(Copyright, 1908, by W. O. Chapman.) SYNOPSIS.

The Escapade opens, not in the re-mance preceding the marriage of Ellen a Puritan miss, and Lord Carrington of England, but in their life after settling in England. The scene is placed. just following the revolution, in Carrington castle in England. The Carrington after a house party, engaged in a family tilt, caused by Jealousy. Lord Carrington and his wife each made charges of faithlessness against the other in continuation of the quarrel. First objecting against playing cards with the guests Lady Carrington agreed to cut cards with Lord Strathgate, whose attentions to Ellen had become a sore point with Car-rington. The loss of \$100,000 failed to perturb her, and her husband then cut for his wife's L. O. U. and his honor, Car-rington winning. The incident closed except that a liking for each other apparently arose between Lady Carrington and Lord Strathgate. Additional attentions of Lord Carrington to Lady Cecily and Lord Strathgate to Lady Carrington compelled the latter to vow that she would leave the castle. Preparing to flee, Lady Carrington and her chum Deborah, an American girl, met Lord Strathgate at two a. m., he agreeing to see them safely away. Ellen fled, Strathgate driving. He attempted to take her to his castle, but she left him stunned in the road when the carriage met with an accident. She and Debbie then struck out for Portsmouth, where she intended to sail

CHAPTER VII.-Continued. Suddenly Carrington thought of the door not often used that opened into the hall from her bedroom. He cursed himself for a fool for not having thought of it before. He ran

thicker at once in spite of the fact that his conduct was attracting the attention of the servants passing to and fro about their various duties. He tried the handle of the door, which was shut, and found it was unlocked. He threw it open. The bed

had not been tenanted, yet Ellen had certainly undressed, for the gown and other things she had worn the night before lay in a tumbled, confused heap on the floor just where she had kicked them off

My lady's desk stood open before him. A piece of paper caught his eye. He dropped the slipper, darted toward it, opened the paper, which was addressed to him, and read the following:

"The enclosed pays my last edebt to Lord Carrington. When he reads this, I shall be on the way to my own land. With the money which he won, he can buy himself Lady Cecily without the formality of a marriage ceremony and in her arms he can forget the woman he shamed, whom he once loved and who once loved him."

From the paper as he had torn it open, an inclosure had fallen. He stooped and picked it up. It was the cheque on Ellen's bankers for twenty odd thousand pounds. My lord's brain reeled as he stared from the cheque to the note. It was as if he had been struck some powerful blow over the heart and was for the moment paralyzed. He sank down in a chair and gazed stupidly about him in great bewilderment.

And then he heard his name called. "My lord, my lord!"

It was the aged butler coming up the stairs, white-faced and panting. "What is it, Jepson?" cried Carrington, confronting the man. "Speak

out. What has happened?"

"One of the footmen, Thomas, my lord, has just come in from the stables. He says that he found the three stable boys who were there last night bound and gagged."

"What!" cried Lord Carrington. That's not all, sir," continued the faithful Jepson, "the coachman-"

"Has he gone?" queried the earl. "No, my lord. He was bound and gagged, too, in the coach house."

"Who did it?" "He says the earl of Strathgate." "Impossible!" protested Carrington.

fighting against the awful suspicion that entered his heart.

"It's quite true, my lord." Carrington dashed back madly into his wife's room. He had known that she had hanging in her closet the sallor's suit which she had worn on her cruises with him. A dark suspicion had come to him. He tore open the door of the closet and tore from first, I shall send word to you, and I the hooks one after another the gorgeous dresses which hung there. He did not find what he sought. She had evidently worn it away. He the room. turned from the room, ran through the hall and down the flight of stairs to rington," said the old admiral. "I'll the library. The coachman awaited

"Who was with Strathgate when he

bound you last night?" "A young man, I take it, my lud," answered the coachman. "The room | may take their own time in departing, was dark, with only the firelight, but that they better be out of the and I couldn't see very well. Lord house before I get back." Strathgate threatened me with a pis- "God help and God bless you!" said tol, or I'd have made outery and the admiral as Carrington ran out of resistance. He kept me covered with the room.

CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN my head turned away. The young man anded him straps to lash me."

"You coward:" cried Carrington, flercely turning on the man.

"I beg your pardon, your lordship, I'm ufeard of no man who comes at me with ble fists, but that pistol." He threw open the door and the

three boys came in. Who was with Lord Strathgate last night?" questioned Carrington flercely.

The stable boys shuffled uneasily. "By heaven!" cried Carrington in ones of thunder, "answer me or I'll have you flogged all over the place,

"Twas a slight young man," said me of them, finally. "We didn't recognize who It was," he continued. boldly lying. "Lord Strathgate is a ber that whatever happens to you, I very Imperious man and he covered us with his pistol and swore if we made a sound he'd blow our brains out, and the young man tied our hands and the two of 'em gagged us."

"Couldn't you see who the young man was?

"No, my lad; not in the dark." "Which team dld they take?" said Carrington, cutting in.

'The bays, my lud.' "The bays! The best team in the table! and the traveling carriage?" "Your lordship, yes, sir," returned

the coachman. "That will do. Go you and saddle Sailor and the best rider among you boys saddle the best horse left in the stable and make ready to come with me. See that your pistols are in the

A moment later there was a timid knock on the door and at Carrington's bidding the woman who looked after Mistress Deborah entered.

"Your lordship, Mistress Slocum's room is empty." The maid disappeared, only to give

place to Admiral Kephard. "What's the trouble, my lad?" said the admiral, rolling into the room, giving evidence in the disorder of his costume of the haste in which he had | mouth,

made his toilet. "Lady Carrington has gone. She left me this.

He drew from the pocket of his waistcoat the note, added the cheque



He Tore Open the Door.

to it, and extended them to the admiral. The old man took them, read them

them to the injured husband. "Carrington," he said, "you've been a fool."

"I know it," returned the other. "The idea," said the admiral, "of your giving a look to that painted old coquette, when you had such a woman as Lady Ellen for your wife."

"You can't say anything too harsh for me, admiral."

"I'm glad you are awake to the situation. Now the thing to do is to clap on sail in chase, overhaul her, and he instantly divined that some bring her to, make your apologies handsomely and fetch her back to anchorage under convoy. Then we'll clear out this crew,'

"There's Seton!" ejaculated Carrington, peering through the window. 'Charlie!" he called. Seton turned. 'Come here quickly, bear a hand."

There was that in Carrington's voice which indicated some grave emergency. Seton ran across the lawn and vaulted right through the window.

"Lady Carrington's gone," said Carrington, bluntly. "Did you know any-

thing about it?" "You insult me!" cried Seton, flercely. "How should I know any-

thing about it?" "You've been hanging around her ever since you came here. Two caught

you a dozen times alone together." "Lord Carrington," cried Seton, "TH not be catechized and insulted this way another moment."

"It was you or Strathgate," continued Carrington, hotly, "one or the other of you, but Strathgate's got ahead of you. He's gone and Lady Ellen with him."

"Great heavens! You can't mean it!" "I shall start after them," said Sir Charles. "If I come across them trust that you'll do the same by me." "Don't fear," answered Carrington as the other turned and dashed out of

"You'll find me at Portsmouth, Carbe glad to render you any assistance in my power. You won't fail to call upon me, will you?"

"I will not. Will you tell the duke and duchess and the others that they

A few moments later, booted, spurred, cloaked, armed for his ride, he came down the hall. An early riser for her on that eventful day was Lady Ceefly. Her maid had carried

a strange bit of gossip to her. "Bernard," she cried, catching him by the arm, "what a relief! What a release!

My lord stood very straight and tall. His eyes snapped victously. Lady Cocily must have been blind not to have seen how thin the ice upon which

"She has gone, the little country girl," cooed Lady Cecily. "When you have taken vengeance upon Strathgate you will come back to me, and rememcare very much. I can't forget your lips last night."

"Madam," said my lord, very stiff and stern. "I, too, cannot forget last night. I was a fool then, but I shall be no longer. Will your ladyship kindly release me?

"What, Carrington!" she cried in dismay. "I mean it both now and forever,

And hark, ye, madam, when I return with my wife, I think she will not be best pleased to find you here." "Are you going back to that and Lady Cecily used a rough word

better fitted for the camp than the court. "You Jezebel!" cried my lord, rais-

ing his hand as if to strike her. He was white with passion and indignation. Lady Cecily shrank back against the door terrified. My lord's hand fell by his side, and without another glance at her he strode down the gravel path where the lightest and best of the grooms held two horses.

My lord sprang to the back of Sallor, put a spur into the horse and raced madly down the driveway, past the lodge gate, out upon the main road, and turned his head toward Ports-

It was west, therefore, that the young soldier rode, his mind in a turmoil as to whether Strathgate had run away with Mistress Deborah or Lady Ellen, and his soul filled with hot indignation against his host on a number of counts.

Neither of them knew that two hours before a muddy, blood-stained man, riding horseback upon a coach horse from which the traces and other parts of harness had been cut. had passed the gate on the way to Portsmouth at a gallop that bade fair to kill the horse. Strathgate had recovered consciousness after awhile, and thinking that the two women would go back to Portsmouth by some means or other, had mounted the less tired of the two horses, somewhat refreshed by the half hour's rest, and had galloped in that direction.

CHAPTER VIII.

Sir Charles Picks Up the Course. It is necessary that we take up the course of the different actors in the drama seriatim until they converge at some point which shall be the focus of all their directions.

It was about eight o'clock when Carrington and Seton left the hall, turning their backs upon one another in beginning this famous man and woman hunt. Seton, mounted on his best horse, covered the ground at a great pace. Naturally he made much better time than Strathgate had, for all his furious driving of the bays. It was half past nine when at a bend slowly, folded them up and returned in the road he came upon the overturned carriage. Here was tangible evidence that he was on the right track. He brought his horse to a full stop and dismounted to examine into the situation.

The cause of the accident was obvions to the simplest mind. He was not content with determining that, however. So he inspected the carriage with the minutest care. He was not long in discovering the hole made by Ellen's pistol ball through the seat, one in the carriage had tried to kill the driver.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

USED HIS STORED KNOWLEDGE. When High School Learning Came in Handy to Business Man.

"I used for the first time to-day something I learned 15 years ago, said a writer in the Milwaukee Sentinel. "It was the application of a principle in geometry in relation to the inscribing of a hexagon in a circle, which I learned when at the high school. I had an order placed for some taborets (that is flower stands) given me and the party that gave me the order wants the tops 16 inches across. Well. that was easy enough to fill, but beside that the sides were to be hexagonal, so I had to sit down and figure out how much five-eighths-inch wood would have to be leveled off to have the parts fit exactly. Here is where I used my geometry.

"Daniel Webster is quoted as saying that he once used a fact which had lain dormant for 14 years, so I have

him beaten by a year. "You often hear people say 'What is the use of learning this?' seeing no use for it at the time, but things which | at the time seem most impracticable are often later of use. That is one of the complaints in our public schools, but as in my case it may some day prove of use."

Quite Likely.

"We thought," said the reporter, you might care to say something

about these charges against you." "No," replied the crooked public official, "I believe that 'silence is gol-

den. "Well," replied the reporter, "perhaps the public might believe it's merely gilt in this case."-Philadelphia Press.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

THE SCHOOLS OF NEBRASKA

Reports of Superintendents for the Year 1907-8 Being Rapidly Filed in Mr. McBrien's Office.

Nebraska School Matters.

Reports of county superintendents for the year 1907-8 are being filled quite rapidly in the office of State Su perintendent McBrien. Reports from Seward, Sarpy, Cedar, Stanton and Garfield were received. J. L. Jenkins of Garfield is the first superintendent to report from a western county. A number of the schools of this county shared in the appropriation made by the last legislature to weak school districts. The wisdom of making such an appropriation is shown by Superintendent Jenkins' report. In 1906-7 out of thirty-one school district five held school for a term of three menths or less. According to the 1908 report, every district in Garfield county except one held school six months or more during the last year. Burwell, the only graded school in the county, collected \$110.25 for high school tuition.

Superintendent E. H. Hoch of Seward county reports for male teachers an average monthly salary of \$76.20 and for female teachers \$42.68. The report from this county last year showed \$61.22 for males and \$39.39 for female teachers. Under the high school tuition law Seward county collected \$1,797.90. Of this amount Beaver Crossing received \$333.25; Milford, \$191.25; Seward, \$540.25; Utica, \$383. 25; Germantown, \$43.50; Staplehurst, \$36.70; Cordova, \$139.45; Tamora, \$69.25; Bee, \$61.

According to the report of Superintendent C. S. Coney of Stanton county, quite an interest has been shown in the new library law passed by the last session of the legislature, \$553.81 being set aside by the rural districts of Stanton county for the purchase of reference books. The average monthly salary paid to male teachers, as shown by Superintendent Coney's report for the year 1907-8, was \$59.77 and female teachers \$45.24. This is about \$4 higher than was paid the previous year. District bonds to the amount of \$15,000 were issued by Stanton county during the last year.

According to the report made by Superintendent H. A. Collins, seventysix teachers were employed in the schools of Sarpy county last year.

Filings for Primary Election. The following filings have been made by the republican, democratic and populist parties:

GOVERNOR. Republican-George L. Sheldon, Ne-Democrat and People's Independent-Shallenberger, Alma; George J. Berge, Lincoln. Democrat—James C. Dahlman, Omaha.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Republican—M. R. Hopewell, Tekamah. Democrat and People's Independent— E. O. Garrett, Fremont.

SECRETARY OF STATE. Republican-George C. Junkin, Smith-Democrat and People's Independent— ohn Mattes, Jr., Nebraska City; Dr. A. T. Gatewood, Arapahoe.

AUDITOR. Republican—H. L. Cook, St. Paul; John L. Pierce, Lincoln; Robert A. Haynes, College View; George Anthes, Omaha; Silas A. Barton, Grand Island.
Democrat and People's Independent—William D. Price, Lincoln.
Democrat—Edwin H. Lulkhart, Tilden.

TREASURER. Republican—Lawson C. Brian, Albios. Democrat and People's Independent—

Clarence Mackey, Ansley. STATE SUPERINTENDENT. Republican—George D. Carrington, Jr., Auburn; James E. Delzell, Lexington; S. H. Martin, St. Paul.

Democrat and People's Independent— N. C. Abbott, Tekamah. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Republican—William T. Thompson, Central City, Democrat and People's Independent-Menzo Warren Terry, Beatrice; E. D. Quackenbush, Auburn, LAND COMMISSIONER.

Republican-J. M. Shivley, Fremont; William Husenetter, Linwood. Democrat and People's Independent— W. B. Eastham, Broken Bow.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONER. Republican—S. M. Wallace, Clay Center: J. A. Williams, Plerce; J. A. Van Wagenen, Pierce; F. H. Abbott, Aurora, Democrat and People's Independent—William H. Cowgill, Holdrege, Democrat—George O. Brophy, Omaha.

Change in Freight Tariffs.

The Union Pacific railroad has been granted permission to change its stone and commodity tariffs to conform to the national and state laws. In most instances the change makes a reduction in the present rate.

Mellor Back from Fair Meeting.

W. R. Mellor, secretary of the State Fair Board, returned from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of railroad men and urged reduced rates to the state fair. The railroads agreed to a rate of one and one half fare for the round trip.

Scarcity of Automobiles.

With sixteen counties not reporting the number of automobiles, the icports of the county assessors indicate that these officers this year have shown a remarkable poor nose for gasoline. There were registered in the office of Secretary of State Junicin April 1 of this year, 2,382 machines, The assessors have returned a total of 1,766 machines with the number from sixteen counties missing and in this list is Gage county, where everybody is rich and should have an automobile.

LIVESTOCK VALUES IN STATE.

Comparison of Counties Shows Reduction in Average.

From figures in the hands of the state board of equalization the values of live stock have been uniformly lowered this year from what they were last year. This assessed valuation has differed materially in the different countles of the state. Lancaster county has not stood to the front so well in the matter of live stock as it has in real estate. On the average assessment on horses it is sixteenth on the list of counties, and on cattle it is tenth. Douglas county stands far below it in the valuation of horses but stands first in that of cattle. In both instances Lancaster has adhered more nearly to the value of last year than has Douglas. On horses it has reduced the average \$1.33 while Douglas has reduced it \$3.36. On cattle Lancaster has lowered the assessed valuation six cents and Douglas has lowered the assessed valuation 55 cents.

Appeals to Supreme Court.

The case of Truie Collister against Arthur Ritzhaupt in which the district court of Frontier county found him guilty of bastardy comes to the supreme court on appeal of the defendant. The brief of the defendant's attorneys sets forth four causes why the decision of the lower court should be set aside, all of them being discrepancies of testimony and the alleged failure of the court to instruct the jury properly. Martha L. Wilkins of Johnson county appeals from the decision of the district court wherein Robert Wilkins, her husband, was granted divorce on the ground of desertion. In that decree the court allowed the defendant the custody of the one child until it is eight years of age and the plaintiff-husband is required to pay \$75 a year for the maintenance of the child. The grounds of appeal are that the decision of the court is unreasonable and that though the husband is worth several thousand dollars the allowance for the maintenance of the child is excessively small. The defendant maintained in the trial court that the husband was cruel and forced her to leave her

Nebraska Has Small Department.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner Pierce is receiving reports from the similar departments of twenty or thirty states. He is getting this material for a comparison with Nebraska, which facts may be used before the state legislature next year. The comparisons will show the number of employes in the department, the salaries paid, the total expenses, and total receipts both from taxes on insurance company business, and fees, There are 326 companies doing bustness in Nebraska for which 15,000 agents' licenses have been issued since February 1. The total tax paid by these companies for business done was \$66,314. Missouri with the same number of companies approximately receives in taxes \$532,191. This comes partly through more business done and partly by more rigorous revenue laws covering that line of business, As to the number of persons employed in the department reports already received show that Illinois has 25, Missourl 9, Minnesota 9, Kansas, 6, Wisconsin 11 and Nebraska 3.

Resolution on Fair Rate.

Secretary W. R. Mellor received from the chairman of the transportation committee of the American Association of State Fairs and Expositions the following copy of the resolution which was adopted by the memhers of the Western Passenger association at the meeting July 23:

"Recommended, that a rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip be made for the state fairs in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota. Nebraska and Kansas for the season 1908, with such minimum as lines in interest may desire to establish for each occasion, dates of sale and other

details to be arranged later." This will be the first reduction granted the farmers since the two cent fare took effect. Politicians Shriners and tourists have been favored and now the farmer will be able to attend his annual onting at the state fair, August 31 to September & on reduced railroad rates.

Rain Unevenly Distributed. The week, according to the weather

and crop service, was partly cloudy, with a mean temperature a little above normal and the total rainfall below normal for the state as a whole. The Gally mean temperature was between 72 degrees and 78 degrees. The last two were the warmest days. The first days of the week were moderately cool and pleasant. The rainfall was very unevenly distributed through the state. In most of the central counties and in some northeastern and western sections, the rainfall was above normal. In the southeastern counties, and in the west, as far as the reports received indicate, the rainfall was light. Falls exceeding an inch were reported from some localities in the central portion on Wednesday.

No Word From Taft.

No word has been received by the board of managers of the state fair as to whether Mr. Taft has decided to cancel his date at the fair. The report from the east is that he has cancelled all his fair dates. Chairman Hitchcock said when he passed through Lincoln that Mr. Taft would make no speeches away from home The board has relied on a promise given Governor Sheldon at Chicago by Mr. Taft that he would come west and speak at the Nebraska fair while on the trip,

NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CON-DENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to hte Readers Throughout Nebraska.

A Masonic lodge has been established at Franklin.

The Hastings chautauqua was a success financially and otherwise. The peach crop in Pawnee county

surpasses all expectations and the quality is excellent. State Superintendent McBrien says he knows of no school houses in Ne-

braska that have been abandoned because of want of teachers. The one-year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Platt of Tecumseh fell from a second story window but was not

severely hurt. Rev. Sturdevant of the Baptist church at Tecumseh desires to go to another field and asks that his resig-

nation be accepted. York will soon have an \$80,000 postoffice building that will be strictly up to date and one of the latest and most beautiful modern structures of its kind in the west.

Nearly 1,500 people attended the third day's session of the Wayne chautauqua, held at the Assembly grounds. Gov. Hanley of Indiana was the principal speaker.

While Thos, Bower, jr., living near Ainsworth, was hauling hay the wind blew a barn door shut and caught Bower's head. Two pieces of his skull were taken out above the left eye at the hospital. He may not live.

The York Count" Telephone company, one of the largest independent companies in the west, has purchased the copper trunk independent toll lines between Columbus, Seward and Grand Island, and is going to build to Ravenna, Neb., and other points.

While raking hay George Funk, a well known young farmer living northwest of York, was thrown from the rake and one of the steel rake teeth entered the left leg, tearing the tendons and causing a fracture of the

Deputy Game Warden Hunger ran up against an experience out in Loup county which netted the state two fines, where only one had been contemplated. It was a case where the complaining witness after sticking the defendant, became the defendant in

the same case, and also got stuck. Passenger train No. 15, west-bound, picked up, between Dawson and Salem, a stranger lying alongside the tracks with his legs cut off. The man was of middle age and evidently a tramp, who, it is thought, fell from a passing freight on which he was stealing a ride and was injured by the wheels of

the train. Western Douglas county farmers have at last arrived at the conclusion that the only way to successfully combat and correct the existing bad conditions is by an efficient drainage system, and to this end they are preparing to organize themselves into drain-

age districts. Rev. Emanuel Hartig, who has been pastor of the St. Benedict Catholic church of Nebraska City since 1861. has been sent to Atchisonn, where he will enter the St. Benedictine home. He has become quite feeble and had to be replaced by another priest.

C. C. Jones of Beatrice has recovered his two greyhounds which were stolen from the kennel. The dogs were found with a farmer near Pickrell and arrests are liable to follow.

James Brott, an old resident of Beatrice, was arrested by Sheriff Trude on the charge of bootlegging. Mr. and Mrs. John Shively and Ed-

ward Fussel, victims of the tornado in Fillmore county in June, are all able to be out, although Mrs. Shively is lame, and her husband's face is still bandaged. As soon as they are able, they will go east to have his nose treated. Mr. Shively's watch, which was in his pocket, was badly dented and the fob was gone.

F. M. Hall of Lincoln has accepted the invitation to be chairman of a committee to select an artist to make the Abraham Lincoln monument to be erected on the statehouse grounds by popular subscription. Mr. Hall was selected because of the great experience he has had in matters of this kind and because of his knowledge of artists and their work.

There is great activity at all the stone quarries and sandpits along the Platte river between Ashland and Plattsmouth. Full forces of men are at work at all of the Louisville and South Bend quarries and many carloads of crushed stone are being shipped daily. The Burlington sand dredges have been at work constantly since the high water receded along the

Platte. The contract for the new Odd Fellows' hall at Harrison has been let

and the work will begin at once. A fire broke out at Winside, but the firemen got control before much dam-

age was done.

Jack Hanley, the Cornland hotel night clerk at Lexington, who escaped with the funds from the safe of the hotel, was captured in Cozad.

Complaints have been filed under the state pure food law against six Lincoln druggists for the alleged sale of headache powders, containing acetanilide and not branded as the law