

# An Episode Of Mexico

By F. A. MITCHEL

During the presidency of Diaz of the republic of Mexico I went there with a stock of goods and opened a store in the state of Durango. For awhile I did very well. Mexico had long been at peace with herself, foreign capital had come in to develop the country, and it looked as though her prosperity would continue.

The first wreck of my hopes was the revolution that displaced Diaz and placed Madero at the head of the Mexican government. But this was nothing to the accession of Huerta and the turmoil during his administration and fall. The Mexican people, especially those who supported Huerta, believing that their troubles came largely from the refusal of the United States government to recognize him as president of Mexico, turned more bitter than ever against Americans.

I had made a number of friends among Mexicans and was permitted to continue my business without molestation. This was all very well so long as I remained in the location of my home and business. But I was fond of sketching, and I intended as soon as I could get out of Mexico with my capital to go north and study art. The Sierra Madre mountains are not far from my home, and I desired to take as many sketches as possible away with me of the fine landscapes there.

One evening after sketching during the day I went to a house devoted to the entertainment of strangers to pass the night. The place corresponded to the old American tavern of former days. It was not especially clean, and the persons it contained were of a low grade.

About 10 o'clock at night I was sitting in the dining room reading a newspaper. I had gone there for the purpose, since a lamp swung over the table gave the only light that enabled me to read comfortably. I was seated directly under it, with my back to an open door, when, hearing a faint creak of a floor board in my rear, I raised my eyes from my paper. They lighted on a shadow cast on a wall before me. The shadow was not cast by the light over my head, but by one back of the object that produced it. It was not very distinct, but sufficiently so for me to distinguish it as the shadow of a man. The head covering was plainly a sombrero. The owner and shoulders came next. The left arm was lowered, and since the shadow of the right arm was simply a lump I surmised that it was raised and pointed in my direction.

It required only a fraction of a second for me to see in this shadow what I believed to be a foreshortened arm. I believed also that the hand contained a weapon. That it was a pistol and not a knife was evident, since it, too, was foreshortened. Had it been a knife it would have been held in a different grip, which would have produced a shadow. I would have seen some evidence of a blade. In short, a man was standing in a passage behind me and about to shoot me. Expecting to be immediately killed, I was paralyzed. I had not even the power to duck under the table. Naturally my eyes were glued to the evidence of my danger.

Suddenly I saw an increase of the size of the shadow. On either side, just below the shoulders, a protuberance appeared momentarily, then merged into the main bulk. The right arm was lowered and hung at an angle with the body. Now I could see that it was an arm and there was a shadow of what it was plain was a pistol barrel.

When we are in danger our faculties become greatly sharpened. I question if they do not become rather instinct. I reasoned out the change in this wise: Some one had come up behind the man who was about to kill me and throw a pair of arms about him. What should I do now? I always carried a revolver on my sketching tours, but it was at my hip, under my coat. If I turned now to defend myself while my enemy's weapon was lowered I might be too late, whereas if I sat still, pretending to be ignorant of what was going on behind me, I might be saved.

This consideration flashed through my brain within a fraction of a second. I had scarcely conceded it when I saw the shadow of the arm drawn up to its former position. Evidently the man who had been interrupted was intending to proceed as before the interruption.

Then there was a commotion in the outline of the shadow. I judged it to express a struggle between two persons. The right arm shadow appeared and was grasped near the wrist by a hand.

Now was my time to act. I made four moves instantaneously—I drew my pistol, I rose, I turned, and I covered my enemy.

A Mexican stood before me struggling with a woman, who maintained a firm grip of his right wrist. At my movement both stood still.

"Drop that weapon," I said.

The man replied by an effort to wrench his wrist from the woman. I tried to quiet him by putting a bullet a few inches from his head, but he continued to struggle, and the woman held on. In another moment I saw his hand with the pistol in it extended on his right. I put a ball in the hand, and the pistol dropped on the floor. Darting forward, I picked it up.

"Gringo!" hissed the man. I asked him why he wished to kill me, and he said that he hated gringos. This was the only reason he gave. I had been saved from being murdered by the woman who kept the house.

## Summons.

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

Charles Nickell, plaintiff, vs. Chas. E. Wolcott, defendant.

Action at Law to Recover Money.

To Chas. E. Wolcott, the above named defendant:

You are hereby required to be and appear in the above-entitled court and cause on or before the expiration of six weeks from and after the date of the first publication of this summons to then and there answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, and if you fail to so appear you are hereby notified that plaintiff will apply to the court for a judgment against you for the sum of \$74.29 with interest thereon at 10% per annum from May 30, 1895, and for the further sum of \$50.00 reasonable attorney's fee, and for the costs and disbursements of this action to be taxed.

You are further notified that plaintiff will apply to the court for the sale of sufficient of the real property heretofore attached herein to satisfy said judgment which real property is described as follows, to-wit: NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 7, Twp. 37, South, Range 2 West, and E 1/2 of NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 in Section 12, Twp. 37, South, Range 3 West, all in Jackson County, Oregon.

This summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to order of Hon. F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above-entitled court and which order is of date March 24, 1917.

The date of the first publication of this summons is March 24, 1917.

CHARLES PRIM, Attorney for Plaintiff.

## Notice for Publication

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon March 5, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that William Smith, of Ruch, Oregon, who, on May 31, 1910, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 9227, for Lot 4, of Section 14, Township 38 S, Range 3 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. Roy Davis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Medford, Oregon, on the 24th day of April 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Edward Smith, of Ruch, Oregon, Mathew Ray, of Ruch, Oregon, William Ray, of Ruch, Oregon, James Buckley, of Ruch, Oregon.

W. H. CANON, Register.

## Notice of Hearing

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

In the matter of the Estate of Henry Thompson, alias Halvor T. Rue.

Notice is hereby given all parties interested in the above entitled matter that the undersigned has filed his final account therein and that in pursuance of an order made and entered therein by the County Judge of said county, the hearing upon said account, and application for discharge has been set and will be had at the County Court Room in said county, on the 9th day of April 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when and where all said parties may appear and show cause if any, why said account should not be allowed and the prayer of said application granted.

G. C. McALLISTER, Administrator of the estate of Henry Thompson, alias Halvor T. Rue.

## Summons.

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

Estie L. Hoxie, Plaintiff vs. Herbert C. Hoxie, Defendant.

To Herbert C. Hoxie, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before the expiration of the time prescribed in the order for the service of the summons herein upon you by publication, to-wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, namely on or before APRIL 14, 1917, and if you fail to appear and answer, you are notified that plaintiff will apply to the court for a default against you and for the relief prayed for in her complaint herein, a succinct statement of which is as follows: For a decree of this court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and yourself and that defendant receive back her former and maiden name, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable.

This summons is published in the Jacksonville Post, a weekly newspaper of general circulation printed and published at Jacksonville, Jackson County State of Oregon; by order of the Hon. F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above entitled court, and which order is dated March 3, 1917, and it is therein ordered that the summons herein be served upon you by publication in said newspaper once a week for six consecutive weeks and you are hereby ordered to appear and answer plaintiff's complaint herein on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons.

The date of the first publication of this summons is March 3, 1917, and the date of the last publication on or before which date you are required to appear and answer is April 14, 1917.

J. A. LEMERY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

## Summons

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

Lillian Hazleton, Plaintiff, vs. Frank Hazleton, Defendant.

To Frank Hazleton, the above named defendant; IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

You are hereby notified and required to appear in the above entitled court and cause and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, now on file therein, against you within Six (6) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which is the 24th day of February, 1917, and if you fail to appear and answer within the time required for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in her complaint, to-wit: For a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant and for an absolute decree of divorce from the defendant; and for the care and custody of Herschel Hazleton, minor child of plaintiff and defendant.

This summons is served upon you by publication once a week for Six (6) consecutive weeks in the Jacksonville Post, a newspaper of general circulation, published at Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, in pursuance of an order of Honorable F. M. Calkins, Judge of said court, which order was made on the 15th day of February, 1917.

GUS NEWBURY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

## Notice of Administratrix' Sale

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

In the matter of the estate of Arthur P. Stover, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Arthur P. Stover, deceased, will, on and after the 9th day of April, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the office of Gus Newbury in Medford Furniture & Hardware Bld. at Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, sell at private sale, for cash in hand an undivided Three-fourths (3-4) interest in and to the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon.

Lot Four (4) and the Northwest quarter (1/4) of the Southwest quarter (1/4) of Section (4), Township Thirty-eight (38) South of Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian.

Also, Lot One (1) and the Northeast quarter (1/4) of the Southeast quarter (1/4) of Section Four (4) Township Thirty-eight (38) South, of Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian.

Also, Donation Land Claim Number Ninety-five (95) in Township Thirty-seven (37), South, of Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian.

Also, Donation Land Claim Number Forty four (44) in Township Thirty-eight (38) South, of Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian.

Excepting and reserving from the above described tracts the following described parcels of land:

Seventy-five (75) acres sold to Victor Mitchell et ux, described in Volume Ten (10) at page Two Forty-four (244) of the Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon.

Thirty (30) acres sold to Nicholas Mitchell as described in Volume Thirty six (36) at page Five Sixty-six (566), said deed records.

Forty-seven and five-tenths (47.5) acres sold to Peter Elmer, et ux, as described in Volume Thirteen (13) at page Forty-six (46), said deed records.

Four (4) acres sold to Oliver Jones by Emil De Roboam, et ux, as described in Volume Fifty (50) at page Thirty-five (35) said deed records, and also excepting a right of way for road there-in described.

Six (6) acres sold to Oliver Jones by A. P. Stover, et al, as described in Volume Sixty-five (65) at page Fifty-four (54), said deed records.

Forty-three and twenty-four hundredths (43.24) acres sold to George Little by A. P. Stover, et al.

Twelve and forty-five hundredths (12.45) acres sold to R. A. Bixby by A. P. Stover, et al.

The lands affected hereunder contain in the aggregate Five hundred and thirty-six and seven tenths (536.7) acres.

This sale will be made in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Oregon, for Jackson County, made on the 3rd day of March, 1917.

LUCILE L. STOVER, Administratrix of the estate of Arthur P. Stover, deceased.

## Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an execution duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 10th day of March 1917, in a certain action therein, wherein Charles Nickell as plaintiff, recovered judgment against W. E. Butler the defendant, for the sum of Fourteen (\$14.00) Dollars, with costs and disbursements taxed at Six and 50-100 (\$6.50) Dollars, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County, on the 2nd day of August 1913.

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to the terms of said execution, I will on the

17th day of April, 1917,

at 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the court house in the City of Jacksonville, in Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder to satisfy said judgment, together with together with the costs of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the said defendant, W. E. Butler had on the 2nd day of August, 1913, or has since acquired or now has in and to the following described property, situated in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:

N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 31, and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, all in Township 35 South, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Jackson County, Oregon, reserving and excepting therefrom all natural and artificial rights of way now in use.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1917.

[RALPH G. JENNINGS, Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon, By Leslie W. Stansell, Deputy.

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## Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

Ethan Allen Hildreth, Plaintiff, vs. Dossa Maggie Hildreth, Defendant.

To the above named defendant: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby summoned and required to appear in the above entitled court and cause and answer the complaint of plaintiff on file therein against you within six weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons or within six weeks after the personal service thereof upon you without the State of Oregon: said period of six weeks being the time fixed by the Honorable F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above named Court, in his order directing service of summons by publication, which order bears date March 7, 1917, within which you shall so appear and answer or be adjudged to be in default therein.

And you will further take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint within the time aforesaid, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows, to-wit: For a decree of the court; Dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and divorcing plaintiff from defendant absolutely, together with such other and further relief as the court may deem just and equitable. Date of first publication March 10, 1917.

PORTER J. NEFF, Attorney for Plaintiff

## Summons.

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

Ladd & Tilton Bank, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

M. P. Schmitt, trustee of Trail Lumber Company, a corporation, bankrupt, Geo. B. Weatherby Company, Inc., a corporation, A. E. Orr, J. T. Bradshaw, E. L. Stickney, First National Bank of Medford, a national banking corporation, Dant & Russell, Inc., a corporation, J. I. Lumber Co., a corporation, Tyson Beall and Wm. Miles, Defendants.

To A. E. Orr, E. L. Stickney and J. T. Bradshaw, defendants above named:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 2nd day of April, 1917, said date being more than six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and the time prescribed for said appearance by you and each of you in the order of publication of summons entered herein, and if you fail to so appear or answer for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in its complaint filed herein, namely:

1. That there be entered in the above entitled court and cause a decree adjudging due plaintiff on account of the mortgage dated April 22, 1913, executed by the Trail Lumber Company, a corporation, in favor of plaintiff above named, and filed on May 13, 1913, in the office of the county recorder of Jackson County, Oregon, in book 33 at page 290 of the mortgage records of said County, and on account of the note secured thereby the following sums namely, \$2,061.10, with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum from April 22, 1913, \$235.10 with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum from April 5, 1916, \$36.30 with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum from July 29, 1916, and the further sum of \$200. attorney's fees and its costs and disbursements herein;

2. That said mortgage be foreclosed and the property covered thereby sold by the sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon, to satisfy said decree and that the defendants above named and each of them be barred and foreclosed of all right, title and interest in or to the property covered by said mortgage, or any part thereof, except only the statutory right of redemption, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet and proper;

3. The property covered by said mortgage is situated in Jackson County, State of Oregon, and is particularly described as follows:

The north half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-two (22) the east half of the southwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-four (24) in township thirty-seven (37) south of range three (3) west of the Willamette Meridian in Oregon;

4. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in compliance with the order of the Hon. F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above entitled court, which order was made and entered herein on the 10th day of February, 1917, the date of the first publication being February 17, 1917, and the date of the last publication being March 31, 1917.

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14 Portland Passenger.....8:20 A.M.  
16 Oregon Express.....6:20 P.M.  
12 Shasta Limited .....2:18 A.M.

### SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.

15 California Express .....10:50 P.M.  
13 San Francisco Express...9:05 A.M.  
11 Shasta Limited.....3:20 A.M.  
17 Ashland Passenger 4:35 P.M.