

THE ROADS TO WRINKLE TOWN.

Have you ever heard of the many roads that lead to Wrinkle Town? Or talked with the people who every day travel them up or down? There are numberless roads and wise folks tell...

THE SECOND ACT

By Owen Oliver

"DR. STRANGE has told you of my delusion," he said, with an unworldly smile. "Let us start from the delusion. I cannot very well tell my story in any other way."

He pushed his papers aside, leaned back in the cozy reading chair and folded his hands. The scene haunts me yet. His dark, grave face, with its raven hair and long, pointed beard; his soft, weary voice; the chirping of the birds, the humming of the bees, and the bare branches of summer air, stealing in through the barred windows—I remember them all. This is the story:

Four thousand years ago, when men worshipped God under the name of Osiris and Isis, I was Amenemhat IV., king in Khen—which you call Egypt. My conquests and my learning are graven upon the great tablets, but the scribes left unsaid what should be unsaid. Therefore you will seek in vain for mention of Numidea, the slave.

Felix, the trader, brought her from over the Mediterranean. When she stood before me with flushed cheeks and tears in her pale blue eyes, the cunning knave refused to name a price. "The world is thine, O king," he said, "and the maid, if it be thy will. Give to me only what she seemeth worth to thee."

So I gave him a nome—or province—and dealt somewhat niggardly with him, methought. Then I took her to the palace to be queen, under the name of Sebek-nefrura, which is on the tablets. The people murmured, yet none dared to complain to my face, but Numidea, the blue-eyed slave, with her soft looks and her frightened voice, was braver than they.

"Kill me, if thou wilt, oh king," she said, tauntingly, "for in truth I love thee not at all." A whole month I wooed her, disdaining force, and she said no more. Then she cast her eyes upon Kales, the captain of the guard, and cared less than ever for me.

I sent Kales on a journey beyond the seas. I would have slain him, but he was a brave man, and we had played and fought together as children. And then Numidea struck me with her small, soft hand.

"Take her to the deathmen," I commanded; "in the morning she shall die." Let I should break a king's word I rode to the great temple far away. But I could not sleep for the thought of her great blue eyes, wide with fear. So I rose and bade them harness the swiftest horses to the lightest chariot, and Charmicles drove for me, whose hand was the lightest upon the reins. All the night we sped in the moonlight with the sand flying in long clouds behind us and the great pyramids rearing upon us from afar.

"If thou lovest a slave, Charmicles," I asked him, "and she loved not thee?" "If I loved her a little," he said, "happily she would perish, oh lord."

"And if thou lovest her much?" He looked at the moon flitting through the clouds for a long time, and his face grew sad.

"If I loved her enough, oh king—perchance I should set her free." I covered my head in my robe and said nothing. Was I not racing the flying hours to open her prison doors?

Ra, the sun-god, sprung up, and laughed upon the land, and Charmicles wiped the sweat from his brow and ceased to strike the horses as they paced and struggled to the base of the great pyramid, where the prison was.

And behold they had tortured her; and she had died in the night! I drew my sword upon myself, but Charmicles stayed my hand. "Shall they write upon the tablets that Amenemhat of the holy line died for love of a slave?" he said.

An American Murdered.

TAMARA, Morocco, July 1.—There is great excitement at Fez owing to French entrenchments on the Oasis of Fonal. A mob killed the manager of a French concern, who was an American citizen. The British consul has demanded assistance of the authorities to protect his house, and the Jewish ghetto is besieged. The legation here is making serious representations on the subject.

The name of the victim of the mob was Marcus Essagin. The outrage occurred on Thursday last. Essagin, while riding on horseback through a narrow street, jolted against the mule of a Moroccan religious fanatic, and a dispute ensued, the crowd which gathered siding with the priest.

Essagin in self-defense drew his revolver and fired, wounding a native. This was a signal for a general attack upon the American, who received dozens of knife wounds and whose body was burned, according to some, before life was extinct.

Pittsburg's down-town business section was visited by another disastrous fire Friday, the second within a week. Four men are dead and six others are in hospitals suffering from injuries which may prove fatal. All of the victims were firemen. The fire originated in the basement of E. G. Evans & company's china and glassware establishment on fifth avenue. When all danger seemed to have passed, the firemen were working on the second floor, knee deep in water, when the floor gave way, dragging the third floor along with it, clear through to the cellar. The firemen were buried under the debris.

The strike of the street car men at St. Louis has been mutually settled. Fred Park Swasey, who was well-known throughout the state, died at Reading recently of typhoid fever.

By the breaking of a derrick at Oakland, Hans Lauritsen, a laborer, was instantly killed, and Harry Behrend, a workman, was so seriously injured that he may not recover. Bertie Hubs, a 6-year-old child of Oakland was run over and killed by a steam roller a few days ago.

The commissioner of navigation states that during the fiscal year just closed the total tonnage of American vessels officially registered amounted to 417,084 gross tons. Full returns from Honolulu will not be received for a fortnight, but about 58,000 tons of Hawaiian vessels were entitled to American documents under the act of congress creating the territory of Hawaii. Porto Rican vessels entitled to American documents aggregated less than 1000 tons.

The Custer County Wool warehouse, two dwellings and eight cars were destroyed by fire at Mills City, Mont. There was 400,000 pounds of wool in the warehouse, partially insured. Loss \$250,000.

All the union miners in Alabama, about 10,000 in number, suspended work pending the settlement of the wage dispute between them and the operators. The old wage contract has expired and the miners demand a raise and other concessions. The operators refused this demand.

In the French chamber of deputies the government introduced a credit of 1,815,000 francs to erect an embassy building in Washington.

A bold attempt by two masked men to loot the safe in the office of the Globe Laundry company, Chicago, was frustrated by an accident that may prove fatal to one of the marauders. In exploding dynamite to shatter the lock of the inner door of the safe, one of the men had hit right hand turn away and his wrist shattered, while the other thief was struck in the face by a flying fragment of steel. The injured men fled, leaving gagged and bound on the floor three men employed by the company, who they had surprised sleeping in the room adjoining the office on the second floor.

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Summer Resorts. To the mountains our people in increasing numbers yearly look for those days of relaxation and recreation necessary to maintain the human machine in fair working condition. The languorous sloth of an seashore proves very defective while it lasts, but many have detected that the annual outing should provide not only radical change of air and surroundings, but also such stimulation of flagging energies as will provide brawn and vigor for the return to labor. For this they urge the mountain climb and ramble, the balsam of the mountain pines, and the clear, unadulterated mountain air.

In this direction the Shasta Route now affords a wealth of attractions. The entire line of road from Ashland to Redding is studded with charming and accessible hotels and camps, where are cheer and comfort and healing of reasonable cost, and where you can hunt, fish, ride, loaf, or play with equal facility.

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I. O. O. F.—Lodge No. 88, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Saturday at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. MRS. LIZZIE A. HARVEY, N. G. J. H. STEWART, Rec. Sec.

I. O. O. F.—Rogue River Encampment No. 30, meets in regular review on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. W. T. YORK, Scribe.

Olive Rebekah Lodge No. 88, meets in I. O. O. F. hall first and third Tuesdays of each month. Visiting sisters invited to attend. MRS. MINNIE CALKINS, Rec. Sec.

A. F. & A. M.—Meets first Friday on or before full moon at 8 p. m. in Masonic hall. W. V. LIPPINCOTT, Rec. Sec.

K. of P.—Talisman lodge No. 31, meets Monday evening at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. EUGENE ORA, C. O. S. E. COLE, K. of R. and S.

Knights of the Maccopees.—Triumph Tent No. 14, meets in regular review on the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month in A. O. U. W. Hall at 7:30 p. m. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited to attend. G. L. WEBB, Commander. W. T. YORK, R. K.

A. O. U. W.—Degree of Honor.—Mather lodge No. 86, meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at A. O. U. W. hall. MRS. CHARIE M. ANDREWS, C. of H. MRS. DELLA DODDIE, Rec.

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Chrysanthemum Circle, No. 84, Women of Woodcraft.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8 p. m. in Woodmen hall. Visiting sisters invited. HARRIE WEBB, G. M. ADA M. MILLS, Clerk.

W. R. C.—Chester A. Arthur Corps No. 84 meets second and fourth Monday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. in Woodman's hall. Visiting sisters invited. MRS. J. H. WHITMAN, Pres. MARY E. REEVES, Sec.

G. A. R.—Chester A. Arthur Post No. 47 meets in Woodman's hall every second and fourth Monday night in each month at 7:30. Visiting comrades cordially invited to attend. D. R. ANDRITA, Comd. F. M. STEWART, Adjutant.

W. C. T. U.—Meets every other Wednesday in the Halley block. ADDIE HALLEY, Pres. MRS. MAY COX, Sec.

CHURCHES OF MEDFORD.

Sun. Marks Episcopal Sunday School meets at Episcopal Church every Sunday morning. 10 o'clock; divine service every first and third Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Chas. Booth, Rector.

Methodist Episcopal Church—W. H. Moore, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. H. L. Gilkey, supt. Class meeting every Sabbath at close of sermon. Levi Faucett, leader. Epworth League every Sabbath evening at 6:30. O. Faucett, pres. Hospital work by prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Ladies' sewing circle every week. Missionary society meets the first Friday in each month.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haterly, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. K. at 6:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society at 8:30. E. first Thursday 7:30 P. M. each month. Choral Union every Friday at 7:30 p. m. The people welcome. O. J. Gist pastor. Besides at the church.

Baptist church—Rev. T. L. Cranahan, pastor. Sabbath services: Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school 10 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.; covenant meeting at 8:30 p. m. on Saturday preceding first Sabbath. Strangers and friends always welcome.

Christian church—Corner of Sixth and 1st streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 8 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. K. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary meets by prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Choral Union every Friday at 7:30 p. m. The people welcome. O. J. Gist pastor. Besides at the church.

Methodist Episcopal Church South—Rev. E. F. Wilson, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Epworth League, prayer and home meeting each Sunday at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30; Women's Home Mission Society meets first Thursday in each month at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. E. H. Pickel, president.

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