

VISIT OF OPIE READ

Well-Known Novelist Arrives in Portland.

TELLS YARNS OF WILL VISSCHER

Finds His Friend's Enthusiastic Descriptions of Oregon's Wonders Are Surpassed Only by the Grandeur of the Scenery.

"If the world were all a flower garden it would be all sentiment and no humor, said Opie Read, creator of characters and artist in words, at the Portland yesterday.

"Tropical peoples have no humor. It is the struggle, the hardships, the tribulations of life in the Northern countries that bring out and develop the 'saving sense of humor'—the great lubricant for the frictions of existence.

The author of "Emmett Bonton," "A Kentucky Colonel," "The Jackkins," and a long list of other much-read books, crossed one leg over the other and bit off a fresh cigar, a long, slender weed of the sort that has helped make Pittsburgh famous.

"Have a 'stogie'?" said he, cordially, proffering one. "They're the same that Andrew Carnegie, Matt Quay, William Penn and all the other great men, from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, smoke and give their friends."

He thrust one hand deep into his trousers' pocket, and leaning his huge frame against the counter, went on:

"Speaking of humor, now, you know Will Visscher? All the old-timers here remember him. Used to be on the Oregonian, and his enthusiastic descriptions of this city and of nature hereabouts, I felt that I should never laugh again at Visscher's descriptions."

"Where is he now? He has made quite a hit on the stage. In my play 'The Starbuck,' which opened a year ago, I placed a negro character. I designed him especially for Visscher, and as you may imagine, I drew him in charcoal. Well, during the trip which I took with Chicago, Visscher made the strike of his life. Everybody said he was the best negro character ever seen on a Chicago stage. Before the first production of that play I sold to Visscher. Now I don't want you to 'act' in this part at all—just be your natural self—speak those lines just as you would in your own way off the stage, and he'll be glad."

"Visscher was a Kentuckian, and at one time was amanuensis to George D. Prentice. Later he went a roving. He fell off all the high peaks of Colorado, and conveyed in Wyoming. He lost his Samsonian hair. Bill Nye touched on this once when he wrote:

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Drawn from life by Lute Pease.

OPIE READ, THE WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST, IN PORTLAND.

Arkansas River Sketch—"Big Bill and Little Bill," Mr. Read. A Mountain Drama—"On the Middle Division," "Alvah Milton Kerr," Mr. Amshary.

Part II. Serious Verse—"Processional," Mr. Banks. A Kentucky Poem—"He was a Bronson," Mr. Read. Illipian French Dialect Sketches—"The Circus at Old St. Anne's," "The Captain of the Marguerette," Mr. Amshary.

Dialect Poems—"Auerbach's Baby," "Mary and Larch," Mr. Read. Character Impersonations—"Shooting Out the Moon," "Paying His Fare," Mr. Read.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS. Interesting Papers by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. McCormack. The programme at the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon was of unusual interest.

On This Charge George Lane Is Placed Under Arrest. Charged with having sold liquor to minors George Lane, proprietor of the Home Ranch Theater, at Second and Couch streets, was last night placed under arrest and held under \$100 bail to appear in court today.

Headings at Y. M. C. A. Visiting Authors Entertain Audience With Stories and Poems. At the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. last night Messrs. Read, Banks and Amshary gave readings of American stories and poems to a large audience.

What to Do Until the Doctor Arrives. "One of my children was taken with cramp colic and suffered severely," says S. H. Eizer, of Bonnet, Mo.

TO SUE DR. McLEAN

John Thomas Wants Damages for Cows Killed.

ALSO FOR INJURY TO BUSINESS

Dairyman Denies Authority of State Veterinarian and Charges Willful Confiscation of His Property.

State Veterinarian William McLean is threatened with a lawsuit. This is the outcome of his condemnation of 65 cows belonging to John Thomas, of Fairview.

Mr. Thomas now wants damages. He alleges that his property was willfully confiscated and that Dr. McLean had no authority to take the action that he did.

He has engaged Milton W. Smith as his attorney. Mr. Smith was asked last night what the damages would amount to.

"About \$500," said Mr. Smith. "Does this cover the value of the animals and the injury to Mr. Thomas' business?" was asked.

"Yes," replied Mr. Smith. "Will any more animals be killed?" asked the reporter.

"No." "When will the suit be brought?" "I don't know," Dr. McLean will do. Mr. Thomas' property has been unlawfully confiscated.

There are 61 other diseased cows in the herd. The outcome of this dispute will be watched with interest. Dr. McLean would come the suit, as it will help him to ascertain whether he has authority to condemn cattle that are afflicted with disease.

"You are the best friend I have," said he to Mr. Smith when that gentleman demanded pay for the animals that had been killed. "Now I'll know just where I stand."

Dr. McLean said last night that he would make no more tests until requested to do so. This means that diseased herds will have no restraint, and that the milk may be sold and cash marketed.

He says that he can do nothing under the present laws, and that new laws are absolutely essential to the protection of the public.

I have acted under general instructions," said he, "from the Oregon Domestic Animal Commission, to make inspections wherever I deemed them needed."

This commission is composed of Governor Geer, Secretary of State Dunbar and President of the State Board of Agriculture W. H. Wehrung.

The reporter asked Dr. McLean last night if he would do the same as he had done if another case similar to this one came up.

"No," he replied. "I never expected such results as have come. I thought I was doing a kindness to Mr. Thomas and a duty to the public. The outcome has been clearly unjust to Mr. Thomas. It is, however, not fair to Visscher. There is no money for compensating a man whose animals have been condemned, and hence the law works rank injustice and fails to safeguard the public. It can be enforced at present only upon scattered individuals. In order to be just it should be enforced upon all without distinction."

Last September Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, notified me of 20 hogs from Mr. Thomas' farm were diseased with tuberculosis. He thought the disease came from feeding the animals refuse from a local slaughterhouse, but only a harkeeper. The fact that he sold the liquor to the minors, if such can be proved, however, will be sufficient to convict him, in speaking of the matter one of the attorneys said:

"This is an evil that needs remedying, and there is a good chance to make convictions under the state law. There are many minors that are in the habit of frequenting saloons, and it could easily be stopped. The state law is very sweeping on this matter. Any one who sells liquor to a minor is considered guilty of a crime, and the fact that the minor looks to be of age or has said that he is of age is no protection."

CHARGE IS GRAND LARCENY. Landau Accused of Robbing the Sea Insurance Company.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—William Landau, of Buffalo, who was arrested yesterday in connection with an alleged cotton swindle in Buffalo, was charged with grand larceny.

In the affidavit on which he was held the name of Landau, Thalman & Co. was scratched out and the name of the Sea Insurance Company, which has offices in this city, was substituted. Mr. Thalman, who was in court, would not make any explanation of the charge, though he said that his firm was thoroughly protected.

Officers of Phi Delta Theta. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Phi Delta Theta, which has been in session here all week, elected officers today as follows: President, John E. Brown, of Columbus; treasurer, John H. Devitt, Nashville, Tenn.; secretary, Frank J. R. Mitchell, Chicago; reporter and editor of the Scroll, Royal H. Switzer, St. Louis; historian, Arthur B. McCall, Providence, R. I.; trustees, Herbert H. Ward, Cleveland, O.; James C. Moore, Jr., Philadelphia; Lamar Hardy, New York; Hugh Miller, Columbus, Ind.

To Put His Bonds on Market. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company has applied to the New York Stock Exchange to list \$4,347,000 general mortgage 5 percent bonds, due in 1951.

More Stock in Plow Works. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 28.—The Moline Plow Works, of Moline, today certified to the Secretary of State an increase in capital stock from \$2,400,000 to \$3,200,000.

What to Do Until the Doctor Arrives. "One of my children was taken with cramp colic and suffered severely," says S. H. Eizer, of Bonnet, Mo.

Charles Wood, Los Canos, Cal.; head injured. George Brand, Norfolk, Va.; slightly injured.

C. Harris, St. Louis, porter Pullman car Formosa; badly bruised. George C. Doan, St. Louis, conductor

Pullman car Formosa; hips and back badly injured.

Samuel Ellis, Jersey City, N. J., porter Pullman car Ohio; arms sprained and hand mangled.

The others were only slightly injured. The train was delayed until 6 o'clock A. M. Then a new train was made up and the run to St. Louis was resumed.

The train was running at a high rate of speed, 35 miles beyond the scene of the first wreck, when it ran into an open switch at Carbin. The engineer saw the danger, but was running too fast to stop. The front trucks of the engine left the track, and another delay was caused. Nobody was hurt in the second wreck, and little damage was done.

All the passengers injured near Danville were taken to St. Louis. All will recover.

TWO ENGINES BUTT IN. Both Are Demolished and Several Treatments Are Injured.

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 28.—Two freight trains on the Northern Pacific came together in a head-on collision about three miles east of Missoula this morning at 6 o'clock. Engines No. 1255 and 1252 were completely demolished.

The former engine was in charge of Engineer Sterne, who was badly injured. The fireman on the same engine sustained a broken leg and was taken to the hospital here. The engineer on engine 1252 was severely injured and will probably die.

A car of furniture belonging to C. E. Griffith, an Army officer stationed at Portland, Ore., was badly wrecked. The car was in charge of Henry Greenich, who escaped without injury. A man and a boy boarded the car at Helena. The former had his leg broken. The body of the boy has not been found.

The accident is attributed to a conflict of orders. It is not yet known whether the train which pulled out from Missoula had its clearing orders or not.

Train Runs into Open Switch. LA CROSSE, Wis., Nov. 28.—An east-bound Northwestern passenger train was wrecked by an open switch near Lyles this afternoon. Four men, members of a bridge crew, and the engineer and fireman were seriously hurt. Aside from the shaking up of the passengers experienced no injury.

Wreck Injures Three People. CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—An engine on a Wisconsin Central outgoing freight train was wrecked early today at Des Plaines, injuring three persons, one fatally. The accident was caused by the locomotive jumping the track.

ATTACK ON SUGAR TRUST. Suit to Restrain Dealing in Coffee and Compel Division of Profits.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 28.—Robert J. Trimble today filed in the Court of Chancery a bill asking that the American Sugar Refining Company be restrained from dealing in coffee; that it be restrained from selling sugar at less than cost, and that the directors of the company be compelled to distribute among the stockholders a portion of its undivided profits, which the bill alleges, amount to about \$20,000,000.

This bill is an amendment of one that was filed by Mr. Trimble in May, 1901, to accomplish similar purposes, and which was dismissed on demurrer on technical grounds, with leave to file an amended bill.

Mr. Trimble charges in his bill that the company's charter gives it no authority to deal in coffee, and that, as a result of the fight with the Arabuckies, the company is selling sugar at less than cost. It is also alleged that as a result of this fight some \$20,000,000 of undivided profits have been expended, and that unless the order is granted and the fight is discontinued, the remaining undivided profits will also be spent.

Portland-St. Louis. Do you know about the new tourist service between Portland and St. Louis and Memphis? Call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington.

WHO TOOK THE DIAMOND?

HARRY THOMAS, CHARGED WITH THEFT, OFFERS AN ALIBI.

Mrs. Bell Says He Played Cards With Her All Evenings—But the Victim Identifies Him.

The case of Harry Thomas, charged with stealing a diamond from S. P. Hanwalt on Saturday, November 22, was yesterday continued in the Police Court on account of a legal technicality that the Judge had to read up on before he was able to render a decision. The evidence was conflicting.

From the testimony of the prosecution there is every indication that the detectives, Day and Weiner, have captured the right man. The defense, on the other hand, had a witness who swore positively that she was engaged in a game of cards with the defendant from 8 o'clock until 12:30 on the evening that the robbery took place. W. T. Hume had charge of the trial for the defense, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Gatens had the case for the state. The clash between them came when the defendant was called upon the stand and Attorney Gatens began to question him as to his past career. Thomas admitted being a wild character and that it was his picture that Detective Day had in his collection, known as the rogue's gallery. He based his case, however, upon being able to prove that he had been at his room all evening Saturday, November 22. He was called on the stand by his attorney to make this statement, and when the state commenced to question him closely an objection was raised. The Judge was not sure that the man was compelled to submit to the questions asked him, and continued the case.

The first witness called was S. P. Hanwalt. He testified that after the theater Saturday night he had boarded an "S" street-car to go to his home in South Portland. Two men had got on the car and at once attracted his attention by their peculiar actions. One was a large man, he said, and upon being shown the rogue's gallery, he at once picked out the picture of a man named Carter.

"Carter," he said, "brushed against every one and stepped on the people's toes. Thomas (whom he identified) was with him and kept close to him. Carter looked at me and raised his eyebrows, which he carried on his arm, until it struck my cigar, and covered my eyes. Thomas was standing at my other side, and I think that at that time my diamond was taken. I missed the pin as soon as I got home, and went to the station at once and described the man. I saw him plainly that I am sure it was Thomas."

W. C. Puffer, who was on the same car, was called and testified to having seen Thomas and Carter on the car, and having noticed their actions.

Detective Joe Day was called and said that he had arrested the men a short time before, recognizing them from the pictures that he had, but as he had no charge against them was compelled to let them go with the promise they would leave town.

"They said they would have to stay a day or so," said he, "to wait for some money that they were expecting from Spokane, but promised that they would not do anything while they were here." He also testified to having seen them on the street near the theater about 11 o'clock Saturday evening.

Mrs. Alice Bell, who lives at 275 Salmon street, was then called and gave testimony, which, if accepted, would knock all the rest out of court.

"Thomas roomed at my house," said she, "for about a week. One Saturday night he was not feeling well and did not go down town for supper. In the evening a neighbor came in and with one of the other roomers we spent the evening playing cards. I am sure he was not out of the house before 12:30."

Thomas was called and gave the same testimony. But the attorney for the defense objected to any cross-questioning.

"I am willing for the court to ask any question that it wishes," said he, "but I object to the attorney for the prosecution interrogating the witness at all."

The question was then debated at some length, and Judge Hogue continued the case until Monday.

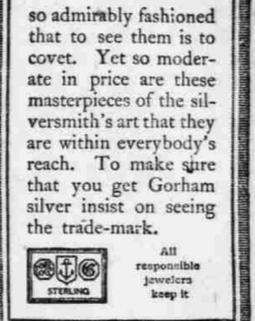
"Ye diners-out from whom we guard our spoons"

—Lord Macaulay

Those thus satirically apostrophized would have been doubtless tempted had the spoons been of

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so admirably fashioned that to see them is to covet. Yet so moderate in price are these masterpieces of the silversmith's art that they are within everybody's reach. To make sure that you get Gorham silver insist on seeing the trade-mark.



All responsible jewelers keep it.

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PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. and Mrs. I. Govartz will be at home at their new residence, 255 Tenth street, Sunday afternoon, November 30, from 2 to 5.

Julius C. Lang, of the firm of Lang & Co., who left Monday for Seattle to become president of the National Grocery Company, was presented with a beautiful loving cup by the employees of the firm just before his departure. The presentation took place in the office lately occupied by Mr. Lang. W. B. Roberts being the spokesman of the employees. Mr. Lang thanked the donors in a few appropriate words, saying that Portland would always retain a warm place in his heart and that he hoped to visit the city frequently.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. John A. Logan gave a brilliant reception last evening upon the 25th anniversary of the wedding of her daughter to Major William F. Tucker. Major Tucker is now stationed at Portland as Chief Paymaster of the Department of the Columbia, but is spending a month's leave.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—S. J. Bishop, at the Cosmopolitan; Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, at the Fifth Avenue.

From Tacoma—J. A. Lyon, R. M. Lyon, at the Normandie.

From Seattle—M. L. Knutle, at the Normandie; Miss Montgomery, Mrs. F. T. Minor, Miss Minor, at the Fifth Avenue.

From Spokane—Miss Morrison, at the Normandie.

Going to Memphis. Before starting call up O. R. & N. ticket office and ask about the new tourist car service via Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis. City ticket office, Third and Washington.

The Christmas CENTURY A Superbly Illustrated Holiday Magazine "High Water Mark of Color Reproduction" The Writers S. Weir Mitchell, Alice Caldwell Egan, Virginia Woodward Cloud, Lillie Hamilton French, Burton E. Stevenson, Richard Whiteing, Howard Pyle, Elizabeth Cherry Waltz, Joel Chandler Hart, Anne Douglas Sedgwick, Josephine Dodge Daskam, Henry Loomis Nelson and others. The Artists Howard Pyle, Jessie Wilcox Smith, W. L. Jacobs, A. E. Frost, Florence S. Shinn, Granville Smith, Charles R. Knight, J. M. Gleason, Albert Sterner, Charlotte Harding, Sarah S. Stillwell, Louis Loeb and others. Containing such a long array of Christmas features—bright stories, beautifully illustrated articles, etc., etc.—that it is impossible to name all of them in this space. Special Attractions HOWARD PYLE'S EXQUISITE PAINTINGS Of "The Travels of the Sun," called "the high-water mark of color reproduction,"—with other fine colored pictures, and one of Timothy Cole's great wood-engravings of an old Spanish master in black and white, etc. FIRST CHAPTERS OF "LOVE MARY" By the Author of "Mrs. Wiggs." A new and very amusing serial story, reintroducing Mrs. Wiggs. Illustrated by Mrs. Shinn. THE STEEL TRUST A most enlightening article neither by way of attack nor defense, but just a fair, truthful account of this marvelous corporation. By Henry Loomis Nelson. "THE YELLOW VAN" By the Author of "No. 5 John Street." "The Making of the Universe," with remarkable pictures. "The Day Nurses in New York," beautifully illustrated. Christmas Stories and Poems by many writers. New Subscribers who begin their yearly subscription with this Christmas number will receive the November number free of charge, and so begin the volume and ALL THE SERIALS. Price, \$4.00. The Century Co., Union Square, New York