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CHAPTER XXX. (Continued)

It was over; he had done his bit. For a long while he remained there, his patient, haggard face bent, his eyes fixed upon the floor. He felt very odd, very much used up, and the odor of thinking was unbearable. When the fire had died and a child had crept into the room he roused himself to note that it had grown dark. Manifestly this would not do; there was the problem of living still to face. Some or later this very evening he must go to Louella and pretend to a person he could have a good night's sleep. He would make a noise, make a noise; it would take all he had in him to carry it off, and, meanwhile, the more he let his mind dwell upon her the more unbearable became his thoughts. This Louella was playing tricks with him. Enough of it! He must have a voice, and regain the mastery of himself through contact with some people. Perhaps in the saloons, the restaurants, he could almost enough laughter to make his mockery be purposeful; perhaps it would enable him to slump a grin upon his features.

He had his impulse was futile; in spite of himself he struck from him people and held himself unobtrusively in a corner of the first place he entered. He was hurt, wounded, sick to death; he longed to creep away somewhere and be alone with his pain. In order that he might the sooner be free to do so, he rose faintly and slunk out upon the street. It would soon be time for Louella to go to work. He would not let it over with. Cap in hand, his heart beating heavily at the prospect of merely seeing her, he came on noiseless soles to her door. He could hear her stirring inside, so he took a deep breath and rapped softly. She uttered a cry when she saw him standing there; then a sudden pallor crept into her cheeks, a queer constraint enveloped her. Nevertheless, she put both her hands in his and drew him across the threshold. She said something which neither of them understood. "Poleon's ears were ringing, but after a few moments he discovered that she was kindly chiding him. Where had he been? Why had he delayed so long, knowing all the time that she was dying to see him and to hear his story? He could not understand her embarrassment, her shyness, the fact that she seemed hurt. "Wal, I'm tucker' out will travel in," he declared. "Dat's hardes' trip ever I mak'. You hear bout 'im eh?—bout how McCaskey tell de truth?"

Louella nodded, with a curious little smile upon her lips. "Yes, I heard all about it the first thing—how he took down those fellows—everything. The town was ringing with the name inside of an hour. Of course, I went to the barracks, finally, looking for you. I'm just back. I saw the lieutenant and he told me the true story." "Poleon stirred uncomfortably. "He swore at you roughly, and said he'd take it out of your skin as soon as he was able—giving him the credit. He told me it was you who did it—how you followed those men over the line, alone. McCaskey played out; how Joe Mc-up, and the other of thinking was unbearable. When the fire had died and a child had crept into the room he roused himself to note that it had grown dark. Manifestly this would not do; there was the problem of living still to face. Some or later this very evening he must go to Louella and pretend to a person he could have a good night's sleep. He would make a noise, make a noise; it would take all he had in him to carry it off, and, meanwhile, the more he let his mind dwell upon her the more unbearable became his thoughts. This Louella was playing tricks with him. Enough of it! He must have a voice, and regain the mastery of himself through contact with some people. Perhaps in the saloons, the restaurants, he could almost enough laughter to make his mockery be purposeful; perhaps it would enable him to slump a grin upon his features. But his impulse was futile; in spite of himself he struck from him people and held himself unobtrusively in a corner of the first place he entered. He was hurt, wounded, sick to death; he longed to creep away somewhere and be alone with his pain. In order that he might the sooner be free to do so, he rose faintly and slunk out upon the street. It would soon be time for Louella to go to work. He would not let it over with. Cap in hand, his heart beating heavily at the prospect of merely seeing her, he came on noiseless soles to her door. He could hear her stirring inside, so he took a deep breath and rapped softly. She uttered a cry when she saw him standing there; then a sudden pallor crept into her cheeks, a queer constraint enveloped her. Nevertheless, she put both her hands in his and drew him across the threshold. She said something which neither of them understood. "Poleon's ears were ringing, but after a few moments he discovered that she was kindly chiding him. Where had he been? Why had he delayed so long, knowing all the time that she was dying to see him and to hear his story? He could not understand her embarrassment, her shyness, the fact that she seemed hurt. "Wal, I'm tucker' out will travel in," he declared. "Dat's hardes' trip ever I mak'. You hear bout 'im eh?—bout how McCaskey tell de truth?"

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Advertisement for 'A SMALL HEATER With Much Heat.' It features an illustration of a man in a hat and a small electric heater. The text describes the heater as a 'Cozy Glow' electric heater that can be used for heating or as a lamp. It is made by H. & S. Electric, Sommer Hotel Building.

Advertisement for 'A New Product Relish Spread' by Union Creamery Company. It features an illustration of a sandwich spread. The text describes it as a 'Gold Medal' manufacturer's product, a 'winner' sandwich spread unlike any other. It is available at Union Creamery Company, 1112 Jefferson Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. Phone Main 122.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Court of Union County, Oregon, will be in session on Friday, December 4th, 1925, at 10:00 A. M., at the office of the County Judge in the Court House in the City of La Grande, Oregon, for the purpose of levying a tax upon the assessable property of Union County as the same appears upon the 1925 assessment roll of said County at which time and place any taxpayer subject to such levy will be heard for or against the proposed levy, or any part thereof. Tax levies will be based upon the following estimates made by the Budget Committee of Union County, Oregon, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 115, Laws of Oregon, 1921:

Table of estimated expenditures and receipts for Union County, Oregon, for the year 1925. It lists various departments such as Sheriff's Office, Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, etc., with their respective salaries and expenses. It also includes a section for 'ESTIMATED RECEIPTS' and a 'RECAPITULATION' of total estimated expenses and receipts.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL LIBRARY

Table showing financial data for schools and school library, including County School Fund, High School Tuition Fund, and Library Fund.

Table showing 'TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY' and 'ESTIMATED RECEIPTS' for the year 1925. It includes a recapitulation of total estimated expenses and receipts.

Table showing 'EXPENDITURES FOR THREE YEARS PRECEDING 1925' for various departments. It compares expenditures for the years 1922, 1923, and 1924 against the budget allowance for 1925.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court, this 5th day of November, A. D. 1925. C. K. McCORMICK, County Clerk.

Advertisement for 'PERRY SCHOOL CENSUS TAKEN'. It reports that Mrs. George Robertson took the school census and turned her report in to the county school superintendent. It also mentions that Mrs. Walter Martin returned home from Pendleton last week.

Advertisement for 'K C' brand '25 OUNCES' of '25 YEARS' for 25 cents. It features an illustration of a product container and text stating 'for over 25 YEARS'.

Advertisement for 'Delicious' products. It promotes 'Good Delicacies' and 'More than a Thousand boxes' that are 'Moved at from Thirty-five cents To three dollars Per box. Bring your boxes For the cheaper grades.'

Advertisement for 'La Grande Warehouse & Storage Co.' located at Main 792. It offers storage services for various goods.

U. P. LAYS DOUBLE TRACK. OMAHA (AP)—Double tracking of the Union Pacific railroad from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Ogden, Utah, will be completed at a cost of \$25,000,000 by September 1, 1925, under terms of a building program announced by that railroad Tuesday. The last stretch of 25.5 miles of single track between Echo, Utah, on the east and Gateway on the west, is to be paralleled by a second track. This will give the Union Pacific system a double track from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Salt Lake. Work on the new project will be started immediately, the announcement stated.

Former Arrested Leaving Prison. SALEM, Ore.—Charles Mills, who completed a term of one year in the state penitentiary here on a forgery charge, was arrested by federal officers as he started to leave the institution for Portland. He will be taken to Minnesota for prosecution on charges of unlawful transportation of a stolen automobile from one state to another.

Large advertisement for 'SATURDAY Aluminum Roaster Special' by Oregon Hardware & Implement Company. It features illustrations of round, square, and oval roasters. Prices are listed as \$1.09 for round, \$6.09 for square, \$1.39 for oval, and \$2.29 for another oval size.