MILLTOWN

Mr. Robert Swarts and family, of Myers, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Neal.

Miss A. B. Gill and John Young Chrisman visited relatives at Carlisle from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. Elgen Clark spent Saturday with her mother, C. Carlisle.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Miss Mae Dayton and Miss Edna Hammons were the Sunday guests of Misses Lillian and Myrtle McCall.

Mr. Robert Tolliver was the Sunday guest of Mr. Henry Wagner, Sr.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Durbin on the 17th a daughter.

Mr. Thomas Blount, of Paris, was the guest of Mr. Wash Blount Friday.

Mr. John William McKay returned home with Mr. Blount.

Mrs. Sallie Throckmorton is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tolliver and family were the guests of Mr. W. M. Tolliver and family Sunday.

Meeting at the Christian church Saturday and Sunday.

MORNING GLORY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teel returned home from Lexington Sunday after a three weeks visit with relatives.

Mr. Grover Bledsoe, of Lexington, spent the week end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Riley were visitors at Taylors Creek Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Ruhl was called to the bedside of her nephew, Hoot Ruhl, at Sallwell Sunday. He is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mr. W. L. Collins spent Sunday with Mr. E. A. Dyer.

Miss Hazel Moss, of Buena Vista, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gran Moss.

SALTWELL

Hoot Ruhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ruhl, is very ill with the flu. Dr. S. E. Fisher and Dr. Lindsay Smith, of Millersburg, are attending him.

Miss Beatrice Hyatt, of Greensville, Ind., has accepted the school teacher of our school here. She will finish out the term of Mr. W. D. Davis resigned recently.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Kendall spent Sunday with Mrs. Lelia Snapp and family.

Mr. Harmon Gaunce is on the sick list.

Miss Hattie Gaunce has spent the last week in Paris with her brother, L. E. Gaunce.

Mr. John G. Allison and family spent Sunday with S. D. Snapp and family.

Mr. J. F. Stone and wife spent Sunday with Verna Stone and family.

Mr. H. D. Allison and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with W. H. Gaunce and family.

Misses Ira and Nettie Harney, of near Lexington, have spent the last week with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Fuller and family.

ELLISVILLE

Mr. Harvie McClanahan and family, of near Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks.

Miss Ruth Fuson spent the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fuson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snapp and Mr. Wilson Knapp were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Butler McClanahan.

Mr. Durkin is visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Misses Virginia and Jewell McClanahan were the week end guests of Misses Nettie and Margaret Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foster and Mrs. Allen Clark spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Potts.

Misses Hazel and Lula Hunter and Christine Snapp were the week end guests of Misses Lucille and Margaret Miller.

SPROUT

Mrs. L. V. Jacobs spent several days the past week with Mrs. J. J. Jacobs.

Beatrice and Clarice Jacobs spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Barnett, of Myers.

Mr. Tom Conners is on the sick list.

Lillie Snapp's children have scarlet fever.

Mr. J. J. Jacobs, wife and daughter, Bernice, spent Sunday with Mr. J. J. Jacobs.

We all regret to know of the death of Fred Snapp's baby. The family has our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sing spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Sing.

CLAYSVILLE

Miss Naomi Snapp spent Monday with Miss Daisy Ritchie.

Mrs. Claude Fleming spent Tuesday with Mrs. Lloyd Smith.

Mrs. Mollie Hamilton spent Tuesday with Mrs. Dora Snapp.

Miss Daisy Ritchie spent Friday with Mrs. Adrian Gaunce.

LOCUST GROVE

Mrs. Ely McCleary spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Carnon, of Paris.

Walter Kendall, of Louisville, is spending the week with his father, Stella Stone spent Thursday with Pansy Stone.

Mrs. Henry Potts, chairman of the Parent-Teachers' Association and Mrs. Ella Taylor will speak here on 2 o'clock January 25. All members please be present.

CROSS ROADS

W. H. Earlywine was a visitor in Headquarters Sunday.

James Buckler is reported very ill at this time.

Mrs. Effie Earlywine spent Friday with Mrs H. E. Earlywine.

Mrs. M. C. Wells and children attended church at Paris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McCord, of near Paris, spent Sunday with Mrs. McCord's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Earlywine.

Russell Green, of Headquarters, has rented the John Leer farm and will move to it March first.

Little Paul Reddick, of near Paris, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Earlywine.

Harve Varner and wife have moved near Covington.

Charles Frederick, wife and two little sons spent Sunday with H. E. Earlywine and family.

BAREFOOT

Mr. Robert Sidle and family had as their Sunday guests Estil and Howard Wiggins and Misses Lettie and Ida Small.

Mr. Joe Wagoner, of Cross Roads, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wagoner, from Saturday until Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Wagoner is on the sick list.

Mrs. Robert Harney, of Wilmore, is spending a few weeks with her father, Mr. James Sealy, who is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Martha Moore has moved in from her farm to Will Henry Snapp's near Carlisle.

Mrs. Georgia Brasher, of near Paris, is on the sick list at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ann Burden, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Burden, of near Paris, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Burden one day the past week.

CASSIDAY

Mr. Oscar Shroat and Herbert Freeland were guests of Mr. Ed Flora and family Thursday.

Mrs. John McCarty was called to the bedside of her mother, who is very ill, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson, of Georgetown, spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton.

Mr. A. E. Farpharson is able to be out again after being confined to the house with the flu for two weeks.

Miss Fattye Ree Burbanan spent Sunday night with Lucy E. Carnon.

TAYLORS CREEK

Mrs. Ben Sparks and Mrs. Reynolds Sparks spent Tuesday with Wesson Brothers, of Bourbon.

Mrs. Ann Wasson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jess Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hamilton spent Sunday with relatives in Mt. Sterling.

Mr. Fred Huffstetler spent the week end with relatives in Lexington.

Miss Florence Anderson and Mr. Enoch Thompson and family spent Thursday with Mr. John Watkins and family.

Mrs. Ivey Auxier is on the sick list.

SPROUT

Mr. and Mrs. Tom King spent from Thursday until Sunday with Mr. Taylor Sing and family.

Mr. Shelby Hammonds, of near Carlisle, spent a few days the past week with his sister, Mrs. Ike Sing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Neal, Elmer and Herbert Mallory, of Centerville, Ind., attended the funeral of their little niece and granchild, Opal Bell Thornsberry.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Tom and Lucy and Clarence Mallory.

ARNER'S MILL

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Leet and son, of Eyrie, Mrs. W. F. Duncan and two daughters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Watkins, of Hoe Lick.

Mr. Milford Snapp visited Miss Nellie Bishop Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Barnett and daughter Alma, spent Saturday with Mrs. Sam Selby.

Lillie Leet spent one night the past week with Ruth Stansifer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Selby spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Cora Flora.

OAKLAND MILLS

Mr. Ora McMeltreer and family, of Lexington, visited Mr. Harve Wagner several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Snapp and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Futrell Sunday.

Mrs. James Marshall has returned home from a visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lawrence.

HEADQUARTERS

Mr. Henry Barlow is entertaining as many friends with fine music and sermons from all parts of the United States and Cuba on his radio.

L. M. Gaffin received a block eye on icy last week while cranking his automobile.

Will Burden and wife, of near Cynthiana, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snapp near Mt. Carmel.

Robert Buckler has rented a farm in Mason county and will move to Battle March 1st.

Will Dray has rented the O. B. Buckler farm near the Hookland place.

Our blacksmith, M. M. Snapp, got one of his fingers cut off last week in a sausage sausage mill.

Rev. Hicks, of Wilmore, will preach at Mt. Carmel next Sunday morning and night.

PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to move to another state, I will on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

at 10 a. m., on the Mrs. Ann Hoffmeon farm on Concord pike five miles from Carlisle sell to the highest bidder the following property:

1 12-year old bay mare, safe for children

1 7-year old roan mare, good worker

1 7-year old bay horse, good worker

1 9-year old black saddle mare, good worker and driver

1 6-year old Jersey cow, due to calf Feb. 15

1 3-year old black cow, due to calf in March

6 Durac registered sows, will farrow April 1

4 75-pound shoats, good ones

1 Studebaker wagon, bed and frame 1 sled 1 buggy

2 pair work gears

2 sets buggy harness

1 disc harrow 1 A harrow

1 breaking plow

1 3-tooth cultivator

2 double shovel plows

1 Rattler plow

1 Minihan saddle

1 boy's saddle

1 1920 Ford automobile

1 hog house, 6x12, new one

Other farming implements too numerous to mention

80 barrels picked corn in crib

3 stacks millet

75 stacks corn

150 shocks fodder

1 Queen Plymouth rock pullets

1 dresser 1 cook stove

1 New Versis Mertin bed and springs

1 white enamel bed and springs

Dining room furniture

1 Perfection coal oil stove

1 gas pipeless stove

1 new sausage mill

Some canned fruit

All other household and kitchen furniture

Terms made known on day of sale.

WILL FERGUSON,
Carlisle, Route 1

Joe Atkinson, Auctioneer. 2-24-3t

PUBLIC SALE OF LAND

On my premises, 1 I will sell, on Saturday morning, February 2, at 10:30 a. m., 51½ acres of land, 3½ miles from Carlisle on Bourbon pike road, all improved land. 10 grass. 1 mile from graded school and two churches. Good six room house, pantry and two porches, barn and all necessary outbuildings, double corn crib, good water well watered, good 2½ acre orchard. Terms will be made known on day of sale, and if not rented will be sold to highest bidder. For further information, see Garret Linville, Paris, Ky., route 4.

PUBLIC RENTING OF LAND

As agent for Marjorie Bowles, I will rent at public auction at the court house door in Carlisle on

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

at 2 o'clock p. m., 98 acres of land, all in grass, with house and 10 x 20 acre tobacco barn on the Maysville and Lexington pike, 2½ miles from Carlisle.

Term: One-half cash, payable March 1, 1924, and one-half payable March 1, 1925, the renter to give note with approved security.

John Harvey, agent for Marjorie Bowles. 1-24 2t

"THE BRYSON FARM AGENCY—"

We have a number of most attractive FARM BARGAINS that we would like to show our friends before the buying season is on and we invite very careful inspection of the list given below, which, however, is but a few of the many we have for sale.

145—52 acres, one mile from Carlisle, good pike, good location, new barn at pike, old barn back of house, splendid spring water, 2 acres of money to any farm all plowed and sowed to small grains and grass and $60.00 per acre will buy it this week.

240—52½ acres extra good bluegrass 9-room residence, good tobacco barn, garage, all in grass. This farm is considered at one time the best tobacco and grain farm in the county, good home, good fences, and priced at less than $1,000.00. Possession at once for sale.

241—188 acres, good 2-story 10-room residence, 5-room tenant, all in grass, new big tobacco barn, one of the best tobacco and grain farms in this county, and all the country and dog-cheap at $60.00 per acre; now will you see it?

242—Absolutely one of the finest bluegrass farms in this county, 215 acres, 4 1-2 miles Carlisle, excellent 6-room house, one 8-room tenant house, one brand new 12 ft. tobacco barn, and if looking at one can be had at a great bargain. Splendid land in the Hinkston neighborhood pike.

243—One of the prettiest farms and homes in Bourbon county that you ever saw; a nice 7-room brick residence, a large tobacco barn, garage in yard, new lights in house, beautiful place, 90 acres fine land, and priced at only $125.00 per acre; a nice home and good farm.

250—100 acres good land—extra comfortable residence—plenty of water, good neighborhood, $7,000.00.

Ever so many other farms, all kinds and prices. Two splendid residences in Arnold Heights priced to sell at once

H. B. Bryson.

ROSE HILL

Rev. Leon Rothwell and Russell Weller, of Wilmore, spent the week end with B. J. Ritchey and family.

Mrs. Albert Lipscomb and family visited Allie McCray, at Lexington, Saturday and Sunday.

Classified Ads

Advertisements in this section are 1 cent a word. Positively cash in advance. No single ad accepted for less than 25 cents. Count the words and send cash with order. Stamps will do.

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Hereafter, notices and advertisements appearing in this column will be charged at the rate of 10 cents per line, unless paid for in advance, when the charge will be 5 cents per line. This rule will be adhered to strictly, except in the case of those who have accounts already on our Books. .

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—$175 phonograph, 32 double records. Will sacrifice. Phone 186. 1-24 2t*

FOR SALE—1 Jersey cow, good one. Apply to Robert Moore, phone 221. 1-17 3t

FOR SALE—Oak bed and library table combined, with cotton mattress. Apply to Mrs. Lillie Wood. 1-24 2t*

FOR SALE—30 or 40, ewes due to lamb March 1. I am working my farm and cannot look after them my attention. Anyone wishing to see me can come on Bourbon pike, six miles southeast of Maysville, 2 miles east of Orangeburg. Jno. W. Lowery, Maysville, Ky. 1-17 3t

WANTED

WANTED—A lady to sell No Bone Corsets in Carlisle and surrounding country. Write Dept. 1, Lexington, Ky. 1-17 4t

FOR RENT—Two rooms formerly occupied by Mrs. Hamilton as barber. Apply Metcalfe's Grocery.

1-24-4t

William Tell Mixed Feed is the same high quality as the flour.

The Bell sale of 7 room brick house on Sycamore street on Saturday, February 2, is your opportunity to buy a home. See me. Rents reasonable. All accounts due and long settled by January 1 will be placed with an attorney for collection.

Arthur Talkille, Flora, Ky. Home phone 618-1 ring.

Sycamore street home and lot at auction Saturday, February 2 at 2 p. m. 1-24 2t

Peppers, the modern tonic, will build up your system to ward off the flu. Peppers Drug Co.

Go to Baldwin's in the Graeter building. Hair cut 25c; shave 15c. 11

A good home at auction Saturday, February 2, at 2 p. m., on Sycamore street, the Bell place. Attend this sale. 1-24 2t

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are showing pattern hats now and will continue on through the season. Come and see us before you buy one after the first of February and get the value for which you are always as in the past. Will appreciate your patronage. Gertrude Evans. 1-24 2t*

If there is another flour as good as LeGrand, we don't know of it.

Peppers, the modern tonic, will put rich smoke flavor to your meat without danger of fire. Hopkins Drug Co.

COITRE REMOVED

Mrs. Tracy Writes Letter To Local Drug Store Describing Experience

Tureman & Son have received a letter from Mrs. Betty Tracy, Frankfort, Ky., telling of her experience in removing a terrible goitre with Sorbol-Quadruple, a scientific treatment, pleasant to use. She says she prevailed on operation. The letter is open for inspection. Any one may call.

EXECUTOR'S LAND SALE

As executor of Richard Vanlandingham, deceased, I will sell at public auction, on the premises, one mile east of Hilltop, Fleming county, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

at 10 o'clock a. m. a farm of 107 acres of limestone land. This farm lies on the Upper Blue Licks pike, and is well watered and in a high state of fertile soil, well cared for. Good residence of six rooms, barn for 4 acres of tobacco, stable, crib and all necessary outbuildings.

Terms—10 per cent cash on day of sale, balance of one-half on March 1, 1924, when deed will be made and possession given. The remaining half is one and two years with 6 per cent interest and lien on land to secure payment.

At the same time and place, about 100 head of cattle, sheep, farming implements and household furniture.

Gene Hendrix, Executor
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DWELLING HOUSE AND STORE FOR RENT

Stock of merchandise for sale. Continued ill health and other reasons compel me to retire from the general merchandise business. Therefore, I offer my stock of general merchandise for sale and my dwelling and store for rent. Dwelling has seven rooms, large three room and store room with machinery ware room annex. All overhauled and repainted inside and out during the past summer, and in excellent condition. All necessary outbuildings. Store stand in the best paying and best produce section to be found anywhere. I invite you to see me. Rents reasonable. All accounts due and long settled by January 1 will be placed with an attorney for collection.

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FIRST Horse and Mule Sale of the Bourbon County Co-Operative Livestock Association At Caywood & McClintock Stock Yards IN PARIS, KY.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26 At 10:30 A. M.

Bring in your mules and horses. Commission $2 per head. Southern buyers will be here.

Harness Repaired

Auto tops trimmed, curtains and windows repaired and upholstering. Blacksmithing, rubber-tiring. Ford tires and tubes for sale. All work strictly cash. C. F. & H. M. Walker Main and Sycamore

Long Time Farm Loans !

WITHOUT ONE CENT OF COST TO THE BORROWER

WE WILL MAKE TEN, TWENTY OR THIRTY-FIVE YEAR AMORTIZATION LOANS. SEE

FOSTER V. COX

Men'S O'Coat Prices Reduced

This Season's models, tailored as our Clothes always are, your choice of a variety of styles and fabrics—all offered at prices that will save you dollars.

$35.00 Overcoats for $25.00
$22.50 " " $14.75
$12.50 " " $ 8.00

R. T. KIRKLAND & COMPANY

Overcoats Price-Cut

There is still some of our best Overcoats from which you may choose at prices greatly reduced from our regular low marking.

An ample variety of styles and materials makes it easy to find just what you are looking for. It is an opportunity no one can afford to pass up.

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BUSINESS FAILURES DECREASE IN

According to Bradstreet's business failures decreased 14 per cent in 1923 as compared with the previous year. There were 19,346 failures last year and 22,419 in 1922. The largest percentage of decrease was in the South. In the Northwest, where business failures were recorded in 1923 than in 1922.

WATCH REPAIRING

Bring me your watch, clock and jewelry repairing. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. A. Power, jeweler, next door to Postoffice. 1-3-6t

SAVE A DOLLAR

The Mercury and the Cincinnati Post, both one year for $5. This offer good only until Thursday, January 18.

Call and have your home shod with the best of Pennsylvania wheat bend, $2; 4 shoes plain, $1.60; set shoes, 50c, for the cash. Wm. Sea monds. 11*

THE FUN FAMILY

Get acquainted with The Lexingtons, the Leader Fun Family. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gump and Chester, Barney Google and Spark Plug, The Bungling House, The Duffs, Henpeckes and His Pal, The Old Home Town and other well known folks that appear from time to time. Four full colored pages of "Famous" on Sunday.

The Lexingtons are drawn The Gumps, receives more for his services than four reporters on the United States. Barney Google and Spark Plug have taken New York by storm and have a wide circle of admirers in Central Kentucky.

A trial will convince you that The Leader Fun Section is one of the most complete list of comics published. Compare them with others.

Good clean humor that delights the grown-ups as well as the children every day in the year and Sunday too. By mail in Kentucky daily and Sunday one year for $5.85, six months, $2.75. 4-6 from Lexington, Leader, Lexington, Ky.

Wilson Bros. Shirts Stetson Hats

WEATHER

Everywhere you go you hear people talking either about the weather—or about the wonderful values we are offering in

MEN'S SUITS

Our line is complete for young, middle aged or older men—and prices are right

IN FURNISHINGS

BIG CUT IN PRICES ON OVERCOATS.

C. C. COLE R. O. SHROUT R. T. FISHER

C. C. Cole & Co. CLOTHIERS & SHERIFF CARLISLE, KY.

Nettleton Shoes Walkover Shoes

GOODYEAR TIRES

Built for service on rough roads and will give you as much or more value for your money than any you can buy. Full stock in all sizes both cord and fabric.

30 x 3 $6.60 30 x 3 1-2 $7.50

You can't beat the value.

HARPER'S GARAGE

SPECIAL BARGAIN OFFER

Until January 20, we will offer the Mercury and the Lexington Herald daily, without Sunday, for $7. Cash must accompany order. The price of the Herald alone is $6. 1t

A. T. GARDNER OPTOMETRIST

Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted

Farmers Bank Bldg.
CARLISLE, KENTUCKY

As she left the patio she was met by Sat Alfred, with Florence at his side and the cowboys behind, some alert to follow her. When she got out of her room open the door she heard several men in loud, angry discussion. Then, at sight of Bonita bridegroom and cruelly bound upon a horse, pale and disheveled and suffering, Madeline experienced the thrill that eight months of this girl's always gone by. It yielded to a hot pang in her breast—that fine pain which so stunned her. But almost instantly, on the heels of that pleasure, came a sense of loss. Her heart seemed to leap, a rope fell deep into the flesh, her self was torn from its moorings. Then Madeline was overcome by pity for unfortunate girl who in a few hours had become possessed of such barbarous treatment at one of her own.

The man holding the bridle of the horse on which Bonita had been bound was at once recognized by Madeline as the big-bodied, tallest-headed Pete, who she had found the basket of wine in the spring at camp. Bonita's foe, blacker of beard, rearmer of aspect, evidently under the influence of any liquor, he was as face-looking as a gorilla and as repulsive. Besides him were three other men present, all mounted and all wearing the same tie to the foreground, gaunt, sharp-featured, cruel. Madeline could not detect her recognized as the sheriff of El Cajon.

Stillwell saw Madeline, and throwing up his hands, roared to be heard. His quieted the questioning, gave a long nod.

"What now, Pat Howe, what's driving you on like a locust? Are you out of your head?" demanded Stillwell.

"Keep in the corpses, Bill," replied Howe. "You never what I come for. I've been taken' up that Bonita girl's body now. I'm hayed to drive her off."

The huge frame of the old cattleman grew rigid, and his face turned purple. "What criminality be shouted, Howe?"

The sheriff flicked his quirt against his dirty boot, and he twisted his thin face into a leer.

"Why, Bill, I knowed you had a notion for that girl. Didn't you know it? I won't wise that you had notch's one on your gun."

"Cut that talk! Which cowboy are you wantin' to arrest?"

Howe's manner altered.

"Some Stewart," he replied, curtly. "On what charge?"

"Why, the gunfight one night last week."

"Sure you're still barkin' on that? I got you're on the wrong trail. You better lay that girl down. Madeline's the thing's antered by now. But if you insist on bringin' in a man for the arrest go today—we're hurtin' for fresh meat—we'll take a posse up to El Cajon."

"Bill, I'll arrest—I'll take him when I get the chance, before he slopes."

"Howe, you're a fool," replied Sheriff Stillwell.

"I reckon I don't have to take your word, Bill, or anybody else's."

Stillwell's big growth bristled with his rage, yet he made a successful effort to control it.

"See here, Pat Howe, I know what's in your mind. You're sore 'cause the county there always has been six to a man's suit and you've only had one with the law. Maybe you've forgot that I'm a guide to give you a hand. Fat you're not ascertained in these parts. You've did too much of a high hand. None of your deals here, Howe shouts. I won't have no fights with Pat Smith'. But you're the sheriff of The county, and I'm north I'm respectin' it this much. If the milk Stewart devils is wanted for what you know that you can't have a shot free. Then try to make the arrest—but I've been that'll result from any roadcamp shindy on your part today. Savvy that, Howe?"

"Sure, you're threatenin' me after all," replied Howe, angrily. "I come to arrest him, an' I'm goin' to."

"Howe, you're a damned fool," shouted Stillwell. "We-all are glad to get you straight, Pat. Now listen, you cheap, red-eyed coyotes of a sheriff! You don't care how many enemies you make. You know you'll never get office again in this county. What do you want now? It's sounds' strange how earnest you are to bound a boy over to killed that particular Greaser, I think there's been some more doins' on more killin's of Greasers in the last year. Why don't you take to killin' some of them kibitzs? I'll tell you what I'm afraid to go over the border. An' your hate of these Stewarts makes you want to bound him off just his where he's never been yet—that's it, you want to spite his friends. Wal, listen, you lean-jawed, skunk-hearted sheriff, I'm not goin' to let no arrest him!"

Stillwell took one mighty stride off the porch. His last words had been hot with passion, and now he was all that.

transferred to blame. The wrinkle had begun to stutter and shake a flash appeared in the brown eyes at Stewart stepped out.

"Howe, you fellows give me a chance to say a word."

The sheriff recognized the Mexican as a Stewart appointed retainer and of gift suddenly assumed relative out of the stupor. He scrutinized at her hands as if to lift the hands benevolently. A flash accompanied her haggard face, and her big eyes lighted.

"Sure, you can," she mouned. "Help me! I'm a woman—I'm not one, but your keel me. Oh, help me, Senor Howe!"

"Shut up, or I'll put you," said the man who held Bonita's horse.

"Muzzle her, Sneed, if she blabs again," called Howe.

Madeline felt something tense and strained working in the short silence. Was it only a phase of her thrilling excitement? Her swift glance shifted the faces of Nels and Monty and Nick to be bronzed, cold, watchful. She wondered why Stewart did not look toward Bonita. He, too, was now dark faced, cool, quiet, with something ominous about him.

"Howe, I'll refuse to arrest without any fuss," he said, slowly, "if you'll take the ropes off that girl."

"Nope," replied the sheriff. "She got away from me once, she's here to stay."

"I thank you, Miss Hammond," he said, hastily. "But you needn't waste any more of Howe's questions. He's dumb. Stewart, necessary. I'll go with him now, under arrest. Bonita will have to remain a prisoner in court, and that will save me from this—this humiliation."

Madeline, looking at Stewart, seeing his face alone at first took for granted that he was not the man she had come for himself which made him dread further confirmation of that sight, but her face—fear of shame she might suffer through him for her.

Pat Howe rocked his head to see that his prisoner was bound fast with his neck, and cunningly eyed Madeline, who interpreted the treatment, what you're said is sure important an' concerns you. Stewart's attorney in court will want to her explained why you've been so much with him for thirty in their waitin' room alone with him."

His deliberate speech met with what Madeline imagined a remarkable reception from Stewart, who gave a tigerish start. Then he controlled the old gentleman. "Sure you're loosed—to act as you please, Howe," he said, coldly. "Why, boy, it's all right. Just stand easy. I'll see Miss Hammond and Miss Bonita safely to the house. Then I'll be with you. Don't you know—your ole pard—that I'm square? Howe, you're a fool. He's only wantin' you to her sense—to help me out."

"Let me go!" Let me go!" cried Stewart; and the poignancy of that cry pierced Madeline's heart. "Howe, you Bill, if you're my friend. I saved your life once, you know it. Now you've got to save me. Boys, make him unbind me. Then we'll talk."

Howe detained one in the waiting room," she said, clear-voiced as a bell. "He sent you bad to go. Bill's face turned pale.

"Miss Hammond, don't you—don't—"

"Then he seemed to sink down, head lowered upon his breast, in utter relief. Stewart's great head rested on the bowed shoulder, and he turned to look at Madeline.

"Miss Hammond, I reckon you'd better tell all," said the old cattleman, gravely. "Howe's head has been down with his hands below his hips. Stewart's face was white as death, and his distorted lips heard that sound which was unmistakable to any man who has skin war-whoop, and, more than all, a Stewart's face with her blood hot and raging, would have plotted in the interest of her kin. Madeline recognized what would have welcomed the action of Howe. Bill Stewart's head rested most of both clothes; she had in her mind's eye the picture of him as she had been assimilating the life of the man who had won and who would now have turned her eyes away from the sight.

But Stewart held forth his hands, and Madeline placed her shoulder beneath her own, which bore out to a ringing sound of steel.

"Howe, you're a fool," said Stewart, and he threw the knife on a rickety whitewash table. He pushed open the door with a bang. Again he shot—right through the middle of the door then shot, and a third time. Madeline heard a heavy fall and a rapid footsteps of a man running toward the door. She saw Stewart, with his head bent, and his face averted, and then she heard the sound of a shot, a second, and