

Cimarron

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I—It was 1839 Yancey Cravat, just returned from the newly opened Indian territory where he had participated in the drive over the border, is describing this adventure to a large family gathering of the Venables. The Venables, related to the Cravats, had left Mississippi and settled in Wichita, Kan. Five years before Yancey Cravat had appeared in Wichita as a man with a broken-down horse and a broken-down man. He had a broken-down horse and a broken-down man. He had a broken-down horse and a broken-down man. He had a broken-down horse and a broken-down man.

CHAPTER II—They make the journey in two days to the Venables. A little negro servant of the Venables is found when they make camp the first night. He is a broken-down man. He is a broken-down man. He is a broken-down man. He is a broken-down man. He is a broken-down man.

CHAPTER III—At Osage Yancey immediately begins trying to learn who had murdered a man named Fowler, who had been shot after the first edition of his paper called the News. He had been shot after the first edition of his paper called the News. He had been shot after the first edition of his paper called the News.

CHAPTER IV—Yancey is asked to conduct church services on Sunday and Arkansas that both of these things are impossible to him. He is asked to conduct church services on Sunday and Arkansas that both of these things are impossible to him.

CHAPTER V—Before he starts his sermon, Yancey announces he has learned who killed the teacher. He stops just in time to escape a bullet fired by Lou Younger. Still stopping, Yancey shoots and kills Younger. He announces that Younger had shot Fowler in the back. Among the late arrivals at the first service is a handsome young woman, known as Dixie Lee. When Yancey recognizes as the girl who tried to kill him, he is startled. He shoots her and she falls. He shoots her and she falls. He shoots her and she falls.

CHAPTER VI—Sabra's second child is named Donna. She is the daughter of the Venables. She is the daughter of the Venables. She is the daughter of the Venables. She is the daughter of the Venables. She is the daughter of the Venables.

CHAPTER VII—Yancey is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated. He is frustrated.

CHAPTER VIII—The war with Spain begins. Yancey returns to Osage in a rough border town. He returns to Osage in a rough border town. He returns to Osage in a rough border town. He returns to Osage in a rough border town. He returns to Osage in a rough border town.

CHAPTER IX—Yancey returns from the war broken in health, but still a popular idol. The newspaper prospered as the town settles down. An Osage Indian girl, Ruby, is Sabra's house servant. Cimarron, the Cravat's first-born, nineteen years old, appears. He is Sabra's son. He is Sabra's son. He is Sabra's son.

CHAPTER X—The girl, Donna, at fifteen, is sent to a New York "finishing" school. Sabra becomes the town's society leader. Cimarron and his companions Ruby and Erik, an Indian, return home. He returns home. He returns home. He returns home. He returns home. He returns home.

CHAPTER XI—The "oil boom" convulses Oklahoma. Donna, ultra-sophisticated, comes home determined. She tells her sister her mother, to marry "the richest man in the state." Yancey returns, aroused by the news that oil has been struck in the Indian reservation, and determined to defend their rights. In the newspaper, though he antagonizes public sentiment, Cimarron's own friendships with the Indians stir Donna to indignation.

CHAPTER XII—By Erik, Osage Indian chief, and his wife, formally notify the Cravats of the marriage that morning of their daughter, Ruby, to Cimarron. The monstrous announcement staggers Sabra, though Yancey is unmoved. With her mother, Sabra attends the wedding festivities, though she feels that, for her, life is over. Tracy Wyatt, her brother, is easily the richest man in Oklahoma. Divorcing his wife, he marries Donna. Her ambition is fulfilled. Sabra, elected congresswoman, and Donna and her husband, and Cimarron's Indian wife, electify Washington with their display of wealth.

CHAPTER XIII—With a congressional party and some leading operators, Sabra is making a tour of investigation into conditions in the Oklahoma oil districts. At the town of Bowlegs she finds Yancey, outcast and bum, dying, a hero, with the last magnificent gesture of an empire builder in the mud of the oil fields, but she is in time to be recognized by him and to close his eyes in forgiveness and love.

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place for the very young, the very old, or even the middle-aged.

Here, then, was the monstrous society in which Sabra Cravat now found herself. For her, and the other respectable women of the town, there was nothing but their housework and their children, their memories of the homes they had left.

And so the woman who was, after all, the most intelligent among them, set about creating some sort of social order for the good wives of the community. Graciously Sabra, in time, the other virtuous women of the community, set about making this new frontier town like the old as speedily as possible. Yancey, almost single handed, tried to make the new as unlike the old as possible. He fought a losing light from the first. He, with his unformed dreams—much less the roistering play boys of saloon and plain and gambling house—never had a chance against the indomitable materialism of the women.

Sabra's house became a sort of social center following the discovery that she received copies of Harper's Bazar with fair regularity. Her social triumph was complete when she displayed her new draped jars, done by her after minute instructions from the latest copy of Harper's. She then graciously printed these instructions in the Oklahoma Wigwag, causing a flurry of excitement in a hundred homes and mystifying the local storekeepers by the sudden demand for jars.

Slowly, in Sabra's eyes, the other women of the town began to emerge from a mist of drabness into distinct personalities. There was one who had been a school teacher in Cairo, Ill. Her husband, Tracy Wyatt, ran the spasmodic bus and dry line between Wahoo and Osage. They had no children. She was a sparse and stinging woman of thirty-nine, who talked a good deal of former trips to Chicago during which she had revelled in the culture of that effete city. Yancey was heard learnedly discoursing to her on the subject of Etruscan pottery, of which he knew nothing. The ex-school teacher rolled her eyes and tossed her head a good deal.

"You don't know what a privilege it is, Mr. Cravat, to find myself talking to some one whose mind can soar above the sordid life of this horrible town."

It was Sabra who started the Philomathean club. The other women clutched at the idea. It was part of their defense against these wilds. After all, a town that boasted a culture club could not be altogether lost.

Sabra timidly approached Mrs. Wyatt with her plan to form a woman's club, and Mrs. Wyatt snatched at it with such ferocity as almost to make it appear her own idea. Each was to invite four women of the town's elite. Ten, they decided, would be enough as charter members.

"I" began Mrs. Wyatt promptly, "am going to ask Mrs. Louie Hefner, Mrs. Doc Nisbett—"

"Her husband's horrid! I hate him. I don't want her in my club." The ten barrels of water still rinkled.

"We're not asking husbands, my dear Mrs. Cravat. This is a ladies' club. Mrs. Nisbett" retorted Mrs. Wyatt, introducing snobbery into that wister of mud, Indians, pine snakes, drought, and semi-barbarism known as Osage, Indian territory, "was a Krumpf, of Omaha, Ark."

Sabra, descendant of the Marceys and the Venables, lifted her handsome black eyebrows. Privately, she decided to select her four from among the less vertebrate and more ebullient of Osage's matrons. She made up her mind that next day, after the housework was done, she would call on her candidates, beginning with that pretty and stylish Mrs. Evergreen Waltz. At supper that evening she told Yancey of her four prospective members.

"Waltz' wife! Surprise and amusement, too, were in his voice, but she was too full of her plans to notice. Besides, Yancey often was mysteriously amused at things that seemed to Sabra quite serious. "Why that's fine, Sabra. That's fine! That's the spirit!"

"She looks kind of babyish and lonely, sitting there by the window sewing all day. And her husband's so much older, and a cripple, too, or almost. I noticed he limps quite badly. What's his trouble?"

"Shot in the leg."

"Oh." She had already learned to accept this form of injury as a matter of course. "I thought I'd ask her to prepare a paper for the third meeting on Mrs. Browning's 'Aurora Leigh.' I could lend her yours to read up on, if you don't mind, just in case she hasn't got it."

Yancey thought it unlikely.

The paper on Mrs. Browning's "Aurora Leigh" never was written by the pretty Mrs. Evergreen Waltz. Three days later Sabra, chancing to glance out of her sitting room window, saw the crippled and middle-aged gambler passing her house, and in spite of his infirmity he was walking with great speed—running, almost. In his hand was a piece of white paper—a letter, Sabra thought. She hoped it was not bad news. He had looked, she thought, sort of odd and wild.

Evergreen Waltz, after weeks of tireless waiting and watching, had at last intercepted a letter from his young wife's lover. As he now came panting up the street the girl sat at the window, sewing. The single shot went just through the center of the wide white space between her great babyish blue eyes.

"Why didn't you tell me that when she married him she was a girl out of a—out of a—house!" Sabra demanded, between horror and wrath.

"I thought you knew. Women are

supposed to have intuition, or whatever they call it, aren't they?"

CHAPTER VI

Sabra's second child, a girl, was born in June, a little more than a year after their coming to Osage. It was not as dreadful an ordeal there in those crude surroundings as one might have thought. She was tended, during her accouchement, by the best doctor in the county and certainly the most picturesque man of medicine in the whole Southwest. Dr. Don Valliant. Like thousands of others living in this new country, his past was his own secret. It was known that he often vanished for days leaving the sick to get on as best they could. He would reappear as inexplicably as he had vanished and his horse was laden. It was no secret that he was often called to attend the bandits when one of their number, wounded in some outlaw raid, had taken to their hiding place in the hills. He was tender and deft with Sabra, though between them he and Yancey consumed an incredible quantity of whisky during the racking hours of her confinement. At the end he held up a caterwauling morsel of flesh torn from Sabra's flesh—a thing perfect of its kind, with an astonishing mop of black hair.

"This is a Spanish beauty you have for a daughter, Yancey. I present to you Senorita Donna Cravat."

And Donna Cravat she remained. The town, somewhat scandalized, thought she had been named after Doctor Don himself. Besides, they did not consider Donna a name at all. When Sabra Cravat arose from that bed something in her had crystallized. Perhaps it was that, for the first time in a year, she had had hours in which to rest her tired limbs; perhaps the ordeal itself worked a psychic as well as a physical change in her; it might have been that she realized she must cut a new pattern in this Oklahoma life of theirs. The boy Cim never surmised it; the girl Donna never. During the hours through which she had lain in her bed in the stilling wooden shack, mists seemed to have rolled away from before her eyes. She saw clearly. She felt light and terribly capable—so much so that she made the mistake of getting up, dizzily donning slippers and wrapper, and tottering into the newspaper office where Yancey was writing an editorial and shouting choice passages of it into the inattentive ear of Jesse Rickey, who was setting type in the printing shop.

"The most stupendous farce ever conceived by the mind of man in a civilized country."

He looked up to see in the doorway a waith, all eyes and long black braids. "Why, sugar? What's this? You can't get up!"

She smiled rather feebly. "I'm up. I felt so light, so—"

"I should think you would. All that physic."

"I feel so strong. I'm going to do so many things. You'll see. I'm going to paper the whole house. Rosebuds in the bedroom. I'm going to plant two trees in the front. I'm going to start another club not like the Philomathean—I think that's silly now—but one to make this town . . . no saloons . . . women like that Dixie Lee . . . going to have a real high girl as soon as the newspaper begins to . . . feel so queer . . . Yancey . . ."

As she began to topple, Yancey caught the Osage Joan of Arc in his arms.

Incredibly enough, she actually did paper the entire house, aided by Isalah and Jesse Rickey. Isalah's ebony countenance splashed with the white paste mixture made a bizarre effect, a trifle startling to anyone coming upon the scene unawares. Also Jesse Rickey's inebriate eye, which so often resulted in many grotesque pried print lines appearing in unexpected and inconvenient places in the Oklahoma Wigwag columns, was none too dependable in the matching of rosebud patterns. The result, in spots, was Burkankian, with roses grafted on leaves and tendrils emerging from petals. Still, the effect was gay, even luxurious. The Philomathean club, as one woman, fell upon wall paper and paste pot, as they had upon the covered jars in Sabra's earlier effort at decoration. Within a month Louie Hefner was compelled to install a full line of wall paper to satisfy the local demand.

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Official Proceedings of the Common Council

COMMUNICATION No. 4
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
If you desire to use my Ball park for the coming season the rental will be \$242.14. If you want said property, kindly let me know and I will present vouchers. Your truly,
George A. Neeb

COMMUNICATION No. 5
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
I wish to declare the following streets closed to traffic during the period of construction of pavements thereon, viz Clark St., from Ingham avenue, to Holland avenue, Grape St., from Electric

avenue to Franklin avenue; Eaton St. from Ingham avenue, to Holland avenue; Washington street, from Steelawanna avenue to Wilkesbarre avenue.

I trust that your honorable body will take the necessary action in this matter. Respectfully submitted,
B. A. McDonnell, Com. Public Works.

COMMUNICATION No. 6
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
In reply to your letter of April 17, 1931, in regard to the request by Lieut. Awauna City Council to our company. Would say that this request has been given my best attention and is submitted to your Council by the Hamburg Railway Company. Attached is a copy of the notice to our bus operators' request. Trusting this will be approved by your Council, I remain, very truly yours,
Hamburg Railway Company,
W. J. Gall, Supt.
April 22, 1931

NOTICE TO BUS OPERATORS
Effective Saturday April 25, 1931, all regular buses operating in Lackawanna City will discontinue turning at Ridge Road and Rosary avenue, and continue on to Abbott road giving a fifteen minute service to and from Abbott Road, buses to leave this point at 02:17:32 and 47 minutes past the hour.

Bus operators failing to comply with this notice with out a reasonable excuse will be DISCHARGED.

COMMUNICATION No. 6
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
We, the undersigned resident and taxpayers of McKinley Parkway, hereby petition your Honorable Body to have concrete sidewalks laid on McKinley Parkway, from Buffalo City Line to and on viaiduo carrying McKinley Parkway over the Buffalo Rochester and Pittsburg Railway Tracks.

12 Signatures, Name on File in City Clerk's Office.

COMMUNICATION No. 8
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
Enclosed please find tax receipts on Subdivision lots 5, 6 and 7 Mills Tract. The 1931 County tax and the first half of City Tax was paid twice in the sum of \$49.45.

Please make check for this amount to Mills Realty Corp. and Joseph Damer. Yours sincerely,
N. L. Nelson, City Treasurer.

COMMUNICATION No. 9
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
Members of the Latin Singing Society cordially invite your Honorable Board of Councilmen of the City of Lackawanna and wishes you to attend the Polish Prastin dance "The Mazur" to be held at Merri Hall, May 12, 1931, at 8 o'clock. Respectfully yours,
Joseph Bonczak, President.

COMMUNICATION No. 10
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
In checking over our tax receipts I find taxes on Lots No. 5 and 6 and 7 in the Mills tract have been paid twice, therefore, I recommend a refund of \$49.45 to Mr. N. Mills.

Very truly yours,
Paul J. Tomaska, City Treasurer.

COMMUNICATION No. 11
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
Justice MacGregor of the Supreme Court has just handed down an opinion in which he decided in favor of the plaintiff in the suit brought by George C. Diehl Co. E. Inc., against the City of Lackawanna and directed judgment for \$15,000 with interest from November 20, 1929, with costs. A copy of Justice MacGregor's opinion is on file in my office, where I will be pleased to have the members of the Council inspect it.

According to Justice MacGregor's opinion the City had the power to employ the Diehl Company to make the plans and specifications, and he held that its cause of action for compensation did not arise until the claim had been presented to the Common Council on November 20, 1929.

According to the reasoning of Justice MacGregor, the claim of the plaintiff would never mature until it was presented to the Common Council, a conclusion with which neither Mr. Diebold, who was our counsel in the defense of the action, nor I can agree.

The facts are undisputed that the Diehl Company did nothing whatever after June 18, 1926, when the taxpayers of the Fourth Ward met and determined they would not proceed with this improvement. The City Charter provides that a suit of this kind must be commenced within one year after it accrued. The General City Law prohibits the City from waiving the defense of the Statute of Limitations.

Mr. Diebold and I are still of the opinion that the Diehl Company's claims were not presented within the time fixed by law, that the trial court erred in holding that it was and that the decision of Justice MacGregor should be reviewed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. We recommend that an appeal be taken from the judgment entered on Justice MacGregor's decision.

Respectfully submitted,
Dudolph S. Weinstein, Corp. Counsel.

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COMMUNICATION No. 13
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
This refers to the communication of Antonio Turcarelli of 885 Ingham avenue, to the Council, which was referred to me for explanation.

Mr. Turcarelli charges that Alfred Anticola who he states is a former patron of his store, was directed to take orders from some grocer other than himself, namely Antonio Amoroso. The validity of his charges are borne out by the fact, that since I received his communication, Mr. Turcarelli, has refused to see me and has offered to send another communication denying all the allegations set forth in this previous communication to you.

I do however state for your information, that in dispensing aid to our needy, I have never in any way interfered with their own choice of grocers, in that I have always felt to do so, would limit or curtail the purchasing power of these orders. The only exceptions, being that these orders be filled by Lackawanna business men, exclusive of chain stores.

You will also agree, I am sure, that the city is not directly concerned or obligated by any debts owed by any one receiving aid from our Department of Public Welfare. Very respectfully yours,
Joseph S. Weinstein, Corp. Counsel.

COMMUNICATION No. 14
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
I have consulted property owners on Steelawanna avenue, with reference to purchasing the land for the purpose of extending a street through Steelawanna Avenue to Wesson avenue, and desire to make the following report, which I am attaching hereto. Respectfully submitted,
Joseph S. Weinstein, Corp. Counsel.

COMMUNICATION No. 15
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
The following resolution was presented to the Common Council being a copy of the resolution passed by the village of Orchard Park, N. Y.

Resolved, that the sum of \$420.00 is hereby transferred from the Contingent Fund, Budget No. 263 of the Contingent Fund, Budget No. 263 of the Contingent Fund, Budget No. 263 of the Contingent Fund.

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URGENT BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA TO THE S. IDERS RELIEF FUND, BUDGET No. 193 to make good the over drafts on account of the last mentioned fund and the City Treasurer and he is hereby directed to make said transfer, and that resolution be adopted as read.

Approved by Joynt and seconded by Warren. Carried.

COMMUNICATION No. 14
To His Honor the Mayor and Honorable Board of Councilmen:
Gentlemen:
May I petition your body the appointment as a Commissioner of Deeds for the coming year.

I am requested to acknowledge signatures and sign papers and I desire to have the right to acknowledge same. Thanking you in advance, I am, Respectfully yours,
Joseph Murphy, 1650 S. Park Ave.

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