

## A Widow, a Girl And a Bear

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The relations between the squire and the widow had been strained for three or four years when two new characters came into the cast. A smart, good looking girl named Betty Lee came to live with the widow, and she hadn't been there two weeks when Harry Davis saw and fell in love with her. The son had tried to stand neutral in the quarrel, though naturally leaning toward his father's side. Perhaps one reason why he couldn't be brought to think altogether ill of the widow was on account of her bear. She had bought the animal of a stroller who had been taken sick and shipped to a distant town. It was a big black bear, full of tricks and good nature, and it had taken a great liking to Harry. When the quarrel reached a certain stage of bitterness he had to part with the bear as well as the widow. The separation had lasted two years or more when Betty Lee arrived. A month later the young man was visiting the widow, the girl and the bear and enjoying each and every occasion. These visits were unknown to the father, of course, and he did not dis-

cover them until rumor said that his son was going to marry Betty and that the widow Jenkins had brought things about to spite him.

"Young man, is it so or is it not?" he demanded of Harry after inviting him out to the barn for a talk.

"I love Betty and am going to marry her," was the reply.

"You'll never do it with my consent." "But I am of age, father."

"Then I'll cast you off. If you marry that girl you cease to be a son of mine and shall never get a cent of this property."

Harry didn't indulge in any heroics. On the contrary, he took the matter so quietly that his father chuckled to himself and believed that he had gained a victory in the first round. He let it be known that he expected Harry to cease his visits to the farmhouse, but at the same time he was prepared to close his eyes for a time and give the boy a chance to retire with dignity.

Things went on for three months without anything further being said—that is, while it was said on all sides that Harry and Betty would be married on Thanksgiving day the talk did not reach the squire's ears until one evening in October. He was a man who acted on impulse. He determined to go straight over to the widow's and settle things his way within fifteen minutes of arriving.

The widow's bear had no particular grudge against the squire, but he was a watchdog as well as a bear. He had been turned out that evening to roam around and see that all was well, and when he suddenly discovered Squire Davis coming cross lots through the barnyard it was only natural that he should fasten his teeth in the farmer's trousers leg and conduct him to the door of the house. The squire didn't snore at bulls or tramps or mad dogs, but he drew the line at bears. He was in a cold fright when he reached the house, and the widow added to it by showing the bear to follow him in and sit up before him and growl and show his teeth. Harry had come courting as usual, and of course the position was embarrassing for a couple of minutes. It might have lasted longer but for the presence of mind of the widow. She turned and said to the bear, "Go on, you bear, and get out of here."

"I can't. He gets these savage fits on once in a while, and there's no doing anything with him. If he gets his teeth into you I don't think we can save you. Have you anything against Miss Lee?"

"No."

"Don't you think she would make Harry a good wife?"

"I told you I didn't want—By thunder, are you going to see me eaten alive?"

"Bumbo, spare him a little longer!" appealed the widow. "Now, then, Miss Lee comes of a nice family and is worth \$3,000, and she and Harry are to be married Thanksgiving day—that is, they were to be, but I have concluded to have the ceremony performed this evening. Squire Davis, you are a justice of the peace."

"What! Me marry 'em?" he shouted. But the bear started in to hug him, and he almost fainted away in his terror.

"Yes, you will marry them," quietly replied the widow after a bit. "It will be a neat, nice thing to do, and it will be a good joke on the people who expect you to make a fool of yourself. That's one side of it. The other side is that the bear is getting over-anxious."

The squire fought against it for a quarter of an hour, but the widow, the bear and the girl, aided by occasional appeals from Harry, carried the day, and he stood up with the bear beside him and wedded two souls according to law. Then the bride was kissed, the bear chained up, and as the squire nibbled his doughnut and sipped his glass of cider he was man enough to admit that he guessed it was all for the best—"gaul darn that bear!"

J. P. Magruder, who has charge of a drug business at Lebanon, spent Sunday with his family, in this city.

John M. Kessler has been appointed as regular carrier on Route 1, R. F. D. out of Greenville, with Chas. Strohmayer as substitute.

Roberts Bros., of Portland, are advertising one of the largest personal property sales of the season, in a display in another column. Hunt it up and read it—they may have just what you want.

The slight rains of last week did some little good to the vegetable crop, but the earth could have stood a great deal more precipitation. Little or no damage was done to the hay that was laying in the fields.

Ralph Barnes, of the Portland Customs service, is out at the farm south of this city, enjoying a vacation, accompanied by his family. He is a son of S. S. Barnes, and a brother of Principal Barnes, of the Hillsboro schools.

Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association.

The Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association will meet at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, July 12th to 24th, 1904, inclusive. The Southern Pacific Co. will make reduced rates on the Certificate plan for this occasion. Call on any Southern Pacific Agent for advertising matter.

### WINS DIAMOND MEDAL.

Miss Lena Parker, of Gaston, won the diamond medal in the Elocutionary contest at Chautauqua, Gladstone Park, Monday, against



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### Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, August 4, 1904, at 2:30 p. m., the County Commissioners of Washington County, Oregon, in August term assembled, will receive sealed proposals for the construction of a bridge averaging about 14 feet in height, and about 514 feet in length, to be built near the Jack Hess place on the Portland-Taylor's Ferry road. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be seen at the Clerk's office.

### L. A. ROOD, Judge.

By order of the Commissioners' court, and dated at Hillsboro this 21st day of July, 1904.

### Administratrix' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Rodney Jones, deceased, and has duly qualified as such.

Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned at the law office of Geo. R. Bagley in Hillsboro, Oregon, together with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Washington County her final account in the matter of the estate of A. H. Neukirch, deceased, and that said County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, has set Monday, the 29th day of August, 1904, at the Court Room in Hillsboro, Oregon, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., of said day, as the time and place for hearing objections to the said final account and for the final settlement of said Estate.

### A. D. NEUKIRCH,

Administratrix of the estate of A. H. Neukirch, deceased.

### TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all city warrants drawn on the Water & Light Fund, endorsed "Not Paid For Want of Funds," prior and up to Dec. 21, 1903, and all warrants drawn on the General Fund, prior and up to July 14, 1903, are hereby called for payment at the office of the undersigned, and that interest will cease after this date.

Dated at Hillsboro, Ore., this 30th day of June, 1904. JOHN M. WALL, City Treasurer of Hillsboro, Ore.

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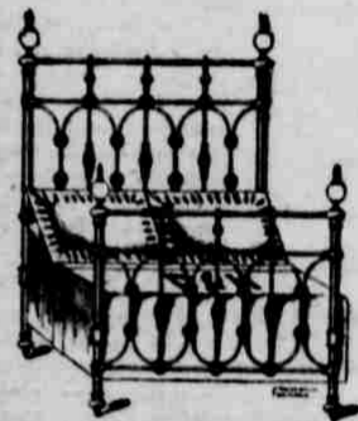
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One gray horse, 8 years, 1100.  
One gray mare, 8 years, 1100.  
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Six milk cows, 4 fresh and 2 fresh soon.  
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## Proclamation.

Whereas, there was submitted to the electors of the state at the last general election as required by law, an Initiative petition for a Local Option Liquor Law; and whereas, on the 24th day of June, 1904, the Secretary of State in my presence as Governor of the State of Oregon, did canvass the votes given for said law; and whereas, it was ascertained and determined upon such canvass that there were 43,316 votes cast for said Local Option Liquor Law, and 40,198 votes cast against the same, and that said law received an affirmative majority of the total number of effective votes cast thereon and entitled to be counted under the provisions of the law.

and issue this proclamation to the people of the State of Oregon, and do announce and declare that the whole number of votes cast in the State of Oregon for said Local Option Liquor Law was 43,316 votes and the whole number of votes cast in the State of Oregon against said Local Option Liquor Law was 40,198 votes, and that said Local Option Liquor Law received an affirmative majority of the total number of votes cast on said measure and entitled to be and is in full force and effect as the law of the State of Oregon from the date of this proclamation.

Done at the Capitol at Salem, this 24th day of June, 1904, A. D.  
(Signed) GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor of Oregon.  
By the Governor,  
(Signed) F. I. DUNBAR, Secretary of State.

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