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See *The Vivacious Star* Fritz Brunette in *Unto Those Who Sin* AT THE REX TONIGHT

172 CARRANZA MEN RE- PORTED SLAIN BY VILLA

Not One of Guerrero Garrison Said to
Have Escaped Death---Gen. Per-
shing Has Villa Located.

San Antonio, Tex., March 30.—After killing every one of the 172 men in the garrison at Guerrero, Francisco Villa moved northward yesterday and now is somewhere near the headwaters of the Santa Maria river, according to unofficial information secured by General Funston tonight.

At the head of a considerable force Villa is reported to be on the San Gerónimo ranch. Troops of both the United States and Mexico are believed to be closing in on him. This information was regarded by General Funston and his staff as probably correct. If correct it appears probable that soon Villa will have to face his pursuers or make another break through the tightening line of troops.

Whether his assault on the garrison at Guerrero was the same engagement reported by General Pershing is not known, but it was considered likely since the action reported by General Pershing occurred March 27th somewhere in that region. Details of the engagement were not reported.

General Pershing has advised of the report as to Villa's

location and it is not known that the disposition of his troops and that of the Mexican government are such that Villa cannot easily escape without a fight. American troops are converging in columns from the north and it was indicated that a part of them had gone so far south that they would be able to join with the Carranza forces in preventing his escape in that direction.

Other than that no supplies for the troops in the field had crossed from Mexico from El Paso for shipment over the Northwestern railroad no news concerning that development of the situation was given Oct. 10th.

MISSPELLED WORD.

Our last misspelled word was in Sanders Mercantile Co. ad and out of several hundred letters A. G. Harper found it first. It was "pickle" and should have been "pickle." The next word is in today's (Saturday) paper, and is in a display ad each month. Be sure you mark on one corner of the envelope in which you seal your answer, "misspelled word."

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Come Around and we will show
you our "KEEP KOOL" line.
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have the HERRICK REFRIGE-
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In a few days we will have a large ship-
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CABINETS. Best cabinet in the U. S.
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Lasts three times as long as a cheap
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GUS ROWLAND

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Consumed millions of dollars in property. The men who lost best were those who had practiced saving, and had the bulk of their earnings on deposit---Bank Vaults do Not Burn.

Idabel State Bank

Deposits Guaranteed

F. H. WRIGHT, President

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Idabel, Oklahoma

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NEGRO RAPES 13 YEAR OLD GIRL NEAR BISMARCK

STAR RESTAURANT BURN-ED THURSDAY MORNING

Wednesday While She and Companion Were on Creek

The Inside of Building Was Total Destruction.

HER CRIES AND THREATS SCARE HIM

And He Made Escape, but Was Captured at Bismarck and Brought Here!

Man Seen Leaving the Building Just Few Minutes Before Fire was Discovered.

Last Wednesday afternoon while Edna Murphrey, a little girl 13 years old, and her companion, Georgia Barnes, were in the woods near Bismarck gathering wild onions, Oscar Martin, a negro about 18 or 20 years old, came upon them and raped Edna Murphrey.

We have, in our possession, Edna Murphrey's statement of the horrible affair, but it is too ridiculous for publication. The statement of Georgia Barnes is not so appalling and we give it in full. Her statement:

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGIA BARNES,
State of Oklahoma, ss
McCurtain County, ss

"My name is Georgia Barnes. I was with Edna Murphrey on the 29th day of March, 1916, down on the creek gathering onions when a negro man came up and asked us for an onion and I gave him one, and he asked me for my knife to get an onion. I had turned and started on and heard Edna Murphrey scream and looked back and the negro had grabbed her and thrown her down, and I went to a pond, where some negroes were fishing and told them about it, but they did not pay any attention to me and then I started back to Edna and met her, but those negro women saw that man. I would know that negro man if I were to see him and believe I would know one of the negro women. Lucy Wall's children were with these women and know them."

The negro was arrested at Bismarck by a deputy sheriff and hiked to jail here at Idabel.

We were informed by the county attorney that this same Oscar Martin had served a term in the Arkansas penitentiary for a similar crime.

Southern blood is too thick to withstand such hideous crimes and if this negro is not sent to the electric chair justice will miscarry.

Think of the Convenience

When there is interest due on a note; a bill to be paid; or an insurance payment due, no need to come to town to settle it if you know the amount and have your check book at hand.

You can open a check account in this bank with a small sum, and the convenience of it alone makes it almost necessary to the modern farmer.

Besides the convenience, there is the safety of it to be considered. You will not lose money from your pocket if you Pay-by-Check. It's the Safe Way.

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Idabel, McCurtain County, Oklahoma WEDNESDAY April 5, 1916

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Convention called to order 2 p.m. by Temporary Chairman, W. E. Watkins, of Valliant. The following officers present: W. E. Watkins, Temporary Chairman; F. W. Temple of Broken Bow, Temporary Secretary.

Motion made by Delegate Geo. F. Short from Idabel that the temporary officers be made permanent. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Temple's induction speech dealt with National affairs and particularly with our Foreign Policy. After showing how masterly Wilson had handled our Foreign Diplomacy, he paid the following tribute to our Standard Bearer:

"Wilson has been open minded on all questions where there could be more than one side. He has been the soul of patience, the personification of tact, yet he has never hesitated to sacrifice the dearest friendship, to incur the most powerful enmity when a principle was at stake. He stands to-day, gentleman, the biggest Democrat, the greatest Statesman, the grandest American in the United States, and the attacks of his enemies have fallen like darts from the armoured warrior—harmlessly to the earth. President Wilson will be the biggest issue this Fall in the Republican-Democratic campaign. Detracting nothing from the greatness of the big men in our party, he stands head and shoulder above the biggest. He personifies the undying principles of Democracy. We see manifested in human flesh and abstracts principles of human right and human justice we have loved so long. And we are made glad by this manifestation."

W. A. Goforth, that matchless

Democrat of McCurtain County was called upon by Chairman Watkins to tell the Convention something of State questions. In words fraught with burning eloquence, he told admiring thunderous applause of his devotion and endorsement of the present State Administration.

The Chairman appointed the following Committee on Credentials: C. Gamble, Chairman, T. G. Taylor, W. J. Old, Ed Turrentine, Frank Tapley.

The report of the committee showed the following delegates entitled to be seated:

East Idabel—Geo. F. Short, R. M. DeWitt, N. W. Gore, W. A. Moreland, J. A. Andrews, J. W. DeWitt, Jno. C. Head.

North Idabel—J. Will Jones, Judge E. E. Cochran, Geo. Arnett, J. H. Coker, Tom G. Taylor, W. J. Old.

West Idabel—Houston Hunicutt, prox. A. Williams, prox. J. W. Taaffe, prox. W. B. Long, prox.

Haworth—J. Paul Stewart, R. A. Ennis, E. B. Atterbury, J. Emmett Harris, J. A. Reynolds.

Valliant—W. S. Brookes, L. L. Crouch, G. G. Merry, G. H. Montgomery, W. F. Nichols, W. E. Watkins.

Gavin—C. Gamble, prox. C. T. McDonald, C. R. Holman, W. J. Williamson, W. A. Goforth.

Pollard—Jno. Pollard, prox. C. B. Powell.

Bokhoma—Dr. Oliver, prox. Dan Murray, prox.

West Broken Bow—W. S. Paden, W. B. Florence, Geo. W. Blackburn, J. T. Jones, J. P. Hastings.

East Broken Bow—F. W. Temple, Billy Morgan, B. T. Brown, H. A. Rigg, Knox, A. McConnell, prox. for Dr. C. R. McDonald.

Millerton—J. F. Hoover, E. B.

Herndon.

Holly Creek—Noel Davis, W. H. Chandler.

Goodwater—W. F. Tapley.

Bismarck—J. E. Sorrels, G. T. Cole, P. A. Ayers, Jno. W. Hawkins, T. E. Dollarhide.

Pleasant Hill—J. W. Story, N. P. Hutchinson.

Ringold—Geo. W. Perryman, C. E. Edwards.

Smithville—Ed Turrentine, prox.

Motion that the report of Credential Committee be adopted. Carried.

The following Committee of Resolutions was appointed by the Chair: Geo. F. Short, chairman; W. S. Paden, Geo. H. Montgomery, N. W. Gore, Dr. Oliver.

The following resolutions were unanimously reported by the Committee.

It is resolved by the Democratic Party of the County of McCurtain in Convention assembled:

I. We endorse the administration of R. L. Williams, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, and commend his every official act.

II. We command him as the great leader of militant Democracy, and pledge him our united support in all conflicts, both within and without our party. And further, we endorse and command the administration of our present state officials.

III. We endorse the administration of our President, Woodrow Wilson, and commend him as the greatest living American.

IV. We petition Congress to sustain him in his struggles to uphold the dignity of the American Nation in its diplomatic controversies with foreign powers; to grant to him an increased army and navy, and in the event force shall be required to sustain us in the enjoyment of our rights and the exercise of our duties, we shall be prepared.

V. We command his policy in the Mexican embroilie, thanking him for keeping us at peace with the world gone war mad, with no loss of National Rights.

VI. We pledge to him our qualified support in defense of his avowed policies.

VII. We command our Congressman, the Hon. C. D. Carter, for his efforts in behalf of his constituency, and commend him as a good and faithful servant.

VIII. We endorse the record of the Honorable Robert L. Owen, and commend him to the National Convention at St. Louis as a running mate for Woodrow Wilson.

IX. We unanimously endorse our fellow Democrat, W. A. Goforth, as a suitable person to represent us at the National Convention at St. Louis, and commend him to the delegates of this Congressional District with

the earnest request that they honor us by selecting him as a delegate to that Convention.

Unanimously Submitted,

George F. Short,
R. B. Oliver, M. D.,
W. S. Paden,
N. W. Gore,
G. H. Montgomery.

Chairman Short announced that a minority resolution would be presented by two members of the Committee.

The Hon. Newton W. Gore then presented in behalf of the minority resolution the following:

"We disapprove the stand taken by our Senator, T. P. Gore, against the foreign policy of our matchless leader and president, Woodrow Wilson."

(Signed)

N. W. Gore
W. S. Paden.

Motion made to adopt the minority resolution. Carried.

Motion made that majority or unanimous resolutions be adopted. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman appointed the following committee on nominations for delegates to the State Convention to be held in Oklahoma City on April 11th, 1916, after motion to that effect had been made and carried:

Judge E. E. Bismarck—Chairman, E. B. Hendon, W. A. Goforth, Geo. Perryman and J. Paul Stewart.

Motion made by Tom G. Taylor that the Nominating Committee be instructed to select 22 delegates and that they be given one-half vote each. Carried.

Nomination Committee submitted the following names as delegates: W. A. Goforth, C. T. McDonald, Garvin; J. Will Jones, Geo. F. Short, Tom G. Taylor, W. J. Old, J. H. Crook, W. A. Moreland, Idabel; G. G. Merry, Geo. H. Montgomery; Valliant; W. S. Paden, B. T. Brown, F. W. Temple, Broken Bow; Geo. Henderson and Ed Turrentine, Smithville; J. Paul Stewart, E. B. Atterbury, Haworth; E. B. Herndon, Millerton; Dr. R. B. Oliver, Bokhoma; Jas. Norwood, Bismarck; Dr. T. H. Pollard, Pollard, W. Sam Davis, Eagletown.

Motion made and unanimously carried that report of Nomination Committee be accepted, and above delegates were unanimously elected by Convention. They were instructed to vote as a unit on all questions.

The citizens of Idabel, having generously contributed funds for the entertainment of visiting delegates, Geo. F. Short, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions at the request of delegate Temple presented to the Convention the following resolution of thanks:

"We, the visiting delegates of the McCurtain County Democratic Convention, held at Idabel on April 1st of this year, unani-

mously give the hospitable citizens of Idabel a vote of thanks for so generously entertaining us while delegates to said Convention."

Adopted with enthusiastic cheers for Idabel.

No other business coming before the Convention, motion for adjournment made. Carried.

W. E. WATKINS, Chairman,
F. W. TEMPLE, Secretary.

INFURATED MOB TAKES NEGRO FROM OFFICERS

And Hang Him From Back
Veranda of Court House

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE

Watched the Proceedings While
His Body Dangled in
Open Space.

Last Saturday the Gazette gave you the particulars of Oscar Martin, a negro boy about 19 or 20 years old, raping the little 13-year-old girl, Edna Murphy, of Bismarck, and today we are giving you the news that Oscar Martin was hung from the back veranda of the court house in

this city Monday, by a mob.

The examining trial had just been finished and the negro's guilt established beyond a doubt, when the mob took charge of him over the strong protest of the deputy sheriff's who were in the court room. The rope was forthcoming and in a very few minutes his body was swinging before a crowd of possibly five hundred people.

This was one of the most heinous and daring crimes ever committed in the county and the people had blood in their eyes. Every effort was made by the sheriff and his deputies to evade the mob from Friday until the very hour they took him. He was run around Friday and Saturday night and kept from sight of the people, but when brought to trial the crowd was too much for the officers.

The negro admitted on the stand that he had only been released from the Arkansas penitentiary a short time for a crime of the same nature.

Never come to Oklahoma to commit such crimes, for a mixture of Arkansas and Texas blood won't stand for it.

J. W. DeWitt, who attended the Sunday School Convention at Tulsa last week, reports quite a pleasant trip. He and the entire delegation from Idabel were delighted with the trip and say they were royally entertained by the people of Tulsa. The editors will meet in that city in May and a nice time is expected.

The Diamond From the Sky REX THURSDAY

If you like big features that thrill visit the **REX FRIDAY**

Henry B. Walthall, who made the Birth of a Nation famous, may be seen at The REX SATURDAY afternoon and night in

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In a few days we will have a large shipment of the famous **HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINETS**. Best cabinet in the U. S. today. And don't forget we are still selling the **GREAT MAJESTIC RANGE**. Lasts three times as long as a cheap range, but don't cost three times as much.

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