

# Confession of a Burglar

By FRED L. YOUNG

I always worked single handed and had no confidants, confining myself to opening safes. You see, I got into the business while working for a safe and lock company. I became so familiar with the construction of locks that I could do almost anything I liked with them. It was the miserable pay I got that broke up my honesty. One winter my wife and children were all sick at once and I had to hire a nurse to take care of them besides running up a big doctor's bill. I got all halled up and it occurred to me to take what I needed for the time being from the safe of a rich cousin and put it back when times were better with me.

I took what I had to have, but as to putting it back that was another matter. Persons who take for the first time what don't belong to them usually expect to replace it, but the law that necessitates the taking prevents the return. However, I was not fitted for a burglar, and my wife getting wise as to how I made up the family deficiencies it nearly broke her heart. Then I was suspected and lost my legitimate job. Of course I couldn't get another one—in my line of business—without first class references from my last employers, and this threw me into the burglary line exclusively.

One night when I had got into an office where there was one of the safes I had helped construct, the lock of which I knew as well as I knew my own fingers, I laid my tools down before me and, taking up the one I intended to begin with, was starting in when I heard a voice behind me say:

"If you can pick that lock right off I'll give you \$100."

Now, I knew some one had the dead wood on me. The blow had fallen at last, and the merciless law would have me in its clutches. My wife and kids and the way they would feel about it came up before me, and instead of attempting to put up any kind of a defense I said:

"I'll open the safe on one condition."

"What's that?"

"That you shoot me through the head as soon as I have done the job."

I must have shown my agony in my tone, for the voice said, "I'd rather pay you in currency and let you out of here without giving an alarm."

"That wouldn't do me any good. I'd have to continue as I am, and it would only be putting off the evil day."

"Well, go on and open the safe. While you're working we can talk the matter over."

I started in to pick the lock. Just before beginning I cast a glance behind me, but there was no light except my lantern, and I could not see any one. I asked why he wished the lock picked, and he said that he had an important deal to close in the morning and had been figuring at home on the matter late at night. Needing a paper in the safe to complete his calculations, he had come for it and in trying to open the safe found that something was wrong with the lock. He had gone out for the purpose of finding an operator, but at that time of night it was impossible. On returning to the office he had found the door unlocked. Being sure he had locked it, he suspected that something was wrong, entered cautiously and came upon me.

"In case," I said, "you would like to do anything for me no explanation of my being here would be necessary. It is to be supposed that, finding your safe lock gone wrong you had called me in to fix it."

"What do you mean by my liking to do anything for you?"

"Not only for me, but for a good woman and a lot of innocent kids. Help me out of this horrible way of making a living. I need one person, and only one person in the world to trust me. Men are a flock of sheep and follow one leader. Let the world know that you have confidence in me, and it will be making me over again."

He didn't say anything for a long while in reply to this. I knew very well that he was thinking of the risk he would take in trying to help me, and that risk came from me. Presently he said:

"A good deal depends on your getting that safe open. I'm very much in the dark as to what I am about to do until I get that paper I spoke of. I must close the deal at 9 o'clock this morning, and it's hit or miss with me."

I judged by what he said and his tone that I had a chance, and I put my mind right on my work. In half an hour I threw open the safe door. The man behind me told me to shove my lantern back a bit. I did so. He took it up and brought it to bear on me. Then he told me to put my weapons back also, and when I had done this and he had gathered them up he secured the paper he wanted from the safe and looked at his watch.

"Three twenty-five," he said. "Now I must go home and figure hard till breakfast time. Go on out and come back here Saturday afternoon. I may have a scheme for you."

He did have a scheme for me—a progressive scheme—by which, as I proved my regeneration I might advance, the two going together. I have been years in his service and am well to do. Thank heaven, my children, who are growing up to be men and women, have not a suspicion of my short period of dishonesty.

## Saved by a Cigar.

M. Guizot, the well known French historian, while out walking in one of the public gardens of Paris noticed that he was being followed by a disreputable looking and badly dressed individual. M. Guizot was puzzled by the man's behavior, but instead of showing alarm he calmly sat down when he arrived at his favorite seat. The ruffian, without hesitation, came and sat down beside him and gave the historian so fierce a look as to have disconcerted a less timid man. But with a delightful nonchalance M. Guizot took out his cigar case, abstracted a cigar and slowly lit it. The effect of this action upon his companion was remarkable. With a start and a scowl the man suddenly rose and, muttering to himself, "The man I want to kill never smokes," walked rapidly away. A week or so later the historian read in the newspapers that this same individual had been arrested for a violent attack upon a well known public official who bore a strong likeness to M. Guizot himself. The famous writer went home and smoked a big cigar in honor of his narrow escape.

## Anecdote of Gounod.

Gounod was at one moment within an ace of taking holy orders, but on reflection he thought that the life of a priest would not suit him. He none the less remained a firm and devout Catholic and adored religious music. On this point a typical anecdote is told of him. It occurred during the rehearsal of his "Dramas Sacres" at the Vaudeville theater. The manager called on him one morning and asked permission to make a suggestion. "I think, mon cher maitre," he said, "that there is something wanting in your sacre. For example, do you not think the Barabbas incident might be improved by a little more orchestral effect?" Gounod, without replying, hid his head in his hands and after two or three minutes of meditation suddenly exclaimed: "No; decidedly no. Such a blackguard as that does not deserve more music."—London Graphic.

## Reassuring "Miss Blake."

As they boarded the train they had every look of being a bridal couple. The young man carefully escorted the young woman to a seat, while the interested passengers smiled indulgently. Then, extending his hand to the supposed bride, he said in a very loud voice, "Well, Miss Blake, the train is about to pull out; I wish you a very pleasant journey," and, doffing his soft hat, he hurried off the train. The passengers looked disappointed.

But the young woman seemed nervous. By and by she called the porter and in a whisper gave him some mysterious errand. He came back in a moment and said in a voice audible to every one:

"You're all right, ma'am. He's in the smokin' compartment."

Everybody smiled, and the bride blushed prettily.—Youth's Companion.

## Sothorn and Laura Keane.

The elder Sothorn had a great reputation as a practical joker, and to quote his son's own words: "His nerve staggered people at times. I remember that in Baltimore he was once joined by that clever actress Laura Keane. Laura Keane was very hot tempered. On one occasion something went wrong, and she called my father to her dressing room and began to give him a terrific tongue lashing. In the midst of which he suddenly turned out the gas. 'How dare you?' shrieked the fascinating Laura. 'I can't bear to see a pretty woman in a temper, said my father as he calmly lit the gas again.'

## Business Associates.

Messenger—Who's the swell ye was talkin' to, Jimmie? Newsboy—Ah, him an' me's worked together for years. He's the editor o' one o' my papers.—London Opinion.

## Notice of Final Settlement.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles A. Schaeufele, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Millie Schaeufele Miles, 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, April 20, 1912 at ten 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 publication hereof is March 9, 1912.

MILLIE SCHAEUFELE MILES, Administratrix of the Estate of Charles A. Schaeufele, deceased.

## Notice to Creditors.

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

In the matter of the administration of the estate of Edward Price Vickroy a deceased person.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, by an order of the County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, duly entered on the 29th day of March, A. D. 1912, has been appointed and now is the duly qualified and acting Executor of the estate of the above named decedent.

All Creditors and persons having claims against said decedent or his estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified with proper vouchers, to the undersigned Executor at his office at Bank of Jacksonville Bldg., Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Date hereof and of the first publication hereof is March 30th, 1912.

HERBERT KENNEDY HANNA, Executor of the will and estate of the above named decedent.

## SUMMONS.

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

Leno A. Phillips Plaintiff,

vs.

Walter P. Phillips, Defendant. Suit for Divorce.

To Walter P. Phillips 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 of the above plaintiff in the above entitled court, now on file with the Clerk of said Court, within ten days from the date of service of this summons upon you if served in Jackson County, Oregon; but if served in any other county in the State of Oregon, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you; or if personally served on you out of the State of Oregon, then within six weeks after the date of such service; and if served by publication then within six weeks from the date of the first publication; and you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as hereby required, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint; to-wit: for a decree of said court dissolving the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and the defendant, and that plaintiff have the care custody and control of the minor children of the plaintiff and defendant, and for such other relief as the court may deem equitable and just.

Under and by virtue of an order made by the Hon. P. M. Calkins, Judge of said court, dated the 25th day of March, A. D. 1912, this summons is served on the defendant, by the publication thereof in newspapers published in the Jacksonville Post, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, and the defendant by said order is required to appear and answer within six weeks from the date of the first publication hereof.

Date of first publication March 29th, 1912.

E. D. BRIGGS, Ashland, Oregon, Attorney for Plaintiff.

## Notice to Creditors.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Henry Harrison Triplett, deceased, by the Judge of the County Court for Jackson County, State of Oregon, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me or to J. D. Wurtsbaugh, at the office of the latter, in Grants Pass Josephine County, Oregon, in proper form as required by law, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication, February 24, 1912.

J. D. WURTSBAUGH, Administrator, Ashland, Oregon.

## Executor's Notice.

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

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth A. Mills, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Charles F. Mills, the executor of the estate of Elizabeth A. Mills, deceased, has presented, rendered, and filed for settlement in the above entitled court and matter, his final account and report of his administration of said estate, and that Saturday, the 27th day of April, 1912, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the court room of said court, at the court house, in Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, has been duly appointed and fixed by the order of the Judge of the above entitled court, as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and report and for settlement thereof and of said estate.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that all objections to said account and report or any item thereof must be filed on or before the date and time aforesaid, to-wit: April 27th, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m. thereof.

Date of first publication hereof is March 30th, 1912.

CHARLES F. MILLS, Executor.

## 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 James Cook, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of James Cook, deceased, will from and after the 29th day of April, 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the court room of the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, at the court house in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, offer at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and subject to confirmation by the County Court of said Jackson County, Oregon, the following described real property, to-wit:

The S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Twp. 31 S., of Range 3 East, of Willamette Meridian, in said Jackson County, 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 16th day of March, 1912, in the matter of the estate of James Cook, deceased, authorizing this administrator to sell said property.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1912.

JOHN COOK, Administrator of the estate of James Cook, deceased.

## Guardian's Sale of Real Property.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that pursuant to an order of J. B. Neil, County Judge of Jackson County, State of Oregon, dated March 8, 1912, duly made and entered in the matter of the guardianship of Nina M. Harris, Neil Harris and Gertrude Harris, minors, pending in said court, directing and authorizing me to sell the following described real estate, belonging to the estate of said minors: From and after the 8th day of April, 1912, I will sell at private sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

Commencing at the south-east corner of Block Five (5) in Galloway's Addition to the Town of Medford, as designated on the plat of said addition duly filed and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for said Jackson County, and running thence west on the south line of said Block Five (5) one hundred and eighty-six feet; thence north eighty (80) feet; thence east parallel to the south line of said Block Five one hundred and thirty-three (133) feet, more or less, to the east line of said Block Five; thence in a southerly direction, along the east line of said Block Five to the place of beginning; and also known and described as Lots Three (3) and Four (4) in Davis's Subdivision of Lot Two (2) in Block Five (5) of Galloway's Addition to the Town of Medford. Said real estate will be sold subject to the encumbrances thereon.

This will be received by the undersigned at his office No. 323, Garnett-Covey Building in the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon.

Dated March 8, 1912.

R. F. PIATT, Guardian of the persons and estate of Nina M. Harris, Neil Harris and Gertrude Harris, minors.

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## SUMMONS.

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

In the Matter of the Application of V. A. Dunlap to Register Title to the following described real property, situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning 24 chains west of the north-west corner of the N. W. Fish Donation Land Claim No. 42, in Township 28 south of Range 1 east of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence south 4 chains, thence west 15.70 chains to the east line of the county road, thence north 10 degrees east, along the east line of said county road 9.62 chains, thence north on said east line of county road 2.40 chains to the north line of the H. H. Eldridge Donation Land Claim No. 70 in Township 28 south of Range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian, thence east 14.11 chains, thence south 7.30 chains to the place of beginning, containing 10.673 acres, said land being in Township 28 south of Range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian.

vs.

H. H. Eldridge and all whom it may concern. Defendants. In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer this application filed against you in the above entitled cause, which is an action brought for the purpose of registering the title to the above described premises, and you are so required to appear and answer on or before April 29, 1912, and if you fail to appear and answer for want thereof the applicant will apply to the Court for the relief in said application and herein demanded, said application being now on file in the office of the Clerk of said Court in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon.

This summons is published in the Jacksonville Post, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, for Jackson County, which said order was made and entered of record on the 6th day of March, 1912.

Date of first publication hereof is the 9th day of March, 1912.

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

FRED W. MEARS, Attorney for Applicant.

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

In the Matter of the Application of V. A. Dunlap to Register Title to the following described real property, situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning 24 chains west of the north-west corner of the N. W. Fish Donation Land Claim No. 42 in Township 28 south of Range 1 east of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence south 4 chains, thence west 15.70 chains to the east line of the county road, thence north, 10 degrees east, along the east line of said county road 9.62 chains, thence north on said east line of county road 2.40 chains to the north line of the H. H. Eldridge Donation Land Claim No. 70 in Township 28 south of Range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian, thence east 14.11 chains, thence south 7.30 chains to the place of beginning, containing 10.673 acres, said land being in Township 28 south of Range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian.

vs.

H. H. Eldridge and all whom it may concern. Defendants.

TAKE NOTICE.

That on the 16th day of February, 1912, an application was filed by the said V. A. Dunlap 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 29th day of April, 1912, 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 hereof this 7th day of March, 1912.

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

## Notice of Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.

March 2, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Albert D. Boardley of Applegate, Oregon, who, on January 25, 1906, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 6574, for Lot 1 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 30, Township 38 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. Cason, United States Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 19th day of April, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Fred Offenbacher, of Applegate, Oregon, James O'Brien, of Applegate, Oregon, Herman Offenbacher, of Applegate, Oregon, William Morrison, of Applegate, Oregon.

BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register.

## 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 D. E. White, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Agetha 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 Tuesday, April 30, 1912, 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 March 30, 1912.

AGETHA A. BRANDENBURG, Administratrix of the Estate of D. E. White, deceased.

## Notice of Final Hearing.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of John Johnson, deceased.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 1912, William H. Johnson, the administrator of the estate of John Johnson, deceased, filed in the above entitled court and matter his duly verified final report and that by an order of date the 27th day of February, 1912, the Judge of the above entitled court set and appointed Saturday, the 30th day of March, 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day as the time and the office of the County Judge in Jacksonville, Oregon, as the place for the final hearing upon said report. That at said time and place said final report will come on for final hearing.

All parties interested are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and make any objections that they may have to the approval of said final report.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1912, at Jacksonville, Oregon.

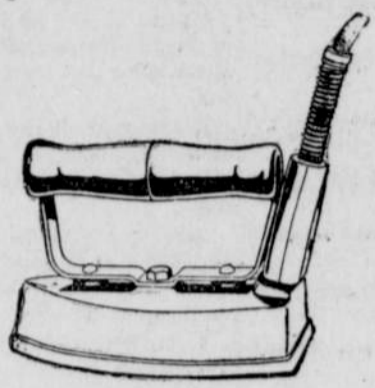
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