LAST SERMON.

BY G. B. BURGIN.

Although in the early days of their settlement at Four Corners "Old Man" Evans and Ikey Marston did not "go much on religion," in virtue of their official positions as sheriff and deputy sheriff they both considered it ought to have a "fair show."

In these circumstances, it may be imagined that "Old Man" and his familiar were much concerned when the Rev. Eliphalet solemnly announced to them that he had very little longer to live. There was something wrong with his heart, and that something might kill him at any moment. What grieved him most, however, was the barren result of his labors.

Rev. Eliphalet announced that he depended upon a final series of sermons to bring his congregation to a sense of their shortcomings. With much difficulty he preached four of the series to empty benches, and then, heartbroken by the spiritual torpor of Four Corners, stated that the Rev. Archibald Graeme would occupy the pulpit on alternate Sundays.

To "Old Man's" intense disgust, the youthful Rev. Archibald speedily filled the church. His florid eloquence and rousing periods made a pleasant change from the feeble efforts of the dying man; and, in the charm of novelty, Four Cornerites forgot the faithful service of 30 years.

The maidens admired the raven locks and saintly smile of the newcomer, especially when he called them "dear sisters," and said what an inspiration it was to see their fair faces look up to him as he preached. It is needless to state that he was unmarried. Many maidens in Four Corners were conscious of the fact, and did their best to lead Rev. Archibald into the thorny paths of matrimony.

"Old Man" and Ikey alone failed to succumb to the spell of the new preacher, who, when he was not on matrimonial schemes intent, indirectly criticised his dying colleague's methods of preaching as somewhat old-fashioned.

A grim smile pervaded "Old Man's" features. "I'll juss go for a ride on the mule"—he took his gun from the corner—"and look up half of these jays. You look arter the other half, Ikey."

"It's very kind of you to help me to get a congregation, although your efforts are not at all necessary, Brother Marston."

The next morning, at a quarter to 11, the inhabitants of Four Corners were surprised to see Ikey standing by the church door and counting their numbers. The congregation, however, would have been still more surprised could it have seen "Old Man" coming from the manse, with Rev. Eliphalet leaning feebly on his arm.

There was an audible stir as "Old Man" led Rev. Eliphalet towards the pew which immediately fronted the pulpit.

Rev. Archibald began the opening prayer so briskly that the congregation soon forgot the bent figure of Rev. Eliphalet, who rose to his feet with difficulty and clung to "Old Man's" arm. When, however, sermon time drew near, people were surprised to see "Old Man" step up on the platform beside Rev. Archibald, notwithstanding the fact that he was absorbed in prayer, and give his flowing coat tails an irreverently vicious pull. To their still further surprise, Rev. Archibald, blushing pinkly, after a whispered remark from "Old Man," hurriedly left the platform and seated himself in a back pew. To the congregation's still further surprise, "Old Man" came down from the platform, tenderly led Rev. Eliphalet toward the pulpit, and, putting a glass of water by his side, handed him his notes.

"Old Man," after casting an anxious glance at the trembling form of Rev. Eliphalet, advanced to the edge of the platform, his eyes filled with withering scorn.

"I dessay," he said, ironically, "as you'd ruther hear a sermon from me, or that black-headed jay yonder.' He pointed a threatening finger towards the shrinking figure of Rev. Archibald.

"For 30 years," "Old Man" said, impressively, "thisyer gray-headed old man"—he pointed to Rev. Eliphalet—"has been tryin' to rope you in for the next world. If he'd known as much about you as I do, he might ha' give it up juss 30 years ago. But he didn't know what a contract he'd got to tackle, and he's gone on tacklin' it ever since, throwin' in me and Ikey as a kind of crownin' cross. And now, when he's about to pass in his checks, you won't listen to his partin' words. I was away las' Sunday, or I'd ha' made you come. Now, as you've come back to the fold, like lambs snatched from the burnin', so to speak, we're goin' to have thisyer sermon over agin. You've got to listen to it. You hear me!"

Once or twice when the dying man faltered, lost the thread of his discourse and looked piteously around, his friend was at his side, ready with the glass of water, or to turn over the pages of the sermon.

"Old Man" also had something to say, and was not slow in saying it.

"Now as we've had thisyer interestin sermon, and have learned a good deal about Enoch as it wouldn't hurt us to imitate, there's one thing more to be done. The least you can do afore you clears out of thisyer building is to poggleise to the parson and say—good-by."

What touched the congregation more keenly than "Old Man's" stinging scorn was the fact that Rev. Eliphalet had not uttered one word of reproach. He laid his trembling hands on the heads of the children, blessed them, said a few kindly words to the older members of his flock, then, still leaning on "Old Man's" strong arm and looking up into his friend's face with tender gratitude and love, tottered back to the manse to die.

Rev. Archibald accepted a call elsewhere. So did Miss Soames, but not in the same direction.

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JOKE ON CROWN PRINCE.

The Kaiser Met the Young Man's Intended Bride and Acted as Escort.

An amusing story is related in Berlin about an event which happened on the evening the crown princess was conducted into the Royal Schloss. When the gala carriage, containing the empress and her future daughter-in-law, entered the courtyard of the palace the crown prince was in command of the guard of honor to receive them.

According to a prearranged programme, says a special to the Washington Star, the crown prince was to parade his company before the princess, but an unforeseen thing happened. The kaiser, who was waiting, forgot, for the first time in his life, doubtless, a military formality. In his joyous excitement he extended his arm to the princess and disappeared with her in the interior of the Schloss before the crown prince had time to set his guard in motion.

"A nice state of affairs," called out the crown prince to the officers in his vicinity. "His majesty has marched off with my bride! Where do I come in?" Several minutes elapsed, and as neither the kaiser nor the princess returned the crown prince was advised, laughingly, to follow his father and bride into the Schloss, as he would be missed.

"Upstairs? Not I!" answered the prince. "They can't do much without me. It is I who am going to be married. Besides, an order is an order. I was ordered to parade the company, and here I remain until the princess lets herself be seen."

He stuck to his post. In the meantime the kaiser was informed of the state of affairs. He was greatly amused, and appeared, with the empress and princess, on a balcony overlooking the courtyard, and from this lofty height witnessed the parade march of the company.

VALUABLES IN BUNDLES.

Shirt and Waist Jewelry Left in Many Garments Sent to the Laundries.

"An L. F. department—a lost and found department—is essential to all good laundries," said the man at the collar machine, "and if this department isn't conducted like clockwork, trade soon falls off."

He took two handfuls of rough-dried turn-down collars, states the Chicago Chronicle, and dropped them in the top of a vertical cylinder. Then he pressed a button, there was a soft whirring round, and out of the bottom of the cylinder the collars tumbled on to a white linen mat, ironed, turned and ready to put on.

"So much is lost in the wash," he went on. "That pretty girl over there by the window found in a shirt last week two diamond buttons worth $1,000. If the owner of the buttons hadn't got them back from our L. F. promptly, think what a bad name he'd have given the house.

"I found only yesterday in the pocket of a pair of duck trousers a ten-dollar bill. The owner is a millionaire; he hadn't missed the bill; when the matter was reported to him over the telephone he said to credit his laundry account with half and to give the other half to the honest finder.

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CONTINUOUS ELOPEMENT.

Valet of Russian Land Owner Was Fickle of Fancy, But Fertile of Resource.

That the course of love does not always run smoothly was amusingly illustrated in the experience of one Koraleff, a Russian land owner, who took his bride to Berlin upon a honeymoon trip.

The second day of their stay Mme. Koraleff possessed herself of some $15,000, all of the money her husband had with him, and eloped to Switzerland with her husband's valet.

In due course the deserted husband obtained fresh funds and set forth in search of the guilty pair. After some delay Mme. Koraleff was located in Zurich, where she had been left destitute by the partner of her flight, whose fancy had been attracted by a woman more to his liking than the wife of his late master.

There was a reconciliation, and the reunited pair again set forth in search of the valet, whom they found at Lausanne, again in a state of single blessedness, his latest partner having taken herself off with a newer ideal, though she broke the chain by leaving what was left of the money with the valet.

The penitent valet was reinstated in favor upon returning what was left of the money, and the three journeyed back to Russia.

Moldy Grapes Make Best Wine.

According to United States Consul McNally, at Liege, Belgium, the secret of the rare "bouquet" of Moselle wines was disclosed by Prof. Marshall Ward in a recent lecture on "Molds and Moldiness." "Moldy grapes," asserted the professor, "produce a far finer wine than freshly gathered fruit. Moselle wines come from grapes which are in a simply awful condition. The grapes grown in the Moselle districts are not subjected to sufficient heat to fill them with sugar, and they are therefore allowed to be attacked by what is known as noble rot, in which process the mold fungus, having the satisfactory habit of selecting certain crystals according to taste, picks out the acid first and leaves just the proper proportion of sugar behind."

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Any person or persons so entering upon said premises without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

FRANDS THOMSEN.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office.
Roseburg, Oregon, April 9th, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance wi h the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

THADDEUS GREEN

of Port Orford, County of Curry, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 9601, for the purchase of the SE¼ NW¼ & Lots 1 & 2 of section No. 11, in Township No. 33 South, Range No. 15 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before J. H. Upton, U. S. Commissioner at Langlois, Oregon, on Thursday, the 3rd day of September, 1908.

He names as witnesses:
C. A. Langlois, of Port Orford, Oregon.
H. W. Burnham of " "
E. L. White of " "
W. T White of " "

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 3rd day of September, 1908.

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Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Land Office at Roseburg, Ore.,
April 21st, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Cornelius Fielding of Port Orford, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 14329 made February 19, 1907, for Lots 3, 4, & E½ S ¼ Section 15, Township 32 South, Range 15 West, W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. H. Upton U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Langlois, Oregon, on Monday July 20 h, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
E. B. Hall, of Port Orford, Oregon.
Cyrus Madden, of " "
Edward Picket, of " "
Jame Ellis, of " "

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

Notice for Publication.

U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.
June 22, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that
MINNIE BURNHAM,
of Port Orford, Oregon, who, on June 22, 1908, made Timber and Stone application, No. 10171, for W ½ SW¼, Section 1, Township 32 S, Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. H. Upton, at Langlois, on the 1st day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Harry W Burnham of Port Orford, Or.
Chester Langlois of " "
Thaddeus Green of " "
Ed Wells of Eckley "

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

Notice of School Indemnity Selection.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Roseburg, Oregon, June 26, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that the State of Oregon, on June 26, 1908, applied for the SE¼ NE¼ of Sec. 11, NE¼ SE¼ of Sec. 2, and NE¼ NE¼ and SE¼ SE¼ of Sec. 13, Tp. 32 S., R. 14 W. of W. M., and filed in this office lists of school indemnity selections in which is selected said land; and that said lists are open to the public for inspection. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land or any legal subdivision thereof, or claiming the same under the mining laws, or desiring to show said land to be more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, or to object to said selections for any lawful reason, should file their claims or their affidavits of protest or contest in this office.

I hereby designate the Port Orford Tribune, published at Port Orford, Oregon, as the newspaper in which the above notice is to be published.

J. M. LAWRENCE,
Receiver.

To Whom It May Concern.

The undersigned hereby give notice that they are the owners of the South half of Section 16, Township thirty three, South range fourteen West of Willamette meridian, Oregon. All parties are warned not to trespass upon or make any locations, either placer or quartz claims at their peril.

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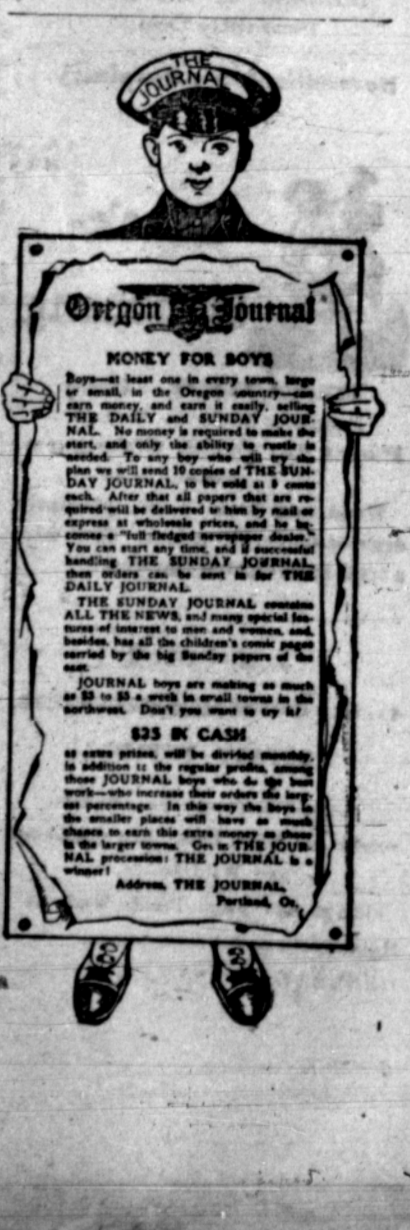
Any person or persons so trespassing for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or traveling through in any shape form or manner, or tearing down fences, or leaving out side gates open, or molesting personal property, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Wm. R. Johnson,
Lessee of the above described premises



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