

HUNTS AN HEIRESS

Kansas Lawyer Wants to Find Miss Alice Clark

TO PAY HER A SMALL FORTUNE

She Works as a Domestic, and He Has Traced Her Through Several Northwestern Cities—Marriage May Have Increased Trouble.

To a woman now probably working as a domestic is due a fortune of which she is unaware. Miss Alice M. E. Clark, formerly of Lawrence, Kan., will receive \$20,000 when she can be found by the attorney who is now in Portland following the faint trail which she left behind her.

When her father was in very moderate circumstances in 1905, Miss Clark had a quarrel with her step-mother and left home. Since that time her father has amassed a fortune and died. Now, unless the daughter can be found, the step-mother will receive the entire estate, valued at some \$40,000.

To M. A. Gorrell, the Prosecuting Attorney of Douglas County, Kansas, has fallen the chase of the wealthy daughter turned domestic. Starting from his home town, near Lawrence, Kan., he has found traces of the woman he sought all the way to Portland. When last heard of in Seattle, she intended to go to San Francisco by way of Portland. Whether she stopped in Portland or went immediately to the California city, Mr. Gorrell has not been able to learn.

The clues left by the woman are plentiful and undoubted. But another complication has presented itself in a letter written to a friend in Butte, Mont., from Seattle, she speaks of numerous suits. These she has not favored, but it is possible that later in Seattle or afterward in Portland she would have been able to follow to follow that the heiress may come into her own. Under another name than that of Clark, she would be willing to point out the man who had traced her to the California city or stopped in Portland, married and settled down, in what the Kansas attorney is wondering. Considering the difficulties which have attended the tracing of the woman's travels, he has made a remarkably quick trip from Lawrence to Portland.

Miss Alice Clark is now 45 years old. She is of Scottish parentage, is short, stout and of light complexion. "If any one knows of the whereabouts of Miss Clark, I wish he would write to me at Lawrence," said Mr. Gorrell yesterday. "I don't know whether this chase will take me to, but I can always be notified from there."

NOT ARID LANDS ALONE

Irrigation an Aid to Soil That Dries in Summer.

PENDLETON, Aug. 18.—(To the Editor.)—The Eleventh Annual Session of the National Irrigation Congress, which assembled at Ogden, Utah, in September, is rich with promise to the semi-arid States, and Oregon's interest is second to none. Three-fourths of her territory, in general terms, an expansive and fertile one as great as the total area of her northern neighbor, is in great degree dependent upon artificial watering. This would only include, of course, that section east of the Cascades and the mountainous portion of the state lying east of the Coast Range, but it is probably true that even the Willamette Valley could be made to double its present production of wheat, alfalfa and other crops by the use of the water which is available in the dry summer months. Irrigation is rapidly developing into a science, and will not, in the future, be confined to arid and semi-arid regions. The fact that improved lands of kindred character in irrigated countries vastly exceed in value those which remain in their natural state is a fact of impressive object lesson, and a demonstration that the ditch is a surer guarantee of crops than the shower.

TEST SUIT NECESSARY

Law's Delay in Way of Building Marquand Gulch Bridge.

The people of Southern Portland whose connection with the central, or business, portion of the city is confined to bridges across the Marquand Gulch, one of which tumbled down last fall and another which is unsafe, and across a third of which the City & Suburban Railway Company operates a line, are anxious for completion of the bridge under construction in the place of the rickety wooden one there, and were greatly rejoiced when some time ago the contract for such a bridge was awarded to the Pacific Bridge Company. It was, however, necessary before a contract for the construction of the bridge could be made that the contract with the Bridge Company should be approved. The City Attorney undertook the preparation of this contract and it has been ready for submission to an approval of the city authorities last week, and the people interested were delighted with the prospect of having the matter finally settled, and the bridge structure completed. There were no protests against the contract, and no doubt as to its immediate approval.

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BUSINESS ITEMS

If Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Dr. Ross and wife, who are well-known to the public as the authors of "The Baby's Book," are now in the city. They are on the program for presentation of the subject "Irrigation in Oregon." This is of especial importance because the conditions obtaining here have never been understood in the past, and are now, in much of the West. The name "We-foot" and the abundant winter rains of Portland and the coast seem to have dampened the whole State in the minds of distant residents. When the East realizes our real conditions, it will appreciate our temperate proportions, and the commonwealth will see the reward in influx of capital and scientists to which its climate, soil and natural resources entitle it.

TO ERECT A HALL

Evening Star Grange Must Choose Between Two Schemes.

Evening Star Grange, No. 7, Patrons of Husbandry, which meets in Multnomah Hall, on the Section Line road, will consider plans for erection of a two-story building Saturday, September 8, at 3 P. M. The committee—L. F. Miller, A. E. Gates and Mrs. H. L. Vail—has just issued notices, setting forth the plans which are to be considered. The Grange owns Multnomah Hall and ground, valued at \$25,000, and the ground where it is proposed to put the new building, valued at about \$200. The master has been authorized to sell the hall. The membership of the Grange is over 200. Those who cannot attend are requested to write Secretary H. L. Vail stating how much they will give toward erection of the hall, or, if they prefer a stock hall, how many shares they will take.

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Twenty tents and a mess tent are to be sent down to Seaside tomorrow morning for the battery. The tents will be pitched immediately and other arrangements made for the men's comfort, when the routine of camp duty will be taken up. It is not expected more than 65 men will be present.

The members of the Third Infantry, the Separate Battalion and Cavalry Troop will not go into camp until September 3. The Third Infantry is to encamp at Gearhart, the Separate Battalion at Roseburg and the Cavalry will go out for an extended practice march. The order sending the battery out ahead of the other troops was issued in the morning and the men in the battery could get away at the present time more easily, and because the Infantry was delayed by the fact that the new guns and ammunition had not arrived when the orders for the encampment were issued.

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The two 12-inch field pieces of the battery and the two Gatling guns with which the organization is provided will be taken into camp. Sixty rounds of ammunition have been provided for the 12-inch pieces, and there is an abundance of ammunition for the Gatling guns. The battery is equipped with 400 rounds of ammunition for the Gatling guns, but no more will be used than is necessary to give the men the target practice they need with the two pieces.

No danger is anticipated from the firing of these heavy field pieces, for the range is laid out so that shots will be fired into Tillamook Lake. It is not probable that the firing will be interrupted by the circumstances, especially as sentries will be posted to warn visitors away from the range while firing is in progress.

The members of the battery have been supplied with 1000 rounds of ammunition for pistol practice. This is to be made an important feature in the work at the beach, and all of the men will be compelled to fire at different ranges. A complete report will be kept of the result of all shots fired and a report is to be made when the men return from camp. Officers of the battery are confident they will show the best performance in the work of the men.

Most of the details regarding the work in camp have been left to Captain H. U. Welch, commanding the battery. It is left to him to direct the training of the men and the manner in which target practice shall be held, though it is likely a general order will be issued by Adjutant General C. Gantman covering pistol practice. Since Captain Welch's command will have been in camp for several days before this order is out, it will not be referred to him as to the other matters which will be in the hands of the officers.

First Lieutenants L. M. Clark and T. L. Perkins and Second Lieutenant F. H. Burns are to go out with the battery. The membership of Battery A was shown in the last report to be 122 men. It includes four commissioned officers, 17 non-commissioned officers and 105 privates. A detail from Vancouver Barracks will be made of one regular Army officer to inspect the battery during the nine days the men will be out.

Though no formal notice has been issued of the fact that F. S. Baker was elected Major in the business man, died August 13 on his farm at Tillamook, Wash., 24 miles from Vancouver. Death came suddenly from heart failure. The funeral was held Sunday, Mr. Lopez was a native of Germany, and came to Portland in 1864. He is survived by a widow and six sons and a daughter, John Adam, Charles, William, Daniel, James, Gus and Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, all of Portland.

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