

An Interval

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"It's queer how little difference ten years will make in the look of persons when you're with 'em all the time and how much difference it makes when you don't see 'em. And if you don't see 'em for a matter of twenty years, why, you don't know 'em at all."

The words were spoken by Joshua Sparks to his friend, Mahuida Slickler.

"Yes, Mr. Sparks, and that's the reason I don't take stock in the idea that love is anything more'n livin' together."

"I knew of a case of that kind once. It came under my own observation. You know Martha Wrinkles, don't you?"

"Yes, I know her; she's a skinny old maid."

"Waal, when Martha was a gal she was as purty as any 'em. I was a little soft on her myself then. But I didn't have no chance. She was sot on Ben Higgins, as fine a lookin' young man as ever handled a pitchfork. And Den was sot on her. They was the loveliest couple I ever see. They was goin' to get married when Ben was tuk sick. He was sick a long while, and when he got well the doctor said he'd better go off somewhere else to git a change of air."

"Ben, he went to Colorado, where the air is dry and pure. He tuk a pictur of Martha with him, and they both said their love with the undyin' kind. It didn't matter how long they might be separated, neither of 'em would marry any one else, and they would marry each other when they come together ag'in."

"Ben was twenty when he went away and Martha was nineteen. The separation was longer than either of 'em had any idee of when they parted. Ben was five years gittin' back his health. By that time he thort he'd come to an age when he'd like to have a little somethin' laid up before he got married. So he worked and worked, but somehow riches didn't come. It was twenty-one years before he got back."

"Neither he nor Martha was much at writin', even when he went away. First off they wrote once a month, then once a year, and after that it was once in five years. But they was true to each other all these years."

"Ben was forty-two years old when he come back. He come to me fust before seein' Martha at all. I didn't know him. Some men looks purty young at forty-two, and some looks purty old. Ben was one o' the old lookin' kind. He wore specs, his head was smooth as a billiard ball, and what hair there was on the sides was grizzly gray."

"Don't y'know me, Josh?" he said. "I'm Ben Higgins."

"Waal, to be perlitte I told him I'd had trouble with my eyes."

"He told me that he'd come home to marry Martha. He'd made some money during the last few years and was lookin' forward to the realization of the dream of his life. He tuk the pictur of Martha out of his pocket and showed it to me. My sakes, how far away it seemed! There sat a purty young gal that I'd known twenty years before. Now she was gray in the front of her head, and the wrinkles she's got now was beguinin' to spread over her face and neck and arms and hands. I guess it makes a woman sour lookin' to wait for a lover. Anyway, she looked just as if she could bite off a tenpenny nail."

"Ben," says I, "Martha's changed a bit since that was taken."

"Mebbe," he said, "she might have changed somewhat. I'm goin' to see her tonight, and I'll see how much she's altered."

"Come round to my house to supper," I said. "You can go to see Martha afterwards."

"All right," he answered; "I will."

"I asked Martha to come to supper, not tellin' her she was to meet her old lover. I wanted to see 'em when they first saw each other. I didn't go to no trouble of introducin' 'em, as city folks do. Martha she sot at one end of the table by my wife, and Ben sot by me, the yunkers between. Consequence was that Ben and Martha didn't have nothin' to say to each other. Fact is they didn't appear to take no interest into each other. When Ben and I got up from the table I asked him if he wouldn't like to go out and look at the stock. He said he would, and we went to the barn."

"After awhile Ben said he guessed he'd go and see his old love. Then I told him Martha had been settin' at the other end of the table at supper."

"You ought to seen the way he looked at me. There was a pained expression, as though he had built a beautiful structure over him away up into the sky and it had collapsed and come down on his head. The first thing he said was:

"'Did she know who I was?"

"'No, but my wife has told her by this time."

"I saw he'd better not go to see Martha right off, and I told him so. He agreed with me. When my wife told Martha that she had sat at the same table with her old lover she acted about the same way as Ben did. She didn't go home that evenin', fearin' he would go to see her."

"Ben stayed around here for awhile. He and Martha used to meet once in awhile, but they pertended not to know each other for what they was when young. Bimeby Ben went back to Colorado, and Martha said she could breathe free once more."

A TEST

A Story For Independence Day

By SARA GOULD AMES

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There is a house at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., where cannon planted and the stars and stripes flying from a staff in the yard indicate that to the premises is attached something of national importance. It was in this house that Washington had one of his headquarters, and it was here that he planned the Yorktown campaign, which resulted in American Independence.

Close by this place and on the opposite side of what was then called the Albany road lived a Tory family named Treat. A young lieutenant in the patriot army, John Rathbone, was a suitor for the hand of Marian Treat, and the girl returned his love. But her father, who had been born in England, was so stalwart an adherent of the king's cause that he would not consent to the marriage of his daughter with a rebel. On the contrary, with that vigor common in family affairs, especially at that day, among Englishmen, he insisted on his daughter accepting Captain Reginald Winstead of the British army in America.

One evening Lieutenant Rathbone, whose regiment was stationed at Kingsbridge, rode over to Dobbs Ferry to see Marian Treat. His object was to induce her to brave her father's anger by becoming his wife. He was obliged to knock twice at the door, when it was opened by Marian herself, who seemed very much disturbed.

"What is it, sweetheart?" he asked.

"Father has told me since you were here last not to receive you again."

"Is that all?"

"Yes—no. I think you had better go."

"Not till I have said what I have to say and received your answer."

She had lingered in the hall, but he strode into the living room, where she followed him.

"I have come," Rathbone continued, "to make a last protest against your marrying this Englishman, who is one of those who are endeavoring by force of arms to subject us to slavery. Come with me now to the parsonage of Domlnie Van Vorst and let him tie the knot. That is the only way by which you can escape a marriage with this Captain Winstead."

"I can't go. If father should come in and find you here something awful would happen."

"Marian, sweetheart, come with me, I conjure you!"

He seized her hand and was attempting to draw her toward the door when a man stepped from behind a screen and with wrathful mien confronted him.

"I am Reginald Winstead," he said, "the man to whom you have referred in such uncomplimentary terms. Do you consider it honorable to attempt to win a lady in such fashion?"

"I consider it honorable to attempt to win in any fashion a lady who prefers me and is kept from me by a father's tyranny. Let me ask you, sir, if you consider it honorable to act with her father against his daughter's inclinations?"

"Let her decide here, now, between us," replied Captain Winstead, "and if she decides in your favor!"

The words were cut short by the violent opening of the outer door. Marian, white as a sheet, thrust Winstead behind the screen. One of General Washington's aids entered the room hurriedly.

"Mistress Treat," he said, "information has been brought to headquarters that a British soldier is within our lines and harbored by some of the Tory families hereabout. I must search the house."

"Captain," said Rathbone, "will you accept my statement that there is no such spy here?"

"You may not know of his presence."

"I do know of the presence of a person here, a friend of mine. He has recently come from the enemy's lines and proposes to return here. Will you oblige me by permitting him to go free on my promise that no information goes with him?"

"I will refer the matter to the general."

The officer strode across the road and in a few minutes returned with the information that "General Washington, in view of his confidence in Lieutenant Rathbone, grants the request."

Meanwhile Captain Winstead had appeared from behind the screen.

"Lieutenant Rathbone," he said, "permit me to thank you for what you have done for me. Had I been taken within your lines in citizen's dress, though there are no incriminating documents on my person, I would have been in danger of being hanged for a spy. Marian, do what I was asking you to do when we were interrupted. Decide between us."

Marian threw herself into Rathbone's arms.

"Now," said Rathbone to Winstead, "I will conduct you out of our lines."

"I beg that you will allow me to go out the way I came in," replied the Englishman. "If there is anything to lighten my disappointment at my loss it is that the girl I love shall marry a man who would not stoop to take advantage of a rival."

Winstead took his departure and found his way to his own army. When he had gone the girl Rathbone had so suddenly won said to him:

"An hour ago I had firmly resolved to yield to the wishes of my father. When you were so suddenly put to the test and your nobler instincts at once came to the front I was conquered."

Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

In the Matter of the Estate of Sarah A. White, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Agatha A. Brandenburg, administratrix of the estate of the above named decedent, has filed in the above entitled Court her duly verified final account and report of the administration of said estate and the said Court has fixed Saturday, August 5, 1911, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in the court room of said Court, in the court house at Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, as the time and place of hearing said final account and report.

All persons interested are hereby notified to make or file their objections to said final account and report with said court, if any they have, on or before said time.

Date hereof and of the first publication hereof is July 8, 1911.

AGATHA A. BRANDENBURG,
Administratrix of the Estate of Sarah A. White, Deceased.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

State of Oregon, plaintiff, vs. Elmer E. Bagley and Samuel Mathis, and all persons claiming to be heirs at law of John Woods, deceased. Defendants.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson, on the 29th day of June, 1911, on a judgment duly rendered in said court as follows:

Whereas, on the 24th day of June, 1911, by consideration of the Circuit Court for Jackson County, Oregon, the State of Oregon, plaintiff, recovered a judgment against Elmer E. Bagley, Samuel Mathis, and all persons claiming to be the heirs at law of John Woods, deceased, defendants, in which it was considered, ordered and adjudged that the State of Oregon is seized of all the lands, tenements and property belonging to said estate and described in the information filed in said cause and hereinafter particularly described.

That all the right and title to the same escheated to and is vested in the State of Oregon, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office of said Court, in Jackson County, on the 28th day of June, 1911.

And, whereas, it was ordered and adjudged that all said lands, and every parcel thereof, belonging to said estate and hereinafter described, be sold by the sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon, in the same manner as upon execution at law.

THEREFORE, in obedience to said execution, and as by law provided, I will on Monday, the 7th day of August, 1911, at the front door of the court house in the Town of Jacksonville, Oregon, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. of said day, sell at public auction, all the right, title and interest of said estate in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lots one (1), two (2), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) in Block one (1) of the Town of Woodville, in Jackson County, Oregon, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the proceeds of said sale, less the costs and disbursements of the sale, to go to the State of Oregon.

W. A. JONES,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 5th day of July, 1911.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
04285

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Roseburg, Oregon,
June 8, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Lewis A. Wait, heir of George K. Wait, of Watkins, Oregon, who, on August 27, 1907, made Homestead entry 14576 Serial No. 94285, for NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 41 S., Range 3 West Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Cannon United States Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 13th day of August, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Kinney, of Jacksonville, Oregon; Ezra Arnold, of Jacksonville, Oregon; John Haskins, of Watkins, Oregon; J. P. Harr, of Watkins, Oregon.

BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register.

Notice Of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

Estate of Henry L. Pegg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that M. M. Neil, Administratrix of the estate of above named decedent, has filed in the above entitled court her duly verified final account and report of the administration of said estate and the said Court has fixed Saturday, July 22, 1911, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, in the court room of said court, in the court house at Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, as the time and place of hearing said final account and report.

All persons interested are hereby notified to make or file their objections to said final account and report with said court, if any they have, on or before said time.

Date hereof and of the first publication hereof is June 24, 1911.

M. M. NEIL, Administratrix of the estate of Henry L. Pegg, deceased.

Notice of Sale of Real Property By Administrator.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph A. Krewson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Joseph A. Krewson, deceased, will from and after the 22nd day of July, 1911, at the hour of eleven o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court House door, in Jacksonville, Oregon, offer at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, and subject to confirmation by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, the following described real property, to-wit:

SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 28, NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 21, E 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec. 32, all in Tp. 38 S., R. 2 W. of W. M., also 28 acres of land described in Vol. 55, at page 217, Record of Deeds, Jackson County, Oregon, as beginning at the S. E. corner of the Ballard Donation claim, in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 4, Tp. 37 S., R. 2 W., thence west 9.43 chains, thence north 29.68 chains, thence east 9.43 chains, thence south 29.68 chains to place of beginning, also Record of Deeds, Jackson County, Oregon, also that certain tract of land in Jacksonville, Oregon, beginning at the junction of the west side line of the county road leading to the Beavenee place in Sec. 31, Tp. 37 S., R. 2 W. Will. Mer., thence southwesterly along the westerly side line of the Jacksonville and Applegate road 170 feet, thence westerly 200 feet to the southeasterly side line of said Beavenee road, thence northerly on said side line of said Beavenee road to the place of beginning, situate in Sec. 31, Tp. 37 S., R. 2 W. of W. M. Jackson County, State of Oregon.

This sale is made under and in pursuance of a license and order of sale, granted, made and entered of record by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, on the 20th day of May, 1911, in the matter of the estate of Joseph A. Krewson, deceased, authorizing this administrator to sell said property. Dated this 19th day of June, 1911.

FRANK R. NEIL, Administrator of the estate of Joseph A. Krewson, deceased.

Administratrix's Notice to Creditors

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

In the Matter of the Estate of D. R. White, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Agatha A. Brandenburg, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, administratrix of the estate of D. R. White, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned administratrix of said estate, at her residence in Medford, Oregon, or to my attorney, Fred W. Meares, at his office in the Fruitgrowers' Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of the first publication is June 17, 1911.

AGATHA A. BRANDENBURG,
Administratrix of the Estate of D. R. White, deceased.

Application to Register Title

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the matter of the application of J. O. Sample to Register Title to the following described real property, situated in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:

Lots numbered 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 30 in Block number one (1) and lots numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 in block number two (2), all in Tittle's Second Addition to the City of Medford, Oregon, according to the official plat thereof, now of record.

vs.

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Defendants

TAKE NOTICE.

That on the 5th day of June, 1911, an application was filed by the said J. O. Sample in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon for Initial Registration of the title of the land above described.

Now, unless you appear on or before the 15th day of July, 1911, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court hereto affixed this 8th day of June, 1911.

(SEAL) W. R. COLEMAN,
County Clerk of Jackson County, Oregon, and ex-officio Clerk of the Circuit Court.

FRED W. MEARES,
Attorney for Applicant.

SUMMONS.

SUIT TO QUIET TITLE.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

J. P. ATKIN, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES A. MARRINER, Defendant.

To Charles A. Marriner, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear in the above entitled court and cause, and there answer the Complaint of the plaintiff on file therein against you, on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the Order of Publication of Summons herein to-wit: the 8th day of July, 1911, said date being the expiration of six weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, succinctly stated as follows:

That the plaintiff be decreed to have a good and valid title to the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, and described as follows, to-wit:

The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section Thirty-six, Township Forty, South of Range 4, West of the Willamette Meridian.

And that you the said defendant be required to set forth the nature of your claim to said property; that all adverse claims asserted by you be determined by decree of this court and that by said decree it be declared and adjudged that you have no estate or interest in or to said premises, and that you be both enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in or to said premises adverse to the plaintiff, and that plaintiff have such other and further relief as equity may require and to the court may seem meet, and that he have judgment for his costs and disbursements herein to be taxed.

This summons is published in the Jacksonville Post, by order of the Honorable J. R. Neil, Judge of the County Court for Jackson County, Oregon, which said order was made and entered of record on the 1st day of June, 1911, and which order requires you to appear and answer said complaint on or before the last day prescribed in said order for the publication of this summons. The date of the first publication is the 3rd day of June, 1911, and the date of the last publication is the 8th day of July, 1911.

A. E. REAMES, Attorney for Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

Fred J. Fick, plaintiff, vs. Laura J. Fick, defendant. Suit in Equity for a Divorce.

To Laura J. Fick, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby notified that you are required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served upon you within Jackson County, State of Oregon, or if served upon you within any other county of the State of Oregon, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you; or if served by publication, then on or before the last day so prescribed in the order for publication of said summons; and you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint within said time, plaintiff will take a default and decree against you for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit: for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and the above named plaintiff, and for a further decree decreeing plaintiff to be the owner in fee simple of an undivided one third of your undivided one half of the following described property, situate and being in Jackson County, State of Oregon, to-wit: Lot No. 2, in Block No. 4, in Lundgren's Sub-division of the Holman Addition to the Town of Jacksonville, in the county and state aforesaid; and for a judgment, against defendant for the costs and disbursements of this suit and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem equitable.

This summons is published in the Jacksonville Post by order of the Hon. F. M. Oalkins, Judge of the above entitled Court, which said order was made and dated in chambers on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1911, and it is therein ordered that you appear and answer the complaint on file herein on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date prescribed in said order as the date of the first publication of this summons.

The date of the first publication of this summons and the date prescribed in the aforesaid order for the first publication of said summons is June 17th, 1911, and the date of the last publication thereof and on or before which date you are required to appear and answer said complaint is July 29th, 1911.

H. K. HANNA, Jr.,
Attorney for the Plaintiff.

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