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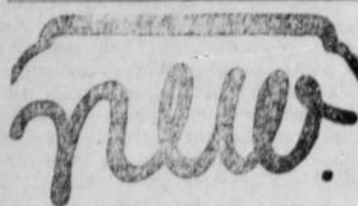
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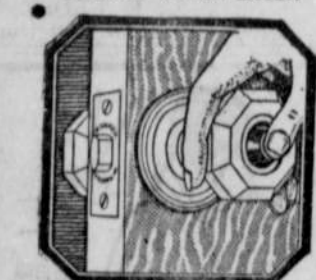
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recognized one of the men. He stopped abruptly in his tracks, and watched the receding figures.

"Mr. Blake," he mused, placing

CITATION.

In the county court for the state of Oregon for Lane county.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph L. Mendell, Deceased.

To W. H. Mendell, N. L. Mendell, William Stanley, Rosell Stanley, Edna Stanley, Grace Stanley, Minnie Godley, Rosa Day, and to all other persons unknown, if any such there be, to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made to the property hereinafter described, greeting:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Lane, at the court room thereof, at Eugene, in the county of Lane, on the 27th day of April, 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day and there to show cause, if any you have, why an order for the sale of the real property belonging to said estate should not be made in accordance with the petition of the administrator on file herein; said real estate being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the donation land claim of James H. McFarland No. 58 township 29 south of range 3 west of the Willamette meridian, which is 1026 feet north 58° 49' east from the northeast corner of block 1 of D. G. McFarland's fourth addition to Cottage Grove, and running thence north 34° 42' east 280.5 feet, thence south 60 degrees east 80 feet more or less to the center of the Coast fork river; thence along center of said river, southerly, to a point south 55° 18' east of the beginning point; and thence north 55° 18' west 45 feet more or less to the place of beginning, all being in Lane county, Oregon.

Witness, the honorable C. P. Barnard, judge of the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Lane and the seal of said court hereto affixed, this 27th day of March, 1926.

Date of first publication, March 29, 1926.
Attest: R. S. BRYSON,
County Clerk.
County Court of Lane County.
By Eva Dueckworth,
State of Oregon Deputy.
SEAL m29a26(M)hw

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of E. C. Petrie, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that E. C. Lockwood has been by the county court of the state of Oregon in and for Lane county appointed administrator with will annexed of the estate of E. C. Petrie, deceased and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as the law requires, to the said E. C. Lockwood at Cottage Grove, Oregon, within six months from the 5th day of April, 1926. Dated this 3rd day of April, 1926.

E. C. LOCKWOOD,
Administrator with will annexed of the estate of E. C. Petrie, deceased.
H. J. Shinn,
Attorney for estate. a5m3(M)c

SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Lane county.

C. M. Bomar, plaintiff, vs. Thomas Bomar, defendant.

To Thomas Bomar, defendant: In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint filed against you herein, on or before six weeks from the date of this first publication hereof, or for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you, and apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint and for a decree of absolute divorce from you. This summons is published once a week for six successive weeks in the Cottage Grove Sentinel of Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon, by order of C. P. Barnard, county judge of Lane county, state of Oregon.

Date of first publication, April 12, 1926.
HERBERT W. LOMBARD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Address and postoffice address Fifth National Bank Building, Cottage Grove, Oregon. a12m10(M)

Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Roseburg, Oregon, March 31, 1926.
Notice is hereby given that Judd E. Doolittle, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, who, on January 2, 1924, made homestead entry No. 015349, for W½ NW¼, and N¼ SW¼, section 3, township 22 south, range 3 west, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the United States land office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 15th day of May, 1926.

Claimant names as witnesses: George Taylor, William Mayben, Harry Mayben, Theodore Peek, all of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

non-coal HAMILL A. CANADAY, a5m3(2) Register.

ironic emphasis on the name. "Wonder if he's going aboard the Pelican."

He meditated in silence a few moments, and then followed. It was easy to keep the couple within sight without exposing himself to view. They were going in the direction of the private dock, and Dick had no doubts about their objective. He took advantage of every favorable street lamp to study their backs, and once, when the second man stopped to light a cigar, he got a glimpse of his face.

"That isn't old man Cutler, either," he said frowning. "Too young for him, and too big and husky. If I remember rightly he was a small, wizened, dried-up man."

The one accompanying Mr. Blake was anything but that. Tall, square shouldered and bony of arms and legs, he was the very picture of health and muscular strength. Dick caught a glimpse of gold braid on an arm sleeve, and the flash of something on his cap.

"The captain of the Pelican," he breathed.

He smiled as he recalled the amount of gold braid and emblems that his father's skipper wore. Captain Johnston! Where was he! Had he lost his job with the sale of the old Beacon? Apparently he had, for this one was the very antithesis of the short, fat navigator of the yacht under its former ownership.

The dock was in dense gloom, except for red lights burning at the end, and a white one at the entrance. There was no sign of a watchman, and as the men were unchallenged Dick followed. When they stopped abruptly at the head of the steps leading down to the float Dick was within twenty feet of them. He slid behind a spile and remained motionless.

"You'd better coal early in the morning, Captain Brent," Mr. Blake was saying. "Take enough aboard for a couple of months. We may need it. We don't want to get caught short."

"Reckon not, Mr. Blake," replied the other chuckling. "Twould sort of let the cat out of the bag if we had to sneak into some harbor for coal before the time was up."

"Yes, we must guard against such contingency. I'll phone to Blank's pier the first thing in the morning for all the coal you can store aboard."

"What time'll the old man want to come aboard?" queried Captain Brent, puffing volitionally at his cigar.

"Shortly after sundown. Lay off here at sunset, and when you see the signals send the boats ashore."

"There'll be a lot of dunnage, I s'pose?"

"No, nothing but light traps—chiefly personal things of Miss Cutler's. Most of the baggage will get aboard earlier. I'll see to that."

"You say there'll be four of 'em?"

"Yes, Mr. Cutler, Miss Alice, her maid and Doctor Alster."

"And yourself?"

"Certainly!" said Mr. Blake, a

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little tartly. "I'll come down with the party."

"All right! I'll have everything ready. Reckon, now, if I don't have any trouble finding that island we'll have a pleasant voyage."

"Why do you say that?" demanded Blake uneasily. "Have you any doubts about finding it?"

"Why, no, if the map you gave me's correct."

"Well, it is!" snapped the other. "I've verified it in every particular. You don't think I'd slip up on such a small thing as that when there's so much at stake!"

"No, I reckon not, but it's a bit puzzling in places. Some of them dots and marks looks like as if they'd been put there for private use. You don't s'pose, now, that captain was up to any misleading tricks, marking the location wrong and shifting the channel buoys, do you?"

"You forget," he said coldly, "that I'm running this little expedition, and I never make mistakes. The chart is correct."

"All right!" replied Brent, moving toward the steps. "Then we'll pick up the island in a couple of days." He stopped and stared out into midstream. "Why don't they send that boat ashore?" he added irritably.

"Here it comes now!"

"Well, I'll be going. I got to put in a night doing some figuring."

Blake nodded, and waited for him to descend the steps, then walked to the end of the float. A few minutes later the yacht's tender appeared, and Captain Brent was whisked out into the gloom. The man on the end of the dock remained motionless until it was gone, and then turned and walked briskly away.

Dick's first impulse was to follow and then he changed his mind. He came from behind his hiding place and stood near the steps, watching the lights flickering on the river and running over again in his mind the words he had heard.

They were a little puzzling; but the main fact was clear to him. Steve Cutler and his niece were starting on a long cruise in the Pelican the following evening, sailing under the cover of darkness, which might or might not mean anything unusual. Mr. Blake was to accompany them, and, according to his own statement, he was running the expedition.

Their destination was some island whose exact location was a mystery to Captain Brent. Who was Mr. Blake, and what island was it? Dick puzzled over the situation for a long time. He recalled the reference to some mysterious captain who might have played a trick on them by marking the map wrong. Who was he?

Piecing together one thing after another, Dick finally came to the conclusion that the expedition was an adventure, undertaken by Cutler for the furtherance of some personal scheme that he wished to keep secret, and Mr. Blake was managing it for him.

So far all seemed plain, but the mystery of the island to which they were going introduced a puzzling factor that baffled Dick for a long time. It was hours later when the truth seemed to dawn upon him.

"That's it!" he exclaimed suddenly, bringing his two hands together. "It's a treasure hunt, or something like that. Old Cutler's come into possession of some old sea captain's chart of an island where the treasure's buried. And

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hog-like, he's tricked the owner of it, and intends to gobble up the whole thing. It's like Steve Cutler!"

He went over the conversation again, sentence by sentence as he recalled it, and in the end his conclusion was strengthened. All the facts fitted admirably into this theory. With the chart of the unknown island in his possession, Cutler intended to pay a visit to it, dig it up and add it to his already swollen fortune. In the event of its proving a hoax he could hush up the matter, and no one but a few of his servitors would be any wiser.

"A treasure hunting expedition in the Pelican!" Dick mused thoughtfully. "What an adventure! I wish I were going."

He cast longing glances at the yacht in midstream. The wild idea entered his head of swimming out to the craft and smuggling himself aboard. As a stowaway he might

make the trip and bluff it out when discovered.

But this was impractical for several reasons. The tide in the river was strong, and even if he made the yacht safely the chances were ten to one that he could not climb aboard unobserved. That, he concluded, would have to be his last resort.

The yacht would coal at Blank's pier in the morning. Could he disguise himself at a coal heaver, and, during the bustle, hide in one of the bunkers? Dick knew every nook and corner of the craft, and he felt if he could once get below decks he would be safe from discovery.

Then the card that Alice Cutler had given him jogged his memory. He took it out and stared at it in the gloom as if trying to read some message from it. For a long time he sat in puzzled silence, frowning at the bit of white paste-board. Then an eyelid flickered, and his lips parted; a smile slowly

spread across his features, and a chuckle broke the silence.

"I could work it," he mused. "With a little luck, I believe I'll try it in the morning. At the worst I could say it was just a lark—an original method of making her redeem her promise."

He chuckled softly, and waved a hand as if in farewell to the city that had treated his so shabbily. "I'll bet," he murmured, "it will be a big improvement on this smoky, godless city of Mammoth!" (To be continued.)

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