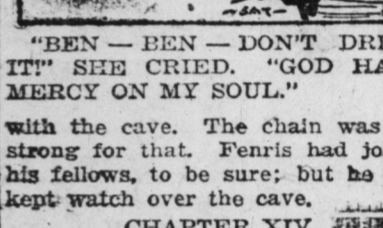


THE SKY LINE OF SPRUCE

by Edison Marshall

spoonful of black liquor. To this she added considerable sugar. Then she concealed the cup in a cluster of vines...

With his axe and hunting knife Ben prepared a complete set of furniture for their little abode. And for more than a week, Beatrice was forbidden to enter a certain covert...



CHAPTER XIV The Poison Plot BEATRICE had kept only an approximate track of the days; yet she knew that an attempt to rescue her must be almost at hand.

Then she hastened up the ridge to meet Ben on his way to the cave. She waited a few minutes, then spying his stalwart form at the edge of the beaver meadow...

"It's pretty strong, I'm afraid," she told him. "The leaves weren't very good, and I had them too long. You-uh, you'll find it bitter."

They would need fuel in plenty to keep the fire bright tonight. Evidently rain was impending—one of those cold, steady downpours that are disliked so cordially.

Ben leaped for his life, instinctively aiming for the shelter of the log against which he had inclined his rifle. Ben's rifle, catching the full might of the blow, was broken like a match.

She wondered why Ben did not come into the cave. Was he embittered against her, after all? Her uneasiness swayed swiftly developing into panic.

AN ORDER FOR TWENTY-FIVE CARLOADS OF FURNITURE

Men From All Over the Country at High Point Placing Orders for Furniture. High Point, Jan. 16.—One order for 25 carloads of furniture was placed today by a buyer attending the Southern Furniture Exposition...

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TRAINS KILL SIXTY-FIVE IN SOUTH CAROLINA LAST YEAR

Forty-Four Were Killed at Crossings and in Other Ways by Moving Trains. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 14.—Sixty-five people were killed by trains in South Carolina last year, according to a casual survey...

STELLS DEALER'S BILLS, THEN REALIZES ON THEM

Yonkers Man Accused of Novel Form of Crime. Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Perhaps Anthony Manuel has hit upon an untried way of petty crime. At any rate, the following was his custom.

GRAY DIRECTED TO CONTINUE TESTIMONY

Attorneys Did Not Want Him to Testify in the Hearing at Bastrop, La. Bastrop, La., Jan. 17.—Judge Fred M. Odum today overruled objection of counsel for E. N. Gray, witness in the open hearing investigation into the kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniels...

THE THOMAS CASE

Nothing ought to be lost by the removal of the Thomas case from Cabarrus to Rowan for trial. Thomas was arrested here in the case against Webb and has been in custody here ever since...

JUSTICE STOOPS TO PAY BUTCHER'S BILL

New York, Jan. 15.—Wheels of justice twirled as wheels of fortune toiled for Sam Wilner, tailor, when he unfolded the tale of poverty and suffering wife and children for whom he had passed a worthless \$26 check on the butcher shop.

MRS. JOSEPH T. BOWEN KNOWN AS ONE OF THE FOREMOST CLUB WOMEN AND CIVIC WORKERS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen, known as one of the foremost club women and civic workers in Chicago, is mentioned as a possible candidate for mayor of that city.

WORK OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16. (By the Associated Press).—One amendment was tacked on to the Neal resolution in the House here today by Representative Coward, of Jackson County...

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REVOLUTION ADOPED BY THE "BIG FIVE" BROTHERHOODS

Durham, N. C., Jan. 16.—The "Big Five" brotherhoods of the state, which endorsed the program and accomplishments of the last General Assembly, and which also endorsed the propositions contained in the Governor's biennial message to the present Assembly...

REPRESENTATIVE VAN B. MARTIN, OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, INTRODUCED A MEASURE

Washington, N. C., Jan. 16.—Representative Van B. Martin, of Washington county, introduced a measure which would provide that fifteen days' notice of intention to tender be presented to the Register of Deeds by the contracting parties before license could be issued...

SENATOR W. L. LONG, OF HALIFAX COUNTY, FOR STATEWIDE EFFECT, WOULD AMEND THE PRESENT LAW

Halifax, N. C., Jan. 16.—Senator W. L. Long, of Halifax county, for statewide effect, would amend the present law relating to the trial of a civil issue immediately following the joining of the issue instead of waiting 30 days thereafter...

SENATOR W. A. GRAHAM, OF LINCOLN, INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE THE BILL

Lincoln, N. C., Jan. 16.—Senator W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, introduced in the Senate the bill already before the House, to authorize North Carolina to co-operate in the movement of the cotton commission organized at New Orleans...

SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE MEETING

Some informal discussions among members prior to the opening of the meeting was held on the Milliken secret order bill, and some members wanted to hold the measure up until the after action on the Baggett antimasking bill.

BELIEVED TO BE THE YOUNGEST GRANDMOTHER IN NEW ENGLAND

New England, N. H., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Robert J. Rawlings, of Pittsfield, Mass., is a grandmother at the age of 38.

JONES—"AND HOW DID YOU GET YOUR MUSICAL TEMPERAMENT?"

Williams—"I was born in a flat."

ADJUTANT GENERAL TO RETURN TO WILMINGTON

Meets to Re-sign to Become an Officer in Reorganized Commercial National Bank. Raleigh, Jan. 16.—J. Van B. Metts, adjutant general of North Carolina, will resign to return to his home in Wilmington as an officer of the Commercial National Bank of that city...

During the World War General Metts commanded the 119th Infantry of the Thirtieth division, having been appointed adjutant general following his discharge from the service after the war.

A CONFERENCE OF RAR REACHING IMPORTANCE

Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, Secretary of the Epworth League Board of the Western North Carolina Conference, and president of the Concord Union of Epworth Leaguers, returned Saturday night from the Annual Board Meeting held last week in McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn.

BISHOP H. M. DUBOSE, OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 16.—Bishop H. M. Dubose, of San Francisco, Cal., the president of the General Epworth League Board, presided over two sessions. Bishop E. D. Monzor, of Oklahoma, was also present and made a wonderful address on the "Spirit of Methodism."

GIVES UP PLAN FOR FREE PRINCIPALITY

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—J. K. Cousins, globe trotter, who has just arrived here from the Orient, has been almost dissatisfied from his announced plan to establish an independent kingdom somewhere in the South Pacific.

MILE, HELETTIE HOUGH IS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE NORWEGIAN LEGATION

Oslo, N. C., Jan. 16.—Miss Helette Hough is first secretary of the Norwegian legation in the City of Mexico.

GASTONIA MEN HELD FOR DEATH OF FORD

Robert Grice and John Carswell Indicted for Murder by Grand Jury. Gastonia, Jan. 16.—Robert L. Grice and John Carswell were jointly charged with the murder of John Ford in a bill of indictment returned late this afternoon by the Gaston county grand jury.

Robert Grice and John Carswell were indicted for the murder of John Ford in a bill of indictment returned late this afternoon by the Gaston county grand jury. Another true bill charged them with secret assault on Essie Beattie.

MRS. O. O. OVERCASH

Katie Smith Johnston was born April 17, 1857. She was married to Osborne Orlando Overcash March 8, 1888. There were ten children by this marriage.

WEEK'S REPORT OF DR. H. B. FOSTER

Dr. H. B. Foster, who is conducting a dental clinic in this county, submits the following report for the week ending January 13th:

No. children examined—137. No. children treated—120. No. amalgam fillings—145. No. cement fillings—3. No. silver nitrate treatments—19. No. teeth extracted—86.

OFFICERS OF COLD WATER LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS INSTALLED

The following officers for Cold Water Lodge, No. 62 I. O. O. F., were installed last Thursday night:

ATTENTION! PROGRESSIVE BOTTLERS!! This means DOLLARS to YOU! Are you getting YOUR SHARE of the SOFT DRINK BUSINESS? If not, you need a GOOD COLA LEADER; That's what the Consuming Public Want and Demand.

PARFAY The Perfect Cola, is second to none. Will Repeat and give you a constantly increasing volume of business. Exclusive Bottling Territory available to Live-Progressive Bottlers.

Horses - Mares - Mules We will have to arrive in our Stables in Salisbury, N. C., Thursday, January 25, 1923 and remain 10 days only 125 head of Horses, Mares and Mules. This is one of the best selected lots of Horses and Mules we have had in a very long while.

THE SKY LINE OF SPRUCE (Continued From Our Last Issue) He blood the wolf that was his brother—lunging, striking down, recoiling out of harm's way, and springing forward to strike again.

HICKORY CAPITALIST GETS WATER RIGHTS Joseph B. Elliott to Erect Hydro-Electric Plants on the Catawba. Hickory, Jan. 17.—Acquisition of water rights in the Catawba River at a point just below the second Shoals down to and including the Thornton Shoals, was announced today by Joseph B. Elliott...

TRAINS DELAYED BY WRECK IN VIRGINIA Twenty-Five Freight Cars Piled Up on Side-Line of Southern Railway System. Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—Six passenger trains bound in both directions from Washington and Atlanta were completely delayed by a wreck of 25 freight cars which blocked both tracks of the Southern Railway near Sycamore, Va., yesterday.

DAVIDSON FRESHMEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR Davidson College, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the freshmen class here today the following officers were elected for the year: N. E. Sappentfield, Concord, president; J. A. McMillan, Charlotte, vice president; and C. E. Houston, Monroe, election as president came after a strongly contested race with Regan, the other nominee Baker, McMillan and Laird being eliminated.

FRANCHISE OF COLUMBIA CLUB HAS BEEN GIVEN UP Columbia, S. C., Jan. 16.—The franchise of the Columbia club in the South Atlantic League has been surrendered to the league. It became known here with the statement tonight by President W. H. Walsh that he was in Columbia to attempt to make arrangements for the continuance of the franchise here.

DYNAMITE CHARGE DAMAGES HOUSE Twelve Persons Also Injured As Result of Explosion in Louisiana Town. Crowley, La., Jan. 16.—Twelve persons were reported injured and a number of buildings wrecked at Scott, La., 20 miles from here last night as a result of an explosion of dynamite.

SPARTANBURG MEN PURCHASE SOUTH ATLANTIC FRANCHISE Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 15.—The Spartanburg franchise of the South Atlantic Association today was tentatively sold to a syndicate of five local men, it was announced here today. The names of this syndicate members have not yet been made public.

ONE VARIETY OF OYSTER FOUND IN AUSTRALIAN WATERS AS LARGE AS A DINER PLATE, AND ONE MAKES A MEAL. Jones—"And how did you get your musical temperament?" Williams—"I was born in a flat."

YOUNG OYSTERS ENJOY ONLY FORTY-EIGHT HOURS' LIFE AS MOVING CREATURES; THEN THEY SETTLE DOWN FOR LIFE. The following officers for Cold Water Lodge, No. 62 I. O. O. F., were installed last Thursday night: