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A Night on the Desert.

By Jessamine S. Jones

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[Continued from last week.]

Cold perspiration started out upon my body and I clutched a chair to keep from falling, but the next instant came the thought that wits were given one for times like this, and that if I were going to save myself, and possibly my husband, I must not faint.

Bracing myself with an effort, I peered out from behind the sash curtains, which were partially drawn aside. Two men were standing close to the window, so close that even in the darkness I could see that one carried a gun and the other seemed to have some kind of a club.

Our room—bedroom and sitting room combined—was on the first floor, next to the office, where Charlie could always be within sound of his "call." Jim, our roustabout, slept outside, so I was alone downstairs. Second by second my situation grew upon me. With breathless caution I slipped the sash curtain across the window and dressed in the dark, pausing every few moments to listen. There was undoubtedly some disturbance outside, for I could hear the grating of stones under the tread of many feet and excited shouts from the direction of the Japs' shed.

I sat on the edge of the bed for a moment, trying to solve the baffling situation. Where was Charlie and what had happened? It was a wild wish to find my husband that nerved me for action of any kind. I thought suddenly of our soldier. He was sick, and if alive at all was too weak to help, but he was a white man and would be of some protection. I am afraid that I did not think of protecting him. After a moment's listening I stole out across the entry and upstairs to the little storeroom where we had laid the poor fellow. The sound of steps downstairs pushed me on and I opened the door quickly. I was well inside of the room when I sank back with a scream. By the side of the sleeping soldier stood a Jap with a big stick raised in the air ready for a blow.

I think I crawled on my hands and knees to the door, wondering vaguely why the Jap didn't kill me at once. He was jabbering something and had put down the stick. I couldn't understand anything, but it occurred to me later that he was trying to keep me from leaving the room.

As I crept through the hallway I became suddenly aware that the "ticker" in the office was giving our call again and again. I knew nothing of telegraphy and that moment I bitterly regretted the fact. Charlie had suggested a lesson several times, but I had put it off after the first one. A vague wish to be near that little connection with protecting civilization led me to the office instead of to my room, and I sank down upon Charlie's chair and laid my head down upon his desk. As I did so my hand struck something cold, and I remembered a cold old blotting pad that I had seen lying about. In the next instant I remembered that it had the code on the back. Groping for Charlie's matches I struck one with nervous haste, and after a few moments' study, hardly daring to hope that I was accomplishing anything, I sent the word "Help" again and again, and, after several failures, my name. Then I sat rigidly and waited, I don't know for what. In a few minutes our call was given. I ticked again the word "Help" as a response. A message followed which of course I could not read, but I repeated the word with my name, and then I fainted.

When I recovered the gray light was coming in through the window. I lay face down on the desk panting and collecting my wits for a few moments and then crept to the window and listened to the clamor outside. There, about ten feet away on the sand below the window, lay Charlie's cap and one of his boots.

That confirmed everything. All I had to do was to wait till the yellow devils thought best to kill me too. I wondered why they had left me so long. I settled down in a kind of apathy, thinking of all the consequences to follow the night's work, whatever it was; of my parents and Charlie's and of other friends, and of the loss to the railroad company. This last thought roused me a little from my stupor of despair. There might be some duty I owed to the company and to Charlie or his memory.

Suddenly a pistol shot sounded close to the building, followed by a chorus of screams and groans that sent me trembling to my feet. Anything was better than such suspense, and, dashing out of the room I ran past the office and opened a rear door. In the growing lightness of early morning I saw, about half way between the station and the shed, a crowd of men surging about as if in desperate battle, and several were lying on the ground dead. What puzzled me was their number. There seemed to be twice as many as there were the night before, and in the midst of the yell I heard some Spanish oaths.

I stood watching them, frozen with terror, when I saw Jim, the roustabout, running frantically toward me, waving his arms.

"Go in, Mrs. Wales!" he panted. "Go in, please. Don't let them see you. Oh, quick, quick!"

Before I could close the door a bullet came whirring through the air, and he fell face downward among the little stones.

I stood staring at the body, half minded to go out and bring it in, when I saw, running toward me, the Jap with the torn ear. There was an indescribable look on his face. It seemed to me the most devilish I had ever seen. He had a knife in his hand and he was followed by several others who carried knives and staves.

I slammed the door and flew into a little wood closet near by, shutting myself in. This would give me a little time to think, for if they wanted me they would doubtless go to our room first. I

sank down on a sack of wood struggling with faintness. My heart pounded so that I was not sure of anything I heard, but evidently the fiends had not come into the building. I could hear them jabbering and clattering somewhere, probably just outside the door.

As all the sickening possibilities of my situation came over me there suddenly flashed through my brain the course pursued by certain heroines of history. There was one thing which I had not thought of. I need not die at the hands of these horrible little men. There was a way of escape that had never before come into my healthy, life-loving mind. I opened the door softly and forced the wind into our room. On the table lay a long, sharp paper knife, one of our wedding presents. I clutched it with a strange exultation, and walking calmly back I even paused at one of the rear windows. These were high up from the ground, and below each stood a group of Japs. The one with the torn ear stood close to the door.

I felt that the time was near when I must use the little protector in my hand, for he was gesturing excitedly with his knife to a clamoring group a few feet off. One more element was added to the fearful mystery. The men who composed the group were all Mexicans, not one Japanese among them.

I went back into my closet, locked the door and crouched upon the sack of wood, praying little fragments of prayers. The demons should never take me alive, of that I was determined, but I clung to life and would not take it from myself until there was no more hope.

The minutes seemed like hours and the shouting and cursing grew louder. There were shrill shrieks and the sound of scuffling, then a stillness. Again the uproar grew and a silence followed. The frightful suspense was growing simply unendurable to me.

Suddenly I heard a sound that has ever since been to me like the sound of an angel's trumpet—the whistle of a locomotive. Blessed sound! I sprang to my feet in ecstasy, but the next moment my heart almost stopped its beating. The overland did not always stop. If this were the overland I must signal it.

I was past fear, and without a moment's hesitation I walked straight to the door, opened it, and going out to the empty platform, with eyes only for the duty before me, and ears for nothing but the roar of the oncoming train, I raised the signals. Then I looked about me with set teeth and rapidly beating heart.

The bodies of several little brown men lay about the sand, which was stained red in places. Some distance off were grouped several Japs watching the train, and almost at my feet lay the Jap with the torn ear, dead. With the exception of the roar of the train all was peaceful and silent. The shouting mob had vanished as if the desert had swallowed it. The sun looked over a far-away range and bathed the plain in amber and rose pink. A gentle wind fanned my burning cheeks, and I breathed in the air with rapture. A sudden certainty that Charlie was not dead but somewhere near took possession of me and erased the agony of the night.

On, on came that blessed train, and I ran down where I could be ready to tell my story the minute it stopped. It came so fast that a fear clutched my heart lest it might be going by after all, and I waved my arms and screamed. With a shrieking of brakes it stood in front of me and I saw it was not the overland. I saw a company of armed men jump from the single coach and then I found myself in Charlie's arms.

It was late in the day when I opened my eyes again. I was on the bed in our room and Charlie, poor boy, sat looking at me with hollow eyes, his anxious face, drawn and white, showing that he, too, had passed a dreadful night. I will tell you his side of the story as he told it to me:

"I heard a rumpus toward morning and went out to see what was the matter. Gang of Mexicans over to Partola that were sore over the Japs being hired by the company had come over here to send them all to kingdom come. They didn't want to hurt me if I would stand by and let them finish up the Japs, but when I interfered they just left everything and tied me up, mouth and all, and some of them took me about a half mile or so out in the sage-brush near the track and left me. They already had Jim gagged in the shed and there was no one here left to take care of you but the Japs. Just before they gagged me I told the little interpreter to look after you. He did it. He and another little fellow stood under your window from then until the Mexicans heard the train whistle and skipped out. I lay out there in the sage-brush and kicked. I wasn't hurt, but, Kate, I went several round trips through Hades about you." Here the poor fellow stopped, and putting his head down sobbed like a boy for a moment.

"The engineer on the train they sent to help us saw my boot flying from behind a clump of cactus and picked me up. The Mexicans had all gone by the time we got here, but the posse took after them and they will get them all right. The greasers had been having a dance and an all-round tear-up at Partola and were just drunk enough to be devils.

"But you and the Japs were game, Kate. They told me on the train about your message. You're well, you're all right, and the company will think so."

We sent poor Jim's body and the bodies of the little dead Japs back to Los Angeles, and shortly after, to our great surprise, the sick soldier was well enough to go on east to his home, with his money in his pocket. We lived on the Desert for another month, and then Charlie was transferred to an important station in one of the beautiful foothill towns of California.

[The End.]

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KING EDWARD is in Germany and the Associate Press says he is there taking baths. It must be pretty hard to be a member of the royal family and not be able to take a bath without all the world knowing it.

IT SAID that New Mexico now ranks third as a copper producing commonwealth. The copper production of the territory for last year, according to reliable figures, was 4,169,400 pounds, an increase of nearly a million pounds over last year's output. If the present activity in mining throughout the territory continues another year will see New Mexico head the list as a copper producer.

IN THE new school house which is nearing completion at this place the people of Capitan and Lincoln county will have a building in which they can justly feel proud. There is no building in the county that can begin to compare with it in any respect and it stands without a peer in this part of the territory. With such an edifice dedicated to public education the town is bound to attract more than unusual attention from all quarters.

THE deep interest which Superintendent Rudisill has taken in trying to build up the public schools of the county shows that he is the right man in the right place. He realizes that the public school system is the most precious heritage that could be bequeathed to the youth of the country and is doing all in his power to bring the work of public education up to the high standard that its great importance demands it should be raised.

RECENT experiments in tobacco growing show that this plant may be successfully grown in New Mexico. Samples of New Mexico tobacco which were sent to eastern manufacturers were pronounced to be as fine tobacco as was ever raised anywhere. It might be well for some of Lincoln county's farmers to experiment with this plant as tobacco is one of the most profitable crops that can be raised. If tobacco can be raised anywhere in the territory it can be grown in Lincoln county.

THERE is no denying the fact that the persistent rumors that have been circulated in regard to the coal mines at this place being abandoned have had the effect of keeping a good many people away from Capitan. Of course every one here knows and has known all along that these rumors were utterly groundless, but the prospective home-seeker and investor who was not familiar with the motives and men who actuated these reports could not help but feel a little backward in coming to a place in the face of such reports. Even to those here it has been a matter that could not be readily understood what prompted these reports, but nevertheless they got started and when once started spread like wild-fire doing the town a great deal of injury. However, THE PROGRESS can say positively that such reports are utterly false. The coal mines at this place are now in a better condition and are being worked more profitably than at any time since they began to produce coal and besides there is more coal in sight now than ever before.

They readily will be willing to attempt to give credit. THE PROGRESS has had occasion to call attention to this low practice several times, but it seems that the perpetrator's keep right on at the practice. It does seem that if an article is worth republishing that it is worth receiving credit. While every paper likes to see its articles quoted in other papers there is none that likes to be the prey of this low practice and THE PROGRESS is no exception.

THE Lincoln County Teachers' Institute opened here last Monday with a good attendance and the work of education has received a new impetus in the county. All the prominent educators of the county are on hand to add to the success of the session and a great deal of interest is being taken in it by everyone. Capitan is indeed honored in being called upon to entertain such a representative gathering of the teachers of the county. It is pleasing to everyone to note the deep interest the teachers themselves are taking in the school and the desire that seems to be felt by all to better fit themselves for the great work of education in which they are engaged. Such institutes can have but one result and that is to raise the standard of teachers everywhere.

FRUIT GROWING in Lincoln county is fast becoming one of the most important industries in the county. The good markets which the surrounding towns afford makes it possible to find a ready market for every pound of fruit raised in the county at fancy prices. The fruit growers of the county say they have been unable to supply the demand this year, although the fruit crop has been exceedingly good. Lincoln county fruit surpasses that of any other section of New Mexico in flavor and size and has thus gained a reputation that makes it a ready seller on markets where other fruits cannot be sold at any price. It is more than probable that the acreage in orchards in the county will be greatly increased this fall and winter as the country has been shown to be so thoroughly adapted to fruit growing.

AN IMPERIAL DOMAIN.

There Are 3,000,000 Acres in the Roswell Land District Subject to Entry.

An idea of the immensity of the public domain in New Mexico may be gained from the fact that the public lands in the Roswell land district, one of the four land districts of the territory, cover 15,288,801 acres, of which 9,425,488 acres are surveyed, 5,862,313 are unsurveyed and 329,944 acres have been reserved. The figures for each county in the district are as follows: Chaves county, 4,829,132 acres surveyed; 2,125,353 unsurveyed; 3,820 acres reserved. Eddy county, 1,778,781 acres surveyed; 2,253,741 acres unsurveyed; 6,300 acres reserved. Guadalupe county, comprising only the southern portion, 6,930 acres surveyed. Lincoln county, 2,613,567 acres surveyed; 110,670 acres unsurveyed; 106,925 acres reserved. Otero county, 51,878 acres surveyed; 1,377,549 acres unsurveyed; 208,440 acres reserved. Valencia county, comprising only the southeastern portion, 145,200 acres. The total area is equal to 2,400 square miles or more than twice the area of the State of Rhode Island and 500 square miles more than the area of Delaware. - Roswell Stockman.

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Providence has done more and man has done less for Lincoln county than for any section of the southwest. We can say it without fear of successful contradiction, that Lincoln county is richer in natural resources than any other section in the territory.

Lincoln county includes the largest and richest mineral belt in the territory, which has not yet been prospected, let alone being developed. The deepest mine in the county is the Old Abe at White Oaks and set to it outside of White Oaks, in the American mines at Nogal. The American is only 170 feet in depth and has yielded over a half million dollars in gold. The Old Abe has produced nearly a million dollars in gold returns. There are hundreds of prospects in the county that are more promising on the surface than either of the above mentioned properties, that are lying idle for a lack of capital to develop them and place them among the list of rich producing properties.

The mines and prospects of Lincoln county include gold, silver, lead, copper, cobalt, nickel, wolframite, etc., and vast deposits of both bituminous and anthracite coal, adjacent to these vast beds of coal is the largest and best deposit of iron ores to be found in the United States today. The high character of this iron and its close proximity to an inexhaustible supply of fuel, makes possible the establishment of iron and steel works at Capitan at no distant day.

There are other valuable and rare minerals and precious stones not mentioned above to be found in Lincoln county, but up to date no prospector has bothered to prospect for these.

The county will soon take the lead as one of the heavy producers of the first class quality of lumber. The timber is here in abundance. Just as soon as the demand is made upon us for building material large sawmills will be erected and lumber manufactured and shipped from Capitan. At present small sawmills in the White and Capitan mountains supply the local demand.

The country is covered with a most luxuriant growth of grass that serves to fatten thousands of heads of cattle yearly. No country in the southwest so fills this as a stock growing section.

Water "the God of all harvest" which is a most important factor, is here in abundance, and is distributed throughout the country in the form of springs and running streams. The streams which flow down from the White mountains are the purest water found in New Mexico. It is a pure and healthful draught of life-saving liquid, fresh from the brew of nature.

The climate is the most perfect to be found anywhere or at least that is what competent government experts say. The United States Government recognizing this fact has located the National Marine Hospital for consumptives at Fort Stanton, five miles from Capitan. In the mountainous parts which include two thirds of the country, springs reign perpetually. The thermometer rarely ever registers as low as zero in winter or reaches the eighty degree mark in summer. The rainfall averages from ten inches per annum, on the plains to one hundred and twenty inches high up in the mountains. The average rainfall at Capitan is about sixty inches per annum. In most parts of the county the average rainfall is ample for the growing of crops.

All of Lincoln county is a veritable health and pleasure resort. One can find most any climate or scenery desired within a few miles of Capitan. Large banks of snow are to be found in the months of July and August, in sight of Capitan, some of which never melt the year around, while here we have a semi-tropical climate in mid winter.

Hundreds of pleasure and health seekers visit the White and Capitan mountains every year. They come in wagons, buggies, etc., and it has only been within the

past year that they could reach them by railroad, which is now completed to Capitan and Nogal. They come here to take an outing in the mountains, catch a string of trout from the mountain streams and get a "whiff" of pure air.

In Lincoln county is some of the most wild and enchanting scenery to be found in all the southwest. The country abounds game and fish. There are more bear, deer, antelope, mountain lion, wild turkey, etc., found in the mountains of Lincoln county than in any other section of the territory.

Horticulture and agriculture are among the most important industries. Lincoln county has taken the prizes on her fruits wherever exhibited, for years. All the cereals and vegetables that grow in the temperate zone grow here, and with excellent markets agriculture and horticulture are very paying employment.

In conclusion, there is no county in all the southwest that can excel Lincoln county in natural resources, and the time is not far distant when capital, combined with enterprise and labor will convert these hills and valleys into veritable mines and it is here that thousands of people will be enabled to build up comfortable and happy homes.

The Capitan coal fields are the largest in area of any in New Mexico, covering over four hundred square miles. All experts who have examined these coal fields agree that there are at least five strata of coal of commercial value. These coal measures vary in thickness from three to seven feet. Aside from being a first class coal for steam and domestic purposes, it is also an excellent cooking coal, and is comparatively very free from ash. It is claimed that the coke made from Capitan coal is equal to the famous Conallville article. There are now two large coal companies operating at Capitan and employing hundreds of miners. This coal finds a ready market at fancy prices.

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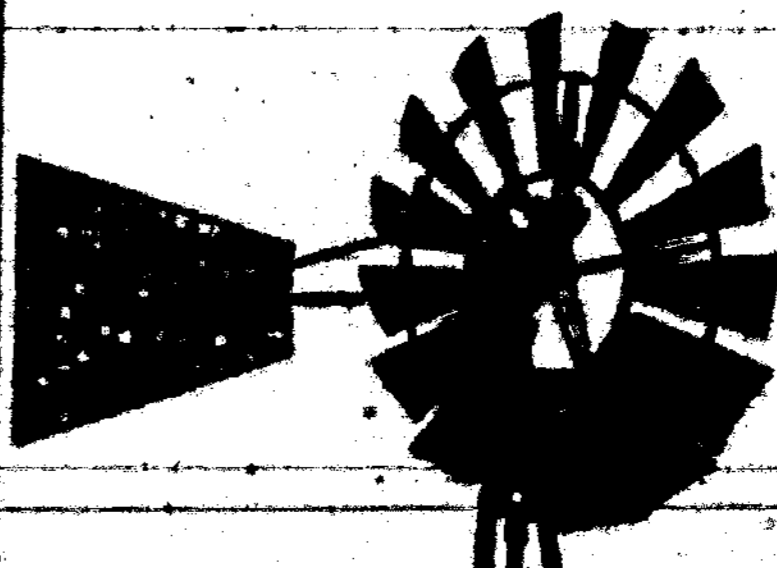
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Opens at This Place With a Large Attendance—Good work being done.

The Visiting Teachers Welcomed By an eloquent Address From the Town's Representative, Mr. J. C. Matteson—Other Features.

Capitan seems a bit livelier this week than usual owing to the large number of teachers here to attend the Institute which opened last Monday. Previous to the opening of the Institute all the teachers in the county were notified that if they wish to continue teaching in the schools of the county they must attend the institute and as a result when the day of opening came nearly every teacher in the county was present.

The opening exercises of the Institute were held publicly Monday night, at which the citizens of the town turned out to welcome the teachers into their midst. The welcome address was delivered by J. C. Matteson, who in behalf of the citizens of Capitan welcomed the teachers as the guest of the town, which was well received and attentively listened to. Mr. Matteson is a forcible speaker and handled his subject in the manner of a man that fully believed what he spoke, and whose words came from the bottom of his heart. No attempts were made to reach the lofty heights of oratory attained by some speakers, but in plain simple words he did these workers in education's cause to feel at home and throw themselves upon the town's hospitality, assuring them they would be received with open arms. Mr. Matteson also reviewed the history of the public schools of the territory and held up to his listeners the story of the wonderful progress and advancement education had made within the last decade.

Mr. Matteson's address was responded to by Superintendent Rudisille and Professor Robinson who with gracious words thanked him and the citizens of Capitan for their hearty welcome and kind words. In his brief talk Mr. Rudisille paid a high compliment to the pluck, energy and enterprise of the people of Capitan in voting upon themselves a tax to build the new school house which is now nearing completion. He recalled how a few years ago Capitan was unknown and undreamed of and rejoiced today to see the "Twin Cities of the Hills" take such a deep interest in education and erect such a magnificent monument to the cause of free education.

Mr. Rudisille has expressed himself more than pleased with the deep interest the attending teachers are taking in the Institute and is very enthusiastic over the outcome of the session as he is confident it will prove one of the most successful teacher's institutes ever held in the county. He is himself working hard for the school to be a success as are all the rest of the teachers.

A series of lectures have been arranged to continue throughout the term. The first of the series was delivered by the Rev. J. F. Woods, of White Oaks, Tuesday evening. Mr. Wood was formerly pastor in one of Chicago's largest churches and is a man that when he has something to

masterly manner which showed he was a thorough scholar and a profound thinker. There was nothing light or trivial in the whole discourse, but every sentence was teeming with practical ideas and bristling with facts. Although the discourse lasted over an hour he held the attention of his listeners perfectly and when the last word was uttered the audience was listening with as deep attention as when he began his talk.

Tonight Mrs. Lee H. Rudisille will deliver a lecture upon "Old New Mexico," which will no doubt be one of the most interesting lectures to be heard during the session. Mrs. Rudisille has exercised a great deal of care in gathering data for this address and it will be especially interesting to those who wish to know something of the past history of the territory.

Next week the lecture platform will be occupied by the Reverend Mr. G. H. Miller of White Oaks, who will deliver several interesting lectures during the week. Mr. Miller is without doubt one of the most well read and best posted men in New Mexico and his talks will be intellectual treats. Mr. Miller is an excellent speaker and a profound scholar.

The daily program for the normal is arranged as follows:

- MORNING SESSION.**
 Opening exercises, 8:30 to 9:00.
 Arithmetic, 9:00 to 9:35.
 Hygiene, 9:35 to 10:10.
 Grammar, 10:10 to 10:45.
 History, 10:45 to 11:15.
 Geography, 11:15 to 11:30.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
 Primary methods, 1:00 to 2:00.
 Intermediate methods, 2:00 to 3:00.
 Didactics and Course of Study, 3:00 to 4:30.

Accused the Editor.
 Editor S. A. Brown, of Bennettville, S. C., was once immensely surprised. "Through long suffering from Dyspepsia," he writes, "my wife was greatly run down. She had no strength or vigor and suffered great distress from her stomach, but she tried Electric Bitters which helped her at once, and, after using four bottles, she is entirely well, can eat anything. It's a grand tonic, and its gentle laxative qualities are splendid for torpid liver." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach and liver troubles it's a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at Robt. A. Hart's.

Dissolution Notice.
 CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO, August 13, 1901.

The partnership heretofore existing between Ira Sanger and J. W. Prude, under firm name of Sanger & Prude, in this day mutually and agreeably dissolved, J. W. Prude retiring. Said Ira Sanger to collect all debts due said firm and pay all debts due by said firm.
 I. SANGER,
 J. W. PRUDE.

Their Secret is Out.
 All Sadleville, Ky., was curious to learn the cause of the vast improvement in the health of Mrs. S. P. Whittaker, who had for a long time, endured untold suffering from a chronic bronchial trouble. "It's all due to Dr. King's 'New Discovery,'" writes her husband. "It completely cured her and also cured our little grand-daughter of a severe attack of whooping cough." It positively cures coughs, colds, lagrippe, bronchitis, all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. A. Hart's drug store.

The railroad company has purchased the townsite of Santa Rosa, and will follow the same plan in regard to the saloons in that little city as they have in Alamogordo, that is, give the exclusive right to one man. Mr. Palf of El Paso has secured this right and some thirteen or fourteen saloons now in Santa Rosa will have to move outside of the town limits at least.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Purpose was to call the singers and others of Capitan and adjoining communities met at Capitan for the purpose of organizing a Singing Convention.

Body called to order by Prof. G. L. Bradford, acting chairman, at 11 a. m.

Opening song, J. T. Price, Prayer, Bro. Shely. J. T. Price appointed secretary pro tem.

The following committees were appointed and duly reported. Program committee: Miss Dona Lindsey, A. G. Burlingame and J. T. Price. Arrangement of singers and enrollment of names of leaders. Committee: Neil M. Price, Fred Dobbins and Miss Lula Hickman. Music—Led by A. G. Burlingame, J. T. Price and Will Rogers, with Miss Lula Hickman as organist.

Adjourned till 2 p. m. SUNDAY EVENING.

G. L. Bradford in the chair. Opening song, No. 356, S. L. Met.

Prayer, A. G. Burlingame. Four songs, led by J. T. Price, Miss Lula Hickman, organist.

Address by A. G. Burlingame. Song, "Childhood's Sweet Hours," J. T. Price.

Proceeded to organization. Motion prevailed, That we organize Lincoln County Singing Convention.

Election of officers to serve until organization is completed: J. T. Price, president; W. F. Moore, vice-president; G. L. Bradford, secretary.

Capitan was selected as next place of meeting. Time of meeting, Saturday night before and embracing the third Sunday of September, 1901.

Following committees were elected and appointed: Constitution and By-Laws: W. F. Moore, J. T. Price.

Committee on Text Books: Neil M. Price, Will Rogers, W. F. Moore.

Committee on Invitation—for purpose of drafting form of invitation, setting forth purposes of Convention, benefits to be derived therefrom, and cordially inviting all classes of the county to have a representation in our organization: J. T. Price, G. L. Bradford, Jessie Mundell, and Misses Beulah Gray and Dona Lindsey.

Duet, "Seek First the Kingdom of God," J. T. Price and A. G. Burlingame.

Prayer, M. F. Lindsey. Adjourned to meet at Capitan, N. M., Saturday evening, at 8 p. m. (Sept. 14th) and Sunday, (Sept. 15), 1901.

G. L. BRADFORD, Pres. J. T. PRICE, Secretary.

The laws of health require that the bowels move once each day and one of the penalties for violating this law is piles. Keep your bowels regular by taking a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when necessary and you will never have that severe punishment inflicted upon you. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Robt. Hart.

Don't be satisfied with temporary relief from indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure permanently and completely removes this complaint. It relieves permanently because it allows the tired stomach perfect rest. Dieting won't rest the stomach. Nature receives supplies from the food we eat. The sensible way to help the stomach is to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which digests what you eat and can't help but do you good. Robt. Hart.

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Dr. Ghett has a lot of all kinds of household furniture for sale and asks those wishing to purchase second-hand furniture of any kind to see him before buying.

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Have already become famous, although on railroad only since October 1st, 1899, and with its other great resources iron, coke, timber, precious metals, farming, grazing and its beautiful climate, recognized by the government in the establishing the United States Marine Hospital at Fort Stanton, five miles distant, must make Capitan one of the most important cities of the Southwest.

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THE CAPITAL

Capitan, - New Mexico

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The Normal Yell. Boma-lacka, Boma-lacka, How, wow, wow, Ching-a-lacka, Ching-a-lacka, Chow, chow, chow, Hot, cold, wet or dry, We are teachers from the C. N. I.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest to Residents of the Town and Neighborhood.

Mining location blanks for sale at Tax Proceass office.

A. L. Cummings this week received a fine set of furniture and a piano for his dwelling.

Reports from various parts of the county point to an unusually heavy potato crop this year.

E. B. Rutledge and H. C. Barnes returned to Capitan yesterday from an extensive trip over the Territory.

M. W. Murray has opened a meat market in the McReynolds building near the postoffice. See his ad. in this issue.

Take your laundry to W. H. Brewer, at saloon, and he will insure you nice clean clothes for Sunday. He sends laundry to El Paso every Tuesday morning.

S. T. Gray accompanied by D. J. M. A. Jewett left this week for points in the southern part of the territory to look at some mining prospect. Rumor has it that it is oil.

T. A. Walls of Waterloo, Iowa, arrived in Capitan this week to remain for some time. They are at present occupying the house formerly used by Joe Salmon as a restaurant.

Edwin Lutz, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lutz, of Lincoln, died last Friday morning after a short illness. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends throughout the county.

An unusually large number of traveling men have been in Capitan this week and all have secured good orders from the Capitan merchants. Capitan is getting to be a good trading point and the various wholesale houses are beginning to realize this.

A ball is to be given at Fort Stanton next Friday night, and the boys promise a good time to all who attend. The Fort boys do not give a dance very often, but they make up for it by giving a good one whenever they get a chance to trip the light fantastic toe.

Wm. Hockman, editor of the Waterloo (Iowa) Courier, is in Capitan at present, having come to this section to inspect some mining properties. Mr. Hockman, like everyone that comes to this section, thinks Lincoln county is a very promising mining district.

It is reported that W. M. Wither, who left in the early spring for a visit to his old home in Tennessee, will return to Capitan about September 20th. This will be good news to his many friends here, and it is to be hoped that on his return he will decide to remain here permanently.

Ice Cream every Sunday evening from 4:00 o'clock to 8 o'clock. Come and bring your friends, wives and sweethearts.

Fourth St. Horns. Mrs. H. A. Meers, Prop.

H. Moore of this place was called to the arms of the One who said "suffer little children to come unto me." The little one was sick but a few days previous to the end, but the disease was one that claims its victim quickly and although everything possible was done to avert the sad end, the little one's spirit took its flight. The bereaved family have the deep sympathy of the entire community in this their terrible affliction.

A party paid the much talked of Fort Stanton cave a visit last Tuesday night and explored it at some length. After much climbing, crawling, and slipping that spacious apartment known as the "Crystal Chamber" was reached where the crowd stopped to eat a lunch. After the lunch was disposed of and brief rest enjoyed the return trip was made with about the same experiences that were had on entering. The cave is certainly a wonder and anyone's time is well spent in visiting this great work of nature.

In the article in regard to the Institute on the third page no mention was made of the lecture by Professor Robinson, it having been unintentionally omitted. The Professor gave his lecture Wednesday night and the thoughts put forward were especially interesting to the teachers. His subject was "The Needs of the Rural Schools," and was an able discussion. The Professor has a free and easy manner of speech and a pleasing style of address, which coupled with his thorough knowledge of his subject made his lecture as entertaining as well as instructive. Everyone who heard Professor Robinson's lecture Wednesday night hope they may have another opportunity to hear him.

Mrs. S. H. Allport, Johnstown, Pa., says: "Our little girl almost strangled to death with croup. The doctors said she couldn't live but she was instantly relieved by One Minute Cough Cure. Robt. Hurt."

For Sale or Trade. Cooking stove and utensils, heating stove, bed-springs, mattress, cot, chairs, table, two rocking chairs, and other articles too numerous to mention. Inquire of SANGER & PATON.

Death of Mrs. F. H. Lea. Mrs. Susan C. Lea, beloved wife of Frank H. Lea, justice of the peace of this precinct, died at their home on Richardson avenue, between Second and Third streets, on Monday, August 12, 1901, at 6 a. m. Her health had been very poor for a long time, resulting in complications which refused to yield to treatment.

Susan C. Whetstone was born in Morehouse Parish, La., March 31, 1849. She was married to Frank H. Lea at the home of her parents in 1866. Surviving her are her husband and seven children—Joseph D. Lea of El Paso, Texas, Mrs. Lee L. Wells, of Henrietta, Texas, Mrs. Bert Rowland, of Capitan, N. M., and Mrs. M. D. Minter, Mrs. Lucius Dills, Mrs. W. T. Joyner and Mrs. V. R. Kenny, of Roowell.

Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday at 3 p. m. conducted by Rev. B. F. Wilson, pastor of the Christian church, of which deceased was a member. The attendance was very large, the family having lived in Rowwell for the past thirteen years and being well known to nearly everybody far and near. The interment took place in Southside cemetery.

Judge Lea and his family have the sympathy of the entire community in the sad loss of the loving wife and affectionate mother who has "entered into rest." Roowell Register.

W. A. Robinson, Capitan, Miss. A. U. and Mrs. Moore, Alto, Miss. Mrs. M. C. ... Miss Susan Callison, Tinsman; Miss Georgina Jackson, Estey City; Mrs. Lola Hellars, Miss Florence Wharton, Miss Mabel Walsh and Mrs. J. D. Bell, of White Oaks; Miss Marion Hall, Miss Irene Eggers and W. A. Robinson of Lincoln; Misses Edna E. and Jessie Lee Campbell of Carrizosa; W. E. Kimbrel, Picacho; Miss Lottie Sweet, Mesillo Park; Mrs. N. H. Arvizo, Three Rivers; J. V. Ormond, G. L. Bradford Misses Beulah Gray and Mary Steehan, of Capitan.

Wisconsin Green Peas, 10c can, at S. W. M. Co.

NOTES. Desiderio Gallego of Santa Fe was killed this week by a train.

A system of electric bells is being placed in the Normal school building at Silver City.

Captain F. L. Sanborn, one of Socorro county's most prominent citizens, died at Magdalena last week at the age of 80 years.

The reservoir of the Santa Fe Water company burst this week and did considerable damage to property in the Capitol city.

R. W. Hopkins this week assumed charge of the Albuquerque postoffice, vice J. R. Armijo, resigned.

Deming is at present on the eve of a great industrial boom, as the result of the Bisbee railroad entering there.

The old Catholic church at Mora, which was erected in 1848, is being torn down to make room for a new one which is to be erected.

El Paso, Las Cruces and Las Vegas people have incorporated the Consolidated Oil and Fuel company with a capital of \$100,000.00.

Mrs. Freeman was taken back to Socorro this week where she is wanted to answer the charge made against her by the Southern Pacific railway of stealing jewelry.

Someone has said "the way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach." This may be true. But no matter what tempting viands you set before him he will not enjoy them if he is constantly annoyed by those horrid flies. We will sell you a screen door complete, screens, hinges and all for \$1.75. Do you see the point? SOUTHWESTERN MERC. CO.

Fresh stock candy just received. The "School Ma'am's Delight" is something new. Try it. S. W. M. Co.

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Teachers Attention!

While you are in Capitan you are cordially invited to make our store your headquarters. We will take great pleasure in showing you through our store and giving you some idea of the vast increase in business at Capitan during the past year. You no doubt will be surprised to see so complete a stock as we carry in our two stores.

We are going to continue our Linen Suiting, Percalé and Dress Gingham Sale ONE WEEK, thus giving you all a chance in these wonderful bargains.

All 20 c goods one week for 17 1/2 c All 15 c goods one week for 12 1/2 c "No Trouble to Show Goods."

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice For Publication. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., July 18, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before E. W. Hulbert, U. S. Commissioner at Lincoln, N. M., on August 21, 1901, viz: Fred Hingston, Homestead Application No. 536, for the NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4 Sec 18 and NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, R. 15 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: Robert H. Bourne, of Nogal, N. M.; Cleveland O. Bourne, of Nogal, N. M.; William C. Lee, of Nogal, N. M.; Lat A. Stumser, of Nogal, N. M. HOWARD LINDMAN, Register.

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