

# A Disappearance

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There was a ring at the telephone. Mrs. Martindale answered the call and received an inquiry from her husband's office asking if he were at home. Mrs. Martindale replied that he was not and asked why the inquiry was made. The answer was that a gentleman who had an appointment with him was waiting for him; that Mr. Martindale had gone out to lunch and had not returned.

Mr. Martindale did not come home to dinner. His wife telephoned to his club and to every other place where he was likely to go without finding any trace of him. He did not come home that night. The next morning a newspaper contained an item stating that a well dressed man had been seen at 9 o'clock the previous evening to jump off a ferryboat. It was so dark that those who had seen him jump could give very little description of his personal appearance.

Mrs. Martindale was frantic. She feared that this suicide was her husband. Unfortunately the body was not recovered. A body changed beyond recognition was fished up weeks afterward, but there was no certainty that it was the remains of Mr. Martindale. After the police had searched several months for the missing man without finding him his wife reluctantly came to the conclusion that he was the man who had jumped from the ferryboat. Since his business and domestic affairs were in the most satisfactory condition it was supposed that he had committed suicide under a fit of temporary mental aberration.

A man ragged, unshaven, furrows in his face indicating suffering, appeared at the door of a dwelling and rang the bell. A maid came to the door, and, seeing one who bore the appearance of a tramp and being alone in the house, she was about to shut the door in his face when he asked if Mrs. Martindale was in.

"No," was the brief reply.  
"Where is she?"  
"In the country."  
"Is Mr. Martindale in the city?"  
"No. Mr. Martindale is dead."  
"Mrs. Martindale hasn't married again, has she?" the man asked.  
"No. What's that to you?"

Without waiting for a reply she shut the door. The man turned away. He was Oscar Martindale, the man who had disappeared several years before. He stood on his own doorstep for awhile, looking out on the passing throng, apparently deliberating what to do next. Then, starting down the street, he hailed a trolley car and, riding to the outskirts of the city, stopped at the gate of a cemetery. Entering, he walked into the interior and stopped at a lot of which he was the owner. There was a central monument with the name Martindale on it in raised letters. Underneath was Oscar Martindale, with the date of birth.

But this shaft held Mr. Martindale's gaze only for a second; then it turned upon a little headstone on which was the name Edith. The returned man gave a convulsive shudder. One of his children had gone, his little daughter. Mr. Martindale walked back to the city. He had expended his last nickel. Besides, he preferred to walk. Reaching the business center, he turned into a bank and, going to the cashier's desk, said:

"How are you, Somers?"  
The cashier looked at the supposed tramp and asked what he wanted.  
"Five hundred dollars."  
Somers glared. "For whose account?" he asked presently.  
"Martindale. I am Oscar Martindale."

The cashier peered into the man's face for fully half a minute; then, arising and taking both of Martindale's hands in his, exclaimed:  
"For heaven's sake, Oscar, have you come to life?"

Half an hour later the cashier sent a telegram to Mrs. Martindale saying that he had news of her husband. Mrs. Martindale replied that she would be at home by the first train.

Mr. Martindale left the bank with a roll of bills in his pocket, purchased new apparel and, going to his house, rang the bell. When the maid opened the door he simply said, "Maggie, I'm Mr. Martindale," and walked upstairs. An hour later, after having shaved and taken a bath, he came down, and the maid, who had been in doubt what to do in the matter and was about to call the police, recognized her master. He informed her that her mistress would soon be at home and later that he would go out and order something for dinner.

At 6 o'clock the table was set and a good dinner prepared, while Mr. Martindale awaited the return of his family. Presently a carriage drove up to the house, and there was a ring at the bell. As Maggie passed through the hall to answer the summons her master directed her to ask her mistress to step into the dining room. Mrs. Martindale entered in a state of excitement, followed by her children.

"There's a gentleman in the dining room," said the maid.  
Mrs. Martindale led the way to the dining room, and there stood her husband. She fell into his arms.

At the family reunion dinner, which was later brought in, the husband and father told that he had undoubtedly suffered one of those sudden lapses of memory that are not of infrequent occurrence.

## TESTING AN OCTOPUS.

### The Power of This Repulsive Creature Much Overrated.

There have been made abroad experiments with an octopus, in a specially devised tank of sea water, in order to test the truth of the many stories told of monster cephalopods dragging human victims to the sea bottom, says Harper's Weekly.

In the tank with the octopus there was placed a "dummy" of the same specific gravity as a man, and this was baited with a crab. Attracted by this tempting morsel, the octopus went for the figure, seized it in its powerful arms and tried to drag it under water without success. It then urged its body toward the edge of the tank, and, holding the glass with some of its arms, it dragged its prey beneath the surface and crushed the crab shell with its powerful jaws.

It is believed that these experiments afford proof that the octopus can only drag its victims far below the water near rocks to which it can attach its suckers. There is one spot in the bay of Naples where these creatures attain a large size, and now and then a fisherman is reported missing. It is thought that such disappearances are due to the unfortunate man being caught by the leg by a concealed octopus and dragged under water. In the case of such a repulsive and powerful creature as the octopus it is difficult to separate fact from fiction.

### Rhinoceros Horns.

The horns of the African rhinoceros sometimes grow to the length of four feet. In olden times rhinoceros horns were employed for drinking cups by royal personages, the notion being that poison put into them would show itself by bubbling. There may have been some truth in the idea, inasmuch as many of the ancient poisons were acids, and these acids would decompose the horny material very quickly. —London Telegraph.

### Adaptable.

Client—Before we decide on the house my husband asked me to inquire if the district is at all unhealthy.  
House Agent—Er—what is your husband's profession, madam?  
Client—He is a physician.  
House Agent—Hum—or—well, I'm afraid truth compels me to admit that the district is not too healthy. —London Opinion.

### An Engurance Test.

"Here is an account of a remarkable endurance test."  
"Umph! Some couple been married for fifty years!" —Birmingham Age-Herald.

### Mamma's Joke.

"Oh, mamma, the hen is sitting on the vacuum cleaner!"  
"Perhaps she's only trying to lay the dust, dear." —Yonkers Statesman.

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### Application to Register Title

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson.

In the matter of the application of Butler & Thompson Co., a Corporation, to Register Title to the following described tract of land:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Donation Land Claim No. 27, in Section 2, Township 39 south, Range 1 west of Willamette Meridian in Oregon; thence running north 89 deg. 44 min. west along the north boundary line of said Donation Land Claim, 25.50 chains; thence south 23.85 chains; thence east 35.30 chains to the east boundary line of said Donation Land Claim; thence north 0 deg. 20 min. east along said east boundary line 29.70 chains to the place of beginning.

To Myron J. Stearns, M. E. Poore, Mary B. Powers, Nettie L. Poore, Henry H. Poore, Ida C. Gertman, Colonel W. Poore, Charles Poore and Hester Porter and all whom it may concern, defendants.

### TAKE NOTICE.

That on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1911, an application was filed by Butler & Thompson Co., a corporation in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon for Initial Registration of the title of the land above described.

Now, unless you appear or before the 15th day of September, 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.

(SEAL) W. R. COLEMAN, County Clerk, Deputy.

To Myron J. Stearns, M. E. Poore, Mary B. Powers, Nettie L. Poore, Henry H. Poore, Ida C. Gertman, Colonel W. Poore, Charles Poore and Hester Porter, defendants.

In the Name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the application of the Butler & Thompson Co., a corporation, to register the title in the above described land, filed in said Court, on the 15th day of July, 1911, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons: which date of first publication is July 22nd, 1911, and the last day is September

2nd, 1911, and if you fail to answer said application within said time, the applicant will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his application. For the registration of the title of the land above described, in Section 2, Township 39 south, Range 1 west of Willamette Meridian, in Oregon; thence running north 89 deg. 44 min. west along the north boundary line of said Donation Land Claim, 25.50 chains; thence south 23.85 chains; thence east 35.30 chains to the east boundary line of said Donation Land Claim; thence north 0 deg. 20 min. east along said east boundary line 29.70 chains to the place of beginning.

This summons is served by publication, pursuant to an order made by Hon. Frank M. Collins, Judge of the said Court, on the 15th day of July, 1911, and is returnable the 15th day of September, 1911.

(SEAL) W. R. COLEMAN, County Clerk, Deputy.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Circuit 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 date.

Date hereof and of the first publication hereof is July 9, 1911.

(SEAL) 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 Saguol 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 23rd day of June, 1911, on a judgment duly rendered in said Court as follows:

Whereas, on the 15th 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, Saguol 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 executed 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 23rd 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.

BEFORE, in obedience to said execution, and as by law provided, I will on Wednesday, the 27th 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:

Lot 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.

### SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.

San Francisco Mercantile Union, a corporation, Plaintiff.

vs.

E. S. Morton, Alma V. Morton and Jesse Neathamer, Defendants.

To defendants E. S. Morton and Alma V. Morton above named:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified to appear in the above entitled Court and cause and answer the complaint of the plaintiff heretofore filed therein against you within six weeks after the date of the first publication of summons herein, said period of six weeks being the time fixed by the order for service of the summons herein by publication within which the defendant, as served, are required to appear and answer said complaint, which order for publication bears date July 27th, 1911.

And if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, a succinct statement of which relief is as follows:

For a decree of the Court declaring the deed of conveyance from E. S. Morton to Alma V. Morton bearing date October 15th, 1909, and purporting to convey south half of northwest quarter, northeast quarter of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northeast quarter of Section 32, Township 34 south, Range 3 west of Willamette Meridian, in Jackson County, Oregon, and recorded in Volume 74 of Deeds, at page 214, in the office of the recorder of conveyances of said county, void and of no effect and that said E. S. Morton is now the owner of said real estate, appointing a receiver to take and hold the title of redemption of the defendant E. S. Morton, from the sale thereof to one Jesse Neathamer in and to said lands and to release the same from said sale with funds tendered into court for the purpose by plaintiff, ordering a sale of said lands, subject to such right of redemption in the defendants Morton, as the Court deems just and decreeing that the proceeds of such sale be applied to the payment of the expenses of the receivership and this suit, for the repayment of the amount advanced to make said redemption and for the payment of such judgment as may be obtained by this plaintiff against said defendants Morton in an action at law now pending in said Court against said defendants for the recovery of money, and the surplus, if any, to the defendants Morton or for such other or further relief as the Court deems just and equitable looking to the application of the interests of the defendants Morton in said real estate towards the satisfaction of the claims of the plaintiff against E. S. Morton, set forth in the complaint in said suit, which claims aggregate \$1,002.53, with interest upon \$1,212.25 at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from December 1st, 1910, and with interest on \$254 from June 27th, 1910, at 7 per cent per annum, and with interest on \$49.50 at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from February 9th, 1910.

Dated July 27, 1911.

(SEAL) NISSE & MRALEY, Attorneys for Plaintiff, O'Neil Bldg., Medford, Oregon.

### SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.

Edith Evans, Plaintiff, vs. Lewis Evans, Defendant, Suit for Divorce.

To Lewis Evans, the above named Defendant, in the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint against you in or before the last day prescribed in the publication of summons herein, to-wit: on or before the 20th day of August, 1911, and to file with the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint within said time, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, to-wit: that it be decreed that the marriage was now existing between the plaintiff and defendant be dissolved and that plaintiff be given the care and custody of James Evans, aged six years, a minor child of plaintiff and defendant.

This summons is published in the Jacksonville Post, by order of Hon. J. R. Neil, County Judge, which said order was entered of record on the 15th day of July, 1911, and which order requires you to appear and answer the complaint on or before the last day prescribed in said order for publication of summons. Date of first publication is the 15th day of July, 1911, and date of last publication on the 25th day of August, 1911.

DEARMOND & DEARMOND, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 01285

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Roseburg, Oregon.

June 8, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Lewis A. Watt, heir of George K. Watt, of Watkins, Oregon, who on August 27, 1907, made Homestead entry 14578 Serial No. 04285, for NE 1/4, Section 14, Township 31 S., Range 3 West Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Re-entry Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Cannon United States Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 18th 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.

### SUMMONS.

SCIT 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 notified 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 25th day of August, 1911, and to file with 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 Twenty-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 decreed and adjudged that you have an estate or interest in or to said premises, and that you be both enjoined and barred 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 12th day of July, 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 15th day of July, 1911, and the date of the last publication is the 25th day of August, 1911.

A. H. 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, situated and being in Jackson County, State of Oregon, to-wit: Lot No. 2, in Block No. 4, in Lundgren's Sub-division of the Holmes 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. Collins, Judge of the above entitled Court, which said order was made and dated in chambers on the 18th 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 25th, 1911.

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

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