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Secret of Browning's Optimism.

In many ways Browning is the wonder of nineteenth century literature. He spent a large part of his life analyzing and describing villains, yet remained an optimist. It is easy for the idealist who sits far away upon the hills gazing upon the heavenly patterns of humanity to preserve his optimism transparent and without blemish. He, by selection of his facts, sees only what is fair, sips only what is sweet. The marvel of Browning is that he saw everything, every type of degeneracy and wickedness, yet won from each sight a more triumphant idealism. His realism was as naked and uncompromising as that of any dramatist of his age, yet his grasp of facts never shook his certainty that "All's well with the world," "The best is yet to be." It is this blending of realism and optimism that makes Browning a perennial inspiration and delight.

Without question, optimism is one of the chiefest powers on earth. It brings joy, inspiration, and overabounding energy. It strengthens the will to triumphant achievement. It makes the soul almost invincible. We sometimes call optimists crazy, but it is they who move the world. How can a man acquire this power, to see the sunshine through the cloud, win it and yet, with Browning, never wince before the facts?

With a little analysis his secret becomes clear as the summer morning. Optimism rests upon visions. That is why practical men sometimes say it belongs to dreamland. Browning reversed the practical judgment completely. He had visions when, with Abt Vogler, "Earth had attained to Heaven, there was no more near nor far." He knew perfect moments in which like Paul he was caught up into heaven. The striking thing is that, realist though he was, he believed his visions. Ten years, too, had moments when, in the words of King Arthur, "This earth he walks on seems no earth."

That light that strikes his eyeball is not light. This air that smites his forehead is not air.

That vision—yea, his very hand and foot—

In moments when he feels he cannot die.

And knows himself no vision to himself.

Nor the high God a vision.

Browning, with the venturesomeness of the strong man, dared to believe. To him those spiritual glimpses of the future perfection were no creation of his own soul. To Browning these sublime moments of transcended vision are celestial patterns which we are to work into fabric of our character.

Special Sermons.

Rev. Philip F. King, pastor of the Christian Church, will preach the first of two sermons on the "Prophetic Son," Sunday night at 6:45. The first sermon tells of the younger son in leaving home.

Soldiers are especially invited.

You have all heard of the Piggy-Wigleys Cash Stores. Our Cash and Carry prices are the same in all departments. Murphy-Walker Co.

Interesting Instructions Started.

Last Sunday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church the Rev. Clarence S. McClellan, Jr., the Rector of the church, started a regular and systematic course of instructions concerning "The Episcopal Church, Its History, Usages, Ritual, Services and Teachings." The Doctor's subject was "The Episcopal Church and the People." He showed how great an influence the Episcopal Church has had since the days of the Apostles and what a marked influence on the race the Book of Common Prayer has had. He pointed out the fact that the Episcopal Church, by its Altar, Sanctuary, Chancel and Nave, with their particular symbols and furnishings (most of which those outside the church know nothing) are silent teachers of great spiritual truths.

"The Church places the Altar in the center and on it the Cross of Jesus Christ. This is the main and central fact of all church life. The pulpit, where man preaches and the Lectern, where man reads are moved to the side. Jesus Christ, not man, is the center of our thoughts."

Again during his remarks, the Doctor said: "There is a vast deal of misunderstanding among many folk concerning our church. They say we have our services in Latin, that we are just like the Roman Catholic church, that we are very formal and our attitude towards the world very dangerous. All of these are merely the ignorant statements of people who are prejudiced or who have never informed themselves about that which they speak. Ignorance, not truth, harms churches. People tell me that Henry VIII started our church. How delightful! And how sweet is the sublime lack of facts with which some pride themselves. That of Aries in 314 A. D. and the Aetna Charta of 1215 some years before the gay old English King? Let us look facts, not fancies, in the face. Where ignorance is bliss, get wise."

Next Sunday Dr. McClellan will discuss, "The Episcopal Church, not a Cold Storage Plant, but a Democratic Church."

Services in Charge of Ladies.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church will have charge of the services at the eleven o'clock hour next Sunday, January 19. This is an annual event, observed by the church throughout the land.

The women have prepared an interesting program, to which all are invited, especially the women of the church. In addition, there will be some special music which will be worth while.

The services begin at 11 o'clock.

Christian Endeavors Entertain.

A very enjoyable social event was that of the Christian Endeavor party last Friday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. King.

Many members and friends of the Society were present, and every minute was joy for the participants of the contests and games. It was a social of the informal sort, with every one at home, and every one present entertainers. The good time ended about 11 o'clock, after delicious refreshments had been served.

Red Cross Activities.

Word has been received from headquarters ordering that no more yarn be given out for knitting. The articles now being made are to be finished but no more started. This ought to release many from knitting to help with the sewing. A letter was also received from the lady in charge of the department of production asking that work be rushed on the sewing for the war zone refugees. This work should be gotten out and hurried over seas now while the need for warm clothing is so great. There is a vast amount of goods to be made up now at the Red Cross Rooms and Mrs. Jordan urges that as many ladies as possible come and help put the job over.

The Red Cross hopes to publish next week a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements.

Newspaper Game Improving.

After suspension of many months, the Fort Davis Post is to be revived, the first issue to appear Thursday, January 24th.

The management consists of old-time newspaper men and printers of the first class; men who have made good in other towns and will do likewise at Fort Davis.

With W. H. Kelley as manager, J. H. Phillips as editor and L. G. Phillips as assistant editor, the Fort Davis Post is destined to become a factor in this section, and the people of Fort Davis are to be congratulated upon the advent of these gentlemen in their midst.

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You are the same as a Chinaman unless you pay your Poll Tax. Don't be a Chinaman. Be prepared for any emergency.

French Captain Visits Big Bend.

Marfa and one or two of the river stations were fortunate in having a visit recently from Captain Jean A. Picard of the French Army.

At the outbreak of the war, Captain Picard was a Reserve Corps Captain of Infantry, in business in New York City. He reported at the mobilization of the French Army in 1914, and was in the first battle of the Marne. He states that for some eighteen days his company marched twenty miles a day in the retreat of the French Army previous to the time General Joffre turned and defeated the German forces. He was severely wounded in the Autumn of 1914, but partially recovered and returned to active duty, serving two and a half years in the front line trenches. His wound then caused him so much physical disability that he was retired from active service, and sent by the French Government to the United States, where he has been lecturing.

He was made Supervising Inspector of the Y. M. C. A., and is particularly interested in seeing that discharged soldiers return to civil life better citizens, if possible, than when they came into the Army.

In this connection, if any officers or men desire any books along technical or educational lines, no matter what it may be, if request is made to the Y. M. C. A., the book will be obtained. This will permit men to be preparing themselves for better civil positions by increasing their "Mental equipment."

Captain Picard has an idea about the "Gold Chevrons" that particularly appeals to those on duty here. He would give the Gold Service Chevrons to those actually in the first line trenches or active service in France, and to those on active actual Border Patrol duty. He thoroughly appreciates the arduous and necessary duty our troops are performing throughout the District, particularly at the River Stations.

He gave a very interesting talk to the officer at Marfa, on Sunday, and visited Candelaria and Ruidosa on Monday. He had a fine opportunity to see some of the Big Bend Country and seemed greatly pleased with his visit. Due to a mishap to his automobile, he had to walk fourteen miles in the middle of the night, but even with this experience, he thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

The Rural Press as an Advertising Medium.

It is gratifying to note that the rural press is at last coming into its own as an advertising medium. In recent stock selling campaigns the oil companies have liberally patronized the country newspapers and the results have been most gratifying.

The Texas farmer is in a prosperous condition and he is a prospective investor in any meritorious enterprise. A sure way to reach him is through the local paper. It is his main source of information and he reads it from cover to cover.

The advertising departments of the oil concerns are to be commended for their enterprise in utilizing this powerful advertising medium.

Let your dollars do your sympathizing for the Armenians and Syrians February 3-10.

Big Bend Minstrels Thursday.

Fifty experienced footlight performers, aided by a full brass band and a fifteen-piece orchestra will, if all reports are true, put on one of the greatest minstrel revues that has ever been produced in the Big Bend District.

Advance reports are to the effect that although it is expected to consist of the regular old-time black face minstrels, it nevertheless numbers some very original and entertaining variety numbers on the program.

Materials, costumes and orchestration have been obtained at considerable expense, from Chicago. The pick of performer from Marfa and the river stations, in fact from the entire Big Bend District, were selected to put over the program. The directors have been working on it for some time and they assure us that it is to be far above the average performance of this kind.

The show is to be put on Thursday night, for civilians only; and on Friday night for soldiers only. On the Monday following, it goes to Alpine for a performance. It is the intention of the directors to show also in Del Rio and Eagle Pass, and on the return trip make El Paso.

The tickets are now on sale at Anderson's Jewelry Store and they are so arranged that each ticket sold calls for a particular seat, thus avoiding the confusion that has sometimes existed heretofore.

Reliable sources express the opinion that the Marfa Opera House will assuredly be backed on both nights.

Methodist Church Notes.

The Methodist Church of Marfa is to be treated to a very unusual program January 24, 25 and 26. There is to be a district meeting here of the Centenary Movement. The pastors and delegates from Fort Davis, Alpine, Fort Stockton, and other points are expected to be here. There will be several prominent visitors on the program; Rev. J. C. Jones, Presiding Elder of the Albuquerque District, Rev. J. B. Cochran, of Roswell, both of these ministers are well known in Marfa. There will also be present Rev. C. K. Campbell and Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker of El Paso. We are expecting for the Sunday services, Dr. Goddard, Home Mission Secretary, of Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Ayers of El Paso and Mrs. Derrick of Alpine are to represent the ladies on the program.

The Centenary will be discussed fully but there will be much said about mission work in general and many fields in particular. There will be some very interesting surveys given of the different fields. The men who will handle these subjects are specialists in their line and will make very interesting addresses. It is not known yet whether the first service will be Friday morning or evening; more definite announcement will be made later.

It is hoped that all church going people of Marfa will avail themselves of this feast of good things for all interested in the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom.

Ladies, pay your Poll Tax before February 1st! You can never tell what may come up during the present year that will require your vote.

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W. S. S. Sold at Post Office

The Postoffice at Marfa is one of the biggest and busiest second class postoffices in the United States. Besides other duties imposed upon the over-crowded and over-worked force, the office has succeeded in selling \$34,618.96 worth of War Savings Stamps.

Speaking of the over-crowded condition of the postoffice, in the opinion of the New Era, something should be done to bring about better condition, both for the convenience of the public and work of the force in the office.

When a patron of the office has to call at the General Delivery window for his mail, and then wants to purchase a money order, he is compelled to back out of the office and turn around; and in doing so he frequently changes his mind in regard to the money order and goes to the depot for an Express money order. On the other hand, there are many applications on file for boxes which Mr. Greenwood is unable to supply on account of lack of space.

Isn't it possible for the citizens to register a complaint with the proper authorities and secure relief?
It's worth trying at any rate.

—OXO—
Conservation is Necessary to the Development of State.

Texas has greater natural resources than any other two states in the Union. Hence, she has double need of conservation. These resources are just on the eve of development. If our people are to reap the full fruits of that development, they must conserve their watchword.

Irrigation, made possible by the conservation of flood waters, will make West Texas a vast garden before many years have passed. An era of general development is upon us. Capital is ready for these projects, but the farmer must do his part. In the short time since the signing of the armistice half a dozen new irrigation projects have been started in Texas and half a dozen old ones revived.

Groups of farmers, who own the land to be benefitted, have taken the lead. Where this is done, any outside capital that is necessary will be forthcoming. If five-dollar land can be made worth fifty dollars an acre by spending fifteen dollars an acre in getting water onto it, there is money in the venture and capital will be quick to see it.

—OXO—
MY CREED.

I would be true, for there are those that trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
I would be friend of all the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I have my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh and love and lift.

—Anonymous.

—OXO—
Commissioners in Extra Session.

Something must be done! The County funds show a deficit! How is it to be remedied? That is the all-important question that confronts the Commissioners at the present time, and on next Wednesday, the 22nd, they are going into extra session for the purpose of discussing, and if possible, devising means to eliminate the deficit.

The task before the Commissioners is no small one, but they have the confidence of the people and will be aided in every way possible.

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LOOKING BACKWARD.

Old Locals Taken From the New Era of March, 1899.

John Mulhern of Shafter, was up a few days last week.
D. P. McKay returned Wednesday from a visit to Austin.

The Marfa Tennis Club has reorganized and fixed up their court. Charley Smith and J. F. Wilmoth of Shafter, have been in town this week on business.

Mr. D. Merrill of Fort Davis, who has been visiting in Illinois, arrived in Marfa Tuesday morning.

Mr. M. Kirby is having a five room dwelling erected on his property west of Prof. Johnson's.

Judge Weatherby and wife of Fort Davis, were over this week stopping with Sam Neil and family.

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Locals and Personals

Miss Willie May Poer of San Antonio, is here this week visiting with homefolks.

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L. G. Phillips, assistant editor of the Fort Davis Post, was in the city Thursday of this week.

FOR SALE—From 50 to 150 high grade Angora goats, No old ones. For prices write Lee Means, Valentine, Texas.

Poll Taxes are due now! Don't put it off too long.

Miss Pearl Bailey is again at home after several weeks visiting with friends and relatives in other parts of the State.

Mr. J. W. Woodson, a prominent attorney of El Paso, is in the city this week in the interest of the Jas. Normand Estate.

FOR SALE—On account of being transferred to another field, we will sell all of our sewing machines at cost; also two Edison Moving Picture machines and a lot of moving pictures; one Maxwell touring car and a Ford truck. Call Singer Sewing Machine Agent, Block east of the Court House.

Private William Gilbert and Miss Bernice Henderson were united in marriage Tuesday morning at the Methodist Parsonage, Rev. D. Macneine officiating. Miss Henderson came down from her home in Illinois for this important event. Mr. Gilbert also hails from Illinois. He is attached to the O. M. Corps of Marfa.

Dr. McClellan of the Episcopal Church spoke at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday evening. His subject was "Putting on Christ." During this past week the doctor was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gillett of Marfa. At both places services were conducted and large congregations present. Later in the week Dr. McClellan visited Sanderson and conducted the services there and visited the school. Next week he will be in Marathon and Alpine.

O. M. Bunto was in from his ranch this week.

J. D. Buntion went to El Paso this week on business and pleasure.

P. D. Anderson was up from Presidio this week on business.

Richard Battle is here on a ten days furlough from Maize Island.

Mr. J. F. Tigner is again on the streets after a several days illness.

Miss Anita McElrath left here last week for Midland, Texas, to attend school.

W. J. Yates of Alpine is here this week visiting his sister Mrs. J. T. Bristow.

C. A. Brown, of Alpine, president of the Marfa National Bank, is in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Embry are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby girl at their house.

Mr. Jim Casner of the firm of Casner Brothers, was up from his home at Alpine this week.

Lieut. F. T. Turner has returned from a visit to Michigan and was accompanied home by his bride.

Capt. M. D. Bounds, former assistant cashier of the Marfa National Bank is here from his home in El Paso this week.

A. A. Fisk and J. E. Audrey, of Del Rio and Miss Ferguson are here this week in the interest of the War Camp Community Service.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton of Alpine are here to attend the marriage of C. R. Sutton to Miss Willie Mimms, which takes place at nine o'clock this morning.

Remember, pay your Poll Tax before February 1st. Don't disfranchise yourself. There may be some important issues to be decided during the coming year. Be safe! Pay your Poll Tax!

The Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund Campaign February 3-10.

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Baptist Services.

Sunday School at 10 a. m., J. H. Griffith, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 6:45 p. m.

A hearty welcome extended to all services. J. J. Mauger, Pastor.

Sutton-Mimms.

At the Methodist Church this morning at 9:00 o'clock, there was solemnized the marriage of Mr. C. R. Sutton and Miss Willie Mimms, Rev. D. Macneine officiating.

Both the contracting parties are well and favorably known here. They left on No. 9 this morning for a short honeymoon in El Paso, after which they will make their home in Marfa.

Notice to Red Cross Workers.

The Divisional Headquarters of the American Red Cross has requested the Local Chapter to recommend the faithful workers of this organization for honorable mention and recognition for their faithful service. A committee has been appointed, known as the Committee on Awards, to make such recommendations. The committee has found it difficult, on account of being unable to determine just how many hours have been devoted to this particular work by each individual worker, and would dislike very much to award

service badges or buttons to only a part of those entitled to them. The committee has decided that the best way to arrive at these awards would be for each individual desiring a service badge or button, to present to some member of the committee a report of their own work, showing the number of garments made, the number of articles knitted, and the number of hours spent in the sewing room or in working upon surgical dressings, or number of hours spent in special work of the Red Cross, such as committee work, duties necessarily incident to the different campaigns, etc. The committee has a table whereby time given to piece work and knitting can be computed. For example, for knitting one sweater the individual is entitled to a credit of 30 hours, for one pair of socks 24 hours, etc. Each individual worker, before being entitled to a service badge or button must have

to their credit, at least 800 hours, during the time between April 6th, 1917, and December 24th, 1918.

In addition to those recommended for service badges and buttons, a list of those rendering sincere and faithful service will be compiled, and any worker, though not entitled to a badge or button, on account of not having sufficient number of hours, will be placed upon the list for honorable mention.

It will ever be a distinction to have served in the Red Cross Army during the war, and every individual should desire a service badge or button.

The members of the committee on awards are: Mrs. Annie McCracken, Mrs. L. C. Brite, J. C. Orgain, T. M. Wilson and H. O. Metcalf. Your application should be in the hands of the committee not later than January 21, 1919.

Committee on Awards.

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J. W. Howell, Secretary.

MARFA CHAPTER No. 76 R. A. M. meets in Masonic Hall on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in each month. Visiting companions are welcome. W. W. Bogel, H. P.

J. W. Howell, Secretary.

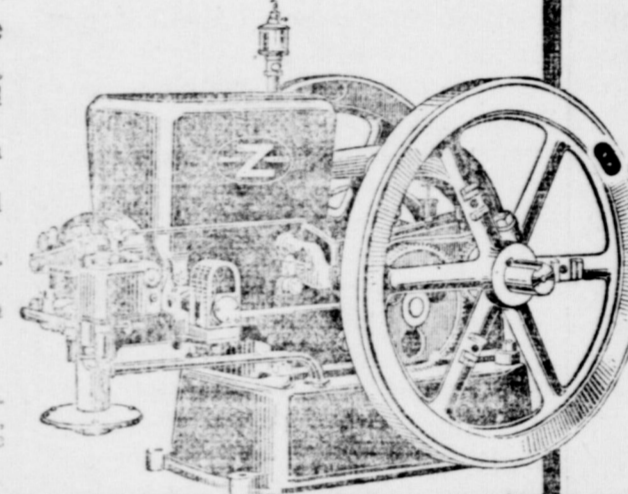
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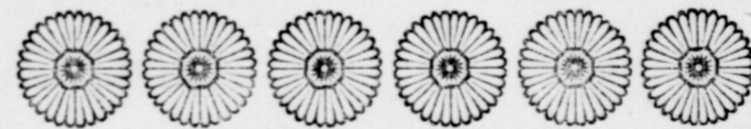
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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Presidio County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of this notice in the County of Presidio, the State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten consecutive days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Appointment of Temporary Guardian.

The State of Texas,

To all Persons interested in the welfare of William V. Young, minor: M. V. Hogan was, by the County Court of Presidio County Texas, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the person and estate of said minor, which appointment will be made permanent, unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court commencing on the First Monday in February, A. D. 1919, the same being the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1919, at the Court House thereof in Marfa, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minor may appear and contest such appointment, if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. H. Fortner, Clerk of the County Court of Presidio Co.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Marfa this 12th day of December, A. D. 1918.

J. H. Fortner, Clerk of the County Court of Presidio County, Texas.

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Presidio County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Alta Marie Wright by making publication of this Citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if there be no newspaper published in said county, then in a newspaper published in the nearest county to Presidio County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the Fourth Monday in January, A. D. 1919, the same being the 27th day of January, A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1918 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2493, wherein C. H. Wright is Plaintiff, and Alta Marie Wright is Defendant, and said petition alleging in substance: that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife and were legally married December 7, 1915; that about September 20, 1918, the defendant was guilty of gross acts of infidelity and lived in adultery with

that plaintiff, on learning of this left the defendant and has not lived with her since; that afterwards the defendant left the State of Texas and is now living in adultery with a man whose name is unknown to the plaintiff; that one child, a girl, Evelyn Marie, was born of said marriage and is in possession of the plaintiff; that by reason of said acts of infidelity and adultery, the plaintiff is entitled to a divorce; and the defendant not being a proper person to care for and rear said child, it is better for the interests of said child that she be placed in the custody of the plaintiff; plaintiff prays judgment for a divorce and for the custody of said child.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. H. Fortner, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County.

Give under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 26th day of December, A. D. 1918.

J. H. Fortner, Clerk District Court, Presidio Co., Texas.

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Rumors.

Sergeant-Major Smith laid back in his chair and yawned. "Well," he said, "I guess I'll be in California before long." Those few words might have meant two or three things; but to Corporal Weitzer they only meant one; and that was that the regiment was going to California. Of course the Sergeant-Major knew what he was talking about, because such men are always getting hold of inside information. Sergeant-Major Smith went back to work, and Corporal Weitzer, as is invariably the case, started the "Rumor" ball a-rolling.

Sergeant Biting was the next victim; but you never could put anything over on him. He always got hold of all "gefore-publication-news" first, so, when Corporal Weitzer whispered the fact to him, all he did was to shrug his shoulders and say, rather officiously: "Yes, yes, Weitzer, I know all about it; in fact I've known all about it for several weeks."

The evidence had been submitted and corroborated by an infallible witness. There was no question about the matter. The Eighth Cavalry soon would be on its way to sunny California. Soon the whole camp was talking about it. It was rumored that telegrams had been received ordering immediate preparations, and some of the men had started packing their personal belongings, and buying photos of the far-flung west, and writing their girls about the change of address.

Within twenty-four hours the border troops knew all about it, and started celebrations. There were big bon fires, yelling matches, Bevo drinking, and general fine spirits among the men. The big subject of the day was: "Have you heard about it? We are going to California!" The morale of the regiment increased 900 per cent in the first twenty-four hours, and 9,000,000 per cent in the next. Men could be seen sticking out their chests and stepping high through the streets of Marfa. "Well," the old soldier and raw recruit would leisurely venture to remark, Marfa is not such a bad town after all; but there's nothing like a change.

In the course of time, Sergeant-Major Smith heard the rumor. "I'll be ding-busted!" said he, "I never heard a thing about it. I wonder who started this rumor." So the plot deepened. Of course it had long since been forgotten that Sergeant-Major Smith unconsciously founded the rumor; with telegrams every day flashing over the wires; officers acting very wise, but cautious; and everybody talking about it, why should one remember poor little Sergeant-Major Smith.

It was three days after the memorial yawn, and "I guess I'll be in California before long."

I was 10:30 and the Colonel had just entered his office and was plowing through a great mass of papers.

Two men outside were talking very loudly, and the Commanding Officer could not help hearing them. Said the first voice:

"I tell you I've got it straight. Those cattle cars are for our horses, and we will be loading them tonight and be on our way tomorrow."

The plot thickens. The Colonel listened. Some crooked business was up. Were they going "over the hill" and take their horses with them? Then the second voice put a new light on the subject: "Bill I know as well as you do that the regiment is going to California; but the troops on the border will have to come up here first."

The Colonel laughed softly to himself, and murmured: "Now I wonder who started that rumor?" Then his official business came back to his mind and he said to himself: "That reminds me that I promised Sergeant-Major Smith a furlough. He wants to go to California.—R. D. Frisbie.

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CITY ELECTION NOTICE.

A legal petition, signed by the qualified voters of the City of Marfa, having been filed with me, requesting that an election be ordered to determine whether or not a commission form of government should be adopted in said city. I, W. P. Murphy, Mayor of the City of Marfa, hereby order an election to be held in the City of Marfa on Friday, February 1st, 1919, for the purpose of determining whether a commission

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