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THE DESERTER.

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CHAPTER III.



Alone in the colonel's presence. The officers of Fort Warren were assembled, as was the daily morning custom, in the presence of the colonel commanding. It had long been the practice of that veteran soldier to require all his commissioned subordinates to put in an appearance at his office immediately after the ceremony of guard mounting. He might have nothing to say to them, or he might have a good deal; and he was a man capable of saying a good deal in very few words and meaning exactly what he said. It was his custom to look up from his writing as each officer entered and respond to the respectful salutation tendered him with an equally punctilious "Good morning, Capt. Gregg," or "Good morning, Mr. Blake," never omitting the mention of the name, unless, as was sometimes tried, a squad of them came in together and made their obeisance as a body. In this event the colonel simply looked each man in the face, as though taking mental note of the individual constituents of the group, and contented himself with a "Good morning, gentlemen."

When, in addition to six troops of his own regiment of cavalry there were sent to the post a major and four companies of infantry, some of the junior officers of the latter organization had suggested to their comrades of the yellow stripes that as the colonel had no roll call it might be a matter of no great risk to "cut the matinee" on some of the fleecily cold mornings that soon set in; but the experiment was never designedly tried, thanks, possibly, to the frank expression of his personal views as expressed by Lieut. Blake of the cavalry, who said, "Try it if you are stagnating for want of a sensation, my general plodder, but not if you value the advice of one who has been there, so to speak. The ol' man will spot you quicker than he can a missing shoe—a missing horseshoe, Johnny, let me elaborate for your comprehension—and the next question will be, 'Mr. Bluestrip, did you intentionally absent yourself?' and then how will you get out of it?"

The matinees, so called, were by no means unpopular features of the daily routine. The officers were permitted to bring their pipes or cigars and take their after breakfast smoke in the big, roomy office of the commander, just as they were permitted to enjoy the post-prandial whiff when at evening recitation in the same office they sat around the hour, chatting in low tones, for half an hour, while the colonel received the reports of his adjutant, the surgeon and the old and new officers of the day. Then any matters affecting the discipline or instruction or general interests of the command were brought up; both sides of the question were presented, if question arose; the decision was rendered and there, and the officers were dismissed for the day with the customary "That's all, gentlemen." They left the office well knowing that only in the event of some sudden emergency would they be called thither again or disturbed in their daily vocations until the same hour on the following morning. Meantime, they must be about their work—drills, if weather permitted; stable duty, no matter what the weather; garrison courts, boards of survey, the big general court that was perennially dispensing justice at the post, and the long list of minor but none the less exacting demands on the time and attention of the subalterns and company commanders.

The colonel was a strict, even severe disciplinarian, but he was cool, deliberate, and just. He "worked" his officers, and thereby incurred the criticism of a few, but he held the respect of all. He had been a splendid cavalry commander in the field of all others where his sterling qualities were sure to find responsive appreciation in his officers and men—on active and stirring campaigns against the Indians—and among his own regiment he knew that deep in their hearts the —th respected and believed in him, even when they growled at garrison exactions which seemed uncalled for. The infantry officers knew less of him as a sterling campaigner, and were not so well pleased with his discipline. It was all right for him to "root up" every mother's son in the cavalry at reveille, because all the cavalry officers had to go to stables soon afterward—that was all they were fit for—but what on earth was the use of getting them—the infantry—out of their warm beds before sunrise on a wintry morning and having no end of full calls and such things through the day, "just to keep them busy?" The real objection—the main objection—to the colonel's system was that it kept a large number of officers, most of whom were educated gentlemen, hammering all day long at

an endless routine of trivial duties, allowing actually no time in which they could read, study, or improve their minds; but, as all had to have their share, the young gentlemen who decided to present to the colonel this view of the case had been detouring what spare time they could find to a lively game of poker down at the "store," and their petition for "more time to themselves" brought down a reply from the ornamental lips of the commander that became immortal on the frontier and made the petitioners nearly frantic.

For a week the trio was the butt of all the wits at Fort Warren. And yet the entire commissioned force felt that they were being kept at the grindstone because of the frivolity of these youngsters, and they did not like it. All the same the cavalrymen stuck by their colonel and the infantrymen respected him, and the matinees were business like and profitable. They were rarely unpleasant in any feature, but this particular morning—two days after the arrival of Mrs. Rayner and her sister—there had been a scene of somewhat dramatic interest, and the groups of officers in breaking up and going away could discuss nothing else. The colonel had requested one of their number to remain, as he wished to speak to him further, and that man was Lieut. Hayne.

Seven years had that young gentleman been a second lieutenant of the regiment of infantry, a detachment of which was now stationed at Warren. Only this very winter had promotion come to him, and, of all companies in the regiment, he was gazetted to the first lieutenantancy of Capt. Rayner's. For a while the regiment when by itself could talk of little else. Mr. Hayne had spent three or four years in the exile of a little "two company post" far up in the mountains. Except the officers there stationed, none of his comrades had seen him during that time.

No one of them would like to admit that he would care to see him. And yet, when once in a while they got to talking among themselves about him, and the question was sometimes confidentially asked of comrades who came down on leave from that isolated station, "How is Hayne doing?" or "What is Hayne doing?" the language in which he was referred to grew by degrees far less truculent and confident than it had been when he first went thither. Officers of other regiments rarely spoke to the "Riflers" of Mr. Hayne. Unlike one or two others of their aim of the service, this particular regiment of foot held the affairs of its officers as regimental property in which outsiders had no concern. If they had disagreements they were kept to themselves, and even in a case which in its day had attracted widespread attention the Riflers had long since learned to shut all talk outside.

It was evident to other commands that the Hayne affair was a sore point and one on which they preferred silence. And yet it was getting to be whispered around that the Riflers were by no means so unanimous as they had been in their opinion of this very officer. They were becoming divided among themselves; and what complicated matters was the fact that those who felt their views derogating a reconstruction were compelled to admit that just in proportion as the case of Mr. Hayne rose in their estimation the reputation of another officer was bound to suffer, and that officer was Capt. Rayner.

Then drew him into earnest talk about the adventure of the train. It was noticed that Mr. Hayne neither by word nor glance gave the slightest recognition of the presence of the officers of his own regiment, and that they as studiously avoided him. One or two of their number had indeed risen and stepped forward, as though to offer him the civil greeting due to one of their own; but it was with evident doubt of the result. They remained when he met their tentative—which was that of a gentleman—with a cold look of utter repudiation. He did not choose to see them, and, of course, that ended it.

Nor was his greeting hearty among the cavalrymen. There were only a few present, as most of the —th were still out in the field and marching slowly toward. The introductions were courteous and formal, there was even civility among two or three, but there was civility and an evident desire to refer to his services in behalf of their men. All such attempts, however, Mr. Hayne waved aside by an immediate change of the subject. It was plain that to him, too, he had the manner of a man who was at odds with the world and desired to make no friends.

The colonel quickly noted the general silence and constraint, and resolved to shorten it as much as possible. Dropping his pen, he wheeled around in his chair with determined cheerfulness: "Mr. Hayne, you will need a day or two to look about and select quarters and get ready for work, I presume."

"Thank you, colonel. No, sir. I shall move in this afternoon and be on duty to-morrow morning," was the calm reply. There was an awkward pause for a moment. The officers looked blankly from one to another, and then began crowding their necks to search for the post quartermaster, who sat an absorbed listener. Then the colonel spoke again: "I appreciate your promptness, Mr. Hayne; but have you considered that in choosing quarters according to your rank you will necessarily move somebody out? We are crowded now, and many of your juniors are married, and the ladies will want time to pack."

An anxious silence again. Capt. Rayner was gazing at his boot toes and trying to appear utterly indifferent; others leaned forward, as though eager to hear the answer. A faint smile crossed Mr. Hayne's features; he seemed rather to enjoy the situation: "I have considered, colonel. I shall turn nobody out, and nobody need be inconvenienced in the least."

"It seems to me from the little I've heard of Mr. Hayne and the little I've seen, that there is a broad variation between facts and appearances. He looks like a gentleman."

"No one does know anything more of the matter than was known at the time of the court martial five years ago," answered "the mole." "Of course you have heard all about that, and my experience is that when a body of officers and gentlemen find, after due deliberation on the evidence, that another has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, the chances are a hundred to one he has been doing something irreparable, to say the least."

"Then why wasn't he dismissed?" queried a young lieutenant. "The law says he must be."

"That's right, Dolly; pull your eyes and bend on 'em and show you know all about military law and court martial," said the captain, crushingly. "It's one thing for a court to sentence and another for the president to approve. Hayne was dismissed, so far as a court could do it, but the president remitted the whole thing."

"There was more to it than that, though, and you know it, Duxton," said Blake. "Neither the department commander nor Gen. Sherman thought the evidence conclusive, and they said so, especially old Gray Fox. And you ask any of these fellows here now whether they believe Hayne was really guilty, and I'll bet you that eight-out-of-ten will flunk at the question."

"And yet they all put him dead. That's prima facie evidence of what they think."

"Cut be blowed! By God, if any man asked me to testify on oath as to where the cut lay, I should say he had cut them. Did you see how he ignored Foster and Graham this morning?"

"I did, and I thought it damned ungentlemanly in him. Those fellows did the proper thing, and he ought to have acknowledged it," broke in a third officer. "I'm not defending that point; the Lord knows he has done nothing to encourage civility with his own people; but there are two sides to every story, and I asked their adjutant last fall, when there was some talk of his company's being sent here, what Hayne's status was, and he told me. There isn't a squarer man or sounder soldier in the army than the adjutant of the Riflers; and he said that it was Hayne's stubborn pride that more than anything else stood in the way of his restoration to social standing. He had made it a rule that every one who was not for him was against him, and refused to admit any man to his society who would not first come to him of his own volition and say he believed him utterly innocent. As that involved the necessity of their looking upon Rayner as either perjurer or grossly and persistently mistaken, no one felt called upon to do it. Guilty or innocent, he has lived the life of a Pariah ever since."

"I wanted to open up to him, today," said Capt. Gregg, "but the moment I began to speak of his great kindness to our men he froze as stiff as Mulligan's ear. What was the use? I simply couldn't thaw an icicle. What made him so effective in getting the frost out of them was his capacity for absorbing it into his own system."

"Well, here, gentlemen," said Buxton, impatiently, "we've got to face this thing sooner or later, and may as well do it now. I know Rayner and like him, and don't believe he's the kind of man to willfully wrong another. I don't know Mr. Hayne, and Mr. Hayne apparently don't want to know me. I think that where a man has been convicted of dishonorable—disgraceful conduct and is out by his whole regiment it is our business to back the regiment, not the man. Now the question is, where shall we draw the line in this case? It's none of our funeral, as Blake says, but ordinarily it would be our duty to call upon this officer. Shall we do it, now that he is in Corcoran, or shall we leave him to his own devices?"

"I'll answer for myself, Buxton," said Blake, "and you can do as you please. Except that one thing, and the not unusual frivolities of a youngster that occurred previous to this trial, I understand that his character has been above reproach. So far as I can learn, he is a far more reputable character than I am, and a better officer than most of us. Growl all you want to, comrades mine; it's a way we have in the army, and I like it. So long as I include myself in these malodorous comparisons, you needn't swear. It is my conviction that the Riflers wouldn't say he was guilty today if he hadn't said so five years ago. It is my information that he has paid every cent of the damages, whether he caused them or not, and it is my intention to go and call upon him. Hayne is soon as he's satisfied. I don't propose to influence any man in his action, and excuse me, Buxton, I think you did."

The captain looked wrathful. Blake was an oddity of whom he rather stood in awe, for there was no mistaking the popularity and respect in which he was held in his own regiment. The —th was somewhat remarkable for being emphatically an "outspeak crowd," and for some years, thanks to a heaven of strong and truthful men in whom this trait was pronounced and sustained, it had grown to be the custom of all but a few of the officers to discuss openly and fully all matters of regimental policy and utterly to discountenance covert action of any kind. Blake was thoroughly popular and generally respected, despite a tendency to rant and rattle on most occasions. Nevertheless, there were signs of dissent as to the line of action he proposed, though it was only for his own guidance.

"And how do you suppose Rayner and the Riflers generally will regard you calling on their black sheep?" asked Buxton, after a pause. "I don't know," said Blake, more seriously, and with a tone of concern. "I like Rayner, and have found most of these fellows thorough gentlemen and good friends. This will test the question thoroughly. I believe most of them, except, of course, Rayner, would do the same were they in my place. At all events, I mean to see."

"What are you going to do, Gregg?" asked "the mole," sneering suddenly on his brother troop commander. "I don't know," said Gregg, doubtfully. "I think I'll ask the colonel."

"What do you suppose he means to do?" "I don't know again; but I'll bet we all know as soon as he makes up his mind; and he is making up his mind now—'he's made it up," for there goes Mr. Hayne, and here comes the orderly Something's up already."

Every head was turned to the door way as the orderly's story was heard by the outer hall, and every voice attuned to hear the message. It was so unusual for the commanding officer to send for one of his subordinates after the morning meeting. The soldier tapped at the panel, and at the prompt "Come in" pushed it partly open and stood with one white-gloved hand resting on the knob the other raised to his cap visor in salute. "Lieut. Blake?" he asked, as he glanced around.

"What is it?" asked Blake, stepping quickly from the window.

"The commanding officer's compliments, sir, and could he see the lieutenant a few minutes before the court meets?"

"Coming at once," said Blake, as he pushed his way through the chairs, and the orderly faced about and disappeared.

"I'll bet it's about Hayne," was the apparently unanimous sentiment as the cavalry party broke up and scattered for the morning's duties. So he waited purposefully to hear.

The adjutant alone stood in the colonel's presence as Blake knocked and entered. All others had gone. There was a moment's hesitation, and the colonel paused and looked his man over before he spoke.

"You will excuse my sending for you, Mr. Blake, when I tell you that it is a matter that has to be decided at once. In this case you will consider, too, that I want you to say yes or no exactly as you would to a comrade of your own grade. If you were asked to meet Mr. Hayne at any other house in the garrison than mine, would you desire to accept? You are aware of all the circumstances, the adjutant tells me."

"I am, sir, and have just announced my intention of calling upon him."

"Then will you dine with us this evening to meet Mr. Hayne?"

"I will do so with pleasure, sir."

It could hardly have been an hour afterwards when Mrs. Rayner entered the library in her cosy home and found Miss Travers entertaining herself with a book.

"Have you written to Miss Van Antwerp this morning?" she asked.

"I thought that was what you came here for."

"I did mean to, but Mrs. Waldron has been here, and I was interrupted."

"It is fully fifteen minutes since she left, Nellie. You might have written two or three pages already; and you know that all manner of visitors will be coming in by noon."

"I was just thinking over something she told me. I'll write presently."

Mrs. Waldron is a woman who talks about everything and everybody. I advise you to listen to her no more than you can help. What was it she told you?"

Miss Travers smiled reproachfully. "Why should you want to know, Kate, if you disapprove of her revelations?"

"Oh," with visible annoyance, "it is to—I wanted to know so as to let you see that it was something unfounded, as usual."

"She said she had just been told that the colonel was going to give a dinner party this evening to Mr. Hayne."

"What?"

"She said she had just been told—that—that—the colonel—was—going—to give a dinner party—this evening—to Mr. Hayne."

"Who told her?"

"Kate, I didn't ask."

"Who are invited? None of ours?"

"Kate, I don't know."

"Where did she say she had heard it?"

"She didn't say."

Mrs. Rayner paused one moment, irresolute. "Didn't she tell you anything more about it?"

"Nothing, sister mine. Why should you feel such an interest in what Mrs. Waldron says, if she's such a gossip?"

And Miss Travers was evidently having hard work to keep from laughing outright.

"You had better write your letter," said her big sister, and flounced suddenly out of the room and up the stairs.

A moment later she was at the parlor door with a wrap thrown over her shoulders. "If Capt. Rayner comes in, tell him I want particularly to see him before he goes out again."

"Where are you going, Kate?"

"Oh, just over to Mrs. Waldron's a moment."

The Danish Bismarck. Her I. P. S. Estrup, the prime minister of Denmark, whom King Christian persists in maintaining in office in defiance of the protest of an overwhelming majority of the national legislature, is a consumptive, weary looking little man of unimpressive appearance. His small frame is, however, filled with an immense amount of energy. During the fifteen years that he has held the premiership he has ruled the country with an iron hand, and fearlessly to the anger which he excites. He is often described as the Danish Bismarck.—New York Telegram.

Bells Were Invented in 400. The invention of bells is attributed to Paulinus, bishop of Nola, in Campania, about the year 400. The first used in churches as a device against thunder and lightning. They were first rung in England, at Croyland abbey, in 945. In the eleventh century and later it was the custom to baptize them in churches before they were used. The curfew bell was established in 1083 and discontinued in 1100. Bells were appointed in London in 1556 to ring the bells at night and cry, "Take care of your fire and candles, be charitable to the poor and pray for the dead."

Action of Electricity on the Body. An electrician, writing on the action of electricity on the human body, says that just what takes place in the human organism to produce death from electric current seems to be an unsolved problem. One of the theories sometimes advanced concerning it is that when a being suffers death from electric shock it is a pure case of internal rupture or explosion from the generation of gas or vapor.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Doctor's Mistake. A traveling doctor in Tennessee thought he had discovered a way to prevent cholera. He cured a young girl, and he sold a quart of the prescription to a farmer for \$10. Two days of it killed the man, and the doctor is now trying to convince the people that he meant well, but simply made a mistake, as even the best physicians are prone to.—Detroit Free Press.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1890.

There will be thousands of acres of alfalfa sown in the Pecos Valley next year.

It is distressing to read of the "deadly heat" in the east. But then it is refreshing when we reflect upon our own glorious climate, and that we have to use plenty of cover to the bed these nights.

A party of U. S. surveyors were murdered by Indians in Wyoming a few days ago.

Cheap farm products and high manufactured goods will keep farmers poor to the end of time. The farmer must demand that his labor and the results of his labor be equal to any other man's labor.

Scrub cows, stone pots, dash churn, finger thermometer, bare hands, butter-worker, unstrained cream, "biled" shirt butter cloth—butter per pound 10 cents. Special butter cows, deep-setting cans, barrel churn, mercantile thermometer, churn worker, stirred cream, parchment paper wrappers—butter per pound, 30 cents.

Fourteen hundred importers from the seaboard cities were in Washington last Tuesday to protest to the Senate against the passage of the McKinley tariff bill.

A friend at Fort Collins writes us to recommend the coloring of butter with carrots by grating them and mixing the grated vegetable substance with the butter at the proper time. We will suggest the better way will be to feed the carrots to the cow and let her do the grating.

Next Tuesday a court martial will begin at Tucson for the purpose of trying Capt. Miltimore, Major Wham, Major Tower and Major Kimball. It is claimed that all of these men except Major Kimball, rented rooms in their houses to the government for office purposes and charged about as much for the rooms as they had to pay for the house, thus getting their own rooms without cost.

The saddest incident of the fire which burned the Spring Palace, Fort Worth, was the death of Mr. Al S. Hayne, who gave up his life that others might be saved.

Fred Keys, of Lincoln county, and Copeland & Sumner, of San Miguel county, have sold their old wethers to a Missouri feeder at \$3 a head. They are reaping the reward of breeding only the best and handling their flocks in an intelligent manner.

Jeffersonville, Ind., June 3.—One of the most frightful cyclones known swept through Huntington and Jasper counties 70 miles from here, last night. The town of Huntington is almost wiped off the face of the earth.

In 1870 Gen. Garfield, as chairman of appropriations, reported to the house the pension appropriation amounting to over \$23,000,000. The amount started the house and the country and Gen. Garfield urged the passage of the bill on the ground that it was the highest amount that would ever be called for.

The Stanton Mail Route.

On October 15, 1880, service seven times a week and return was established on star route No. 67,152 from Socorro to Fort Stanton, in Lincoln county, via White Oaks.

This daily mail route has for ten years supplied several of the chief towns of Lincoln county with admirable mail facilities; at present the route supplies White Oaks, one of the principal towns of that county, with a population of 900, and with an outlying population of several hundred miners, ranchmen, cattle and sheep owners, who trade at White Oaks and obtain their mail there.

Eighteen miles south of White Oaks is the town of Nogal, with a population of about 200, and an outside population of several hundred, and thirteen miles further it ends at Fort Stanton, one of the most important military posts in the southwest.

At the letting of the contracts this present year opposition in bidding for the contract on the route developed and the successful bidders are 20 per cent lower than the last season's contract price; these bidders find themselves with what promises to be a losing contract.

The discontinuance of the route would be a great hardship to the people of White Oaks and Nogal and vicinity, and would seriously cripple the business interest and advancement of that very important section of New Mexico.

The route should therefore not be discontinued; on the contrary it should be improved and the schedule time increased thereon from San Antonio to Fort Stanton. If bidders, with their eyes wide open, have taken the contract too low, why that is their business. An enterprising and industrious community should not be made to suffer on this account.

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In the first century of American patents just ended, 425,395 patents issued from the office at Washington, 20,000 in the last year alone. The present record is at the rate of nearly two and one quarter millions for one hundred years, showing how inventive activity has increased in late years.

TERRITORIAL TALK.

James Keck, an old Kingston miner and a partner of J. S. Skipp, one of the discoverers of this district, was recently found murdered on the trail from their mine in Mexico to Deming. He was shot in the back. He had \$80 in money and a watch and chain upon his person, which were taken.

Thomas Lyons, a cattleman, shot and killed John McManigal at the residence of the former, in Silver City last week. Lyons returned home and found McManigal in a promising situation with Mrs. Lyons.

Delegate Joseph writes that four of his bills touching New Mexico interests have passed the house and three of them have become laws. He thinks congress will not adjourn before the first of August.

Tom Lyons who killed his wife's paramour in Silver City two weeks ago, has taken the woman to California.

Kingston, New Mexico, has been visited by a severe fire. About thirty houses were destroyed, among them the stores of the Sierra Land & Cattle company and of Mrs. A. J. Patton.

Prof. W. C. Bowman, of Las Cruces, has been elected as principal of the Tucson schools.

Las Vegas has issued bonds and will erect a public school building at a cost of \$15,000.

D. C. Cantwell has been appointed by the bureau of statistics at Washington as enumerator of cattle for New Mexico.

FARM AND STOCK NOTES.

Let us remark right here that there is no better or more reliable sheep dip than tobacco steeped, with a little sulphur added to the compound.

The sheep growers of Morgan and Weld counties are in high feather these days. Some of them report a lamb crop equal to ninety-five per cent of their ewes.

The plan of irrigating alfalfa a short time before cutting to prevent the leaves from falling from the hay is a matter worthy of the notice of all farmers. It was tried by a number of farmers near Denver last year with satisfactory results.

A little farm well tilled is the secret of the Mormon's success in agriculture. New Mexico people might learn a lesson from the saints in this and make their fields cover that only which they can bring up to the highest standard of cultivation.

There have been 75,000 sheep shipped from San Angelo this season, and it is said this is a larger number than any other place in the United States has sent out.

The first time on record where a mare foaled three living foals, happened at Marshall, Mo., May 20th. The foals are all doing well, perfectly shaped, but rather small.

Our report from San Francisco has this to say: "It may be of some interest to the western wool growers to learn that the outlook this season is very favorable for them to get better prices this spring for their wool than last season."

Letters to the Secretary of the Treasury from custom inspectors on our northern and southern frontiers give cumulative testimony of the existence of regular agencies for the smuggling of Chinese into the United States from Mexico and Canada.

The census of population will be completed by the first of July, and by the 4th it is probable that Supt. Porter will be able to announce with accuracy the population of the country.

Fort Worth now talks of rebuilding the Spring Palace, and to make a permanent structure of it, composed of material obtained in Texas exclusively; Texas stone, Texas marble, Texas iron, Texas wood.

AN OPEN LETTER!

The Independent. JAMES KIBBEE, Editor and Proprietor.

Lincoln, N. M., June, 1890.

TO ANYBODY WHO BELIEVES IN ADVERTISING.

Dear Sir:—A Special Edition of THE LINCOLN INDEPENDENT will be issued on or about July 15th, 1890, to be devoted exclusively to a complete write-up of THE GREAT PECOS VALLEY, its Reservoir and Irrigating Canal Enterprises, Railroads, Certainties and Possibilities, Attractions for Capital and Immigration, etc.

1. Every citizen of the Great Pecos Valley will read every line in this edition.
2. After they have read it, not one copy of the edition will be wasted, but every copy will be carefully forwarded to some relative or friend in "the States."

APACHE OUTRAGES.

The people of Arizona have grown tired of the depredations of renegade Apaches, and the inactivity of the United States troops stationed at the various Forts in the Territory, and have forwarded the following petition to President Harrison.

Two weeks ago a large freight team was captured and burned in Sonora, the driver escaping wounded. On the same day a citizen of this town, one Adam, was killed and a party of surveyors attacked.

It has been repeatedly asserted by the San Carlos officials and army authorities that no Indians were off the reservation. To the contrary not a month has passed in two years without at least two murders along the border between the United States and Mexico.

The army headquarters are maintained in Los Angeles, 600 miles from the scene of the atrocities, and the body of the citizen of that city which we now send them should be accepted as evidence of their effort.

Special attention given to Roofing and Galvanized Ironwork. Full line of Agricultural Implements, Windmills, Horsepowers, etc. Write for prices.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

AGENTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT.

- At White Oaks, - Rev. H. W. Lane.
At Fort Stanton, - Sergt. Harvey.
At Upper Pecos, - Postmaster.
At Royal, -
At La Luz, -
At Mecaclero, - - - - - Harry Bennett.
At Eddy, - - - - - Fred V. Jankowsky.
At Roswell, - - - - - J. D. Lea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Terms for announcement in The Independent: 25 cents per line per week.

Alfalfa cutting is in full blast. New Challes and Glaghams at R. MICHAELIS & Co's.

The dance given at the court house Monday night, was largely attended and a very enjoyable time was indulged in by all present.

Several train loads of choice new goods now on the road for Egan and Co. Wait for them, examine them, buy them, and be happy.

There is a few innings of baseball played here last Sunday.

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

Agst. Coffee Pots, Tea Kettles, Sauce Pans, etc., at R. MICHAELIS & Co's.

Teacher Wanted. The Commissioners of precinct No. 4, Pecos, desire to secure the services of a gentleman school teacher for a term of six months or longer, commencing July 1st.

Notice new ad in this issue of Judge Peitz, the well known attorney of Look-out. The Judge is always ready to give prompt and efficient attention to all business entrusted to his care.

For Sale Cheap. One first-rate Racine Carriage; four springs; canopy top.

JOHN H. CANNON, Fort Stanton, N. M.

Rosenthal & Co. have now on exhibition one of the largest and best assorted stocks of men's and boy's clothing ever offered in Lincoln county.

Last Friday night C. S. Kellum heard a racket outside of the house, and went out to investigate, but neglected to take out his rifle. He discovered a strange animal and set his dog on it.

Figure and checked and striped Swiss for Ladies' dresses at R. MICHAELIS & Co's.

The Stanton House, Lincoln, is again open to the public. First-class accommodations. First-class fare.

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

Ladies' Russel Oxford Shoes at R. MICHAELIS & Co's.

A Card. It being my intention to leave Fort Stanton about June 16th next, I request all persons indebted to me for professional services to adjust their accounts before that time. W. S. Block, May 21st, 1900.

Chas. Ifield has bought 125,000 pounds of wool from Lincoln county. -Optic.

Rosenthal & Co. are away ahead of all competitors when it comes to a complete stock of bed room prices.

Beo Wilson, of Dove Creek, was in the city Thursday. He intends leaving next Wednesday for Eddy and Ngal, N. M., to look after his real estate interests. -San Angelo Texas Standard (May 31).

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

Although it was at first reported that Joe Coffelt was supposed to have been drowned in the Colorado River, near the L. B. Harris ranch, it has since been learned that he is alive; also that it was not Tom Coffelt, who escaped from Brownwood jail several months ago, that was killed by rangers a few days ago at Eddy, N. M. -San Angelo Texas Standard.

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

Judge E. T. Stone, of Roswell, has delivered at Las Vegas 2,500 old feathers, for which he received \$2.25 each.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Ruly Rosenthal is expected back from Vegas Saturday. Elmer Whitlock came up Monday evening and took in the balls. Chas. Fritz and Geo. White got back Wednesday from their trip to Eddy. Tom McGarvey, the veteran stone mason, of Roswell, came up Monday and went out to the V V ranch to finish up the work on a rock water tank. Messrs. J. J. Rocco and Cusenberry were in Lincoln Saturday. They brought up a man named Brown, who is the special officer charged with unlawfully causing the death of the man Coffelt, an account of which was published in last week's INDEPENDENT. Col. C. DeLany, Miss Lou Richardson and Miss Hattie Robertson, of Fort Stanton, returned Monday from a visit to the Colonel's "Borde" ranch, on the Hondo. The ladies were delighted with the ranch and were particularly pleased with the large fields of luxuriant alfalfa, which were in full bloom and just being cut. Some of the alfalfa on this ranch is yielding as high as two tons to the acre at this cutting, which is pretty good, even in this alfalfa country.

FORT STANTON FACTS.

Lieut. Pershing leaves us on the 18th or 19th inst., to visit his old home, Chicago, on a leave of absence. Johnny Ganning, the popular right hand bower at the Post Traders, left Sunday for a short business trip to Kansas City. He will be back in about two weeks. A government ambulance left Sunday for the railroad to meet Dr. Baunister, the new Post Surgeon, who is expected to arrive here with his family on the 14th. Mrs. Crpt. Kingsbury leaves on the 15th to visit her parents, Gen. and Mrs. Slocum, who reside at Brooklyn, N. Y. The water supply here is running short and everybody, sinner and saint alike, now pray for rain. The repairs on the government buildings are progressing as rapidly as skilled workmen can possibly rush them. W. E. DeLany, who came from Croces to Stanton for his health, is gradually improving, having already gained several pounds in flesh since his arrival here. NOT ALX.

Auction Sale.

At Fort Stanton, N. M., at 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, June 16, 1900, I will sell at public auction the following described articles: Two good buggy coaches; one Buckboard, with pole and shaft, canopy top; one set saddle harness; one saddle; one bed room set, mattresses, pillows, springs, tables, chairs, carpets, rugs, kitchen furniture, etc., etc. Terms Cash. All property to be removed after sale. W. S. Block.

Another chapter has been written in the tragedy which has for its main feature the murder of Domingo Montoya last November. It will be remembered that Montoya was found dead by the side of a half-killed cow. Certain circumstances and developments led to the indictment and arrest of Floriano Gallegos and Elaterio Baca as the murderers, and those parties are now in jail awaiting trial. On Wednesday Sheriff Nowlin and Capt. Roberts returned from the Manzano country, bringing with them Juana Sabadra, the wife of the murdered man, who will have to answer to a charge of being an accessory to the murder. The main evidence against the woman is said to be in a letter which she recently wrote to one of the prisoners.

New Enterprises.

Articles of incorporation for the Guadalupe Valley Reservoir Irrigating and Manufacturing company have been filed with Territorial Secretary Thomas at Santa Fe. The incorporators are Wm. A. Wiley, W. W. Paul, B. Mathews, T. C. Tillotson, W. L. Rynerson, John H. Riley, Frank Lemet, Thos. B. Powell, J. F. Hinkle, Geo. M. Casey, John T. Thornton, J. J. Dolan, S. S. Terrill and W. S. Ryan. The object is to construct and operate water reservoirs, ditches and pipe lines for purpose of agriculture and manufacture. The Pecos Construction and Lumber company has also filed articles of incorporation. Its object is to build and equip railroad and telegraph lines, and more particularly to construct the Pecos Valley railroad from a junction on the Texas and Pacific in Ward county, Texas, to Roswell, New Mexico, to lay out and improve lands, locate and erect depots, machine shops, etc. The capital stock is \$50,000. Incorporators: Irving Howbert, Chas. E. Noble and Joseph E. Humphrey, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

About sixty small ranchmen, sheep men and farmers from Lower Pecos, Seven Rivers and the Pecos are in town. They are here on an injunction case wherein W. A. Wiley is plaintiff, and Jas. Gerald and others are defendants. Messrs Rynerson & Wade and Co., A. J. Fountain will appear for the plaintiffs, and Messrs Fall & Young for the defendants. The case will come up before Judge McElie on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock. This case is one of the right of the defendants to go up the Pecos above the plaintiff and take water out of the stream in a ditch to the detriment of an older ditch built by the plaintiff. This is the first of a long series of important water right cases which will arise in New Mexico. Both parties seem to be confident of winning and at present we will make no comments. -Las Cruces Democrat.

The Boston Advertiser quotes Texas and Southern wool: Texas spring medium (12 mos), 21@22c.; Texas spring fine, 18@21c.; Texas spring fine (6 to 8 mos), 17@20c.; Texas spring medium 6 to 8 mos, 20@22c. Texas fall, 17@20c.

MURDERED BY A COWARD.

The Death of Jeff Kent. SEVEN RIVERS, N. M.

He came to his death by a ball from Charley Perry's pistol. Perry was deputy sheriff of Lincoln county New Mexico. It seems as though Perry had papers for Jeff and heard that he was at Seven Rivers so he gets John Buckley to go to Seven Rivers with him to help him make the arrest. Jeff and several other boys were in E. H. Pierce's store when Perry and Buckley came in. The light was dim so they did not know each other. Perry talked up pretty close to Jeff and recognized him and told him to consider himself under arrest. Jeff told him all right, he would go with him or give bond. So Perry ordered Buckley to search him and Jeff stepped back, pushed Buckley off, and dropped his gun. Perry then fired at him, hitting him in the chest. The first shot missed Jeff, the second hit his hat and the powder burnt his face. The third shot struck Jeff a little below the right nipple and came out a little to the left of his back bone. Jeff by that time had drawn his pistol and Buckley had also drawn his. The first shot that Jeff fired was at Perry, he fell as though shot through the heart, although not hurt, only powder burnt in the face, he crawled under the counter behind some boxes for protection. Jeff thought he was killed. Jeff's second shot hit Buckley between the eyes but did not go through his head, he only lived three days. W. C. Cochran, his wife and I were sitting at his house. When I heard the shooting I opened the door to see what was the matter and saw some one coming. I went to the gate and caught Jeff in my arms and then he fainted. Cochran helped me get him in the house. He and his wife left the house. I pulled Jeff's boots off, locked the door, blew out the lights, loaded his pistol, then went to see the results of the shooting. On my return to the house I found Jeff had left. I hunted until I found him and with more help took him to J. M. Woods who was a friend to Jeff. Woods went after the doctor while I waited on Jeff; when the doctor came he said for all to stand back so he could talk to him. He told him there was no chance for him and ask him if he wanted to leave any word. Jeff told the doctor it was immaterial to him whether he lived or died, and had nothing to say to any one but me. He and his wife left the house. I pulled Jeff's boots off, locked the door, blew out the lights, loaded his pistol, then went to see the results of the shooting. On my return to the house I found Jeff had left. I hunted until I found him and with more help took him to J. M. Woods who was a friend to Jeff. Woods went after the doctor while I waited on Jeff; when the doctor came he said for all to stand back so he could talk to him. He told him there was no chance for him and ask him if he wanted to leave any word. Jeff told the doctor it was immaterial to him whether he lived or died, and had nothing to say to any one but me.

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