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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—The time is the late '60s or early '70s and the scene a steamboat on the Mississippi river. All the types of the period are present and the floating palace is distinguished by merriment, dancing and gallantry. There are the customary draking and gambling also. Virgil Drace, a young northern man, is on his way south on a mission of revenge. He meets an eccentric character in the person of one Liberty Shottle, who is constantly tempting the goddess of chance. They form a singular compact,

(Continued from last week.)

"That's all right, Virgil, but you must remember that you are one out of a million. How a fellow can lose \$200 at poker and get up from the table with money still in his pocket is beyond me. However, it means that you haven't got poker in your blood, which of itself is a marvel. But I want to tell you that every man is food for some sort of desperate passion. If it isn't gambling, it may be love. How about that?"

"Hasn't caught me yet," answered Drace, stoutly, even though the pic ture of the girl in the passageway was at the moment floating bright before his mind's eye. "Of course," he add ed, "I may marry, Liberty; that sort of thing runs in our family, you know. But I don't think the subject very in-

"I grant you. In this we walk shoulder to shoulder. But there is something of vital interest. Just now -I lost."

"Yes, and a very natural thing," Drace agreed.

"No, it wasn't natural. It was unnatural that I should lose just at that time. It was an accident. Listen to me for just a minute. Anybody can do the natural and expected thing. A ways does. It is doing the thing that nature didn't intend that marks the progress of civilization. Now, I have a proposition to make that may seem unnatural. Perhaps no man you ever met before would make it. But you never met such a man as I am, before. You couldn't look forward and see me. Could you?"

"I didn't," Drace cheerfully admit-

"And it would have been hard for you to believe that I exist, which I don't, according to the bellef of some of my folks. Now, then, what are we getting at? Another stake? No. I am not going to ask you to risk any more of your money. But this is my proposition: You let me have \$100: if I win, I'll pay back all I owe. And Furniture polish for sale. Monarch, if I don't. I'll belong to you-your property, body and soul - but with this understanding, I am not to perform any menial service in public. And it is further understood and agreed upon that if by any chance I can raise \$100, I am to have the privilege of buying my freedom. The first \$100, you understand, was a stake and not a loan. Before you decide, weigh the advantages of owning a man. I will be your Greek, your enslaved philosopher, be your Epictetus and turn your mill. We will revive the ethics of ancient society. Won't that prove that history really does repeat itself?"

"Yes," answered Drace, "but I don't care any more whether history repeats herself than I do that a stammering man repeats himself."

"Now my dear friend soon to be my master, I hope-I ask you; isn't it something to own a companionable slave?"

"Yes. By the way, do you know New Orleans very well?" "What! Does a bloodhound know

the scent of a darkey?" "All right, Lib-here's \$100. And I believe that within an hour from now you'll be my property."

CHAPTER II

Drace sat musing over the strange creature who had just left him, but soon his mind flowed down another channel, far different from a whim or an amusement-his mission in the South, secret, grim and desperate, But life on a river steamboat in that day left little time for brooding for, a few moments after Shottle left to risk his liberty and Drace's hundred, a roustabout thrust his head in at the door and announced that down on the deck there was to be a throwing and tying match. The big fireman of the Leona was about to encounter Vicksburg Joe

for the championship of the River. In an instant Drace was on his feet, all his instincts keen and ready to jump. He was something of a boxer and wrestler, but he had not been taught in this peculiar art of tying an adversary once one has thrown him. And there was that in his mind which made the acquisition of this knowledge

seem to him desirable indeed. As he joined a group of men making their way below, he overheard the

Colonel, Miss Lucy's admirer, explaining the gentle pastime. "Tying a man once you have thrown him," the Colo-nel was saying, "is the climax of prowess. I saw Cal Blodgett throw and tie Nick Pavin at a barbecue at Mount Ziop campground, and I have cause to remember it, for the young lady I went with deserted me for the hero, sir-actually stuck flowers into his hair. Here we are."

Two enormous fellows were struck gling, while nearby lay a convenient rope. Finally Vicksburg Joe tied the fireman, and he lay helpless, unable

"I will give you five dollars if you can throw me and tie me that way." called Drace to the victor when the excitement had a little subsided.

Joe looked at Drace a moment. The young man looked powerful enough to be dangerous, but—five dollars was five dollars. He smiled, bowed, spread out the wrinkled rug and took Drace by the hand to lead him forth. To the astonishment of all, Drace threw Master Joe; but he could not tie the champion.

"Show me how it's done," said Vir-

gil, "and I'll give you the money." For a long time, and until the Colonel and Shottle were worn out with waiting, the two struggled; and so apt was the student that he succeeded finally in turning the master over and tying him. But it seemed that the burly champion was too willing, and Drace insisted on another fall. And now, though the struggle was genuine on Joe's part, Drace tied him. Still more, another five promised, and Virgil was willing to quit.

"Finest sport I ever had!" he said as he turned away to the upper deck again to avoid the questions and felicitations showered upon him. .

Drace was musing-not, it must be confessed, upon the serious purposes

but upon that girl of the red roses Shottle appeared again. Liberty stood in his presence, not with a droop but straight in the manly resolution to discharge the duties an adverse fate had thrust upon him. In the belief that it would make him look more like a slave, he now wore his coat turned wrong side out.

"Master, I salute you," he remarked. "All right," said Drace. "But turn your coat. I want my slave, the grinder of my mill, to appear respectably clad. You may sit down."

(Continued Next Week.)

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Oregon's Congressional delegation, consisting of Representatives W. C. Hawley (first district), Nicholas J. Sinnott (second district) and C. N. McArthur (third district) is generally regarded as the strongest and influential delegation in Congress.

Mr. Hawley is a ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee; Mr. Sinnott is chairman of the Public Lands Committee; Mr. McArthur is a ranking member of the Naval Affairs Committee. They are all experienced, capable and industrious legislators.

The State of Oregon will do well to re-elect those three men on November 7, and thereby continue Oregon's high prastige in the House of Representatives.

(Paid Adv., by Republican State Central Committee, Imperial Hotel, Portland, Oregon.)

God gave parents their children

Governments cannot rightfully take them away

MERICA has always stood for the protection of natural and inalienable rights, among which none is so sacred as that of parents over their children.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN said: "The Family is the corner-stone of social order and the guarantee of public safety. No Government can take the place of the Parent, and should never be permitted to usurp it." (Speech at Quincy, Ills., 1859.)

The results of the campaign against the so-called Compulsory Education Bill, which is in fact a Bill to Establish State Monopoly of Educa-

tion, may be grouped under two heads: Facts demonstrated

The FACTS DEMONSTRATED, no longer sly disputed by anybody, are these That the Bill was given a False Title, to mis-lead the public and deceive the voters

That it in no respect pretends to improve the existing law as to the Public Schools, but simply destroys the Private Schools.

That not one cent of public money goes to the support of any private or parochial school in this State, or ever has, or ever can, under the plain prohibition of the Constitution and laws That it will increase taxation at least \$1,000,000 each year, and require from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 investment in new public school buildings.

OOO investment in new public school buildings.

That it vests in the County Superintendents arbitrary and unappealable power to grant special privileges to the wealthy and influential by which they will be exempt from the law.

That it will prevent parents from educating their children in private schools both inside and outside of the State, as they cannot even send their children elsewhere to be educated.

That so far from being united in support of the Bill, the Masonic Fraternity in the State is divided, many of the leading Masons are openly opposed to it, and the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge indorsed it.

That the best elements in the social religious educational, and political life of the State are opposed to the measure.

That the educational leaders, inside and outside of the State, are opposed to the Bill. Dr. Nicholas

That the educational leaders, inside and outside of the State, are opposed to the Bill. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, says: "It should be called a Bill to render the American system of education impossible in Oregon." The Presidents of Yale, Princeton, Chicago, Leland Stanford and other great Universities have emphatically condemned it.

That the private schools, under the existing law, are required to conform their course of studies to the public schools standards, the English language is made compulsory, and they are subject to the inspection and supervision of the State

That the proposed law will close up every orphan asylum, home for defective and dependent children, and other private charities, where any elementary instruction of the inmates is at-

tempted.

That it destroys the rights of minorities, the most vital and valuable principle of Americanism, and the one that has preserved this country from the tyranny of Old World Governments.

THE ARGUMENTS UNANSWERED against the bill are contained in the "Voters Pamphlet" issued by the State. The chief points of the same. Arguments unanswered

I THE LUTHERAN ARGUMENT 'If you see fit to send your child to a school in which your religion is taught, not one day in the week, but every day, and the whole training of the child is permeated by such religion, the State, under the Constitution, must not prohibit you from so doing. This bill is manifestly unconstitutional.

2 THE PORTLAND CITIZENS AND TAX-PAYERS ARGUMENT "If the number of chil-

dren now attending the public schools is to be in-creased by adding those now taught in the private schools, it is inevitable that overcrowding must result unless new buildings are supplied, and it is also certain that taxes must be materially increased." ST. HELEN'S HALL (EPISCOPAL) AR-GUMENT: "No invidious fact or condition affect-ing public interest has been called to our attention that would furnish in the slightest degree an excuse

for the proposed legislation.

4. THE PRINCIPALS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS' ARGUMENT: "It is against the best American ideals of freedom, in that it denies to men and women freedom of thought and action in the choice of environment and influences for their children."

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS ARGU MENT. "We are not at all certain that a man educated in the public school is more intelligent than if he were educated in a private or sectarian school, nor have we heard any convincing argument that a person is necessarily more patriotic if ment that a person is necessarily more patriotic if educated in a public school, than if he were edu-cated in a school not supported by public taxa-

THE CATHOLIC ARGUMENT. "There is no occasion now for agitation that will estrange old friends and neighbors, and that will divide our people into classes and factions. No greater mis-fortune can befall us than movements calculated to

THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' AR-GUMENT: "It is based on the philosophy of autocracy—that the child belongs primarily to the State: it is an unjustifiable invasion of family authority, and threatens ultimately the guarantee of our American

The foregoing "Negative Arguments" are as strong today as when written and filed. They remain unshaken and unshakable after three months of public discussion.

The great International Convention of the Episco-pal Church, meeting in Portland recently, adopted strong and unequivocal resolutions condemning this bill

The State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its meeting in Salem last August, refused to entertain any movement looking to an endorsement of the bill, by the express ruling of the Presid-

Upon the foregoing statement of the case we invoke the fair and intelli-gent judgment of the voters of Oregon, confident of the result if a regard for the inherited and fundamental principles of reasonable liberty are to

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All improvements and street work must stop. Playgrounds must be closed.

Streets must go uncleaned.

Fire insurance rates will increase from 25 to 30 per cent. The city will have no money to use to meet epidemics, silver thaws, storms, floods or other disaster.

Passage of this measure is urged as a measure of public safety nd welfare by State Tax Commission, all civic bodies and the City

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