

THE THIRD AUTO

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"Your name, sir?" asked the clerk of the marriage license bureau.

"Edgar Clark Stewart," replied the gentleman.

"The lady's, please?"

"Cynthia B. Geddes."

The clerk filled out the license and handed it to the prospective groom, a pompous man, who laid down a five dollar gold piece in lieu of a fee and drew the lady away without waiting for the change.

A few days later the clerk asked the usual questions of a couple standing at his window.

"Gentleman's name?"

"Willis D. Rathbone."

"Lady's?"

"Cynthia Geddes."

The clerk looked aside at the lady. It seemed to him that he remembered giving a license for one of that name before. Not recognizing her face, he turned back the leaves of his book till he came to the names of Edgar Clark Stewart and Cynthia B. Geddes, noticed the "B." in the lady's name, concluded that it was a case of coincidence, wrote the certificate and handed it to the man.

"H'm!" remarked the recipient.

"All's well that ends well."

The same morning men were at work putting up an awning before a handsome dwelling in a residential portion of the city, and in the evening guests were to assemble for the reception after the wedding of Edgar Clark Stewart and Cynthia B. Geddes. The wedding was a notable one, for the contracting parties both stood high in social circles, the groom was rich, and the bride's parents were also blessed with a fortune. Automobiles were in attendance to convey the bride from her home to the church, where, as had been especially arranged, she was to meet the groom. Miss Geddes insisted on planning the affair to suit her own fancy, and it is a bride's privilege to have her own way in all things pertaining to her nuptials. She declared that her father and mother should proceed to the church in one auto, the others in another, while she and her sister, Miss Esther Geddes, would go in a third.

No one understood this whim, but no one thought of making any opposition to it. Indeed, the father and mother of the bride were only too delighted to give their daughter her own way in the matter of the wedding so long as she was yielding in marrying the man of their choice instead of her own. Mr. Geddes had worked hard for the fortune he had accumulated, and it is a well known fact that wealth assimilates with wealth. Mr. Stewart could match the pile of his father-in-law expectant.

At the door stood three autos. Into the first Mr. Geddes handed in his wife, then got in himself. Into the second entered two of the bride's aunts and a younger brother. Into the third stepped the bride and her sister. Usage required that the order and the disposition of persons be reversed, but the little procession started as stated.

The first auto drew up at the church, and the second auto did the same. But where was the third? Mr. Geddes stepped out on to the sidewalk and handed out his wife and looked about for his daughters. He sent the others present into the vestibule of the church and waited outside. If he had waited till the arrival of the third auto he would have been there to this very day.

But the third auto. The procession had no sooner started than it began to lag. At every street crossing the chauffeur seemed disposed to give place to all vehicles in his path. Finally, after quite a lengthy halt, starting up, at the next corner he turned aside and, being well out of sight of the autos in front, put on speed. There was a sputter, and the auto dashed away, leaving behind a fine odor of old lamps.

Half an hour later this third auto drew up before a parsonage ten or fifteen miles from the church where the wedding was to have taken place. The chauffeur handed the bride and her sister out, the three went into the parsonage, and the chauffeur handed a marriage license to the parson. It read Willis D. Rathbone and Cynthia Geddes.

And so it was that while the gentleman of the first license was waiting at the church for his bride the gentleman of the second license was wedding the lady in a different part of the town. When the bridal party returned from the church and Mr. Geddes was telephoning to the police of the disappearance of a bride on the way to her wedding Miss Geddes junior rode up to the house in the third auto and reported that her sister had been kidnapped by the chauffeur.

Mr. Geddes fumed and swore that he would never forgive his daughter and all that, but when she returned from the honeymoon he thought better of it and gave her his blessing.

Now, there is no intention to recount this affair as being justifiable. It depends upon the standpoint from which one looks at elopements, especially where one lover is left in the lurch, whether it is justifiable or not. There is an adage, however, which was invented to cover such cases, and it does away with all criminality. It is "All's fair in love and war." Why love and war, which are the antipodes of each other, should be brought under the same rule is a matter that has never been satisfactorily explained.

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DOUBLE VICTORY FOR HOOD RIVER

The baseball season was opened at Hood River Friday when the local high school team played the first game of the school league series with White Salmon. The game was a one sided affair resulting in a victory for the home team of 14 to 1.

On Sunday the Columbia River League series was opened by Hood River defeating The Dalles by a score of 8 to 2. In the latter game the local team outplayed the Wasco boys at every point.

RUTHTON

Mr. Robertson, of the Stanley-Smith office, was a Ruthton caller Friday.

Miss Ernestine Reed, who has been very sick the past week, is reported as improving.

Mrs. Pearl Morton and children, of White Salmon, were guests at the Riverside farm Sunday.

Mrs. Wheeler, of Hood River, visited at the home of J. W. Dickinson and other Ruthton friends Tuesday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Copple, of Hood River, were guests at the home of their son, C. E. Copple, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. F. O. White and sons, Frank and Carl, are visiting with Mr. White's sister, Mrs. Ganger, at The Dalles this week.

C. B. Mortons are moving to Menominee this week, where Mr. Morton expects to engage in the fish business this summer.

Mrs. Robert Tazwell and Alma Ahrens will entertain a few friends at a dancing party Friday evening, at Menominee, in honor of Mrs. Tazwell's brother and wife, of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy, of Southampton, England, arrived Sunday on the delayed Portland train. Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy sailed on the 17th of March, having been sixteen days en route. Mr. Bellamy is a brother of Mrs. Robt. Tazwell.

FRANKTON

Miss Ruth Morton visited with her father at Riverside farm recently.

At the spelling contest held Friday night at Park Grange Odell won by two points over Frankton.

Mrs. Carl Larson and children came up from Stevenson Friday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Hinrichs, returning home Sunday.

At the school election Friday afternoon Warren Miller was elected to fill the vacancy made on the school board by the resignation of Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. F. O. White, and children, of Ruthton went to The Dalles Thursday for a visit with her sister in law, Mrs. Al Ganger. On her return trip she will visit with friends at Mosier.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy from Southampton, England, arrived in Hood River Sunday. They will visit with Mr. Bellamy's sister, Mrs. Robert Tazwell, until they decide on a permanent location. All friends and neighbors extend a welcome hand to these friends from across the sea, and hope they will be duly impressed with the greatness of Hood River.

The ladies of the United Brethren church will give a good evening's entertainment in the gymnasium next Friday evening.

Lectured on Lincoln

Dr. T. D. Bancroft, of Portland, lectured Thursday afternoon before the pupils of the high school, the subject being "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln." Dr. Bancroft was the member of a volunteer company of 100 Kansas men who served as a personal body guard to President Lincoln before any troops arrived in Washington. They were called the Frontier guards, being quartered at the White House, where they slept on the velvet carpet in the big East room. Dr. Bancroft was present at the Ford theatre when the president was assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth, and helped to carry Mr. Lincoln from the theatre. The doctor's lecture is a vivid description of the scenes enacted during the death and funeral of Lincoln, and he also describes the pursuit and capture of the assassin of the murdered president.

Geo. Hascall Dies in California

Geo. Hascall, well known at Hood River where he had resided for some time and had also been engaged in business, died Friday at San Jose, Cal., of tuberculosis. Mr. Hascall, who was taken with this trouble several months ago, went to California in the hope of staying the hand of the disease, but it became so deep seated that he failed to recover. His death occurred at the home of his brother. His wife and child left here several days before his death and were with him at the time he died.

MARRIED

GALLIGAN FRAZIER
Miss Lovina Frazier and Carl Galligan were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frazier, in the Barrett district Sunday, April 2. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Hargroaves.

TO SOLICIT FOR FAMINE SUFFERERS

A committee representing the business and philanthropic interests of the city will call at each home in Hood River this week for an offering in behalf of the famine sufferers of China.

In the famine district 200 people die daily from starvation. Help must be given from abroad until the harvest in June.

Surely everyone in Hood River can spare something for so worthy a cause. Any who are missed by the committee may leave donations at the Butler bank.

Grace U. B. Church News

The committee on Easter program is working hard and an exceptionally interesting program is assured for that time.

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Parsons, is in Everett, Wash., conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at that place. Rev. R. G. Sumner is acting as pastor during his absence.

The Ladies Aid Society will have their Experience Social next Friday evening, in the gymnasium of the church. The ladies have been earning a dollar and are to tell in rhyme how the same was accomplished.

DIED

MRS. BARBARA MCCONN
Mrs. Barbara McConn, aged about 60 years, died at Mount Hood Thursday, March 30th. Mrs. McConn's death was indirectly due to a bad fall, which brought on paralysis, and she was ill only a short time. At the time of her death she was residing on the old Shenor place. Her home was originally in Kansas and the body was shipped there for burial.

ARCH IS SYMBOL OF WRATH.

Peking Monument Erected to Appease Anger of Kaiser.

One of the duties imposed upon the Chinese government by reason of the massacre of foreigners at Peking on June 20, 1900, during the Boxer riots was the erection of an arch as a memorial to Baron von Ketteler, German



KETTELIER MONUMENT IN PEKING.

minister. This was insisted upon by the kaiser to serve both as a memorial to his ambassador and a daily lesson to the Chinese. This is indicated by the inscription on the arch, which, translated, reads:

"This monument has been erected by order of the emperor of China to the memory of the imperial German minister, Chevalier Clemens von Ketteler, who, on this spot, was done to death by the villainous hand of a murderer on June 20, 1900. In everlasting memory of his name. In continual acknowledgment of the anger of the German emperor for this atrocity. As a warning to all."

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Sliced Beef in glass, No. 1's	25c	45 lb. sack Albers Bros. Cream Oats	\$2.00
Sliced Beef in glass, No. 1-2s	15c	Albers Bros. Cream Oats in bulk, per lb.	5c
Canned Hominy, 2 cans 25c, per doz.	\$1.40	Italian Prunes, Pitted, 2 lbs.	25c
Canned Sauer Kraut 2 cans 25c, per doz.	\$1.25	Dried Peaches per lb.	9c

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