## THE GREAT K.E.A

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- COMPANT AND A POSITION & COMPANY

CHAPTER V—Continued.

We rode into the camp at the Grand
Zanon a little after eight, and the
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party had gone. Tolfree explained,
however, that some had ridden out toMoran Point, and the rest had gone
down Hance's trail. So I breakfasted
and then took a look at Albert Cuilen's Winchester. That it had been
recently fired was as plain as the
Grand Canpon litelf; throwing back
the bar, I found an empty cartridge
shell, still oily from the discharge.
That completed the tale of seven
shota. I dida't feel absolutely safe till
I had asked Tolfree if there had bees
any shooting of echoes by the party,
but his denial rounded out my chain
of effects.

and smooting of the choice by the party, of evidence of the control of the control of the posse and rode over to Moran's Point. Size enough, there was Mr. Cullen, Albert, and Capitain Ackland. They gave a shout at seeing me, and even before I had reached them they called to know how I could come passes at my rejoining the party, but my expression made him pause, and it seemed to dawn on all three that the Winchester across my saddle, and the cowboys' hands reating monchalantly on the revolvers in their belts, had a meaning. "Mr. Guillen," I explained. "Ye got the could be come to the company worse than need be. Every fact points to your party as guilty of holding up the train last night and stealing those letters. Probably you weren't all concerned, but I've got to go on the assumption that you are all guilty, till you prove otherwise." "Aw, you're joking," drawled Al-

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"I hope so," I said, "but for the present I've got to be English and treat the joke seriously."
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"What do you want to dot" asked Mr. Cullen.
"I don't wish to arrest you gentlemen unless you force me to." It said, "for I don't see that it will do any good. But I want you to return to camp with us."
They askented to that, and, single file, we rode back. When there I told each that he must be searched, to which they submitted at once. After I want going to have the sheriff or cowboys tumbling over Miss Cullen's clothes, so I looked over her bag my-self. The prettiness and daintness of the various contents were a revelation to me, and I tried to put them back as neatly as I had found them, but I didn't know much about the articles, and it was a terrible job trying to fold up some of the things. Why, there was a big pink affair, lined with ailk, with bits of ribbon and lace all over it, which nearly drove me out of my head, for I would have defied mortal man to pack it so my little feeling of tenderness for everything, which made fussing over it all a pleasure, even while I felt all the time I was doing a sneak act and had really no right to touch her bellongings. I didn't find anything incriminating, and the posse reported the same result with the other bagger. If the letters' were still ain existence, they were either concealed somewhere or were in the possession of the party in the Canon. Telling the sheriff to keep those in camp under absolute surveillance, I took a muste, started down the trail.

We found Prederic and "Captain" Hance just dismounting at the Rock Cabin, and I toid the former he was in custody for the present, and ask-



i had a funny little feeling of tender-ness for everything. ed him where Miss Cullen and Lord

Ralles were. He told me they were just behind; but I wasn't going to take any risks, and, ordering the dep-uty to look after Cullen, I went on down the trail. I couldn't resist call-

ow's your respiration, Mr. Cul

He laughed, and called, "Digitalis put me on my feet like a mash."
"He's got the most brains of any man in this party," I remarked to

man in the project is very wind-ing, so that one can rarely see fifty feet in advance, and sometimes not ten. Owing to this, the first thing I knew I plumped round a curve on to a mule, which was patiently standing

there. Just back of him was another, on which sat Miss Cullen, and standing close beside her was Lord Railes. One of his hands held the mule's bridle; the other held Madge's arm, and he was saying. "You owe it to me, and I will have one. Or and coughed and the was saying. "You owe it to me, and I will have one. Or an coughed and the was saying. "You owe it to me, and I will have one. Or and coughed the was to me whe cried, "Mr. Gordon! How delightful!" even while she grew as red as she had been too pale the moment before. Lord Railes grew red too, but in a different way.

"Have you caught the robbers" cried Miss Cullen.
"The afraid I have," I answered.
"What do you mean!" she asked. I smiled at the absolute innoceace and wonder with which she spoke, here, why you said I was braver than the Britishers."

"How do you know!"

I couldn't resist getting in a side-shot at Lord Railes, who had mounted his mule and sat scowling. "The train robbers were such thoroughgoing duffers at the trade," I said, "that if they had left their names and addresses they wouldn't have made it much easier. We Americans may not know enough to deal with real road agents, hearts."

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but we can do something with ama-teurs." "Whal are we stopping here fort" snapped Lord Ralles.
"I'm sure I don't know," I respond-ed. "Miss Cullen, if you will kindly pass us, and then if Lord Ralles will follow you, we will go on to the cable. I i must'ask you to keep close to-gether."

"I stay or go as I please, and not by your orders," asserted Lord Ralles,

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"Out in this part of the country," I said calmly, "It is considered shockstructure to the country," I said calmly, "It is considered shockstructure with one who carries at repeating rifle. Kindly follow Miss Cullen." And, leaning over, I struck his mule with the loose end of my bridle, starting it up the trail.

When we reached the cabin the deputy told me that he had made Frederic strip and had searched his clothing, finding nothing. I ordered Lord Ralles to dismount and go into the cabin.

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"For what?" he demanded.
"We want to search you," I answered.
"I don't choose to be searched," he protested. "You have shown no warrant, nor—

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I wasn't in a mood towards him to listen to his talk. I swung my Winchester into line and announced, "I was sworn in last night as a deputy sheriff, and am privileged to shoot a train robber on sight. Either dead to the shoot a train robber on sight. Either dead of the shering the sherin

chuckled to myself.

My amusement did not last long, for my next thought was, "If those letters are concealed on any one, they are on Miss Cullen." The thought made me lean up against my mule, and turn hot and cold by tums.

A nice situation for a lover!

CHAPTER VI.

The Happenings Down Hance's Trail.
Miss Cullen was sitting on a rock apart from her brother and Hance, as I had asked her to do when I helped her dismount. I went over to where he sat, and said, hold(s):

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she put such surprise and grief and disbelled into the four syllables that I wained to the four syllables that I wained to the to awalied me then and there.

"Why, Miss Gullen," I cried, "look at my position. I'm being paid to do certain things, and—"

"But that needn't prevent your being a gentleman," she interrupted.

That made me almost desperate.
"Miss Cullen," I groaned, hurriedly, "I'd rather be burned alive than do what I've got to, but if you won't give me those letters, search you I must."

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"But how can I give you what I haven'!". She cried, indignanity, assuming again her innocent expression. "Will you give me your word of honor that those letters are not concealed in your clothes?"
"I will," she answered.
I was very much taken aback; for it would thave been so easy for Miss Cullen to have said so before that I had become convinced she must have them.

"And o you give me your word!"
"I do," she affirmed, but she didn't
look me in the face as she said it.
I ought to have been satisfied, but I
wasn't, for, in spite of her denial,
something forced me still to believe
she had them, and looking back now,
thick it was her manner. I stood
reflecting for a minute, and then reguested, "Please stay where you are
for a moment." Leaving her I went
over to Fred.
"Mr. Cullen," I said, "Miss Cullen,
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"Miss Cullen, I want those letters." rather than be searched, has acknowledged that she has the letters, and says that if we men will go into the hut she'll get them for me."

He rose at once. "I told my father not to drag her in," he muttered, sadly. "I don't care about myself, Mr. Gordon, but can't you keep her out of it? She's as innocent of any real wrong as the day she was bern."

"I'll do everything in my power," I promised. Then he and Hance went icto the cabin, and I walked back to the culprit.

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Long Wait of Patient Lovers.

A romantic wedding, which for many years had been delayed, owing to a woman's proposite, took place atling of Yorkshire yeaterday. For neagly a quarter of a century the bride had acted as condante and housekeeper to a maiden lady who possessed considerable means. Many years ago the housekeeper met a gardener, and was wooed by him with success.

But the housekeeper had promised her mistress to stay with her until she'died, and so the love story became one of patient waiting.

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Many messages of congratuation reached the bride and bridegroom yesterday from friends who knew the story of their courtship.—London Daily Express.

Something Lacking.

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"What I find fault with in the school system," said the fat man, as he waved his arms about, "is its incompleteness. There is always something

pleteness.
lacking."
"In what way?" asked the other.
"Well, for instance, the school books tell about Capt. Cook, don't "Well, for instance, the school books tell about Capt. Cook, don't they?"
"Cook, the explorer? Surely they do. Every child should be interested in the matter."
"He made many discoveries, the school reader says."

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"Yes."
"He finally got around to land on
one of the Fiji islands."
"He did."
"And was there killed and devoured
by cannibals."

by canshais."
"Perfectly correct. I don't see
where there is anything lacking about
that."
"Oh, you don't? Well, I do. He
left a widow, didn't he? And you find
out by any of the school books if you
can whether she ever married again
or not."—Chicago News.

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The were on their honeymoon. The big were on their honeymoon. The big were on their honeymoon his little wife that he could not realet the temptation to take the hotel clerk into his confidence.

"Say," he whispered, leaning over the desk, "my wife is a jewel."

"In that case, sir," chuckled the hotel clerk, "I really cannot allow her to go up to the bridel suite."

The bridegroom gasped in astonishment.

ment.
"What? Can't let her go up into
the bridal suite? Why not?"
"Because I will have to put her in
the safe. That is the place for

## ILLINOIS NEWS

the state, specially

RESULT OF MINERS' ELECTION | BRIBERY CHARGES FALL FLAT

Seventh Sub-district Casts Largest
Vote in its History.

The auditing committee of the serenth sub-district, U. M. W. of A., finlabed counting the ballots of the recent election at Murphyshoro March
17. The vote polled was the heaviest
in the history of the organization in,
southern Illinois, and represented
marky 12,000 miners. Practically the
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Following are the leading candidates for the various offices in the order of the votes received: President, James Kelly of Carterville, and Williams Brown of Johnston City; vice president, Gay V. Rodman of Duquoin, Charles H. Sullivan of Harrisburg and Paul Smith of Marion; secretary and treasurer, P. H. Strawhun of Murphysboro, Robert Little of Carterville, A. B. Thimming of Marion and John Henderson of Williswille, board member from Perry county, G. W. Froner of Duquoin and John Henrihan of Williswille.

FOIL PLAN TO SWINDLE BANK

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Wire Tappers Seek to Secure Large
Sum on Bogue Dispatch.
A plot to rob the First National
bank of Nashville, Tenn, was folied
by a timely telegraphic interception. It appears that a message, purporting
to be signed by a bank at Carmi, was
sent to the Nashville bank to honor drafts
drawn by J. A. Willis up to 15,000.
The alleged message bore the signature, it is said, of the First National
bank of Carmi, investigations disber found at the Western Union office
at Carmi, and the Nashville bank was
wired to arrest any person attempting
to realize on the draft. The message
must have been sent by wire tappers.
Dog Bite Troubles Student.

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Robert Rutchinson of Newman, a student at the Janes Millish university in Decatur, is at St. Mary's hospital suffering from a serious and peculiar trouble. Nine years ago he was bitten by a dog and recovered and now he is in great pain on account of the old bite. While in apparent perfect health and walking on the street he was suddenly acted with such suffering that he had to be removed to the hospital and the old dog bite wound was renewed.

Boy Burgiar Fatally Shot.

Sam Price and Albert Bryan, each
16 years old, broke into three buse
ness houses at Marion. Bryan is in
jail. During the excitement attending the pursuit of the boy burgiars
Price was shot and died. The coroner's jury returned a werdict saying
Price came to his death by a pitch oboth fired by an unknown person. The
victim told the night policeman that
he was shot by like Dale. Dale has
not been found.

Collector Fights Robbers.

Mike Steuber, Jr., tax collector of
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by six men. The house was attacked,
doors broken down, windows smashed,
and forty shots were fired, but on account of the snowstorm she robbers
escaped. Mr. Steuber had several
thousand dollars in the house, and
saving the entire amount.

Fight May be Fatal.

At Trills, a few miles south of Charleston, Pred Jones was slanked about the neck with a knife, and Joshua Brown's skull was fractured with a scale weight. The two men quarreled over money in the village store. Both men are married. Brown is expected.

Gas the Issue at Galesburg.
The liberal party convention at
Galesburg adopted a platform declaring for 90-cent gas, as against the
United Citizens platform declaring
for 91 gas. The gas company has no
franchise and the gas question is the
Issue of municipal campaign.

Four-Legged Rooster.
A fresk chicken has been shipped
from Decauter to Brooklyn. It is a
full-grown light Brahma rooster with
four fully developed legs and was
raised on a farm near this city. The
blird is in perfect health and walks
on the front pair of legs.

Death Wins in Race.

Mrs. George Martin of Kankakee,
hurrying bome from the south, where
she had been vainly seeking to restore her health, died on an Illinois
Central train near Carbondale. The
woman was accompanied by her husband.

Use Auto for Snow Plow.

Not to be outdone by Thomas Higginbotham, who used his auto to
sharpen skates, Richard Morrow went
him one better and used his machine
with plow attached to clear snow from
the walks about his property at Waslegan.

Police Are Wrinkled.
A fortnight ago two alleged detectives from Ifelean, Most., were wined and dined by the Bloomington police. Checks for \$40 inforced by local officers came back marked bogus.

Witnesses Are Lacking in Chicago

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Drainage Canal Cases.
It is declared on good authority
that the March grand jury, which was
positively instructed by Judge T. N.
Green of Pekin to investigate charges
of bribery in connection with the recent trial of a \$55,000 damage suit of
Joseph V. Graff and Judge Curvan
against the sanitary district of Chicaso, would adjourn without making
an investigation of these charges. It
is stated that the witnesse to whom
Judge Green referred the jury cannot
be found, that the jurn who claimed
to have been offered a bribe is unable
to prove any such offer, and that the
Jury, after hearing this much of the
case, declede to drop it. It is certain
that the bribery charges, which affect
only been seriously considered by the
Jury, and the fact that an early adjournment is now planned adds to the
bellef that no report will be made
upon this case,

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Coal Famine Is Threatened in Cen-

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A coal famine in central Illinois is imminent, due in part to the continued cold and the threatening strike of the coal miners. Springheld is the center of the richest bituminous coal fields in the country, and the railroads centering there are endeavoring to monopolize the entire supply of coal from the central Illinois mines. They demand "every car of coal mined." They are storing coal, expecting a coal strike. A break in the cold spell will probably ease the public mind some. Coal bins are empty, and the short supply, coupled with the had roads, makes it almost impossible for the homes to get fuel.

GIVES SALARY FOR A FOUNTAIN

Chicago Alderman to Beautify Wash Chicago Alderman to Beautify Washington Square at Cost of \$600.

Washington square, the small north
side breathing spot bounded by North
Clark street, Washington place, Dearborn avenue and Walton place, thenborn avenue and Walton place, thendermanic salary. The playground is
to be beautified by the erection of a
fountain in front of the Newberry Library, and \$400 has been donated for
the purpose by R. R. McCormiek, the
retiring council member from the
Twenty-first ward. That amount is
due Mr. McCormick for services performed for the city since he assumed
the office of president of the drainage
board.

board.

Township Asks County Aid.

Action has been brought by the supervisors of White county to annui the court decision in the case of Phillips township va. the county, in which the township demanded that the county board he required to make an approbability of the county of the county board he required to make an approach of the circuit court ordered mandamus proceedings. The case will be taken to the supreme court on the technical allegation that the county board cannot legally make appropriations exceeding 5 per cent of the last assessed value of the county. The present total indebtedness of White county is \$156,000, and the total valuation shown by the last assessment in the county aggregates only \$2,809,841.

State Republican Conventi

State Republican Convention.

The Republican state central committee, through Chairman West and Secretary Wheeler, has issued the call for the state convention, to be held at 10 a.m. Mooday, May 14, is the convention of the purpose of nominating a candidate for state treasurer, a candidate for superintendent of public instruction and three trustees of the University of Illinois. The ratio of representation is one delegate for every 400 votes cast for Roosevelt in 1994, and one delegate for each additional fraction of 200 or over. The convention will be the largest ever held by the Republicans in Illinois. There will be 1,682 delegates, against 1,504, in 1904.

Dismisses Farm Gate Cases.

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Bith cases, four on the criminal and the others on the civil side of the circuit court of Logan county, against William R. White have been dismissed. The cases are those known within gate cases." Laving arisen over the sales of county rights for cute cases." Laving arisen over the White farm gates, which has involved the inventor in innumerable law suits. Four of the cases were for conspiracy and the others for damera asked by investors. It is understood that Mr. White is in falling health, and that the cases were settled to avoid further litigation.

Pig Alds in Lifting Church Debt.
The Ladies' Ald society of the Pirst
Christian church of Sullivan cleared
\$35 for the church debt from the exhibition of a two-footde pig owned by
one of the members of the congregation and loaned to the society.

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Fatal Quareel Over Whisky, During a quarrel over the payment for a bottle of whisky, purchased jointly by them, a negro employe of the Big Four railroad was stabbed to death at Carmi by an Italian, who

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Legislature To Be Asked to Offer
Bounty for Their Destruction.

The campaign against the crow has
taken definite form in central illinois,
and pettitions have been prepared to be
signed by enemies of the black bird
appealing for aid in his destruction.

The warfare is due to the recent crow
hust in Winnebago county, an annual
safalir, where several hundred hunters
spend several days in trying to kill
birds existed by the hundreds of thorsands decided the Nimrods here to
appeal to the state game commissioner
to issue a bounty for each crow killed and enlist him in an effort to win
the cooperation of the legislators.

The pelitions will be circulated whereever the feeling is pronounced against
the crow, and where hunters are willing to push the movement.

ILLINOIS-IOWA UTILITIES SOLD

Eastern Syndicate Gets Moline, Rock

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It is authoritatively amounced that the \$10,000,000 consolidation deal of public utilities of Moline and Rock Island, Illi, and Davenport, Iowa, effected by an eastern syndeate headed by J. R. Bestem of Philadelphia. Both and the state of t

Coal Operator Retires. Walter S. Bogie of Chicago Walter S. Bogie of Chickgo, one of the most prominent coal men indicted by Cook county's grand Jury. In the coal Tamine days of the last anthractic strike, has sold the last of his mines and is no longer a "coal baron." It is said that he is retiring from business with an ample fortuser and will devote the remainder of his life to politics, During the last strike Mr. Bogie operated five or six big producing mines in Indiana. A year or so ago he sold these and purchased! coal property at Carierville, Ili. The Illinois property has been sold. and Mr. Bogie now is out of the coal mining business.

Women Rural Carriers.

There are but three women rural mail carriers in the United States, and Madison county has two of them, Mrs. Phillip Hale of Aiton and Miss Mattle M. Marshall of Granite City. The latter is a grandaleee of former Chief Justice Marshall of the United States supreme court. She was recently held up by highwaymen, but fought them off. She delivered mail through the recent snowstorm, arriving six and seven hours late each trip.

Good Price for Property.

A frame building at Danville, in poor repair, one story in height and but ten feet in width, has been sold, by C. M. Young to W. P. Baum for \$10,000, or \$10,000 a front foot. It is in Vermillion street, in the best business section of the city. A larger building next door sold at the same rate a front foot but a short time ago. A five-story office building will<sup>3</sup> be erected on the site.

Kankakee Wants Tax Excess.

State's Attorney J. Bert Miller has served notice on former Township Collectors George Newman, Ernest Radtke, M. J. Baker and A. T. Kerr of Kankakee to turn over commissions in excess of \$1,500 collected for the years 1899 to 1903 inclusive. They aggregated about \$2,500.

Weds Girl Who Nursed Him.

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George Bender, son of Capt. George
Bender of Belleville, has been married to Miss Estella Smith at Denver, Colo. Miss Smith was a nurse
in a Denver hospital and cared for Mr.
Bender through a long illness. Capt.
Bender was for several terms treasurer of Belleville.

Lone Robber Heids Up Family.

A lone highwayman, masked and armed, entered the house of James R. Plerson, two miles east of Elgia, bound and gagged Mr. Plerson, his wife and daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bosfeld, and ranacked the premises. He secured little of value. There is no ciew to the robber.

Hamilton Primary April 28.
The Hamilton county Democratic central committee has chosen April 28 for the county primary.

28 for the county primary.

Canadian Bounties.

In an endeavor to foster home industries the Canadian government has established a number of bounties to be paid to manufacturers and miners, which last year aggregated \$1,900,000 on lead, \$33,000 on crude petroleum and \$12,000 on manifa 5ber.

Displessed With. Suez Canal.

It is urged by the Liverpool Underwriters, Association that the Suez canal be doubled in breadth or either that an entirely new canal be built.