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S. H. HELTZEL

[SEAL]

Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 6, 1915.

A Chicago professor says he never kissed a girl. But there are two sides to every story.

No wonder President Wilson likes the new tariff bill. It's his ownest own sweet little baby.

Somebody has figured that one man can do now what it took sixteen men to do fifty years ago. That may be true, when it comes to work, but it takes more men to do the loafing than it did fifty years ago.

Mrs. Marie Russak, head of the theosophical society of the world, says the weight of a soul is four and seven-sixteenths of an ounce. But is it possible that a butcher's soul weighs the same as a poet's?

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A definite movement has been made at Salem toward securing a manufacturing plant for flax products.

While out halibut fishing Captain Carner of Newport captured a 14-foot man-eating shark.

Mrs. C. S. McIntosh, at the age of 85 years, has just proved up on a homestead of 160 acres in the Upper Hood river valley.

The city's commissioners of Portland have decided that dogs running at large must remain muzzled until at least January 1.

Loss from fire in Newberg early Saturday morning was estimated at \$15,000, with approximately \$10,000 of the loss covered by insurance.

Frank S. Grant, formerly city attorney of Portland, declares he will seek the nomination for attorney general on the republican ticket.

The board of education of Portland has denied the petition of the Ministerial association that the Bible be read in the public schools.

Klamath county's grain crop is estimated at 1,200,000 bushels. Increase is one-third greater than at any former year due in part to increased acreage.

Claude McDonald of Portland, freshman in the University of Oregon, died from a hemorrhage of the brain, the result of a fall in the shower bathroom of the gymnasium.

A new variety of apple, which is a cross between a Newtown and a Spitzenberg, is said to have been found in the orchard of J. E. Epping of Hood River.

Loren Evans, aged 30, of Eugene, committed suicide by throwing himself beneath the wheels of a south-bound local passenger train at Walker station, 18 miles south of Eugene.

Through an arrangement with the University of Oregon conversational German will be taught in the seventh and eighth grades of the public schools at Eugene.

Governor West has received a check for \$35,000 from Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, which is 25 per cent of the income from the federal forest reserves up to June 30, 1913.

Moving pictures, demonstrations and short lectures were used to instruct and entertain that part of the audience at the state fair that is interested in problems of the household, farm and public schools.

For the purpose of bringing to Oregon the best possible information on highway engineering, Professor Skelton of the agricultural college has been sent on a four months' tour of the United States.

Charged with misapplication of funds of the Citizens National bank of Baker, of which he formerly was cashier, the trial of Guy L. Lindsay began in the United States district court at Portland on Thursday.

The Standard garage of The Dalles was destroyed by fire. In an hour the building with all its contents was a total wreck. Thirty-five or forty automobiles were in the garage when the fire occurred and the spread was so rapid that none were gotten out.

C. C. Moore of the United States department of agriculture visited the Agricultural college and was given every assurance that the institution would co-operate in fostering the movement to grow potatoes in Oregon for the manufacture of starch.

Whether or not the Southern Oregon State Normal college at Ashland shall be reopened after being closed for five years will be an issue to be voted upon by the electorate of Oregon at the general election to be held November 3, 1914.

Jealous because she paid attention to a young man of the community, James Barnes shot and seriously injured his daughter Ruby, shot at another daughter, and then committed suicide, at his home 40 miles north of Wallawa.

Senator Chamberlain is endeavoring to have the isthmian canal commission send a seagoing dredge through the Panama canal in advance of the other boats, in order that the dredge may be used in work of deepening the channel of the Columbia river at an early date.

By weaving her stocking into a rope, Miss Christina Schirmer, 21, unmarried, and an inmate of the insane asylum at Salem, committed suicide by hanging herself. She fastened one end of the stocking to a window guard, and then, slipping the noose over her head, leaped from a chair.

The state highway commission has been authorized by the Multnomah county commissioners to draw on the \$75,000 fund set aside for the construction of the highway down the Columbia river to the sea. The work will be confined to that portion of the county from Portland to the early line of the county.

Loss of memory of everything that happened to him prior to 1912, obliterating all knowledge of what his real name may be, where he came from, and who his relatives may be, was alleged by J. J. Marvin, alias Mater, who was bound over to the federal grand jury on a charge of having impersonated a government officer and obtained on that basis money and lodging in Portland.

TO STOP IMPERSONATIONS.

Cummins Bill Would Jail Men Guilty of Lamar's Trick.

Washington.—With a view to stopping the practice of impersonating members of congress and other public officials, which practice was brought to the attention of the senate lobby investigating committee by the confession of David Lamar, Senator Cummins of Iowa, member of the committee, has introduced in the senate a bill whose object is to deal with persons guilty of such misrepresentation.

The Cummins bill would make practically impossible the impersonation of members of congress, such as that in which Lamar engaged, using the names of Representatives Palmer and Roridan for the purpose of driving Judge Robert S. Lovett and other financiers into employing Edward Lauterbach as their counsel.

Despite the confessed deceptive and fraudulent nature of the plot engi-



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DAVID LAMAR

neered by Lamar, there is no law to reach it.

Under the Cummins bill impersonation over the phone or otherwise by any person of a member of congress or other public official will be made a felony, punishable by imprisonment of from three to five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both fine and imprisonment. Similarly, impersonation over the phone or any one conversing from one state to another will be made a felony.

BONDS TO MAKE THIS A HAPPY MARRIAGE

Parents of Couple Make Pledges to Guarantee Good Conduct.

Canton, O.—An ironclad agreement, backed by bonds pledging a \$700 farm and \$700 in cash put up by their respective fathers, promises to insure the wedded bliss of Miss Elizabeth Boldt, seventeen years, and Casian Bartt, Jr., twenty, of Youngstown.

The young people themselves have no doubt in their minds that they will get along together. They have sworn eternal love to each other and declare that the agreement and the bonds are entirely superfluous. But the parents, noting the increase of divorce and the fact that there are many pitfalls for the feet of unwary married young people, decided to do all they could in a legal way to make the marriage knot so tight that it can never be untied.

By the terms of the agreement Bartt's father promises that his son will never loaf, gamble, drink, play pool or dance with any young woman other than his wife. He pledges a \$700 farm. The bride's father has deposited a cash bond of \$700 with a bank that his daughter will make a model wife, will not gossip, run around with other men and will cook to the husband's satisfaction.

BEER MAKES MAN BARK.

Victim of His Own Imagination, Fearing Attack of Rabies.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—George McGowan, formerly of Dansville, N. Y., who suffered with rabies last March, but, according to a newspaper clipping found in a pocket, was cured at Albany, drank a glass of beer and later awoke in the neighborhood in the vicinity of his room by barking and yelping.

Investigating, the citizens found McGowan on all fours, alternately biting at the table leg and snapping at any one who came his way.

A physician and three policemen overpowered the man and took him to a hospital. Specialists in rabies declared the case was not one of hydrophobia, but hysteria; that the man lived in constant fear of rabies and was the victim of his own imagination. They ascribed the attack to the effect of the beer.

McGowan is now comfortable and will recover.

Never Blow In a Mule's Ear.

Stoneham, Colo.—Barney Benson had heard that the way to cure a mule of barking was to blow in its ear. He tried the remedy and is now at a hospital in Sterling with both jaws broken and several teeth missing. The mule did not take kindly to the "gentle zephyrs" playing in its ears and as a rebuke landed both heels on Benson's jaw.

NELLIE BLAKE'S COURTSHIP

It Brought a Result She Least Expected.

Nellie Blake was a very nice girl. The only trouble with her, a trouble common with most girls whose parents are abundantly able to support them, was that she hadn't enough to do to keep her out of mischief. Having finished her education, there seemed nothing more for her to do but to wait for her affluence and be married. This was not to her taste, and she proposed to her father to study—well, something, anything, so that if she should be left without—

"Nonsense!" said the father. "I'll not permit anything of the kind."

Then Nellie considered matrimony. The only man who wanted her, so far as she knew, was Fred Langley. But Fred was too matter of fact. He was a plodder. He had plodded at college, at the law school and was now plodding in his profession. She thought over a number of others, but they all had something about them unsuited to her taste. She gave up the matrimonial problem, but one day, on reading a matrimonial advertisement, just for fun she thought she would advertise for a husband and see what kind of answers one receives in such cases.

Sitting down at the desk in the library, she wrote in a large hand (her own was very delicate) with a stub pen and very black ink a communication in the usual form. Then lost some one should find out that she was so absurdly engaged she took it to the newspaper office herself.

A correspondence sprang up between Nellie and an unknown gentleman who called himself Alonzo Courtney, Nellie writing as Clarissa Varian, the letters growing in length till near the end an average letter covered twenty-four pages. Nellie had expected to have a good laugh at her replies. She was mistaken. The first was so delicate and deferential that no one but a thoroughbred could have written it. All denoted extreme refinement. Then the original and attractive ideas the man had! And how those ideas appealed to her! It was marvelous that one who had never seen her should have such an insight into her most hidden feelings. His letters became more and more impassioned till at last he begged for a meeting.

Had not Nellie Blake fallen in love with a soul she had seen expressed on paper she would not have granted such an interview. As it was, taking advantage of an evening when her parents would be out, she wrote Mr. Courtney that she would receive him at 8 o'clock. When the hour arrived, she was in the drawing room in her most becoming costume. When the doorbell sounded, her heart went up in her throat. Then came the card of Mr. Alonzo Courtney, and while he was getting off his coat and hat in the hall she thought she should faint. The drawing room door was pushed open, and in walked the matter of fact Fred Langley.

To say that Nellie was angry gives no idea of her condition. She was too enraged to say anything for a few moments. Then she hissed:

"Impostor!"

"Is it an imposture for a man to transcribe his inner self in words to one he loves?"

"How did you know that I advertised?"

"One morning, doubtless soon after you wrote your advertisement, I called on you when you were not at home. The maid, who did not know that you were out, showed me into the library and went upstairs to deliver a message from me. While waiting for her return I noticed some large black letters in reverse on the blotter on the desk. I amused myself deciphering what made an excellent puzzle and had nearly finished before it occurred to me that I was reading a secret. For this I must apologize. Will you forgive me?"

"And then?"

"It occurred to me that you had written the duplicate. I wanted to discover under cover what of strength or weakness, good or evil, there might be in you. I watched for your advertisement and answered it."

"No, one has never the right to lie in concealment for a friend. Yet had I not been your friend I should have had a perfect right. A girl who advertises for a husband is open to all the world. Would you deny me the right you had given millions of strangers?"

Nellie winced.

"Nevertheless," he went on, "the indiscretion has brought a revelation to me. I had no idea of the depth of feeling there is in your nature, your noble conceptions and especially your desire to be something more than a drone."

He could have said nothing that would have so well pleased her. She turned away to harmonize her conflicting emotions. The Alonzo Courtney she had pictured in her imagination was giving place to the plain Fred Langley. But that being who had been photographed in his letters—there he was waiting for her to speak again.

Without turning she reached her hand backward. Langley sprang forward and took it. She looked for some of the impassioned smiles she had read so often and received into her heart. Instead there was but one word:

"Sweetheart!"

Nevertheless it was the word she wanted.

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