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"I know thet," growled the soldler, doubtfully, "but thet thar kid is no good, an' I don't want my hoss all banged up just as we're goin' on ampaign. 'Tain't no sorter way ter blich 'em anyhow, to a picket rope; ruins more hosses than ther Rebs

This gave me inspiration, and before the speaker's sullen growl had wholly ceased I was again upon hands and knees, silently groping my way containing but a single room-probably a mere fisherman's shack, without windows, but possessing a door I crept within, where I felt somewhat safer from observation, and then peered warily forth into the darkness extending between it and the river. The picket-rope stretched from one corner of the hut, where it seemed to be secured around the end of a projecting log, out into the night, evidently finding its other terminus at a big tree whose spreading top I could dimly perceive shadowed against the sky. Along it were tethered the horses, a few impatiently champing their bits and pounding with their hoofs on the trampled ground, but the majority resting quietly, their heads hanging sleepily down. The one nearest me appeared a finely proportioned animal of a dark color, and was equipped with both saddle and bridle. Of the soldier in charge I could distinguish nothing-doubtless he was

lounging on his back, half asleep upon some soft patch of grass.

I turned when it sudderly occurred to me that the deserted hut might contain something I could use to advantage-a firearm, perhaps, or even a stray box of matches. I felt about me cautiously, creeping along the hard earthen floor until I had nearly reached the opposite entrance. The light from the fire without leaped up, and its glow revealed a saddle, with leather holster attached, hanging to a pall last within the doorway. Moving noiselessly I managed to extract a revolver, but could discover no cart-

I was yet fumbling in the holster pocket when the lieutenant rose from his seat without, knocked the ashes from his pipe, yawned sleepily, standing directly between me and the fire. and then, turning sharply, walked slowly into the open door of the hut. I sprang to my feet, or he would certainly have stepped upon me, and before he could realize the situation I had him by the collar, with the cold muzzle of my stolen revolver pressed hard against his cheek.

"A single word or sound, and I Bre!" I said sternly.

I have no recollection of ever seelanded, and I doubt if he could have made utterance even had he dared.

"Come in a little farther," I commanded. "Now look here, Lieutenant, you do exactly as I tell you and you will get out of this affair with a whole skin; otherwise-well, I'm playing this game to the limit. Now answer me: How many men have you mounted this side the ford?"

He glared at me sullenly, and I drew back the hammer with an ominous click, eyeing him flercely.

"Well," I said shortly, "do you choose to answer, or die?"

"Two." "On the other bank?"

"None." "Lieutenant," I said, speaking low, but in a tone which left no doubt as to my exact meaning. "I am an escaped prisoner, and shall not hesitate to kill rather than be recaptured. It is your life or mine tonight, and I naturally prefer my own; but I'll give you one chance, and only one-obey my orders and I will leave you here unhurt; alsobey, and your life is not worth the snap of a finger. Move back now untill you face the door, and don't forget my pistol is within an inch of your ear, and this is a hair trigger. What

"Handley." "Order him to take ten men on foot one hundred yards west on the pike, and wait further orders."

is your sergeant's name?"

"Handley," he called out, his voice so choked with rage as to make me how extremely vigilant were the Fedfearful it might arouse suspicion, eral guards. To one unacquainted as "take ten men on foot to the cross he was with military customs it would roads, and wait there until you hear prove impossible to penetrate their

I could plainly note the dark shad upon my getting through in safety. ows of the fellows as they filed out. Then my thoughts drifted to the How many remain there now?"

"Any non-com. among them?" "A corporal."

the cross-roads." "Jones," he called out huskily.

road." their way through the bushes, until of soldierly honor, I resolved that I



"A Single Word or Sound, and I Fire."

along the bank toward the rear of the shed. I reached out into the darkness, risk everything if he may only bring Leod & Dennis. hut. It proved to be a tiny structure, but without turning my face away me back dead or alive." from him, and silently severed the picket-rope, retaining the loosened stant from my dreaming, and I nings; Mark Reynolds and L. W. Mcend in my grasp. It was so intensely spurred my horse furiously, glancing Lemore. at either end. Meeting no opposition dark where we stood that I slipped the pistol unobserved into my belt.

"Face to the rear," I said sternly.

sprang backward, and shut the door. jure out of the weary black I bestrode, A. S. Merrimon; Lee & Moise. back of the black, and had flung the closer upon me came rushing down next horse in line. There was a rush hard path. Heavens! how like a very of feet, a sharp snapping of cords, a demon the man rode! As a trooper I wild scurrying through the bushes, as could not withhold admiration from twenty frightened horses stampeded the reckless audacity with which the up the bank, and then, lying face vengeful fellow bore down upon me. Coy. Lee & Moise; L. D. Jennings. down over the saddle pommel, twent In spite of my utmost efforts it althe startled black crashing down into most seemed as if we were standing the shallows of the ford. The fellow still. Surely nothing less than hate, vator Co. L. D. Jennings; Ragsdale on guard tried his best to stop us, and a thirst for vengeance bitter as & Whiting. but we were past him like the wind. death, implacable as fate, could ride He did not fire, and doubtless in the like that through the black night on darkness saw merely a stray horse the track of a hunted man! broken from the picket-rope. The other fellow took one swift shot, but it lines new as he rose on an eminence

the enraged lieutenant damning in the against the sky, like those giant Clifton. distance. Then with a rush we went steeds that snorted fire in my child's up the steep bank on the eastern picture-books at home, and then, with 33. J. R. Bracey vs. Southern Rail-

CHAPTER XX.

A Demon on Horseback. mine, and with the exultation of a and crushed me. Riding my best, Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore. foreign market. The problem of he expects it to be a most enjoyable stacles and peril, I nearly forgot for service, I swung my body sideways,

the moment the heart tragedy left be- bracing myself firmly in the deep sad- Coast Line Railroad Co. Lee & Moise; ceded to the exclusion of her labor- trip will last about two months. the keen night air sweeping past me, mer came down with a dull, dead the fresh sense of freedom and power click, the revolver was chargless, and engendered by that reckless dash with an exclamation of baffled rage through the darkness, all conspired to I hurled the useless weapon full at C. Haynsworth, John H. Clifton, L. D. charged from the volunteer armies, efforts put forth looking to the buildrender me neglectful of everything the advancing brute. Almost at the Jennings, C. L. Cuttino. save the joy of present victory. The instant we struck, my horse went 40. C. D. Waldrop vs. C. M. Eman-companies were only too eager to have at last met with assured success. spirit of wild adventure was in my down with the impetus, while over uel, Administrator. W. M. Gordon; transport them across the Pacific, and The secretary of the Chamber of

tense blackness behind, and I knew ing a complete somersault, the rider the widely scattered patrol were send- falling so close that I was upon him ing chance shots across the stream. almost as soon as he struck the Railway Company. L. D. Jennings; Thus arose the new situation. A clang of hoofs rang out upon the ground. rocks, but I could distinguish nothing indicating a large pursuing party ing any one more completely as at the ford, with possibly others foltounded. He gasped like a fish newly lowing when they caught their strayed horses. I had little to fear from such half-hearted pursuit as this was sure to be. The swift, powerful stride of the animal I rode assured me that I was not ill mounted, and there was small chance of contact with Federal outriders before I should reach the protecting picket lines of our own army. I laughed grimly as I leaned slightly back in saddle and listened; it was like a play, so swift and exciting had been the passing events, so unexpected their ending. I wondered what plausible story the dis- NASHVILLE, TENN.-And return, 46. Jefferson James vs. Atlantic Europe, and the average American stitution Hotel Melrose, and it is quite comfited lieutenant would concoct to account for his predicament, and whether the others had yet missed me back at the Mansion House.

The stars appeared to be paling somewhat down in the east, for the ing the horizon. I glanced at my watch, venturing to strike a match for the purpose, and found the hour after three o'clock. Early, I knew. was at Sowder Church, and his advance cavalry pickets ought to be as far west as the Warrentown road. The distance between, by hard riding, might be covered in three hours. My horse seemed fresh, his breath came naturally and without effort, and I pressed him along rapidly, for my whole ambition now centred upon bringing the information I possessed within our own lines. Bungay, beyond doubt, had been recaptured long lines; hence, everything must depend

past the fire, but I never ventured to one I had left in such serious predicatake eye or gun off the man I watched. ment. If I had loved her before, I loved her doubly now, for she had proven herself a woman among wom-write, en in time of danger and trial. How clearly her face, with those dark "Have him take them all south on sweet eyes and the wealth of crowning hair, rose before me, while word Or T. C. White, G. P. A., by word I reviewed all that had passed Wilmington, N. C.

between us, dwelling upon each look "Take what men you have left a or accent that could evince her poshundred yards south on the cross- sible interest in me. Then reason re- For the Court of Common Pleas, Sum- Casualty Co. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Wm. H. Cobb Talks Entertainingly of turned to my aid, and resolutely, de-We could hear them crunching terminedly, inspired by every instinct the sound finally died out in the dis- would put her from my thoughts forever. She was not mine either to love We moved back slowly, step by step, Even to dream of her, to cherish her pared the following roster of cases to Lemore. until we came to the rear door of the in memory while she remained the be tried at the Summer term of Resolved, That no cause shall lose Daily Item, "that I have just signed a wife of another, was but an affront to Court: her purity and womanhood. I would prove myself a man entitled to her and corps; if ever again my name chanced to find mention in her pres. Haynsworth; John H. Clifton.

I was musing thus, lulled by the Geo. D. Levy; L. E. Wood. steady lope of my horse, and totally 12. Hercules Maples vs. Katie when clear upon my ears, instantly John H. Clifton. there rang through the night silence Son. Lee & Moise; L. D. Jennings. the sharp clang of iron on the road behind me. All sound of pursuit had long since died away, and I supposed tern Railroad Co. of South Carolina. the effort to recapture me had been L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise. night, was pressing hot upon my trail.

"The lieutenant," I thought, "the lieutenant, burning with anger at the trick played upon him, has pushed far L. D. Jennings; John H. Clifton. ahead of his troop, doubtless mounted upon a better horse, determined to Insurance Co. John H. Clifton; Mc-

anxiously backward as I rode, but unable through that dense gloom to distinguish the form of my pursuer. Yet As he turned to obey this order, the fellow was coming coming faster L. Smith. with quick movement I tripped him, than any speed I could possibly con-In a single bound I was upon the either by whip or spur. Closer and

went wild, and I heard the voice of in my rear, his horse looming dark toward me. In sheer desperation I glanced on either side, seeking some avenue of escape, but the high banks were unscalable; my sole remaining I felt positively happy then. The hope lay in a shot which should drop us both, as if shot from a cannon, L. D. Jennings. A dozen spits of fire cleaved the in- plunged our pursuer, his horse turn-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Low Round Trip Rates to The L. W. McLemore. Points Named Below.

\$10.30, Account of Summer Lemore. School of the South, June 24th to limit fifteen days after date of sale Lyles & Lyles, Mark Reynolds. the Ticket Agent at Knoxville.

25, 1913. Tickets on sale June 19, Lemore. 20, and 21, 1913, with final limit July 3rd, 1913.

turn, \$7.25. Account of Laymens' Mark Reynolds, L. W. McLemore. June 25th to July 10th. Tickets on McElveen. McLeod & Dennis; John sale June 23 to 28th, 1913, with H. Clifton. final limit July 13th.

TUSKEGEE, ALA-And return, Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings; \$17.40. Account of Summer School Mark Reynolds, L. W. McLemore. Tuskegee Institute, June 23 to July

ASHLAND, VA., AND CHARLOTTES- Lemore. VILLE, VA-\$11.90, Account of 51, Martha Ballard, et al. vs. Ata fee of \$1.00, which then the limit can be extended to and Septem- 53. Bank of Lynchburg vs. E. E. Greenville News.

ROSTER OF CASES.

ter County, Summer Term, 1913.

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH.

18. A. G. Myrant vs. North Wes-

abandoned. But there was no mis- 19. Birnie Fay vs. Atlantic Coast First National Bank of Sumter have now were as bright as could be, in taking now-at least one horseman, Line Railroad Co.-L. D. Jennings; offered a prize of \$50.00 to the first his opinion. He said that improveriding recklessly through the black Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore, group of five schools in Sumter Coun- ments in the entire South had been TUESDAY, JULY 1ST.

> 26. A. D. Harby vs. W. B. Boyle. 22. Louisa Ard vs. North State Life ing and bench work.

24. Alme Holliday vs. Atlantic This thought awoke me in an in- Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jen-

> 25. Louisa S. Manning vs. Francis M. Moseley, et al. L. D. Jennings; M.

27. John Haritos vs. A. Macheras. WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND.

severed rope's end at the flank of the that pounding of iron hoofs on the Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings and John H. Clifton; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

> 29. J. W. McCoy, Jr., vs. J. W. Mc-THURSDAY, JULY 3RD.

30. L. H. Lee vs. Kalamazoo Culti-

31. A. L. Lesesne vs. Northwestern Railroad Company of South Carolina, I was able to trace dimly his out. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

32. Sumter Grocery Company vs.

MONDAY, JULY 7TH.

shore, and I sat upright in the saddle increasingly louder thunder of hoof- way Co. L. D. Jennings; E. M. ficulties that arise out of labor con- which is one of the largest conven-

L. T. & T. L. Northcutt. Lee & tion against Chinese labor in Califor- nation known to Christianity being Moise; McLaughlin & Smith.

thrill of successful achievement was that crazed brute before he struck Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings; practically no Japanese labor in the Witherspoon by the Inter-Church and TUESDAY, JULY 8TH.

Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore. ers. After the war with Russia, the & Co. McLaughlin & Smith; Hugh ficult, and thousands of men, dis- Darlington, June 13 .- The untiring

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH. E. M. Thompson.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Com- to fields of profitable employment. with at least \$5,000 more in sight. -probably the two who were mounted The Atlantic Coast Line Offers Very pany. J. H. Clifton; Mark Reynolds, Hundreds of thousands of laborers This will give the town a \$65,000

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH.

22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th, July Line Railroad Company and Southern to be checked. But the movement of buildings. The new hotel will be a 5, 6, 12, and 19, 1913, with final Express Co. Best and L. Meddlin; Japanese to our Coast States, though great asset, and will supply the lack

a fee of \$1.00 and depositing with ern Railway Co. Lee & Moise; E. M. there is a wide difference between the of the town. Thompson.

\$16.80. Account of World-wide Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jen- population of our Middle West or probable that the new building will Baraca-Philathea Union, June 21- nings; Mark Reynolds, L. W. Me- South. The children of these people, occupy the handsome lot on Orange

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH.

47. Melton Lowry vs. Atlantic Coast coming day-dawn was already whiten- WAYNESVILLE, N. C.-And re- Line Railroad Co. F. A. McLeod; Missionary M. E. Church, South, 48. Stern Trading Co., vs. J. K.

49. Frank Covert vs. Atlantic Coast

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH. 18. Tickets on sale June 20, 21 50, Polly Nesbitt vs. Atlantic Coast and 22, 1913, with final limti July Line Railroad Co., et al. L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds and L. W. Mc-

Summer School, University of Virlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. In a New England court a woman At the door the guests were met by

by depositing with ticket agent at nings; Mark Reynolds, L. W. Mc- must be New York, as we know of rott, Mrs. Junius Parrott and Mrs.

MONDAY, JULY 14TH. Spann, et al. Lee & Moise; A. B.

Lee & Moise .

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH.

56. S. M. Broom vs. Continental

57. Sallie Jackson, Administrator The Sumter Bar Association met at vs. Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic "I like the business outlook of the office of the Clerk of Court un- Coast Line Railroad Company. John Sumter so well," said Wm. H. Cobb, "Now, Lieutenant, you come with or possess, unless the uncertain fate der the call of Chairman R. D. Lee, J. Earle and E. J. Best; Lyles & 10 cent store magnate, who operates a me-softly, and keep your distance." of war should chance to set her free. Esq., on June 16th, 1913, and pre- Lyles; Mark Reynolds and L. W. Mc- chain of stores in the South, in answer

its position on the calendar by rea. new lease on this property with Mr. son of the same not being reached Geo. D. Shore for five years, and will respect, a soldier worthy my service Co., vs. Wells and Edens—Hugh C. signed, but such cause shall stand in ness in Sumter than heretofore." 1. Sumter Banking and Mercantile and called for trial on the day as- conduct, if anything, a greater busiregular order to be called for trial "Sumter has made wonderful ence it should be spoken with honor. 3. Ipp Cacloudis vs. John Haritos, when the same is reached in due strides in the past few years," said Mr.

awakening me from such reverie, 16. Stokes vs. A. A. Sprunt & Prize of Fifty Dollars Offered by which we operate 5 and 10 cent First National Bank to Enterpris- stores?" ing Schools.

> ty which raise \$100 each in order made so rapidly in the past decade, to secure the services of a traveling he could hardly realize that only ten teacher of cooking, sewing, garden- years ago horse cars and darkened

> Miss Mary E. Frayser of Newberry the size of Columbia at that time. College, in charge of extension work Mr. Cobb has been in Sumter for the in Home Economics has advocated past day or two arranging for the rethis measure in Sumter County and newal of the lease on his store and elsewhre in South Carolina. J. Her- looking to the installation of a new bert Haynsworth, Superintendent of manager to succeed Mr. E. C. Lord, Education in this county heartily ap- who severs his connection shortly proves the plan and believes it will with this firm to take another posibe adopted by one or more groups of tion in Sumter.

> The offer of the First National Bank is a generous one. It proves that the officers of that institution are abreast Carl A. Witherspoon Leaves for Natof the modern conception of education and put a premium on efficiency. It is a practical measure for making the boys and girls of today the better the past year has been assistant secfarmer and homemaker of tomor- retary of the Sumter Y. M. C. A., but

the prize is the question.

California and the Japanese.

nia had come at a period, some forty present. 35. T. O. Osteen vs. Atlantic Coast years or more ago, when there was The trip is made possible for Mr. Chinese immigration was frankly set- one. While he will be at the Sunday 38. Terry & Terry vs. Atlantic tled by treaties, in which China ac- School Convention only ten days, his 39. E. W. Dabbs vs. C. Valter Betts industrial situation in Japan was dif- DARLINGTON WANTS HOTEL.

43. George M. Sanders vs. Atlantic to the eastern part of the United part of the State. guages, lose every particle of inter- lie square, and on which the old postest in the country where their par- office stood for years. ents were born, and become as completely American, so far as their own can Review of Reviews for June.

ginia, June 24, August 7, 1913. Jennings; Mark Reynolds, L. W. Mc- is asking \$78,000 per annum ali- Miss Lola Brown, who ushered them mony, saying that such an amount is into the parlor, where Miss Mabel 1913, with final limt fifteen days 52. Abraham Jones vs. Atlantic necessary to maintain her in her Parrott introduced them to those in from date of sale unless extended Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jen- station. The station referred to the receiving line, Mrs. Lauren I. Parno other place which would require Van Cleve Parrott. even approximately that much.- Misses Mabel Booth and Alice Dix-

54. C. S. Kingsmore vs. H. L. Bir- lows a peeved governor to appoint a Minnie Blanding and Katherine Flow-ORVILLE V. PLAYER, chard. H. D. Moise; L. D. Jennings, constable at a big salary every time ers served refreshments, Ticket Agent, Sumter, S. C. 55. Southern Cotton Oil Co. vs. R. his nigger hireling is fined for speed. The house was prettily decorated C. Wacter, et al. L. D. Jennings, ing, and then brag about it .- Ex- for the occasion, which was most change.

10 CENT STORE MAGNATE HERE.

Development of Sumter and South Generally.

to a question put by a reporter of The

Cobb, further, "and the volume of business done by us here has increasinsensible to any possibility of peril, Spencer. M. W. Seabrook, H. Harby; WHAT SCHOOLS WANT MONEY? ed just as much in proportion as in any of the seven Southern cities in

Mr. Cobb talked very entertainingly of the rapid growth of the South gen-The President and directors of the erally, and said that the prospects streets greeted the visitor to a city

BOUND FOR EUROPE.

ional Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Carl A. Witherspoon, who for who resigned June first to accept a Which group of schools will secure position as circulation manager of the Inter-Church, a non-denominational religious magazine published weekly at Clinton, S. C., by the Inter-Church Publishing Company, left here Satur-Japanese statesmen understand day for Boston, Mass., from which very well the situation on the Pacific place he will sail for Liverpool, on coast of the United States. They know his way to the National Sunday School Alfred Owen. Lee & Moise; John H. that it is the aim of the people of convention at Zurich, Switzerland. California and adjacent States to build Mr. Witherspoon is one of twelve perup a homogeneous American civiliza- sons from this State to attend the flicts between races having wholly dif- tions of any kind held in the world, 34. Standard Supply Company vs. ferent standards. The great agita- representatives of practically every

were out of work. The steamship ing for Darlington of a modern hotel employers all along the western coast Commerce, J. E. Norment, has been of America found them available by busily engaged in pushing forward 41. Mary Murry, et al vs. Southern reason of their skill and reliability, this movement for the past few months, and when seen today said In these days of cheap ocean trans- that he had already in hand in sub-42. A. W. Davis, Administrator vs. portation, surplus labor readily moves scriptions to the capital stock \$60,000, are constantly crossing the Atlantic building, and second to none in this

Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jen- States, returning to Europe from time | The new hotel will fill a long felt KNOXVILLE, TENN-And return, nings; Mark Reynolds, L. W. Mc to time with their earnings. It is a need of the town. It has been often widely current opinion among those remarked that in this particular alone who have studied the question, that is Darlington not far ahead of other August 1st. Dates of sale June 44. Ed. Neal vs. Seaboard Air this vast migration from Europe ought towns its size in the matter of public relatively very small, differs not only heretofore so keenly felt by men who unless extended by the payment of 45. F. Levi and L. Levi vs. South- in degree but somewhat in kind. Thus are always interested in the welfare

> poorer class of laborers from eastern It is proposed to name the new inhowever, wholly drop their native lan- street where it comes into the pub-

> > Reception to Two Brides.

national self-consciousness is concern- One of the very large and interested, as if their ancestors had settled ing social events of the past week was at Jamestown or Plymouth in the the reception to Mrs. Junius Parrott early days. It may prove, in the fu- and to Mrs. Van Cleve A. Parrott, two ture, that we shall also assimilate in young ladies brought to Sumter as like fashion some of the immigrants brides during the spring by two of who have come to our shores from Ja- Sumter's popular young business men, pan. But nothing of this kind is in given by Mrs. Lauren I. Parrott at her prospect at present. The exceptions home on Haskell street. During the are too few to be noted .- From The afternoon a large number of guests Progress of the World," in the Americalled and met the two young brides, giving them a glad welcome to the

on served delightful punch to the For further information call on or Stuckey and M. W. Seabrook. It is a mighty poor law that alling room Misses Hassie Parrott,

heartily enjoyed.