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A Story from Life.

How a Change of Fortune Sometimes Changes the Possessor.

It happened in an Oregon village less than five years ago. This is truth; a part of the details are supplied, and the characters still live and breathe and have their being. The night was cool and a woman of 68 sat hovering over a handful of coals in the sitting-room heater. In the larder was a little flour, a little salt, a little tea and some milk—nothing more; in the woman's purse there was a smooth ten cent piece, with a hole through it; in her heart a nameless sadness and an intense longing for eternal rest, such as comes often to the aged who feel themselves neglected and in the way.

Going to a window the lonely watcher gazed towards the hillside cemetery. In the moonlight the white tombstones stood out in bold relief against the background of dark cedars, just beyond. Two little graves in that quiet lot were hers, but the lowly beds of her sleeping babes were unmarked. Save by the rank ivy and wild Scotch bloom that waved above the humble mounds.

Dashing the scalding tears from her eyes the woman resumed her seat; and as though a voice whispered in her ear, she heard distinctly the words of the 23rd psalm: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want," and although the woman's supper had been a scrap of stale bread and a cup of weak tea, and though the morrow seemed to promise even less, she sought her pillow and with hope renewed and courage strengthened, fell into calm and peaceful slumber.

That same night another woman, in an adjoining state and city, gave luncheon to a number of fashionable friends. Herself and daughter were attired in gowns of the finest texture; jewels gleamed on their white hands, and the table was resplendent in cut glass and costly silver; hot-house flowers gave out a languorous perfume; electric lights and the splash of fountains on the lawn rendered the scene entrancing; a stringed orchestra discoursed sweet music from a recess in the midst of flowing palms and other tropical plants, and joy and mirth held sway as the guests came and went and chatted and laughed.

What mattered the expense? Did not Mrs. Blank's reception receive a write up in the Society News? and did not every guest vote the affair "perfectly lovely?"

When she retired to her room this woman fell asleep in a luxurious arm chair before the polished marble hearth, and in a dream she saw an aged woman in a faded calico dress, hovering over a dying fire in a meanly-furnished room, down in Oregon. Slowly the scene connected itself with memories of childhood and the sleeper seemed to inhale once more the fragrance of the honeysuckle that grew at the kitchen window, and to taste again the salt-rising bread and golden butter that were ever found in the lunch basket of the growing school girl.

But, alas! in the cupboard now the shelves were bare, and only a scant supply of flour was in the bin. The dreamer noted that the elder woman's shoulders were bent with age and hard work; that her eyes were dim with unshed tears, and that a pitiful droop to the lips told of an internal grief too deep for words. Then the scene changed and the curtain of time rolled back just twenty years.

The dreamer saw the same room as it had been in those other days; saw herself one of a family of ten and most indolent of them all; she saw the elder woman, not so stooped then, keeping boarders in order to supply the ten mouths with food and the ten growing bodies with raiment; she remembered that in those days the older woman labored many times until the clock hands pointed to the midnight hour, and she saw the brown hair turning rapidly to gray, and the strong frame bending daily beneath its heavy burden.

And as she dreamed, the elder woman arose, and in a clear voice repeated firmly: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want," and as the aged believer turned to seek her rest, the younger woman awoke with a start, for the face of the woman in the faded calico dress was the face of the sleeper's poor old mother, in an Oregon village. And Mrs. Blank knew the dream to be true.

But the vision faded from the dreamer's mind ere the glare of the next day's sun had softened into

twilight shadows. The society farce goes on, and the old woman, needy and neglected, goes on too, towards that promised land where in there is a house of many mansions, and a host awaiting her whose greeting shall be, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter unto thy rest." G. E. H.

WHEN IT IS BUILT.

Some Facts About the Proposed Electric Railway to Eugene.

Since the franchise for an electric rail road from Corvallis to Eugene was granted by the Benton county court to the Willamette Valley Electric railroad company, there has been much discussion generally as to what particular advantage the enterprise is to be to Corvallis and this section. Comparatively few people know anything of the region that the proposed line will traverse when built, and not all those who are familiar with the topography of the country are able to see just what the gain is to be in having an electric road through the territory named. That it will give employment to many workmen while in course of construction, and that the money thus placed in circulation by the laborers will result in increase of business throughout the section where the work is in progress, is one way in which the new railroad will be beneficial; but it is only a minor consideration, since the period of building will not be of sufficient length to have lasting effect on the business of the country.

With a view to enlightening those who have been asking for information regarding the benefit to accrue from the proposed road, the Times has sought and obtained a general and comprehensive summary of the results that may reasonably be expected from the enterprise, when completed. The authority from which the information comes is reliable, and from one in touch with the situation in all its phases.

Rugging south from Corvallis the road will pass through a fine farming and dairying region, and at Monroe will give an outlet to a large amount of wheat, oats, hay, flour and other products. There will, in all probability, be a large saw mill built at Monroe, as logs can be brought by water to this point. It will also give an outlet for timber from the immense forests of cedar and fir at the head of the Alsea, which at present is lying untouched because of the lack of transportation facilities. At Monroe are large hop yards and prune orchards, the products of which at this time are hauled many miles by team, and the culture of which will be greatly increased by reason of freer access to railroad accommodations.

Passing south from Monroe to what is now known as the Liberty community, there is a large quantity of fine oak timber that will no doubt be placed upon the market when the electric road is a reality, but which at present is no practical benefit because it cannot be transported by team to a demand for it. Liberty is an excellent location for a large ware house, as it is several miles to Junction City and Monroe. This place would also be the shipping point for such extensive and well known cattle dealers as Ferguson, Malloy, Winn, Barnett and Williams Brothers, who are at present obliged to drive their market stock to Junction.

Passing southward from Liberty to Smithfield, another large saw mill would undoubtedly be built, as the Long Tom would bring logs from the Lake Creek country, which is noted for its superior quality of cedar, spruce and fir timber. Shingles and cedar posts are now hauled by thousands to the valley, and could, of course, be handled much cheaper by rail, besides increasing the demand. In the Lake Creek country there is also a fine grade of beef cattle, that have to be driven at present 25 miles to the Southern Pacific road at Junction.

Still further to the southward, the new road will reach Elmira, a small town that already has a saw mill which would be enlarged if proper transportation facilities were offered as an inducement, and at Elmira would also be the outlet for the dairies and mills of Crow and Hadleyville, which at this time haul 30 miles to Junction.

This is but a partial list of the advantages that are certain to follow the building of the new road. All this commerce will come to and through Corvallis, as the markets for it are northward rather than southward.

For Sale.

A desirable residence and twelve lots on South Sixth street. All or a portion of the lots will be sold to suit purchaser. For terms and particulars enquire of E. P. Grefoz, Corvallis.

STRANGE FISH CAME.

Into Elk River — Were Big and Many — Were Seen Only at Night.

A strange phenomenon in the way of a run of unknown fish appeared recently in Elk River, in Lincoln county. The like of it was never observed before, even by the old timers of the vicinity. Early in the summer, persons passing by boat above and below the town of Elk at night saw strange proceedings in the river, more especially at points where small streams empty into the main river, above and below the town of Elk. The water was much disturbed by the movement of what seemed to be almost myriads of big fish. The expression of an eye-witness to the phenomenon is that the water was so much disturbed that it almost "seemed to boil." The doings of the strange visitors finally attracted the attention of everybody in the neighborhood, and many plans were undertaken to solve the mystery of the new run of fish. The latter seemed in general to be of the size and somewhat in shape like a 12 or 15 pound silverside salmon, only perhaps more slender. They operated only in the night time, and their presence was undiscoverable by day. They seemed in the main to be chasing smaller fish, and as they shot in large numbers back and forth through the water at great speed, the disturbance was noticeable for a considerable distance. Attempts to trap or to catch them by use of bait failed, and resort was had to shooting at them. Every device, however, failed and during the two or three weeks the strange run of fish remained in the river, not one was captured for identification of the species. Some of the Elk City people have the impression that the visitors in Elk river waters were a run of shad, a thing hitherto unknown to any one now resident in the vicinity, covering a period, in some instances of more than thirty years.

A RACE.

The story is told that there was a foot race three miles west of Corvallis, Saturday, that had a disastrous ending for one of the sprinters. The parties were Bert Read and Charley Witham, and the finish of the race was at a certain bridge towards which the two were headed. It seems that Read reached the bridge first, that he fell, and that Witham fell on him. Read was picked up unconscious, with a severe gash in the side of his head, and was taken to his parents' home north of Corvallis that evening. When consciousness returned, Bert could not recall any of the events of the day on which he was injured, and whether he will regain his memory or not is a matter of conjecture. A physician was called to dress the wound, and it is not probable that any more serious results will follow the accident.

Removal Notice.

On account of building brick at old stand, Turner's grocery has moved one door north of Hollenberg & Cady's second hand store opposite Farmer's hotel. Store open every evening until 9 a. m.

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STILL SEARCHING.

Committee Wrestles With Problem of Securing Benton Specimens.

"Lack of interest" is the complaint lodged against Benton citizens by the committee that has in hand the matter of securing specimens of Benton products for the Lewis and Clark fair. One man says "We would soon be able to collect all the samples that are needed if the citizens themselves would only awaken to the fact that Benton should do something towards the exhibit that is to be held in Portland. It is a subject concerning every loyal resident, and it should be the pride of all Benton county to see to it that her display at the Lewis and Clark fair is second to none in variety and excellence of samples. And Benton can beat them all if she will only try."

This is a charge that should not be laid to the door of any one in Corvallis, nor to any other resident of the county. If every one will take an interest, and send or bring in samples of grain, fruits, woods, rock, or anything else that will be a fitting specimen of what Benton can produce, there will be less complaint from those who are at work on the collecting, and a much more satisfactory showing made at the big exposition next spring. A special request is made for photographs of farm houses, fields, orchards and other pictures showing features that will interest the stranger and the general visitor at the fair.

Samples have recently been given the committee by the following parties: Spring wheat, R. Rickard; wheat and oats, John Peterson, Inavale; peach plums, Joseph Griggs Bellefontain; yellow egg plums, Mrs. Sarah Elgin; harvest plums, Mrs. M. Knight; elderberries, Mrs. Will Rice; astrachan apples, Wm. Criel; wheat, W. L. Read; side oats, Gus Harding; wheat alfalfa and grass, Dick Kiger; oats, E. E. Raber; oats and wheat, August Webber; pears and bradshaw plums, E. W. Fischer; barley and oats, Norman Lilly.

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Mrs. George Dickey.

For Sale.

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L. L. Brooks.

Lost.

From the pasture of Wiley Winkle on July 27th, a bald faced, two year old, steel gray filly. Has two white hind feet and white spot on right side. Will pay a reasonable reward for information that will lead to recovery.

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C. H. Newth,

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L. L. Brooks.

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