted. Storm, seeing this, turned his prisoner over to his men and chose a moment when he could break away to run to the engine. Gaining the cab, he immediately started to back the train up to Rhineland's camp, where the main body of their men still were. As the train drew past the station, Helen, having finished, sprang recklessly from the pole to the top of a box car and running forward met Storm, who had started back, and showed him a message from the dispatcher:

"Will send sheriff to Signal."

While the men were still fighting in front of the station, Spike managed to tear himself loose from the fray in time to see the freight train backing up the hill. He knew what this meant and realized the move must be stopped. Running to his horse he mounted and spurred after the receding train. But his intervention had turned the fighting in favor of Seagru's men, and they were fast beating Rhineland's gang off. By a sudden rush on the freighthouse they even recaptured and released Seagru himself.

The latter, covering the situation at a glance, saw, as Spike had seen, the real danger: Storm now in possession of the ties was running away with them.

Yelling to his men, Seagru bade them drop the fight and follow. Spike on his horse was fast overtaking the train.

Running his horse close to the moving train, Spike sprang from the saddle to the engine itself and started back. As he came over the top of the cab, Storm on the tender confronted him and the two grappled. Helen had at once taken the throttle, but Spike, fighting Storm back into the coal quickly put him at a disadvantage. He was, in fact, overpowering him when Helen came to the rescue and rapped the convict smartly over the head. She jumped back to

the engineer's seat in time to halt the train opposite Rhineland's camp, and without losing a moment she ran over to headquarters, where she gave the alarm to Wood and asked him to hurry the remainder of the construction gang over to the train before the cars should be stolen again by their active enemies. Wood, who would rather fight than eat, responded like a whirlwind, and heading his men, started them across the fields on the run for the kidnaped train.

Storm had, meantime, dropped a rope around Spike's neck. He tied him to the engine cab just as Helen, with her re-enforcements, reached

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