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CHAPTER V.



HAT evening a group of cavalry officers came sauntering back from the stables, and as they reached the walk in front of officers' row a dark, bearded, black-headed, soldierly looking captain separated himself from the rest and entered the colonel's yard. The commanding officer happened to be seated on his veranda at the moment, and in close conversation with Dr. Quinn. Both gentlemen ceased their talk as the captain entered, and then rose from their seats as he stepped upon the veranda floor.

"Good evening, Stryker," said the colonel, cheerily. "Come in and have a seat. The doctor and I were just wondering if we could not get you to take a hand at whist to-night."

"I shall be glad to join you, sir, after parade. I have come in to ask permission to send a sergeant and a couple of men, mounted, down to the Monee. One of my best men is missing."

"Indeed! Who is that? Send the men, of course."

"Sergeant Gwynne, sir. The first time I ever knew him to miss a duty. Your stable sergeant, too? That is unusual. How long has he been gone?"

"Since battalion drill this morning. He was on hand when the men were saddling, and asked permission to take his horse out for exercise and ride down the valley a few miles. I said yes, never supposing he would be gone after noon roll call; and we were astonished when he failed to appear at stables. Perry says he met him two miles out."

"The two culprits," said the colonel, laughing. "Poor Perry is down in the depths again. He rode up to me with such a woebegone look on his face at drill this morning that I could hardly keep from laughing in front of the whole line. Even the men were trying hard not to grin, they knew he had turned up just in the nick of time to save himself an 'absent.' What do you suppose can have happened to Gwynne?"

"I cannot imagine, sir, and am inclined to be worried. He would never willingly overstay a pass; and I fear some accident has happened."

"Is he a good rider?" asked the doctor. "None better in the regiment. He is a model horseman. In fact, and though he never alludes to it, he admits it, there is a general feeling among the men that he has been in the English cavalry service. Of course, there is no doubt of his nationality; he is English to the backbone, and, I fancy, has seen better days."

"What made them think he had been in the cavalry service abroad?"

"Oh, his perfect knowledge of trooper duties and management of horses. It took him no time to learn the drill, and he was a sergeant before he had been with me two years. Then, if you ever noticed, colonel," said Capt. Stryker, appealing to his chief, "whenever Gwynne stands attention he always has the fingers of both hands extended and pointing down along the thigh, close against his side. An English soldier does that, and I never saw it in any but English trained soldiers. He has quit it somewhat of late, because the men told him it showed where he was drilled—we have other English 'non-coms, you know—but for a long time I noticed that in him. Then he was enlisted in New York city some four years ago, and all his trappings were of English make—what he had."

"What manner of looking fellow is he?" asked the doctor. "I think I would have noted him if I seen him."

"Yes, you Englishmen are apt to look to one another," said the colonel in reply. "And Gwynne is a particularly fine specimen. He has your eyes and hair, doctor, but hasn't had time to grow grizzled and bulky yet, as you said I have. One might say that you and the sergeant were from the same shire."

"That would help me very little, since I was only three years old when the government emigrated," answered the doctor, with a quiet smile. "We keep some traces of the old nest, I suppose, but I've been a Yankee for forty years, and have never once set eyes on Merric England in all that time. Did the sergeant say where he wanted to go? And the questioner looked up sharply.

"Nowhere in particular—down the valley was all. I remember, though, that Mr. Parke said he seemed much exercised over the name of that ranch down the Monee—I've forgotten what they call it. Have you heard it, colonel?"

"Seems to me I have, but I've forgotten it. You have, doctor, have you not?"

"The name of that ranch down the Monee—an English name, they tell me about seven miles away."

"Oh, yes! that one! They call it Dunraven Ranch. Did the sergeant take any of the bounds with him, captain? It occurs to me he might have been running a coyote or a rabbit, and his horse have stumbled and fallen with him. There is no end of prairie dog holes down that way."

"No, the dogs are all in. I wouldn't be surprised if he had gone to the ranch. That's an English name, and they are all Englishmen down there, I hear very possibly that is the solution. They may have tempted him to stay with English hospitality, though it would astonish me if he yielded. I'll tell the men to inquire there first, colonel, and will go and send them now." And, bowing to his commander, Capt. Stryker turned and left the porch.

The doctor rose, thrust his hands deep in his pockets, paced slowly to the southern end of the veranda, and gazed down the distant, peaceful valley, an anxious count settling on his brow. The colonel resumed once more the newspaper he had dropped upon the floor. A few moments later the captain slowly back, stood in front of the entrance a few seconds looking irresolutely at the soldier sprawling at full length in his reclining chair, stepped towards him with a preparatory clearing of his throat as though about to speak, and then, suddenly and helplessly abandoning the idea, he plunged down the short flight of steps, hurried out of the gate and disappeared around the fence corner in the direction of the hospital. Immersed in his paper, the colonel never seemed to note that he had gone, neither did he note the fact that two ladies were coming down the walk.

The soft swish of trailing skirt being insufficient to attract his attention as they arrived nearly opposite the shaded veranda, a silver peal of laughter broke the stillness of the early evening. Mrs. Belknap's laugh was delicious—soft, melodious, rippling as a cataract, and just as spontaneous. Neither lady had said anything at the moment that would have warranted it; but Mrs. Lawrence had given utterance to the quaint, old, oddest, most whimsical conceit imaginable, Mrs. Belknap's laugh could not have been more ready, and her great dark eyes shot a sidelong glance to note the effect. Down went the paper, and up, with considerable propping from his muscular arms, came the burly form of the post commander. Two sweet, smiling faces beamed upon him through an aperture in the leafy screen, and Mrs. Belknap's silver voice hailed him in faint exultation.

"This is my dear friend, colonel! How can I make amends? You see, you were so hidden by the vines that no one would dream of your being there in ambush."

"Oh, indeed, I assure you I wasn't asleep," answered the colonel, hastily. "Won't you come in, ladies, and sit here in the shade awhile?"

"We thought we would stroll around until parade," said Mrs. Lawrence, hesitatingly, "and then sit down and watch it somewhere."

"No place better than this," promptly answered the colonel. "You can sit behind the vines on that side and see, or what we would infinitely prefer, sit here at the entrance and be seen. Meantime I've been unpacking some photographs albums this afternoon, and you can amuse yourselves with those while I put on my harness. Come!"

The colonel's collection of photographs was something the ladies had already heard a great deal of. One of the very general and popular officers of the army, he had gathered together several large albums full of pictures of prominent men and attractive and distinguished women—not only those with whom he had been associated in his long years of service, but men eminent in national and state affairs, and women leaders in society in many a gay metropolis.

Both the ladies had hoped to see this famous collection the evening before, but the colonel had not then unpacked the albums, and they were disappointed. Now, however, the prospect was indeed alluring, and neither could resist. The first call sounded for parade a few moments after, and the commanding officer was getting himself into his full dress uniform, the two pretty heads were close together, and two pairs of very lovely eyes—one dark and deep and dangerous, the other clear and honest gray—were dilating over page after page of photographed beauty. There was no need to puzzle over the identity of the originals; under each picture the thoughtful colonel had carefully written the name and address. Absorbed in this treat, they could barely afford time to look up and smile their thanks as the colonel passed, clanking forth at the sounding of adjutant's call, and were too completely engrossed in their delightful occupation to notice what took place at parade.

The long, slender line had formed—the infantry companies on the right and left flanks, their neat and tasteful dress of blue and white contrasting favorably with the gaudy yellow plumes of the four dismounted troops of the cavalry. The adjutant after company had taken the customary pass of "route rest" and the adjutant was just about moving to his post on the prolongation of the front rank and the colonel setting back into the conventional attitude of the commanding officer, when from outside the rectangular inclosure of the parade ground—from somewhere beyond the men's barracks—there came sudden outcry and

WHAT IT MEANS.

Some Startling Figures Concerning the Publishing Business.

The cloud of publishing daily from the humming presses is amazing to contemplate. Many of the Sunday editions of from twelve to forty pages would carpet the cities where they are printed. A short time ago on a given occasion the Atlanta constitution turned out a fifty-six page edition. The San Francisco Examiner, at the christening of its two monster Hoe perfecting presses, "Monarch" and "Jumbo," threw out upon a startled community forty pages of portraits and illustrations, and the St. Paul Pioneer Press came out with a sixty page edition describing the largest newspaper building in the world.

For the 600,000 edition of its premium number The Youth's Companion, a Boston publication, used 125 tons of paper, and to illustrate this startling fact printed a picture of the Eiffel tower—1,000 feet high, and by its side the stack of paper filled room after room in 400 feet of expense, and over the height of the famous column.

For the white paper of Harper's Magazine and The Century it costs at least \$600,000 in a year. Many of the presses of the metropolitan dailies eat up \$1,000 worth of blank paper in a day. Add to the morning and evening output of these whirling monsters the tons upon tons of weeklies, monthlies, and trade publications, and add from 4 to 10 cents per pound, one gets financially bewildered over the unprinted sheet alone.

Type setting runs into the millions; think of the field of flying fingers all skilled and generously paid! Then the toll of the telegraph; the thousands of dollars for messages by cable under the sea; the millions clicked through the nervous keys on land.

Then it's good-by, I suppose," she said, lifting her eyes once more to his. "After to-morrow there will be little chance of seeing you. Mrs. Page will be here by that time."

Mr. Perry looked at his fair companion with a glance that told of much perturbation of spirit. Mrs. Page was an old and cherished friend of Mrs. Belknap's—so the latter had always said—and now she was coming to visit her from a station in the Indian territory. Just why her coming should prevent his seeing Mrs. Belknap or her seeing him was more than the tall subalter could understand. On the brink of an unpardonable solemnity on the very ragged edge of a blundering inquiry, he was saved, in her estimation, by the sudden return of the orderly and the reappearance of the colonel.

"I've been to the hospital, sir, and in the doctor's quarters he's not there. They say that's him, sir riding off yonder." And the orderly pointed to a faint speck just visible in the waning twilight, far away southeastward beyond the Monee.

The Metric System spreading. Although the metric system of weights and measurements has made no headway in this country outside of school arithmetics, it is stated to be steadily spreading in our cities. Some of the regular purveyors of a population of almost 800,000,000—more than half the population of the world. It is compulsory in countries which contain more than one-quarter of the entire population of the world. The strange part of the spread of this superior system of weights and measurements is that several half-civilized countries as Russia, Turkey and Brazil, seem to be more alert to realize and take advantage of its admitted superiority than England or America, with all their boasted genius for adopting the best methods and systems. Shall the turbaned Turk wisely reckon up his accounts and meters, simply arranged on the decimal scale, while the highly civilized American abhors figures over the irregular proportions of ounces and pounds, feet and yards, gallons, bushels and barrels? How much easier is it to say, 10 mills make a cent, 10 cents a dime, 10 dimes or 100 cents make \$1, than to struggle with grains, ounces, and pounds. Why don't the American people adopt the same simplicity in weights and measures that is followed in money?—Omaha World-Herald.

A Tree That Yields Milk. The cow tree, that botanical curiosity of South America, grows on the broad, barren plateaus of Venezuela, where it would be next to impossible to find fluid sufficient to slake one's thirst were it not for this wise provision of nature. The sap of the cow tree, as its name implies, resembles milk. Lethal in looks and taste. A slight balsamic taste has been reported by some naturalists who have drank of the strange liquid; otherwise it was said to "have the flavor of rich cream and to be very wholesome and nourishing."

The tree itself frequently attains a height of 100 to 125 feet, it being not unusual to see a trunk of this species seventy to eighty feet, perfectly smooth and without a limb. A hole bored into or a wound made in the bark of this wonderful tree is almost immediately filled with a lactical fluid, which continues to flow for some days, or until it coagulates at the mouth of the wound and forms a waxy mass, which stops further flow.

Humboldt, the first to give a scientific description of the biobol tree of Africa, was the first to tell of the wonders of the cow tree, as it was called in his time.—St. Louis Republic.

His name is Maitland, sir."

"Is it? Have you been there?"

"I've been around one end of it, outside, but nowhere near the buildings. It's all fenced in, sir, and the gates kept locked."

"What an incomprehensible proceeding for Texas! Wait a moment while I speak to Mr. Farrington, he's writing here at my desk. Gentlemen, come in on the porch and sit down, will you not?"

But they excused themselves and hastened away to remove their full dress. Capt. Lawrence had no need to call his wife. She took her companion good evening, thanked the colonel with a smiling glance for the pleasure the photographs had given her, and added a word of earnest hope that they might find the sergeant uninjured. Then she joined her husband, and together they walked quickly away. Mrs. Belknap and Mr. Perry were left for the moment alone.

Marrying a Couple.

The late Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio, was, at the beginning of his career at the bar, noted for his bashfulness; but another trait, his determination, enabled him to get through his work in a way which, though not conventional, landed him at his destination.

Once, while a youth, he started with a bag of corn on his shoulders to a mill twenty miles away. It was in November, and coming to a full banked river, he discovered that the canoe was on the other side. Throwing off his clothes, he plunged in, gained the canoe, took it back where the bag of corn was which he carried across, and then went on his way.

Another illustration of his way of doing things occurred while he was a justice of the peace. One day a young couple called at his office to be married. The presence of four or five irreverent young men prompted the bashful justice to suggest privately to the pair that they had better meet him at the little hotel.

They went, and so did the justice, by a roundabout way, only to discover that the boys were also there. Seeing that he must perform the ceremony in their presence, he, grinning, had forgotten the usual formula, proceeded to business in the most direct way.

"You wish to be married?" he asked the pair.

"Yes."

"Stand up and take hands. You," addressing the not prepossessing groom, "wish to marry this young woman?"

"Yes."

"Of course you do!" exclaimed the justice, glancing at the pretty bride, and asking her, "Do you take this young man for your husband?"

"Yes."

"Well, you are getting the worst of it, but I say you are husband and wife. There, boys, you see I did it!" he concluded, glancing at the spectators.

The couple had to leave it explained to them that they were in the eyes of the law, wedded. Whereupon the husband offered the justice a fee—the statute made it \$1.50—which, by a lofty motion of his hand, he waived off, saying, "Nothing for a job like that!"—Youth's Companion.

Health Hints.
Don't contradict your wife.
Don't tell a man he is a stranger to the truth because he happens to be smaller than yourself. Errors of this kind have been known to be disastrous.

Never go to bed with cold or damp feet. Leave them beside the kitchen fire, where they will be handy to put on in the morning.

It is bad to lean your back against any thing cold, particularly when it is a key pavement, upon which your vertebral arrangement has arranged with a jolt that shakes the buttons of your coat.

Always eat your breakfast before beginning a journey. If you haven't any breakfast don't journey.
After violent exercise, like putting up the stove or nailing down carpets, never ride around town in an open carriage. It is better to walk. It is also cheaper.
When horses speak as little as possible. If you are not hoarse it won't do you any harm to keep your mouth shut, too.
Don't light the fire with kerosene. Let the hired girl do it. She hasn't any wife and children. You have.
Don't roam around the house in your bare feet at the dead of night trying to pick up stray ticks. Men have been known to dislocate their jaw through this bad practice.
When you see a man put the lighted end of a cigar in his mouth, don't ask him if it is not enough. Serious injury has often resulted from this habit.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Faith Still Entertained.
The never ending controversy about the relation of consciousness or mind to matter is still kept up; but there seems to be no solution of the problem and no apparent prospect of any solution. The semi-materialistic view was well exhausted by Professor Tyndall in his famous "Belfast address," delivered some fifteen years ago. It evoked a storm of unnecessary wrath from theologians, but, considering how inconclusive it was when the real issue was approached, that of an intelligence other than what we call nature, it is a wonder that scientific men do not confess that they know at least as little as the theologians about final causes. Tyndall has said nearly all that can be said pointing toward the idea of Lucretius, "Nature is seen to do all things spontaneously of herself, without the meddling of the gods;" but at last, and with a real pathos, he declares: "Considered fundamentally, then, it is by the operation of an insoluble mystery that life on earth is evolved, species differentiated and mind unfolded from their prepotent elements in the immeasurable past."

An Eye to Business.
"I have just been up in Vermont," said a treasury clerk recently. "The natives have lost none of their cunning. The town where I was stopping has about 4,500 inhabitants. One of the selectmen runs a hardware store, and two weeks ago his dog was bitten by a neighbor's dog. It was a small enough matter, but see what happened. First he had the neighbor's dog killed; then he raised the cry that the dog had been mad and had bitten other dogs. The selectmen met and considered that every dog should be muzzled for forty days, and the thrifty hardware man has sold nearly 500 muzzles at \$1 apiece. Staid old family dogs travel around town with leather thongs around their jaws, which never closed on anything more human than a beef bone. I saw one big mastiff that had worked his muzzle off and was carrying it around in his mouth."—Washington Post.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1890.

GREAT floods on the Mississippi are swelling the list of casualties for the year 1890.

PEDRO SANCHEZ has been appointed supervisor of the census for New Mexico, vice H. O. Ladd, resigned.

WHITE Northern New Mexico is wading around in big snow drifts, Lincoln county is basking in spring sunshine and reveling in peach blossoms and such. But we're afraid a late cold snap will catch the peaches.

THE INDEPENDENT, in its presentation of a few facts in regard to the Albuquerque Democrat, last week, did not intend to make any reflection whatever against the Democrats of Lincoln, who are all, we hope, good friends of this paper, and against whom we have not the least grudge in the world. If any offense was given them, it was entirely unintentional on our part.

DR. GOULD, of the Albuquerque Democrat, in his long-winded account of his experience at White Oaks, takes up most of his valuable space in telling about his own peculiar sensations in getting way down under ground in one of the Homestead mines. If he had told about the wonderful resources of the mines, the amount expended in their development, the present and future prospects of White Oaks district and town, etc., there might have been some sense in his article, but who in thunder wants to know how Dr. Gould felt on getting down in the bowels of the earth, so near the bad place that he got frightened and came back to sunlight as quick as possible?

Judge Whiteman returned from Albuquerque last evening, intending to depart to-day for Tierra Amarilla to open the district court for Rio Arriba county there on Monday next, but shortly after his arrival he was waited upon by several members of the bar and the other court officials and a conference resulted in a decision not to take the trip. The trouble is that the whole country north of the Chama river is under snow from four to six feet deep, and in some places it has attained a depth of forty feet. On the stage road between Ojo Caliente and Chama the beautiful snow lies from two to five feet deep.—New Mexican. (Mar. 15).

February was the best month for New Mexico miners that they have had for thirteen months. There is increasing good feeling among the miners of New Mexico and there is also improvement in Arizona.

There is a very perceptible and marked advance in the price of cattle and the immediate future argues well for that much depressed industry. Our stock men deserve both great credit and good prices for their fortitude in holding to their stock during the four years just passed.

The Russian wheat crops will be 14,000,000 bushels less than last year. This is good news for the western farmers.

The cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane Falls, in the now state of Washington got \$100,000 each for the erection of public buildings. Washington has two United States Senators. New Mexico gets nothing. She has no United States Senators; do you understand, fellow citizens?—New Mexican.

LATEST NEWS AND NOTES.

Confirmations by the Senate: Receivers of public money—Frank Losnet, Roswell, N. M.; Wm. M. Berger, Santa Fe. Register of land office.—Alex. L. Morrison, Santa Fe, N. M.

A destructive hail storm visited southeast Texas, piling hail stones six inches deep in some places. Fort Worth has voted to expend \$100,000 in improvements of its water works, and \$125,000 in extension of its sewerage system.

Jay Gould has been at El Paso and it is hoped and predicted that he will take a hand in the construction of the White Oaks railroad.

Jay Gould has selected a site for a bridge across the Rio Grande for the connection of the Texas Pacific with the Mexican Central railroad.

The president has issued a proclamation ordering all settlers off the Cherokee Strip.

The Inter-state Cattleman's convention closed its labors late Thursday evening after a very successful meeting of three days. Several important measures were inaugurated that can not help but to insure a material benefit to the cattle industry generally and the range portion in particular. The attendance of prominent cattlemen was greater than at any previous convention since the great meeting at St. Louis in 1884. New Mexico was represented by 30 delegates.

The house bill raising all district judges salaries to \$4,500 and all circuit judges to \$5,000 and upwards, has passed that body.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Ex-Congressman Preston Taulbee, of Kentucky, who was shot in the head by Chas. E. Kincaid, correspondent of the Louisville Times, in the house wing of the capitol on the afternoon of Feb. 26, died.

Pueblo is to have a mammoth ice factory. The projectors claim that the improved machines manufacture cheaper, better and more wholesome ice than can be cut from ponds.

The tables have turned at last and Pittsburg is all torn up over a decidedly strange matrimonial freak. This time it was the son of a millionaire who eloped with the coachman's daughter.

A Washington correspondent says: "A bill increasing the pension of Major General G. K. Warren's widow was reached in the Senate Wednesday and Senator Reagan spoke against it with unusual force. He said that the wide distinction made in the pension lists between the widows of privates and those of officers is a crying injustice. The widow of the poorly paid private is left with a pension of \$12 per month. The widow of a general who spent half a lifetime as a high-paid government servant asks for and receives \$100 per month. In nine cases out of ten these widows of generals are not suffering from poverty as their petitioners say. They have snug bank stock and decent houses, but are perfectly willing to accept anything they can pull or haul out of the Treasury. The tendency, Mr. Reagan said, was not to a government of the people, for the people and by the people, so much as a government of the classes, for the classes and by the classes.

Gloomy stories come from California these days. The cold and unusually trying winter has kept the tourist element east of the Sierras, causing the loss of a business heretofore very profitable. The land boom has faded away. The incessant downpour of rain in the southern half and throughout the northern part of the state has fallen like a pall upon the farmers. It is now too late to sow wheat in many of the districts, and still the rain continues, the total fall for the year in many localities, being forty inches, and added to this is the wretched condition of the laboring classes. There are ten applicants for every job. A San Francisco paper says that in that city 25,000 laboring men are out of employment. There also 1,000 families have been evicted from tenement houses, being unable to meet the rentals. This seems scarcely credible, yet the Pacific Coast press flaunts it to the world under glaring headlines. This is the aftermath of a boom that witnessed a mad rush through New Mexico a year or so ago. For New Mexico we do not desire that sort of a boom. A steady, healthy growth, and a gradual but sure influx of a good class of immigrants is what we need, and the indications are that we will get them.

TERRITORIAL TALK.

The White Caps have made another break at Las Vegas. Felix Martinez made a sale of 10,000 head of sheep at Las Vegas.

Col. Carpenter, of Grant county has put in a Greely pump and it works like a charm.

The Fort Selden reservation is to be abandoned, and the government property sold.

The mines of Sierra county are turning out some high grade ore, and the outlook in general is encouraging.

Hon. W. T. Thornton has not yet left England for home.

Judge S. B. Axtell is in California on a visit of recreation and for his health.

Hon. and Mrs. N. Galles, of Hillsboro, who have been visiting friends in Minnesota, are preparing to return to sunny New Mexico.

A life-sized portrait of Stephen B. Elkins is being painted by a New York artist. Mr. Elkins is too busy a man to leave his office, top floor of the Washington building, No. 1, Broadway, hence the artist goes there for sittings.

Las Vegas waif: Our farmers are already beginning preparations for planting. The experiment of a change in seed wheat of the last year has had a most desirable effect and a large area will be sown by a finer grade of seed than ever before. The native farmers have not been slow to realize the new order of things, and find the yield heavier and the prices correspondingly better.

The commanding officer at Fort Union will send Private Henry Courtney, troop G, 6th cavalry (an insane soldier), under escort of a non-commissioned officer and one private, to Washington, D. C., to be reported to the adjutant general with view to his admission to the government hospital for the insane.

The romance of mining has not yet disappeared from New Mexico. Such sudden changes in fortune as used to mark the early mining history of California, are still duplicated in this Territory. An instance of this kind has but recently occurred in the Silver Creek district of western Socorro. A miner over there has struck it rich. In the last few months he has taken out and shipped some \$100,000 worth of ore, and now has, it is said, fully \$300,000 in sight. Yet a year ago he could not have raised \$20, and to assist him in the absolute necessary initial expenses, his wife took in washing and even worked with him on the mine with her own hands. But this property paid from the beginning. It has supplied the means of its own development, and has left a handsome residue in the pockets of its proprietor, with the fortune of half a million awaiting only to be taken. Such an account reads like the stories of old times rather than the sober facts of our present hard and practical life.—Albuquerque Democrat.

Irrigation and Tree Planting.

It is a well-known fact that after land has been thoroughly cultivated by irrigation less water is required; and it is safe to assert that thousands of acres of so-called desert land may become adapted for agricultural purposes without the continued help of irrigation. Immediately following the establishment of an irrigation district, after the canals with their lateral ditches have been completed and the cultivation of crops has commenced, the planting of trees should be encouraged. The eucalyptus variety is mostly planted in California, and the cotton wood in Arizona and New Mexico. The former has a very rapid growth, and as a wind-break and a protection to crops it is used extensively although it is very exhausting to the soil. Coincident with irrigation should be tree planting, which would in a short time not only change the appearance of the country, but supply the wood which is necessary for fuel. It would hardly be possible to estimate the value of trees in their usefulness towards reclaiming arid lands, and too much can not be said in urging the profuse planting of them. In fact it would be well for the government, in selling land reclaimed by it through the irrigation works to be established, to make it compulsory on the purchaser to plant a portion of his acreage in forest trees. They would require thorough irrigation during the first year, less of it the second, very little the third, and none at all thereafter. Tree-culture, especially the planting of trees indigenous to the country, should by all means be encouraged.

Parnell won his big suit against the London Times, and was awarded \$25,000 damages.

It has cost the American people a heap of money to enable Mr. Andrew Carnegie to endow Alleghany City with a free library. If the enormous tax of \$25 a ton on structural iron should be repealed the people of most cities could build their own free libraries.

Opening of the Agricultural College.

The New Mexico Agricultural College of New Mexico was formally opened at Las-Cruces on Monday evening. Col. A. J. Fountain presided, and the vice presidents were Jacob Schaublin, John H. Riley, T. J. Bull, S. B. Newcomb, Martin Lohman, Phoebus Freudenthal, Nestor Armijo, Mariano Barola, Jacinto Armijo, A. B. Fall, J. K. Livingston, Nathan Spatier, F. W. Smith, Wm. Dessauer, J. J. Dolan, Samuel P. McCrea, Demetrio Chavez, J. S. Sniffen, Jno. Y. Hewitt, W. S. Hopewell, Geo. Lynch, Hon. E. A. Fiske.

Judge John R. McFie called the meeting to order, and stating its object introduced Col. Fountain. That gentleman made a telling address. He referred to the occasion of the gathering as a celebration of the event of a higher civilization. He gave a detailed history of the progress of the college from its inception to the present, and spoke at length of its advantages and of the responsibility the people of Las Cruces and vicinity had taken, and for which they must hold themselves accountable in the management of this important educational enterprise.

The chairman read several letters from invited guests who were unable to be present and take part in the ceremonies of the evening. A solo was then rendered by Miss Litsey, the Star Spangled Banner, the college school joining in the chorus, Miss French presided at the organ. Music by the band followed and Prof. Hadley introduced the several classes of pupils now attending the institution, making a brief address.

Judge McFie was the next speaker and made a very happy address, which was not only full of timely subjects, but served also to keep the assemblage overflowing with mirth. The school sang Columbia, and after another selection by the band Gov. Prince was introduced. The Governor delivered a very able address which closed as follows:

"We are all proud of the vast natural resources of New Mexico, and I believe that no portion of the world is more richly endowed than ours; and yet to-day the Territory is poor, money is scarce, times are hard. These are unwelcome facts but it is best to recognize them, to face them manfully and to acquire their cause. The chief reason is that the country is not self-supporting; that we are not raising enough to feed our own people; that we are importing the very necessities of life, and that our money is being continually drained from us in order to pay for them. With all our fertile valleys we are buying flour and meal, while our oats are the best and heaviest in the world, yet we are importing it from abroad; while our alfalfa fields are beyond compare, yet every train brings in baled hay from Kansas. Even our chickens and eggs come from the east; and while no part of the country can produce such fruit as the valleys of the Rio Grande and the Pecos, yet one single dealer brought into the Territory from Missouri during the last four months no less than 1,400 barrels of apples. These things should not be so. Here are the natural advantages for culture and here likewise is the home market. I trust that we shall all live to see the day when through the beneficent influences of this agricultural college, aided by the intelligence and activity of those who will go out from its halls, New Mexico will not only be supplying its own markets and sustaining the great population which we hope to see within its limits, but will be the great exporting center of those products which nature has designed to be raised here. In this view this institution may be considered the most important factor in enduring the prosperity of the future state."

LIVELY AND PROSPEROUS TIMES

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LAS CRUCES LOCALS.

From the Rio Grande Republican, Mar. 11.

Father Lassaigne performed the wedding ceremony for five couples last Monday.

One of archbishop Salpoint's objects in visiting Rome is to establish a new vicariate apostolic out of the counties of Dona Ana and Grant, which are now attached to the Ariz. diocese, and Sierra, Lincoln, a part of Socorro and western El Paso county Texas, with headquarters at Las Cruces.

The two cases against Dawson and Nicholson, charged with branding cattle, have been changed to Lincoln.

The regular term of the United States district court for the third judicial district of New Mexico, convened in this city on Monday last, the Hon. John R. McFie, associate justice of the supreme court, presiding; E. A. Fiske, U. S. attorney; Trinidad Romero, U. S. marshal; E. C. Wade, district attorney; Mariano Barola, sheriff; A. L. Christy, clerk; Pinito Pino, interpreter; W. E. Baker, stenographer.

John Y. Hewitt, one of Lincoln county's legal lights, was attending court and returned home yesterday. The celebrated San Marcial land fraud cases have at last come to an end. The perjury and conspiracy cases against Rockwell, Cruikshank, Conwell, Ellis and Mullen were dismissed by the United States on last Tuesday. The government has spent many thousands of dollars in its efforts to send these men to the penitentiary but only succeeded in one case—that against Terrence Mulen.

There is consternation among those persons who have been living in adultery in this county. The grand jury has found four indictments, and it is rumored that more cases will be brought before them. It is also understood that the matter is being pressed by Father Lassaigne, pastor of the parish church, who has the support of the best element in clearing up the moral atmosphere of the county. The United States conducts the prosecution, and the Edmunds act applies to the cases, the lowest penalty being one year in the penitentiary.

This morning at 7 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents in Mesilla, Miss Candida Ruelas and Mr. Henry Buchoz were united in marriage by the parish priest.

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But no use enumerating our Bargains! Have a talk with us first, before buying elsewhere! You will be satisfied.

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General Merchandise, Etc.

Have now on hand the Most Complete and Best Assorted stock of Genl. Merchandise in Lincoln county, consisting of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, SADDLERY, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, LIQUORS, CIGARS.

Lincoln, New Mexico.

Waverly Johnson are working A BIG COAL MINE near Fort Stanton. The ranch is located about 35 miles beyond Tularosa. George White, who is here, came down with Buck Guyse, manager of the Lea ranch, who is at present in Mexico buying cow ponies for use on the ranch and on the drive, as they are rounding up to drive about 4,000 head of beef stock. The Lea ranch is located on Rio Bonito and has about 40,000 head of stock, and several hundred horses. They farm considerably also, and have 100 acres in alfalfa, and raise grains of all kinds. They put up 250 tons of alfalfa every year, and have a herd of 200 hogs. Red Higgins, another ranchman, is at present in Mexico with Guyse, buying horses on his own accord. The Milne ranch, on Spring River, is in the same section of country, has about 35,000 head of cattle, and will also drive a herd of steers this spring to Kansas. The mail reaches Stanton from Carthage on the Santa Fe road, from which station it is about 100 miles by stage.

Bishop Fink, of Kansas, has decided that Catholic farmers can join the Farmer's Alliance.

Several hundred men and teams are now at work on the east end of the North Worth & Albuquerque railroad.

ACORN POULTRY YARDS.

PERRY GALL, PROPRIETOR. SAN MARCIAL, NEW MEXICO. Breeds Silver Laced Wyandottes. They are very attractive in appearance and the best of egg producers. They are the favorite of the Fanciers, the Farmers, the Ranchmen and the Market-Poultrymen. Eggs \$3.00 per setting of 18 eggs. Please mention THE INDEPENDENT.

FRIEDRICH & NEEDHAM,

DEALERS IN CHOICE LIQUORS, CIGARS Lincoln, New Mexico

Stolen Bonds

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln county current exchange bonds, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, for \$1,000 each, dated Jan. 1st, 1890, were stolen in the recent robbery of the Albuquerque postoffice. All parties are hereby warned against purchasing said bonds. GEO. CONRY, Clerk of Lincoln county. Lincoln, N. M., Feb. 7th, 1890.

CALL

FOR 8 PER CENT. BONDS.

To All Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Lincoln county 8 per cent. bonds, Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, each for \$1,000, will be paid on presentation at my office in White Oaks, N. M. Interest will cease on these bonds after July 1st, 1890. G. R. YOUNG, Treasurer Lincoln Co., N. M.

CALL

FOR LINCOLN COUNTY JAIL WARRANT.

To All Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Lincoln county Jail Warrant No. 5, for \$2,000, will be paid on presentation at my office in White Oaks, N. M. Interest will cease on said warrant after 30 days from the publication of this notice. G. R. YOUNG, Treasurer Lincoln Co., N. M. Jan. 31, 1890.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

AGENTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT.

At White Oaks, - Rev. N. W. Lane.

"Fort Stanton, - - Postmaster.

"Upper Penasco, - - "

"Nogal, - - - "

"La Luz, - - - "

"Mesalero, - - - Harry Bennett.

"Eddy, - - Fred V. Plonhouisky.

Elder Whitlock is hard at work on Mr. Dolan's ranch below town, preparing to sow 8000 pounds of alfalfa seed, which he brought up with him from Cruces.

We will not allow any house in Lincoln county to undersell us. Still greater reductions made on Provisions and Dry Goods. Give us a call.

A very pleasant dance and supper was engaged in by the Lincolinites at Mrs. Fritz's hotel on the evening of St. Patrick's day.

Rosenthal & Co. are away ahead of all competitors when it comes to a complete stock and best rock prices.

Candidates who want to "get there" should not hide their light under a bushel. Let the people know early that you are in the race.

For cleanliness, comfort and first-class fare, go to Whelan & Co's. Hotel.

If the people of Lincoln county will carefully read the advertisements of Lincoln merchants in THE INDEPENDENT, they will profit thereby.

Ladies' Hats, trimmed and untrimmed, for spring and summer, at prices to suit everybody, just opened up at

The infant son of Propicio Pacheco died yesterday morning.

Several train loads of new goods, Rosenthal & Co's. Call and examine before buying from old shelf-worn stocks.

There is no state or Territory in the union that offers better inducements for employment of intelligent enterprise and willing capital than New Mexico.

Every day new goods arrive at Rosenthal & Co's.

Court adjourned at Silver City, Saturday the 8th, closing a full term of three weeks. Judge McFie kept the attorneys squarely up to the mark, and on several days court was called as early as eight o'clock in the morning, and night sessions were held.

Abundant supply of Hay and Grain and best attention paid to horses at Whelan & Co's.

Blank notes, blank receipts, warranty deeds, bills of sale, etc., now in stock at THE INDEPENDENT OFFICE.

Just received, an immense stock of children's and men's hats at

The Australian plant might be tried New Mexico. There is plenty of rainfall to grow any crop if properly distributed.

The Dramatic entertainment given by the White Oaks Dramatic Co., (last Friday evening) composed of local talent, was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to about \$42.

We are authorized to announce that the public school will continue for a period extending indefinitely into the future, with Mrs. Rudisille as teacher.

Max Goldenberg, who started for Lincoln county some weeks ago, on a business tour, was taken sick on the road and was compelled to turn back, returning yesterday, a good many pounds lighter than when he left.

800,000 pounds of choice oats, and about same amount of corn, for sale by Rosenthal & Co., Lincoln, N. M. Special prices in large lots.

Ex-Governor L. A. Sheldon and Mr. C. F. Holder have bought a controlling interest in the Los Angeles Tribune.

Go to Rosenthal & Co's for your clothing. Largest and finest stock.

Our motto: "Small profits and quick returns" will be carried out to the letter.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Isaac Burrows, of White Oaks, was here on business Tuesday.

G. C. Miller, partner of the late W. W. Holcomb, arrived Tuesday from Brewster county, Texas, to take charge of the property of the firm.

Mrs. J. J. Cockrill, Mrs. Nettleton, Mrs. W. E. DeLany, Miss Adam and Miss Robertson were down from Stanton Sunday visiting their Lincoln friends.

M. Caranough, Stanton; G. W. Longmore, ranch; Rufe Russell, Nogal; Ed. Terrell, Rudisole; Sam Dieckrick, Socorro; John Smith, Henry Fritz, Chas. Fritz, ranch, were among the arrivals at the Lincoln Hotel during the past week.

Capitalists who propose investing in the first New Mexico Reservoir and Irrigating company, of Lincoln county, New Mexico, are now looking over the field. The success of this scheme would do more for the development of New Mexico than anything which has yet been proposed, as the immense area of the proposed reservoir site will allow of storing water sufficient to irrigate 125,000 of the most fertile and attractive land in the Territory.

Notice.

To date the citizens appointed by the board of County Commissioners as Road Supervisors have filed their bonds with Probate Clerk from the following precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9. The office in the following precincts is yet vacant: Nos. 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

The Supervisors can use any money collected as road tax for the purchase of necessary tools for working the roads in their respective precincts. Supervisors should post up on what little road law we have and act accordingly.

J. N. Cox, Commissioner of Roads.

WHITE OAKS WHISPERS.

Whispered to us by the Interpreter, Mar. 11. John Y. Hewitt left for Las Cruces on business before the district court.

George Keith, W. L. Hughes, J. P. C. Langston, McPherson & Biggs, U. Ozanne, Chas. Anderson, are in attendance at Las Cruces court this week.

Cherille Parsons, niece of E. W. Parker, arrived in White Oaks last week from St. Louis, and will remain during the summer to enjoy the benefit of the climate, at the advice of physicians.

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Frank Tatt, one of White Oaks's best boys, went to Secorro this week, and there by appointment, met a newly arrived Switzer girl and wedded her.

C. C. Parsons went through Tuesday night by stage to Parsons City. We understand that while East he received the active co-operation of eastern capitalists and that work on an extensive scale may be looked for at an early date on the Parsons mining property.

All Postmasters are authorized and requested to act as agents for THE LINCOLN INDEPENDENT.

The tramp nuisance is growing in New Mexico every year and unless something is done we shall be over-run with them and, as they grow older, greater crimes than stealing will be committed. It is a subject which must be handled without gloves or sentimentality, and the only relief is putting the offenders to work.

WE SHOULD REMARK

That windy March is still with us. That even the black wore the green in Lincoln.

That a lot of Fort Stanton folks enjoyed our St. Patrick's day ball.

That "the day we celebrate" - here in Lincoln - is the 17th of Ireland.

That there was a lively ball in the eastern part of the city Wednesday night.

ARMY AFFAIRS.

Lieut. Col. Hall, inspector general of this department, and Lieut. Col. Snyder, who has just assumed command at Fort Marcy, were tendered a serenade by the 10th infantry yesterday afternoon at the quarters of Lieut. S. Y. Gaylor.

Not for a good many years has the army been able to boast of such quick and effectual work as that accomplished in Arizona a few days ago by Lieut. James W. Watson, of the 10th cavalry.

The fact that a daily mail has just been ordered for Fort Union is another and very good indication that all guesses heretofore made regarding the early abandonment of that post are wrong.

The 10th infantry companies, now at Fort Marcy, will not be transferred as has all along been expected, the government appropriation for transportation expenses being too small to admit of many changes this year.

The war department has just completed a program for transferring troops, to be made early in the coming summer.

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Hurrah for the 4th of Ireland!

"St. Patrick's day in the morning," and all day long, was duly, not to say hilariously, observed in Lincoln, and the boys had a gay old time.

Judge Friedman: "Well, all I've got to say about it is that we are the great American people, and St. Patrick was a gentleman, I'd have yez all to know."

Geo. Curry: "What do I think about St. Patrick's day? Well, just ask anybody who has known me for a long time. You bet it's the day I always have celebrated as a day will. I floored the whole crowd, and don't you forget it."

Jack Thornton: "Oh, go away wild ye, I've got a headache! But didn't the drum corps get there in great shape? Wish Jimmy Dolan had been here."

W. S. Ryan: "Don't bother me, please. I don't know anything about St. Patrick. I'm getting my papers ready for court."

Wm. Talafeno: "Say, I'd rather talk about something else. No, I haven't any second-hand stock of green ribbon for sale. Let's talk politics."

The Independent Ed.: "Tell the boys to never mind, I won't give them away. Was there myself."

ROSWELL RACKET.

Rated by the Register, Mar. 13. S. S. Mendonhall made the trip from Eddy to Roswell, with Mr. Long and his company in three days.

J. D. Lea has returned from his extended visit to the east.

Dr. W. S. Block and J. H. Canning, two prominent gentlemen from Fort Stanton, were in Roswell last week. We understand the doctor will become a citizen of Roswell very shortly.

Mr. L. M. Long returned from Peos Monday evening with Messrs. P. I. Pauley Sr., and P. J. Pauley Jr., of the Pauley Jail company, of St. Louis.

The stockmen had a meeting March 1st for the purpose of arranging the spring round up and building tanks on the back range to provide water for stock.

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NOGAL NUBBINS.

Special Correspondence LINCOLN INDEPENDENT. NOGAL, N. M., March 10, 1890.

J. D. Brashear, from Owensboro, Ky., was with us on the 11th and 12th. While here he leased the American mine and group, also the 15 stamp mill to T. H. Ray and W. D. Gaylor for one year.

C. G. Parsons arrived on the 11th, five days in advance of his parties, who came on the 16th. They were W. H. Webster, capitalist, from Minnesota, who is negotiating for the Hopeful property, and Jaco, B. Farish and F. G. Farish, experts from Denver, Colo.

S. M. Dierck, from Socorro, arrived on the 10th, wanting 250 steers, 3 years, and up, in good order, for feeders.

Grandma Henley, aged 79, is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Miss Emma Puckett arrived on the 12th, looking so hale and hearty we did not recognize her, hence failed to shake hands with the best looking lady capitalist in Lincoln county.

Dr. W. L. Broce has been engaged to teach the Nogal public school for a term of four months beginning March 24, 1890.

J. C. Hightower has sold his coal claim on S. J. de la Rosenthal & Co., of Lincoln.

C. C. Parsons, of Sumner, Ia., arrived Tuesday. Mr. Parsons is interested in the noted mining properties of Parsons, Donito.

J. D. Brashear, of Owensboro, Ky., is late arrival. Mr. Brashear is interested in valuable mining property in Nogal district, and hence, his presence in Nogal.

We learn from the Chicago Tribune of Feb. 28, that articles of incorporation of the Nogal and Bonito Mining and Milling company were filed on that date.

The capital stock amounts to \$500,000, and the object is to do a general mining and smelting business.

EDDY ECHOES. From the Argus March 8. The best way to get rid of an incompetent officer is not to elect him.

Jimmy Warren has 90 men on the way from Cruces. They will come overland.

A large load of supplies went out yesterday to the locating engineers of our new road.

Alfalfa on the Lake View farm is now ten inches high. How is that for the month of February?

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THE LINCOLN Barber Shop, STANLEY IS BACK! AND HAS ELECTRIFIED THE WORLD. CHAS. G. BELL, TONSORIAL ARTIST. At the Bank Exchange. Stylish Hair Cuts and smooth Shaves always on tap.

LEGAL NOTICE. Territory of New Mexico, ss No. County of Lincoln. In the Third Judicial District Court sitting within and for the County of Lincoln at the April term, A. D. 1890.

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