

# Cavanagh, Forest, Ranger



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**CHAPTER V.**  
**L**EE VIRGINIA'S efforts to reduce the little hotel produced an amazing change in Eliza Wetherford's affairs. The dining room swarmed with those seeking food, and as the news of the girl's beauty went out upon the range the cowboys sought excuse to ride in and get a square meal and a glimpse of the "queen" whose hand had witched the "old shack" into a marvel of cleanliness. Generally they failed of so much as a glance at her, for she kept away from the dining room at mealtime.

Lee Virginia was fully aware of this male curiosity and vaguely conscious of the light which shone in the eyes of some of them (men like Gregg). She had begun to understand, too, that her mother's reputation was a barrier between the better class of folk and herself. But as they came now and again to take a meal they permitted themselves a word in her praise, which she resented. "I don't want their friendship now," she declared bitterly.

As she gained courage to look about her she began to be interested in some of her boarders.

So far as the younger men were concerned, she saw little to admire and much to hate. They were crude and uninteresting rowdies for the most part. She was put upon her defense by their glances, and she came to dread walking along the street, so open and coarse were their words of praise.

Few of these loafers had the courage to stand on their feet and court her favor, but there was one who speedily became her chief persecutor. This was Neill Ballard, celebrated (and made imminent) by two years' travel with a wild west show. He was tall, lean, angular and freckled, but his horse-ship was marvelous and his skill with the rope magical.

He had lost his engagement by reason of a drunken brawl, and he was now living with his sister, the wife of a small rancher near by. Virginia despised the other men, but she feared this one, and quite justly.

The Greggs, father and son, were in open rivalry for Lee also, but in different ways. The older man, who had already been married several times, was disposed to buy her hand in what he called "honorable wedlock," but the son, at heart a libertine, approached her as one who despised the west and who, being kept in the beastly country by duty to a parent, was ready to amuse himself at any one's expense. He had no purpose in life but to feed his body and escape toil.

The chivalry of the plains, of which Lee had read so much and which she supposed she remembered, was gone. She doubted if it had ever existed among these centaurs. Why should it inhere in ignorant, brutal plainmen any more than in ignorant, brutal factory hands?

There came to her now and again gentle old ranchers—"grangers," they would be called—and shy boys from the farms, but for the most part the men she saw imbibed her, and she kept out of their sight as much as possible. Her keenest pleasures, almost her only pleasures, lay in the occasional brief visits of Cavanagh as he rode in for his mail.

Lize perceived all these attacks on her daughter and was infuriated by them. Her brows were knotted with care as well as with pain, and she incessantly urged Virginia to go back to Sulphur. "I'll send you money to pay your board till you strike a job." But to this the girl would not agree, and the business by reason of her presence went on increasing from day to day.

To Redfield Lize one day confessed her pain. "I ought to send for that doctor up there, but the plain truth is I'm afraid of him. I don't want to know what's the matter of me. It's his job to tell me I'm sick, and I'm scared of his verdict."

"Nonsense!" he replied. "You can't afford to put off getting him much longer. I'm going back tonight, but I'll be over again tomorrow. Why don't you let me bring him down? It will save you \$12. And, by the way, suppose you let me take Lee Virginia home with me. She looks a bit depressed. An outing will do her good. She's taken hold here wonderfully."

"Hasn't she? But I should have sent her away the very first night. I'm getting to depend on her. I'm plumb foolish about her now—can't let her out of my sight, and yet I'm off my feed worrying over her. Gregg is getting dangerous. You can't fool me when it comes to men. Curse 'em! They're all alike, every one of them I won't have my girl mistreated, I tell you that. I'm not fit to be her mother. Now, that's the truth, Reddy, and this rotten little back country cow town is no place for her. But what can I do? She won't leave me so long as I'm sick, and every day ties her closer to me. I don't know what I'd do without her. If I'm going to die I want her by me when I take my drop, so you see just how I'm placed."

She looked yellow and drawn as she ended, and Redfield was moved by her

unwonted tenderness.

"Now, let me advise," he began after a moment's pause. "We mustn't let the girl get homesick. I'll take her home with me this afternoon and bring her back along with a doctor tomorrow."

"All right, but before you go I want to have a private talk. I want to tell you something."

He warned her away from what promised to be a confession. "Now, now, Eliza, don't tell me anything that requires that tone of voice. I'm a bad person to keep a secret, and you might be sorry for it. I don't want to know anything more about your business than I can guess."

"I don't mean the whisky trade," she explained. "I've cut that all out anyway. It's something more important—it's about Ed and me."

"I don't want to hear that either," he declared. "Let bygones be bygones. What you did then is outlawed anyway. Those were fierce times, and I want to forget them." He looked about. "Let me see Miss Virginia and convey to her Mrs. Redfield's invitation."

"She's in the kitchen, I reckon. Go right out."

He was rather glad of a chance to see the young reformer in action and smiled as he came upon her surrounded by waiters and cooks, busily superintending the preparations for the noon meal, which amounted to a tumult each day.

She saw Redfield, nodded and a few moments later came toward him, flushed and beaming with welcome. "I'm glad to see you again, Mr. Supervisor."

He bowed profoundly. "Mrs. Redfield sends by me a formal invitation to you to visit Elk Lodge. She is not quite able to take the long ride, else she'd come to you." Here he handed her a note. "I suggest that you go up with me this afternoon, and tomorrow we'll fetch the doctor down to see your mother. What do you say to that?"

Her eyes were dewy with grateful appreciation of his kindness as she



(To Be Continued.)

**WEeping WATER.**  
Republican.

Miss Clara Fate, teacher in the Geneva schools, arrived home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Henegar are the happy parents of a ten-pound boy, born Wednesday, May 24.

Miss Clara Johnson is improving very slowly. She is able to sit up a little the past day or two.

Miss Vivian Godwin, sister to Mrs. J. C. Street, arrived last week from her home in Indiana and expects to remain here during the summer.

Walter Philips came in Tuesday evening from Oklahoma, and is visiting his grandfather, and young friends. Walter has grown so tall that he can look over some of his old chums.

Clarence Pool and family of Wabash are Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. James Colbert. The latter remembered that 43 years ago that day they left Michigan for Nebraska. A good long time.

The committee on celebrating at Avoca have started things going. A little later the program will appear telling all about how the Fourth of July will be observed there. J. H. Ruge, Ora E. Copes and Joseph C. Zimmerman are planning a good time.

Mrs. F. J. Davis, on returning home last Saturday night, it being quite dark, stepped into a hole in the sidewalk between the walk and fence in front of Mrs. Houts' property. The fall was so hard that her limb was wedged in so tight she could not get out until some men happened along and by prying the fence over released her. The bruises were very painful, but no bones were broken and after two days' rest she was able to get around.

**LOUISVILLE.**  
Courier.

Miss Rhena Towle of Murdock visited the schools Tuesday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher, Thursday, May 18, a boy. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fidelity, Thursday, May 11, a girl.

Miss Adelaide Davis of Scotts Bluff visited at the George Frater home last week.

Martin Sjogren was at Omaha Wednesday, where he purchased a fine, high grade piano.

Miss Mary Foster, county superintendent of schools, visited the schools here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tritsch were up from Plattsmouth this week visiting relatives and old friends. Mr. Tritsch favored this office with a pleasant call.

Mrs. James Hoover was taken to Omaha Wednesday in Dr. Worthman's automobile, where she entered a hospital to be treated by a specialist. Mrs. Hoover has been in poor health for some time and her family fear that she may not recover.

Uncle George Schoeman came up from Plattsmouth Wednesday evening to visit relatives and to meet his daughter, Mrs. Mary Schwalm of Denver and Mrs. Ida McCoull of Alliance, who arrived Thursday morning on the Schuyler train. They will visit here a few days and then go to Plattsmouth for a more extended visit with her parents.

Last Saturday evening the Royal Neighbors of America initiated ten candidates into the mysteries of their camp. A drill

team from Elmwood put on the work and many compliments are heard of the manner in which it was conducted. Quite a number of the ladies from the Paimyra and Alvo camps were present. After the work was completed the ladies adjourned to the hotel, where the members of the M. W. A. were superintending a two-course supper. Some of the visiting ladies remained over night on account of the storm.

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charge of a stock of general merchandise. Mr. Wiggins is already there and Don and Mrs. Wiggins will go as soon as the health of the latter will permit.

Little Conrad Crabtree, jr., received some bad bruises last Saturday by falling down cellar at his Grandma Wetenkamp's. The baby was rendered unconscious by the fall, but soon recovered and is getting along nicely, although it still carries some bad-looking marks.

trimming, for a visit with Elmwood relatives and friends until after commencement.

Miss Minnie Winkler of Geneva spent the forepart of the week here visiting her parents and other relatives. Miss Winkler is overseer in the cooking department of the Geneva reform school for girls.

L. F. Langhorst, president of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers, was at Omaha Tuesday making arrangements for a special Burlington train to accommodate Nebraska members when the national convention is in session at Denver, June 13-16.

**NEHAWKA.**  
News.

Frank Boedeker went to Lincoln Tuesday to attend a convention of Group 2 of the State Bankers' association.

We learn the contract has just been let to George Poissal for the grading of a mile of road west of Henry Knabe's and a half mile north of Henry Sturms. The Commercial club pays half of the bill.

About thirty-five farmers around Nehawka were at Plattsmouth last Saturday and heard "Good Roads" King make his plea for better roads. They went over in automobiles and it is said Nehawka had the largest delegation present.

About forty-five of the lady friends of Mrs. Bruce Stone surprised her Saturday afternoon by all calling at once. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent, dainty refreshments were served, and a very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Mr. S. Humphrey, who spent several months during the winter in a hospital at Kansas City in the hope of relief for a cancerous growth on his lip, left on the 11 o'clock train Tuesday for Hot Springs, South Dakota, where he will take treatment for the same trouble.

Nelse Anderson came in Monday from Pierce, South Dakota, where he has been for the past six weeks. He has rented some land in addition to the 160 acres he bought last summer and will have in several hundred acres of wheat and flax. Nelse looks as though farm life was agreeing with him, and says the country up there has a fine outlook for good crops this summer. He expects to return Monday.

Carl Stone and Henry Pollard locked horns last Saturday and before they could be separated Carl had talked Henry into taking \$3,500 for his house and holdings on the other side of the river. This is one of the most beautiful places in town, and as Carl has been contemplating moving off the farm for some time this will make him a fine home. We understand he will not move until fall. Henry has not decided what he will do yet, and here's hoping he decides to build another good home here.

For soreness of the muscles whether induced by violent exercise or injury, Chamberlain's Liniment is excellent. This liniment is also highly esteemed for the relief it affords in case of rheumatism. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

**EAGLE.**  
Beacon.

Mrs. Cox of Moberly, Missouri, arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Sack.

R. B. Watson was one of the lucky ones who passed the state pharmacy board last week. Only eighteen out of sixty-eight got through.

Mr. Yoho, sr., was a passenger to Lincoln Wednesday, where he will visit relatives a few days and perhaps will go to Kansas for a visit before he returns.

Miss Viola Parriott of Albion, a schoolmate of Miss Laberta Dysart, accompanied the latter home this week, spending Saturday and Sunday at the Dysart home.

Henry Spahnle's team became frightened at some loose paper Wednesday and broke loose and took a lively run down Main street. A few pieces of the wagon being broken was the only damage done.

H. G. Wiggins and family will move to Clearwater, Neb., where he and his son, Don, will have

**ELMWOOD.**  
Leader-Echo.

Attorney Deles Dernier left last evening for Blair, Neb., to defend a party in a lawsuit.

Rosa Bickert is recovering nicely from the effects of having her arm broken a short time ago.

Oliver Bogenrief, now of Oklahoma, was here Monday shaking hands. He says it's a little dry down there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roelofs are enjoying a visit at Springfield, Mississippi, with the latter's son, Jake Brekenfeld.

Smallpox, in a mild form, is reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Clements. Mrs. Clements, Dick and Vernie are the only members to be afflicted thus far.

Dan Mendenhall and wife are here from Long Beach, California, making their boys a visit and renewing old acquaintances. Dan is looking fine. He says there is no place like California.

Miss Agnes Langhorst came in Wednesday of last week from McCook, Neb., where she has been

**THE YOUNG REFORMER WAS SURROUNDED BY WAITERS AND COOKS.**

answered. "That would be a great pleasure, Mr. Redfield, if mother feels able to spare me."

"I've talked with her. She is anxious to have you go."

Virginia was indeed greatly pleased and pleasantly excited by this message, for she had heard much of Mrs. Redfield's exclusiveness and also of the splendor of her establishment. She hurried away to dress with such a flutter of joyous anticipation that Redfield felt quite repaid for the pressure he had put upon his wife to induce her to write that note. "You may leave Lize Wetherford out of the count, my dear," he had said. "There is nothing of her discernible in the girl. Virginia is a lady. I don't know where she got it, but she's a gentlewoman by nature."

It was hot and still in town, but no sooner was the car in motion than both heat and dust were forgotten. Redfield's machine was not large, and as he was content to go at moderate speed, conversation was possible.

He was of that sunny, optimistic, ever youthful nature which finds delight in human companionship under any conditions whatsoever. He accepted this girl for what she seemed—a fresh, unspooled child. He saw nothing cheap or commonplace in her and was not disposed to impose any of her father's wild doings upon her estimation. He had his misgivings as to her future. That was the main reason why he had said to Mrs. Redfield, "The girl must be helped." Afterward he had said "sustained."

It was inevitable that the girl should soon refer to the ranger, and Redfield

Find Body of Mr. Joyce.

The body of Thomas Joyce was found last evening a mile down the river from where the accident occurred last Friday afternoon which resulted in his death and that of Mrs. Dillon. The body of Mrs. Dillon was also found close to the place where she fell out of the boat. Mr. Joyce's stepsons, Dick and Charles Maybee, went to Bellevue this morning to look after the remains, which were said to be badly decomposed. Interment was probably made early this morning at Bellevue.

Returns From South Dakota.

Miss Tresa Bempel returned Monday evening from Deadwood, South Dakota, where she had been in attendance on the State Grand lodge of the Degree of Honor. There were many noted persons present, among them being Governor Carroll of Iowa, Judge Simmons of Huron, Mr. W. H. Narvia and Mrs. Olson, head officer of Minnesota.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Louie Egenberger, jr., returned home yesterday from a week's visit with friends and relatives in Manning, Iowa.

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