

Legal Notices.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of John W. Tice, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified according to law and accompanied by the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at Canby, Clackamas County, Oregon, or at the office of Geo. C. Brownell, Oregon City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 1st day of August, 1902.
ALEXANDER TICE,
Administrator.
GEO. C. BROWNELL,
Attorney for Administrator.

Notice for Publication

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, June 27, 1902.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provision 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,

ROSAEL G. OSBORN, of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 582, for the purchase of the sec. 1 of Section No. 30 in Township No. 5 S., Range No. 4 E., 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 the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 1902.

He names as witnesses:
J. C. Burke, of Molalla, Oregon; Robert London, Edward Burke, Robert Osborn, of Portland.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of September, 1902.
CHAS. B. MOORES,
Register.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the estate of Conrad Neibert, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, her final account as such executrix of said estate, and that Monday, September 1st, 1902 at the hour of 10 A. M., at the County Court room, has been fixed by the said Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

ROSA NEIBERT,
Executrix of the estate of Conrad Neibert, deceased.
Pipes & Tiff,
Attys for Executrix.

Administrator's Notice

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County.

In the matter of the Estate of Budd Smith, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Budd Smith, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at Meadowbrook, Clackamas County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1902.
LILLIE SMITH,
Administrator.
ROBERT A. MILLER,
Attorney for Administrator.

SUMMONS

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

Sargalin A. Knighton, Plaintiff,
vs.
Marvella Knighton, Defendant.
To Marvella Knighton, defendant herein:

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit and court, on or before the 20th day of September, 1902, being six successive publications of this summons as ordered by the court, the first publication thereof as ordered being on the 25th day of July, 1902, and which is the first publication of this summons.

And if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, and for want of such answer, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint to-wit: For a decree of the court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as the court may seem meet with equity and justice.

This summons is served upon you by publication in the Oregon City Enterprise published at Oregon City, Oregon, once a week for six successive weeks, the first publication thereof being in the issue of July 25, 1902, by order of Hon. Thos. F. Ryan, county judge, of Clackamas county, in the absence of Hon. T. A. McBride, circuit judge, duly made and entered herein, this 23rd day of July, 1902.

J. A. STROUBERIDGE, JR.,
Atty. for Plaintiff.

Last publication Sept. 5.

SHERIFF'S SALE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

A. E. Latourette, Trustee, Plaintiff,
vs.
Andrew O. Heckman, Defendant.)
STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS.

By virtue of a judgment order, decree and an execution, duly issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, to me duly directed and dated the 9th day of July, 1902, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 8th day of July, 1902, in favor of said A. E. Latourette, Trustee, plaintiff, and against said Andrew O. Heckman, Defendant, for the sum of \$25.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from the 25th day of November, 1892, and the further sum of \$50.00, as attorney's fee, and the costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, situate in the county of Clackamas, state of Oregon to-wit:

The South West Quarter of the South West Quarter (S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4) of Section Two (2) Township Five South, Range One East of the W. M. in Clackamas County, Oregon.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order and decree, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Saturday, the

23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1902,

at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Oregon City, in said County and State, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for U. S. gold coin cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants or either of them, had on the date of the mortgage herein or since had in or to the above described real property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order, decree, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

J. R. SHAVER,
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon.
By E. C. HACKETT,
Deputy.
Dated, Oregon City, Ore., July 18th, 1902.

Administrator's Sale of Land.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of William P. Skirvin, deceased, by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County made on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1902, authorizing him so to do, will from and after the 23rd day of August, 1902, only sell at private sale for cash the following described real property belonging to the estate of the said deceased: to-wit:

The undivided one half of the North-East Quarter of the North-East Quarter and the West half of the North-East Quarter; also Lot Five, all in Sec. Eighteen, Township 2 S. R. 3 E., of the Willamette Meridian, except 20 acres of the above land deeded to James McKenzie by Martha A. and Alfred Howkin, two deeds as follows, to-wit: One deed of five acres recorded on page 285, Book W, and one deed of fifteen acres recorded on page 476 Book Y, record of deeds for Clackamas County, Oregon, containing 137.48 acres, more or less, and that all of said land is situated in Clackamas County, Oregon. Said land will be sold for cash. Persons wishing to buy said lands are requested to make their offers to the undersigned at Danacrus, Oregon, or to Gordon E. Hayes at his office in Oregon City, Oregon.

J. C. ELLIOTT,
Administrator of said Estate.
GORDON E. HAYES,
Attorney.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the County of Clackamas, administrator of the estate of George Marshall deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to the undersigned at his place of residence near Curlewville, Clackamas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

EDWIN BATES,
Administrator.
Dated this 8th day of July, 1902.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, July 26th, 1902.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on Sept. 8th, 1902, viz:

SETH AUSTEN
Pre. D. S. No. 7975, for the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 23, T. 6 S., R. 6 E., and Lot 2 & SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 30, T. 6 S., R. 7 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Frank Baker, of Colton, Oregon; John R. Arquet, of Colton, Oregon; John P. Irvin, of Garfield, Oregon; Harry E. Austen, of Oregon City, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES,
Register.

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Executor's Notice To Creditors

In the matter of the estate of Jacob S. Risley, deceased.

This certifies that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon, executor of the last Will and Testament of Jacob S. Risley, deceased, late of Clackamas County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me for allowance at the office of my attorney, C. H. Dyer, Esq., Corner 6th and Main Streets, Oregon City, Oregon, duly verified according to law, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Oregon City, Oregon, this 3rd day of July, A. D. 1902.
JOHN F. RISLEY,
Executor of the aforesaid estate.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, June 28, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on August 9, 1902, viz:

FRANCIS M. GILL
H. E. 12607, for the 1/2 of 1/2 of sec 28, T. 3 S., R. 5 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
S. C. Huffman, H. B. Sarver, E. C. Huffman, H. H. Anders, all of Garfield, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES,
Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE

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

Washington National Building Loan & Investment Association, a corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
Geo. W. Stryker, unmarried, O. M. Stryker, married, J. A. Barker and M. J. Barker, his wife, J. W. Didier, ———, Defendants.)
STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS.

By virtue of a judgment order, decree and an execution, duly issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, to me duly directed and dated the 10th day of July, 1902, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 13th day of June, 1902, in favor of Washington National Building Loan and Investment Association, a corporation, plaintiff, and against said Geo. W. Stryker, unmarried, O. M. Stryker, married, J. A. Barker and M. J. Barker, his wife, J. W. Didier, ———, Defendants, for the sum of \$1000.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from the 1st day of March, 1895, and the further sum of \$100.00, as attorney's fee, and the further sum of \$25.00, costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, situate in the county of Clackamas, state of Oregon, to-wit:

Block numbered (8) in Bellwood Addition to Milwaukie as shown by the recorded plat thereof of record in Clackamas County, Oregon.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order and decree, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Saturday, the
23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1902,
at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Oregon City, in said County and State, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for U. S. gold coin cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants or either of them, had on the date of the mortgage herein or since had in or to the above described real property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order, decree, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

J. R. SHAVER,
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon.
By E. C. HACKETT,
Deputy.
Dated, Oregon City, Ore., July 18th, 1902.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

Charles Rauch, Plaintiff,
vs.
Roxey Rauch, Defendant.)
To Roxey Rauch, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit in the above named Court on or before September 12th, 1902, the same being seven weeks from the first publication of this summons; and you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: that the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and plaintiff be dissolved.

This summons is published by order of Thomas A. McBride, Judge of the 3rd judicial district of the State of Oregon, in the Oregon City Enterprise, for seven successive weeks, commencing August 1st, 1902, and continuing for each week thereafter to and including September 12, 1902.

GEO. C. BROWNELL,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

SHERIFF'S SALE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

James M. Tracy, Plaintiff,
vs.
Hiram E. Straight, Margaret Grazz, her husband, Wm. E. Straight, Jacob Straight, John Straight, Mollie Straight, and Hiram E. Straight, administrators of the Estate of Hiram Straight, deceased, Defendants.)
STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS.

By virtue of a judgment order, decree and an execution, duly issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, to me duly directed and dated the 15th day of July, 1902, upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said court on the 3rd day of May, 1902, in favor of said James M. Tracy, plaintiff, and against said Hiram E. Straight, Margaret Grazz and ——— Grazz her husband, Wm. E. Straight, Jacob Straight, James Straight, Mollie Straight, John Straight, and Hiram E. Straight, administrators of the estate of Hiram Straight, deceased, defendants, for the sum of \$100.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from the 8th day of November, 1891, and the further sum of \$25.00, as attorney's fee, and the costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, situate in the county of Clackamas, state of Oregon, to-wit:

All that part of the Easterly or wife's half of the Hiram and Susan Straight D. L. C. in Township Two (2) South, Range Two (2) East, lying west of the Oregon and California Railroad and Easterly and Southery of the county road, being the unsold portion of the claim lying west of the said railroad, excepting from above a small tract sold to Knute Telferson, also a small tract on West side of said road sold to Charles Albright, the amount of land conveyed being fifteen (15) acres more or less. The interest hereby conveyed being the undivided one-sixth in the same, that being a portion belonging to said Hiram Straight, situate in Clackamas County, Oregon.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order and decree, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Monday, the
25TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1902,
at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Oregon City, in said County and State, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for U. S. gold coin cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants or either of them had on the date of the mortgage herein or since had in or to the above described real property or any part thereof to satisfy said execution, judgment order, decree, interest, costs, and all accruing costs.

J. R. SHAVER,
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon.
By E. C. HACKETT, Deputy.
Dated, Oregon City, Ore., July 18th, 1902.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon,
July 12, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on August 23rd, 1902, viz:

AUGUSTUS E. ALSPAUGH;
H. E. 11399, for the Lots 1 & 2 Sec 6, T. 3 S., R. 4 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Augustus D. Burnett, Edward Burnett, and Joseph P. Woole, all of Eagle Creek, Oregon, and Granville B. Linn, of Currinville, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES,
Register.

ORDINANCE NO.

OREGON CITY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The committee on fire and water is hereby authorized to spend a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars (\$900) for the purpose of buying 800 feet of rubber hose.

Read first time and ordered published at a regular meeting of the City Council of Oregon City, held August 6, 1902.

BRUCE C. CURRY,
Recorder.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

Wallace W. Ayers, Plaintiff,
vs.
Ida K. Ayers, Defendant.)
To Ida K. Ayers, defendant herein:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 22nd day of September, 1902, the said day being more than six weeks after the first publication of this summons, as ordered by the court, and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit: that the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and plaintiff be dissolved and that the plaintiff be awarded the custody and control of Charles Ayers, minor child of plaintiff and defendant.

This summons is published by order of Honorable T. E. Ryan, County Judge of the County of Clackamas, State of Oregon, made August 6, 1902, and which order directs the service of said summons by publication not less than once a week for six successive weeks. The first publication of this summons being August 8, 1902.

HEDGES & GRIFFITH,
Attorneys for plaintiff.

CASTORIA
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature
J. R. SHAVER,
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon.
By E. C. HACKETT, Deputy.
Dated, Oregon City, Ore., July 18th, 1902.

SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

M. Raphael and Son, Plaintiff,
vs.
E. M. Newell, Defendant.)
STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS.

By virtue of a judgment order, decree and an execution, duly issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, to me duly directed and dated the 13th day of June, 1902, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 18th day of May, 1902, in favor of M. Raphael and Son, plaintiff, and against E. M. Newell, Defendant, for the sum of \$25.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from the 18th day of May, 1902, and the further sum of \$25.00 costs with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from the 18th day of May, 1902, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me out of the real property belonging to said defendant, on and after the date of said judgment to satisfy said sum and also the costs upon this writ.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order and decree, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, being unable to find any personal property of said defendant's, I did, on the 14th day of June, 1902, duly levy upon the following described real property, of said defendant, situate and being in the county of Clackamas, and state of Oregon, to-wit:

All of Lots No. 3 and 14 in Block 2 in the town of Park Place, as shown on the map in the Recorder's office in Clackamas County, Oregon. And I will, on Saturday, the
30TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1902,
at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Oregon City, in said County and State, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for U. S. gold coin cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendant had on the date of said judgment, in or to the above described real property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order, decree, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

J. J. COOKE,
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon.
Dated, Oregon City, Oregon, July 29, 1902.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with 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, Wm. E. Palmer, of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 583, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, 8 1/2 of SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section No. 26, T. 3 S., R. No. 5 E., 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 the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City on Saturday, the 4th day of October, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Henry Epperson, Richard Palmer, Adolph Miller, Chas. C. Miller, all of Garfield, Ore.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of October, 1902.

CHAS. B. MOORES,
Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE

In the County Circuit of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

Mary Mader, Plaintiff,
vs.
Thomas Charman and Sophia Charman, his wife, James P. Lovett and Mary Lovett, his wife, Benjamin Jagger and James M. Tracy, Defendants.)

By virtue of a judgment order, decree and an execution, duly issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, to me duly directed and dated the 4th day of August, 1902, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court and cause on the 2nd day of August, 1902, in favor of the said Mary Mader, plaintiff, and against said Thomas Charman and Sophia Charman, his wife, James P. Lovett and Mary Lovett, his wife, Benjamin Jagger and James M. Tracy, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from August 2, 1902, and the further sum of \$350.00 attorney's fees and the further sum of \$10.00 costs and disbursements and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property situate in the County of Clackamas, State of Oregon, to-wit:

The Southeast 1/4 of Section 27; the West 1/4 of the North 1/2 of Section 28; and the East 1/2 of Section 28; Lots 1 and 2 of Section 33; containing 328.95 acres. Also the following described tract: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Southwest 1/4 of Section 27 and running thence North 5.69 chains to the center of Oregon City and Holcomb road; thence with center line of said road North 75 degrees 15 minutes West 5.70 chains to a stone; thence South 7.14 chains to stake on North line of Jacob Toner D. L. C.; thence with the North line of said Toner claim East 5.64 chains to a place of beginning, containing 355 acres. (Excepting from the above described lands the following portions thereof; Beginning at a point on the East line of said Toner claim 5 chains North of Southeast corner thereof; thence North 15 chains to the Abernethy road; thence Westerly along said road 12 chains; thence South 10.19 chains; thence East 11.40 chains to beginning point, containing 14 acres. Also Beginning at 3/4 section corner between Sections 23 and 34, thence North 5 chains; thence East 20 chains; thence South 5 chains; thence West 20 chains to place of beginning, containing 10 acres. Also: Beginning at the 1/4 section corner between Sections 33 and 34, running thence North 5 chains; thence East 7.60 chains; thence North 10.19 chains to the Abernethy road; thence Westerly along center of said road to the West boundary line of said Toner claim; thence South to the Southwest corner of said claim; thence East on South boundary line of said claim to the place of beginning, containing 29 acres.) All of the lands above described being in Township 2 South, Range 2 East of Willamette Meridian, the lands herein described containing 285.5 acres.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order and decree and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Saturday, the
6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1902,
at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the said day at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Oregon City, in said County and State, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the said defendants, Thomas Charman and Sophia Charman, his wife, James P. Lovett and Mary Lovett, his wife, Benjamin Jagger and James M. Tracy, or either of them had on the date of the mortgage mentioned in said judgment order, to-wit: March 7, 1890, or since had in or to the above described real property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

J. R. SHAVER,
Sheriff of Clackamas County, Oregon,
Dated, Oregon City, August 5, 1902.

CROESUS AND CUPID

By Martha McCulloch-Williams
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"A fine country place, heaps of ready money—and perfect liberty! Helen, is there anything left to wish for?" Hildreth asked, laying down the lawyer's letter. Helen shrugged the least bit as she answered: "Why, yes! If only one could have been born a widow!"

"I am ready to imitate myself. Widows are easier made than born," Hildreth said, catching her hand. "Only make me your lord, Helen of Troy, and I will promise to do the disappearing act whenever you are ready."

"You don't understand. Of course I should hate being a made widow. Made widows have to wear caps, and—people say such horrid, horrid things of them if they venture to be—oh, the least bit human—I mean not tubercular. But if only one could be born to that estate, with all the grief over or softened to a becoming pensive memory, why, it would be heavenly. Widows, for all their drawbacks, have the best lives of all," Helen said, puckering her forehead the best she could. Scowling was an unknown art to her. She had laughed persistently in the face of hard fortune. Now that the tide had turned her gay courage began to ebb.

"If only I had anybody all my own, I should not mind," she went on. "But there is not a soul. Maybe I ought to be selfishly glad. If there was a soul nearer than ninth cousin, this wonderful fairy fortune would be cut in two. I cannot feel that I in the least deserve it. But only think! I can have what flocks I please and silver money for my poor people instead of pennies!"

"Will it spoil you, I wonder?" Hildreth said meditatively. "You know we've always said money was the real touchstone. Any poor body can be decent; there is so little temptation to be anything else."

"I wish I knew," Helen said. "I think souls are like flowers, making the earth they grow in too rich—ruins if it does not kill them outright."

"You are not offensively rich. All told, this great-uncle's legacy foots up a quarter of a million. Spending that will never bother a person of your luxurious capacities," Hildreth said consolingly.

Helen laughed. "And I have existed on less than six hundred a year," she said. "Promise me, Vance, you will never change—the beastly money shall make no difference with us."

"It's bound to make a difference. Think of daring to ask you now to dine with me at L'Ally's!" Hildreth laughed back. "Nothing will go with you but Merry's or the Swellford. And I cannot eat your dinners there since I have not the coin to return them in kind."

"You are horrible!" Helen said promptly. "By way of punishment, I invite myself to dine with you tonight. Not at L'Ally's either—we'll go to that forty cent place where the coffee is so sinful that it always suggests an appeal to the police. Maybe some of the others will be there."

"All of them. It's near the middle of the week. Pay day is two days ahead for most of the gang," Hildreth answered, with a flickering smile. "Lord, I shall like to see them when they know! You are going to tell them, of course, Helen?"

"You may tell them. I shall not say a word," Helen said, setting her finger tips together. "I'm beginning to be cowardly," she went on. "Suppose it should turn out that my money costs me my friends and my illusions?"

"I hardly understand," Hildreth began. She raised her hand. "This is my fear," she said. "All these five years I have been out in the scurry of things. I have bugged the belief that my—that people liked me for what I was, not for what I might one day become. Lately, since Gumpsey's has asked for and exploited my stories, there has been so perceptible a warming up in some quarters it has made me a bit cynical. Now I am saying to myself, 'Suppose the money draws the sycophants to you, and the fear of seeming sycophantic drives away the real ones? That would be terrible. I hope—oh,