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Howard Allen, of Staten, Ind., a traveling salesman for a sewing machine company, and Mrs. Amanda Burlingham, of Preble, a village about ten miles north of Cortland, were married under romantic circumstances, says the Binghamton (N. Y.) correspondent of the New York Herald.

The two had not known each other more than half an hour when the ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace of Preble.

Mrs. Burlingham was a widow of 50 with two children, a son and a daughter. She owns a large farm at Preble and this year has found considerable difficulty in procuring competent help to assist her in the farm work.

Several weeks ago E. J. Bowdish, of Cortland, a sewing machine salesman, was in Preble on a tour of collection and stopped at the home of Mrs. Burlingham, who complained of the scarcity of farm help and said the only way she could see out of her difficulty was to get married.

Mr. Bowdish sympathized with the widow and jokingly remarked that he would have to find a man for her. Mrs. Burlingham replied that she would be very glad if he would find her a respectable husband, and the conversation was closed.

Mr. Bowdish had thought nothing more of the matter until Thursday afternoon, when he and Mr. Allen and several other sewing machine salesmen were gathered in the Cortland offices of the sewing machine company for a conference. In the afternoon mail delivery came a letter for Mr. Bowdish from Mrs. Burlingham. In it the widow reminded the agent of his promise to find her a husband and asked him what progress he had made in the matter.

Mr. Bowdish said the farm crops were suffering badly because of lack of help, and she was very anxious to find a husband capable of carrying on the farm work, otherwise she would be obliged to sell out. As she had lived on the farm twenty-seven years she did not want to leave and live with new surroundings.

While the other agents joked Mr. Allen took the matter seriously and said that he thought it was a chance for which he had been looking.

At first his fellow agents thought he was joking, but as he was evidently in earnest they began to take the matter seriously. He said that he was tired of wandering about the country without a settled home, and for three or four years he had been looking for some good place to locate.

Mr. Bowdish volunteered to take Allen to Preble on Sunday.

Mrs. Burlingham welcomed the party enthusiastically and wasted no time in getting to the point. She made Mr. Allen give her the history of his past life, and in doing so learned that he was a widower of 47, with a daughter living in Chicago. Mr. Allen assured her that he had worked on a farm and was used to farm work, farm machinery, tools, etc.

Mrs. Burlingham was soon satisfied that Mr. Allen was the man for whom she had been waiting and proposed that they be married at once. Justice of the Peace Dalley was aroused from his slumbers and with Miss Nettie Burlingham, the daughter of the bride, as bridesmaid, and Mr. Bowdish as best man, the ceremony was performed.

SOMETHING ABOUT TUTUILA.

South Sea Colony Has an Ideal Harbor in Formation.

Far in the south seas lies Tutuila. Four thousand miles to the southwest of the golden gate of California, the second place to the left as you leave San Francisco, to borrow Stevenson's droll definition, Honolulu lying mid-way—there you will find the green islands of Samoa, says David Starr Jordan in the Atlantic. Volcanoes make the mountains and gorges and solid land of these islands; 200 inches of rain a year and an ardent tropic sun make its wonderful forest and bush and graceful palms; the "coral insect" makes its white shoreline and coral reefs, while copra makes its enduring smell, and its shifting civilization. And about it all is the abiding presence of the ocean. From every vantage point one sees the blue water meet the blue sky; ever in one's ears the low rumbling of the reefing waters breaking on the guarding reef; in every direction is it ocean-wide away to the world!

Tutuila is primarily a huge volcanic crater, which has built up the island with the lava it has ejected. This crater of Pago-Pago is fringed about with steep walls from 1,000 to 2,500 feet high, almost vertical on the inner edge after the fashion of craters, sloping away on the outside as the lava flows, two points in its rim, the mountains of Matafao and Peoa much higher than the rest, and with a break half a mile wide on the south, letting in the sea. The harbor of Pago-Pago, thus formed within the crater of Peoa, is nearly two miles deep and a mile wide.

This size is, however, much reduced by the barrier reef which occupies half the strait at the entrance, and which forms an unbroken rim about the shore within. But with all this there is room enough, not for all the navies of the world, but for all the ships ever likely to put in to Samoa. The winding entrance shuts out all surf from the south and the great walls on every other side make the harbor securely landlocked, whatever the hurricane without. It is, in brief, the one good harbor in all the South sea, and for that reason it is of high value to a great nation with expansive commercial aspirations. In any case it is now ours and is likely to remain so, a mere dock and coaling station in the eyes of our American administrators, but to its people the colony of Tutuila, of the United States of America, a position in their eyes far nobler than to be an independent kingdom.

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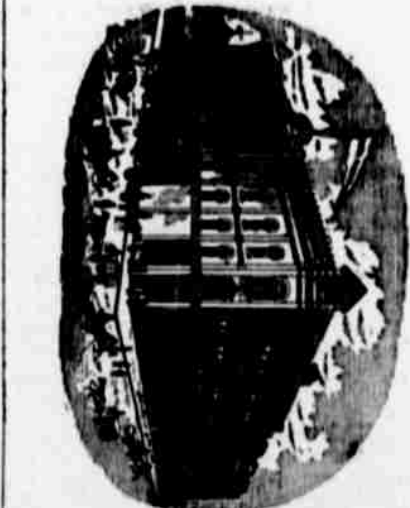
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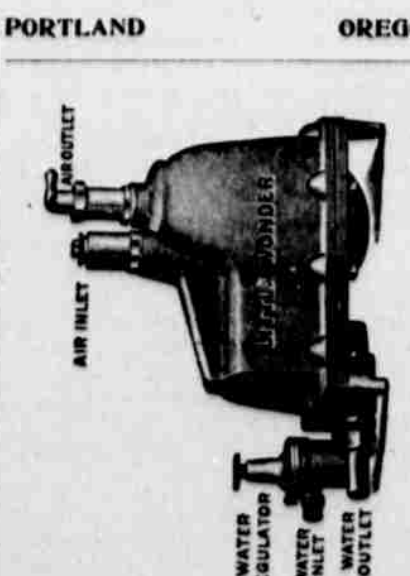
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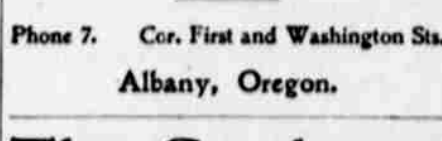
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