

"I'll sell my chance in that hundred

Altogether, Drane did not find this

esting as he had thought it might be.

lay down to sleep, and dreams carried

At first there were pictures of home,

and then the familiar faces faded away

and in their place came one which had imprinted itself on his heart more

clearly than he knew-the face of the

woman whom he had befriended and

was pursuing her. There was danger around them both. Suddenly he over-

took her and tried to speak to her, but

his voice would not come. He was chek-

ing. She seemed to read the agony in

his eyes, for her face grow pitiful. He was dying at her feet. The hot sun east

With a struggle he threw the hideous

vision from him and awoke. The red

glare was still in his eyes, the choking

in his throat. The barn was on fire

Already the hay below him was blazing,

cutting off his escape. The smoke was like a visible demon clutching him. He

groped to the wall and put his lips to a

for air, but the hot vapor from within

rushed out, and he could not breathe.

little space between the boards, seeking

The thought of death in that strange

which those who leved him would never

hear-his ashes scattered to the winds

Frantically he struck the board before him with his elenebed hand. It yield-

rained blows upon the rotten wood, till

with a last effort he forced his body

CHAPTER V.

A BUNARHABLE THEFT.

pearances, for even Jersey and was no

created in vain. To the gentle, yield-

Before him was the blazing barn,

flames had leaped up over the hay ne-sured him that he need not charge him-

self with cowardice. He recalled the

had nearly been the death of him.

to-day ought to be put in juil."

words he heard were these: "Some blamed tramp has set this barn aftre.

Drane did not wait to discuss the

of the car and found a crovice through

spect to cleanliness, he ought to jump

into the dock. Then he noted the color

of the water and decided that he ought

not. However, he resolved to give an

toilet, so he picked up a piece of broken

a box be combed his hair with his hands. after which he decided that he was ready

for breakfast. But the rolls and coffee

It is a mistake to judge wholly by ap-

ed. Hope sprang up in his heart.

him to a cinder.

to the ground.

ting away were at hand.

who in turn had remembered him-

When he reached the bow of the boat she was just making a landing, and in for a pipeful of plug," said the man who had put Drane in nomination for the convention. "As for the chance to go another minute the gates were opened and he walked ashore. He lingered a moment in the ferry-house with the idea of apologizing to Billy and pleadto work, I don't want it. I'll give it ing temporary insanity, but that individual did not appear. The crowd surged off the ferry-boat, and hurried assemblage of the unfortunate so interby Drane. One lady evidently recog-nized him, for he heard her say to her escort: "Poor fellow, his voice must have been wenderful before he rained it by drink," He with frew from the circle soon and climbed high up on the hay till the rafters were just over his head. Then he him to other and far different scenes.

Riddled by this double-barreled in-sult, Drane bung his head and made off up street, which runs parallel with the Pennsylvania tracks for a few blocks. At the first crossing he turned to the right and passed over the confusion of rails at the imminent risk of his life. There is no more dangerous place on the face of the earth, but Drane was in a sondition of mind where collision with a shifting engine would have been a relief to his feelings.

A freight train was being made up on a side track, and Drane crawled along in the shadow of it till he came to a car which looked as if it might be entered. He was on the point of trying it, when a figure appeared from the shadows. Drane was about to run, but perceiving that the other man had a similar intention, he understood the case at once.

"Hold on," said he, "I won't hurt you. I'm looking for a free ride on this train, and so are you. Isn't that so?"
"You've called it, boss," said the fei-

low, "that's my game."
"Well, I'm in with you," returned Drane. "You know more about this business than I do. What shall we do?" The tramp answered by deeds, not words. He pried open the door of the car and crawled in. Drane followed. The car appeared to be freighted with pig-iron or some other heavy substance of which very little made a load, for there was pienty of room. Drane and his companion found the most comfortable place they could in the darkness. To the former's great relief the train he beat it from its fastenings, and then soon started and ran with no stop for nearly an hour. Then there came a balt. Presently Drane heard a man step just outside the door by which they had en-

tered.
"Jimmy," said a voice, "somebody's
been getting into this car."
"Thunder and turf," whispered the

tramp, "we're in for it now. They'll send us up. There's just one chance for ing nature of that substance Drane us. You stand on one side of the door owed his preservation from serious inand I'll stand on the other. When they climb in we'll make a break."

That was exactly what they did; and as Drane happened to jump out directly some difficulty to the fee of a rock upon the head of the brakeman on fence and made a hasty examination, guard, they escaped.

In the lea of a fence, a few minutes quaintance, whom he had outrun with ease. Two or three others struggled up immediately after. "They've cleaned all the boys off the

train," the tramp explained. "We're hung up here for sure."

There was a hasty consultation, and from it Drano learned that they were pear an old barn which was well-



MR. DRAME SINGS FOR HIS PASSAGE.

question. He took a hasty and uncersnotious leave. For half an hour he hodded through plowed fields, and limbed fences, till at length he came to known to the "profession" as a limboring place. It was decided that the best thing to do was to put up in this place for the night. Drane fell into the line, and after a march across some fields, he the main line near by. Freight cars entered the tramp's hotel with the motwere being loaded there; and Drane, watching his chance, got aboard of one

Counting those already in it, who were aroused by the entrance of his party, there were nearly a dozen in all. Through a great hole high up in the wall the moonlight streamed, and in the circle thus marked out the strunge company sat down and prepared to exchange some friendly goseip before going to sleep. "I take it you're new to the profes-

sion?" said the man whose acquaint-ance Prane had made in the freight yard "What's your name?" Brane told him.

"Da you spell it just like any other drain?" called out one of the men. There was some good-natured laughter at this, and then one of them asked Drane where he came from. He en-desvored to sketch briefly and ac-

curately the exects which had led him to his present situation. He thought it might interest them. It did. They regarded him as a first-class humorist. and a liar of great natural endowments. "Oh, yes, we've all been there," said

"I was a gentleman and a scholar day before yesterday. It seems to me that I met you in Mr. Gould's office. I dropped in to seli bim a couple of rail-roads: don't you remember?"

It was uttorly impossible for Drane to convince them that he was telling the car and wondered whether, out of retruth. The more closely he stuck to facts the louder they laughed at the cxtent and variety of his genius for false-

"He'd make a good delegate for the onvention," said Johnny. "What's the matter with sending him to Pittsburgh when the profession assembles?" "He'd represent all the liars in it,"

responded another. "in a way that would more than to 'em justice." "I can't promise to g., "said Drane, tbut the first man of you who finds more hunger, more perpiexity. At soon he found himself in a park which booked familiar. He dropped upon a bench and tried to decide whether it was the one where he had sat with her. Then he asked himself frankly whether he would rather see her at that minute or a sirloin steak with fried potatoes and a cup of coffee. [To be continued.

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS. News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Itemizer.)

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Cyntha Turnidge and Charley Guy, Rev. V. J. school news, such as monthly re-Turnidge officiating.—Red Prairie ports, articles that might be concorrespondence.

The A. O. U. W. officials elect are: O. L. Francis, A. J. Martin, H. L. Fenton, J. E. Smith, H. B. Cosper, W. T. Shaw, C. W. Black and A. V. R. Snyder.

John Jones, second oldest son of was buried on the following day. M. E. church. Rev. Dellarhide officiated. Mr. Jones has the sympathy of the entire community .-Falls City correspondence

Through strange and difficult paths he At the end of this month Rev. Eli Fisher will close his labors tionship, to create a spirit of rivalry with the Christian church here and and to awaken a general interest in go to work at Medford and Grants school work. The truth is, patrons, Pass. There is no dissatisfaction as a rule, do not take interest congregation, but the health of his enough in our schools. The schools a terrible red glare upon him. It was wife demands a change. descending from the heavens to burn

We have been shown the plans by Dave Riley for the remodeling lish the best results until all who of John J. Daly's residence, which are in any way connected with was partially destroyed by fire last them take more interest in the week. The work is to cost about work. It is our duty as teachers to \$1,500, and the judge will then try to awaken this interest. have one of the most elegant homes place crowded upon him-a fate of ture.

ladder company.

Mrs. A. Downing died at her home near Perrydale Nov. 27, of through the opening and swung himself

> School Superintendent Hutchinson is slowly recovering from his late attack of typhoid fever.

regular meeting Thursday evening, correspondence class is organized. entertained Judge Geo. H. Burnett The county papers are kept on file side of the barn. As it was, the shock and wife and Judge R. S. Strahn at the school for the children to jury when he came tumbling down the in a social game of whist.

was violent. He dragged himself with Chas. Farley for the past few which convinced him that no bonos weeks has been threated with the schools should adopt this plan. were broken. There was a soreness in later, Drane was joined by his late ac- his throat and lungs which made every loss of the sight of one of his eyes, breath he drew seem full of three-cornered files, but on the whole whole while as in fair condition and able to walk, which was fortunate, as no other means of get- his sight.

The grand jury sent in a true bill now one mass of fire. He reflected with against Clell and William Hayden, a shudder that perhaps some poor charging them with carrying dangan to reproach himself for having gerous weapons. They were armade no effort to rescue these who had raigned before Judge Hewitt, and

Mr. E. C. Kirkpatrick and Miss Mary Hagood were united in marfact that he had climbed up on the loft ringe Wednesday, December 5, 1894. and that the others had remained be- Rey. Futrell said the ceremony at awakened while the fire emoldered, fill- "high twelve," and at 1 o'clock the then we will have a rest before ing the barn with that smoke which happy couple left for Portland, starting a on the new year. Then where they will remain a few days as we start, on the new year let A crowd had now collected about the where they will remain a few days as we start on the bear reasonable. Charges reasonable. mingle with it. He did so, and the first future home. The contracting parties are among our best known year better in every respect than Every one of 'em found in the county young people, and the Observer the first part. As pupils let us rejoins in wishing them well.

(Transcript.)

a factory of some sort from which sover. Baxter, J. H. Ingram, J. P. Ha- while we are young, because habits al little branch railroad tracks run to worth, N. Garwood, W. W. Smith, that are formed in youth are very ish

The old piano in the hall sounds he stretched his weary limbs and fell a good deal like a cross between a pair of tin cans and an untuned The train was in moden when he horse-fiddle. It should be tuned, awoke. It ran on for nearly an hour, he thought, without stopping. Then came

a lot of bumping and switching about, assistant in office, J. S. Ashbaugh, ing, he heard a strange sound like the have things conveniently arranged plash of waves. He crept to the side in the new office, It looks like

which he peered. To his astonishment he found that he was sailing on a broad Arthur Moore, the clever actor river. Agreatelty lay to the right, and who has been in Dallas the past it did not take him long to discover that it was New York. Apparently the me-several months, left Thanksgiving tropolis was a hard place to get away day for Drain, to take charge of a The float which bore the freight cars home talent company. He was acwas pushed against a pier. Drane stood companied by Win. Surles. up and stretched his cramped limbs.

It doesn't take Judges Burnett "This isn't exactly a vestibaled palace- It doesn't take Judges Burnett ear," he thought, "but I have at least and Hewitt long to put a court in come through to New York without running order. They arrived from thrust his hands into his empty pockets. Salem Monday at 9 a. m. and at Travel by freight-car without a hand- 9:15 things were grinding lively at beg has its dissiduantages, and among the seat of justice. Such a judichange to brush one blair Drane looked chary is a credit to any district or

out through the hole in the side of the any state. That Senator Dolph is a man of broad ideas; that he has served the people very well, no one will quesimitation of a good citizen making his tion. But there are other men equally capable, whose views are glass from the floor of the car, and prop-ping it against a daub of black point on wholly in accordance with the interests of the entire northwest, and would therefore work with better results for the people than a man By the exercise of discretion he es- who, in his utterances in the past me in Kansas City and learns the truth of what I have told you shall have a hunderly. Then same more wandering, our greatest industries.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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EDITED BY PROF. T. A. HAYES, Independence, Oregon,

All communications relating to this work must be addressed to the editor of this de-partment.

Our Object Stated.

At the last meeting of the Polk County Teachers association it was decided to make terms with one of the county papers, such paper to be the official organ of the teachers of the county. The space given by the paper was to be devoted to school news, such as monthly retributed by the teachers of the county and other school notes.

The committee, consisting of Messrs, W. Long, D. A. Hoag and T. A. Hayes, after considering propositions of several papers, de-W. A. Jones, died last Friday and cided to accept the terms offered by the Enterprise. The paper is to Funeral services were held at the contain school notes each week and to be sent to each school in the county during the school term.

The object is to bring the schools of the county into a closer relaof the county are of prime importance, but they will never accomp-

Each teacher should see to it in the county. The insurance that the reports at least are read in company allowed him \$1,000 on school and the result compared ; the house and \$750 on the farni- with their own report. Get the children interested and then their parents will become interested Hurrah for the Dallas hook and There is no reason why, with the courtesies extended by the ENTER-PRISE, we should not make a great advance in school work in the next six months.

> Teachers, do your duty. Help es out in this matter.

Rickreali has already made some The Dallas Social club, at its advance in our line of work. A rend, and school notes are contrib- Leaves Independence every mornuted to the various papers. Other

FROM RICEREALL.

The following persons attended the literary exercises of our school Friday afternoon: Misses Mollie and Male Simonton, Mrs. J. B. Nes-

Our correspondence class, consist-Then the recollection of the way the pleading guilty were fined \$20 each. la Simonton, Aurelia and Grace Burch, Iva Kuykendall, Jessie Stoner and Isaac Goodell are doing

Only one more week's work and solve to be more diligent and regular in attendance and always on time. We should not get in the Here is the grand jury: J. A. habit of always being behind time styl F. A. Patterson and Henry Fawk. likely to remain with us through D. A. Hoag, Teacher.

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