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PLAY WITH DEATH

'Mediums' Among Amazon Tribes Take Long Chances.

Poison Brew Drunk to Induce Delirium Sooner or Later Puts an End to Their Career.

The original exponents of spiritualism were found among the tribes in the region around the head waters of the Amazon river by early Spanish explorers, and savage seances are still held there with exactly the same rites as those witnessed by the Europeans so long ago.

The mediums do not employ rappings, table-tipping or the dark cabinet to call up the dead, but their ceremonies are weird and spectacular in the extreme.

When a member of the tribe desires to talk with a deceased relative or friend he visits the medium and states his wish, at the same time making advance payment in the form of feathers. The medium requests him to return at a certain hour the next night with as many guests as he cares to invite in honor of the departed spirit.

As soon as the man goes away the medium builds a fire of scented woods, over which he steeps a decoction of green herbs. Many of these herbs are deadly poison, but are so skillfully mixed in measured quantities that one acts as an antidote to the other.

At the appointed time the spiritualist and his invited guests appear and seat themselves in a circle around the fire, but at a respectful distance from it. Absolute silence reigns save for the regular tap of a drum sounded at intervals by a man stationed in the deep shadows beyond the fire.

The medium appears bearing aloft a coconut shell filled with the brew of herbs. He scatters the glowing fire to form a ring and steps into the middle of it, first laying fragrant green sticks on the live coals. Soon clouds of thick smoke rise and envelop him, the map around the fire break into a wild incantation, the drum is furiously beaten, and in the midst of the uproar the medium drinks the poison and casts the empty coconut shell among the spectators. Immediately the chant ceases, the drum is silent and every eye is fixed on the medium, dimly visible through the smoke.

The drugs take effect at once; his eyes roll, his mouth twitches, his body writhes, and unintelligible cries issue from his lips. These cries are believed to be the voice of the departed. The man who has thus caused the dead to be summoned proceeds to ask questions of the spirit.

The spirits are consulted about everything that happens in the village, tribal or family quarrels, contemplated journeys, stolen property, even the planting of crops, and the frenzied and guttural utterances of the suffering medium groveling on the ground in the throes of pain are interpreted by the eager listeners as replies. When the medium finally succumbs to exhaustion and lies motionless in the embers of the sacred fire the assemblage disperses.

These mediums are regarded with great fear and respect and wield more influence in the tribes than the chief himself, but the time always comes when there is too much of one herb or too little of another in the poison brew, and then the medium never recovers from his stupor.

Shades of Columbus! It was Discovery day and Gladys McCalm, stenographer to Governor Goodrich and barely out of her school dresses, sat languidly in the chief executive's office dreaming of the ancient Genoese mariner and his great adventure.

The telephone bell rang, and to romantic Gladys it seemed like the very bells of the good ship Santa Maria. Mechanically, however, she placed the receiver to her ear—and then, with paled face she excitedly grasped the telephone with both hands and cried: "What's that? Good heavens, Columbus wants to talk to the governor!"

Brave Frank Litschert, the governor's secretary, rushed to the desk and seized the receiver. Calmly he turned to the dreamer and reassuringly said: "No, little one. 'Twas not Christopher, but Columbus, Ind., that wished to speak."—Indianapolis News.

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Evidently Not Deeply Impressed. "What did the editor say about your story?" asked the young man's friend. "I don't believe he liked it very much. He said that if a man found himself on a desert island with nothing to read except my story and an old directory, he might read the story!"

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah.

E. L. Rowland, Plaintiff, vs. Olga Rowland, Defendant.

To Olga Rowland, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 9th day of January, 1921, which is more than six weeks from and after the date of the first publication of this summons, namely, the 26th day of November, 1920, and if you fail to so appear and answer within said time, for want thereof you will be adjudged in default herein and the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint filed against you, namely:

For a decree of divorce absolutely and forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and defendant; and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem proper.

This summons is served upon you by publication in the Mt. Scott Herald, for six successive weeks pursuant to an order made by the Honorable George Tazwell, judge of the above entitled court, on the 20th day of November, 1920.

First publication November 26th, 1920. Last publication December 31st, 1920.

H. P. ARNEST, Attorney for Plaintiff. Postoffice address, 9133 Foster road, Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT 18171

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department.

In the Matter of the Estate of Benjamin T. Davis, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account and report as administratrix of the estate of Benjamin T. Davis, deceased, and that the Judge of the above entitled Court has fixed January 11th, 1921, at the hour of 9:30 a. m. and the courtroom of said Court in the courthouse of Multnomah County at Portland, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final report and account. All persons having objections thereto are notified to present the same to said Court on or before said date, 10, 1920.

Date of first publication, December 31, 1920. Date of last publication, December 31, 1920.

MINNIE DAVIS, Administratrix of the Estate of Benjamin T. Davis, deceased. H. P. Arnest, No. 9133 Foster Road, Lents Station, Portland, Oregon, Attorney for Administratrix.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT 17618

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department.

In the matter of the Estate of Isaac M. Gingrich, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report as administrator c. t. a. of the estate of Isaac M. Gingrich, deceased, and that the Judge of the above entitled Court has fixed January 4th, 1921, at the hour of 9:30 a. m. and the courtroom of said Court in the courthouse of Multnomah County at Portland, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final report and account. All persons having objections thereto are hereby notified to present the same to said Court on or before said date, December 3, 1920.

Date of first publication, December 24, 1920. Date of last publication, December 24, 1920.

H. R. SCHEUERMAN, Administrator c. t. a. of the Estate of Isaac M. Gingrich, deceased. H. P. Arnest, 9133 Foster Road, Lents Station, Portland, Oregon, Attorney for Administrator. 37-4tx

CITATION 18927

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Department of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary LeBallister, Deceased.

To the unknown heirs of Mary LeBallister, deceased, and all persons interested in the estate of said Mary LeBallister, deceased: In the name of the State of Oregon, you, and each of you, are hereby commanded to appear before the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department, at the courtroom of said court, in the Court House, in the City of Portland, on the 11th day of January, 1921, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M., and show cause, if any exist, why an order should not be made by said Court, authorizing A. D. Kenworthy, administrator of the said estate, to sell at private sale all of the following described real property of the said estate, to-wit: Lot Eleven (11), in Block Three (3), Oakhurst, within the corporate limits of the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon; which said real estate consists of a lot of land, and two-room shack thereon.

This citation is published pursuant to an order of the Honorable George Tazwell, judge of the aforesaid court, made on the 24th day of November, 1920, directing that this notice be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in the Mt. Scott Herald, a newspaper of general circulation published in Multnomah County, State of Oregon. Date of first publication Dec. 3, 1920. Date of last publication Dec. 24, 1920.

H. P. ARNEST, Attorney for Petitioner. Address: 9133 Foster Road, Portland, Oregon.

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