By Edgar S. Bradley.

MRS. RUTHVEN, tall, brilliantly dark, with the breath of the prai-ries in her carriage, swept out of the dining-room, and her husband, George Ruthven, and I turned to our coffee and

"George, how did you gain that mag-nificent woman for a wife?"

Not at all discomposed at the broadness of my compliment to his wife, George amilingly responded:

"You remember the great blizzard which swept over the western prairie states, particularly Nebraska, during January of 1887? Yes? Well, it was from that blizzard that I was rescued by the most beautiful woman it has ever been the happy lot of man to pos-

"I was at that time, as you know, embarking in the practice of law, and had, to use an old-time phrase, 'articled' myself to one of the most prom-inent legal firms in this city. I grew ateadily in favor of my superiors, who are now my partners, so it happened that when an occasion arose in an important land suit, requiring that a man be sent to Ainsworth, Neb., to obtain necessary information from the records, I was selected for the duty.

"I reached Ainsworth without inci-dent and spent a couple of days there examining the court records, until I discovered that one link of evidence was missing. I shortly learned that it could be replaced by certain affidavits which a banker at Atkinson, 55 miles which a banker at Atkinson, so miles down the road could give, if he should be so disposed. Unfortunately only one passenger a day was then running and I found that had just left and that no other train would start un-till late in the night. That would be a slow freight, which would not get me in Atkinson much before the passenger the next morning. So I concluded to drive the 55 miles.

"Hurrying to the livery stable I induced the proprietor to take me as far as Long Pine, the next station, where I could and did obtain a relay of bron-chos and another driver to Bassett. There I obtained another relay and started for Newport, the next and by the time we reached there, the snow was falling quite fast, but still there was no indication of the horrible storm in which so many lives were lost and in which the cattle ranches suffered almost to bankruptcy by thou-sands of head of cattle being destroyed. As we proceeded, the storm increased in virulence and I was glad. Indeed, when I could toast my chilled feet at the blazing hearth in the small hotel the place afforded, while my driver was ing about an exchange of horses.

The liveryman returned and in-formed me that he had not been able to induce the local stable keeper to undertake a journey, even to the next town, Stuart, though he said, if the

"The storm now swinled and pound- of my adventure was my present parted and roared with ferocious power about me. Already I was passing about me. Already I was passing through drifts so deep as to compel my small bronchos to tug and snort in the effort required to pull the buggy through them. Heavy darkness was rapidly taking the place of the grayth light, the dull, whirling snowbanks of clouds lowering and plunging about matil it seemed that they and the masses of snow and sleet beating against me were one. The cold, too, had become intense, and the stinging had become intense, and the stinging pain in my fingers told me my hands had been frost-bitten, while my feet seemed mere chunks of ice, no power

of motion. Suddenly there came a jar and the bronchos were brought to a halt. Tug as they would, they could not raise the wheels over the obstruction in our course. Now really starmed at my situation I jurned fromg the buggy, no wither the buggy, no with in

my nearly frozen feet, and brushed away with my hand the snow which was packing in front of the buggy, "I was horrified to see that the

bronches had passed over one of the many graves which mark the failure of some hardy pioneer on these in-terminable prairies, and my buggy had crashed against the small monument that some mourning friend or relative had placed at this savage, soll-

tary resting place.
"I tell you, Harry, my boy, I never want again to experience such an un-comfortable feeling as that which flashed over me on my discovery. This obstruction really appeared to me to be the mark of my own end. I me to be the mark or many and willing to admit that it was work am willing to admit that it was work as something of the unreasoning power of a maniac that I lifted and pulled at the buckboard, until with a shout of wildest joy, I raised it over the obstruction and jumping into it, whipped up the fainting bronchosuntil I had driven far away from the lone. A round of jackpots had one. A round of jackpots had one.

ing, crying in my despair. Slower, h slower became their pace, while about me the storm raged and snarled, receded and attacked, hurling the bat-tering ram of its power dead in the breasts of the mean, little,

them to a dead stop.
"I think I must have become manine as at last I saw one stumble and fall, with his hoof caught in some orifice in the ground, while the other sank slowly, patiently, into the snow, his life going out in his last struggle

"I remember indistinctly of sitting by the side of the bronchos with that awful storm beating about me, and awful storm beating about me, and laughing and chattering as I toyed with their ears, or playfully tickled their sides with the broken butt of the whip. Then I remember of springing to my feet and gibbering as I ran, making wide circles about them, dashing up to their heads as I have done in my school days, waving my arms to scare them into a scam-

"Then as the fatal warmth began stealing over me, a sank into the snow and tossed handfuls of it at the

scurrying clouds and flying sleet.
"When I opened my eyes I believed
myself in dreamland. About me was every evidence of comfort and refine-The delicious sense of warm fur coverings impressed me, and I raised myself slightly to take in more of my surroundings. As I lifted my eyes they feasted on the fairy who had provided my dreamland with all these comforts. She was darkly, radi-antly beautiful, and I reached out my arms to bestow a shower of affection. ate gratitude upon her. Then I reteam, myself running in madness about them, and how I had sunk in exhaustion into the snow. 'And is this death?' I cried to the beautiful spirit hanging over me. 'No,' she answered,

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Not Like Lightning.

"Jimmy," exclaimed the first boy,

"teacher jumped on you pretty quick. Yanked you up and walloped you like lightning, didn't be?"
"No," replied the other boy, ruefully, "not like lightning. He hit me too often in the same place."—Family Herald.

A Sure Cure,

A New York man cured himself of the grippe by merely fasting. This treatment, however, says the Chicago Tribune, if continued long enough, will put a stop to any disease,

Effect of Criticism.

We hope the publishers of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" are prepared, says the Chicago Times-Herald, to supply the increased demands that will now b mude for the book.

REMARKABLE PAT HANDS.

Five Full Ones That Contained a Wonderful Combination of Numbers.

Inner club circles have been regaled with a story of a recent sitting at draw poker, in which five well-known clubmen took part, says the Baltimore

It was at the home of one of the members. Two new packs of cards were brought out, the seal of one was cut and the cards shuffled. From this pack cards were dealt around to select the dealer for the opening hand. This done, the second pack of cards was opened and shuffled by one of the party, who handed it to the dealer,

aggressive spirit sat next in line and he quietly mot all that had been bet and raised the limit. It was now around to a railroadman, who was the dealer. There was a pause, and each player inspected his cards with a self-satisfied air. The railroad man broke team, and many, many times bringing the silence by meeting all bets and them to a dead stop. stayed in the game. The dealer asked how many cards were wanted and each player in turn said none. The dealer

the call was passed all around.
At the show-down the hand in each case was a full house and, beginning with the first to the left of the dealer, as follows: Sevens and deuces, eights and treys, nines and fours, tens and fives, aces and fives. The railroad man was the winner. He has had the cards as held by each player framed and each player has a photograph of them as

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the their claims in this office on or before said 3d day of Septemer, 1901.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, June 13, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her intention. The said of the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the said of timber lands in the States of Calliornia, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of August, 1901.

J. T. Bridges, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION, United States Land Office.
Reseburg, Oregon, June 10, 1901.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

LAWRENCE D. McEWEN, of Olequa, county of Cowlitz, State of Wisconsin, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1688, for the purchase of the BW ½ of section No. 28, in township No 34 s, range No. 3 east, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Ore, on Tuesday, the 3d day of September, 1901. He names as witnesses: George Bateman and Albert Willis, of Roseburg.

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Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

LAWRENCE D. McEWEN, of Olequa, county of Cowlitz, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office his aworn statement No. 1686, for the purchase of the Bw ½ of section No. 3 in Township No. 34 s, Range No. 3 East, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Ore, on Tuesday, the 3d day of September, 1901. He names as witnesses: George Bateman and Albert Willis, of Roseburg.

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s, S. PENTZ, Secretary. O E. S.—Reames Chapter, No. 66, meets second and fourth Thursday's of each month at Masonic list, Mediord, Oregon, Visiting sisters and brothers always welcome, Man Mary E. REEYES, W. M. MATTIE E. PICKEL, Secretary.

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Methodiat Episcopal Church—W. H. Meore, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 s. m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 10 a.m., H. Gilkey, supi. Class meeting every Mabbath at close of sermon, Levi Faucett, lender. En worth league every Habbath evening at 6:20, G. Faucett, prest. Hegular weekly prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:50. Ladies' sewing circle every week. Missionary society meets the first Friday is each month.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haberly, pastor. Residence at the manse in the rear of the church. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sur day school at 10 a. m., David Day, Supt. Christian Endeavor meeting end hour before the evening service, Nias Rha Dodge, Press. Ledler's All Society every other Thursday afternoon, Mrs. E. C. Wait, Press. Ladies' Missionary Society at Tuesday of cach month at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. L. T. Pierce, Press.

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