An Improvised Boat

By Joseph TURNLER

During the war between the states the singular methods used by prisoners of war for escape sound very gauzy today, fifty years after they occurred. But when one considers the number of men under arms, then figures the proportionate number of prisoners and remembers that one in fifty is not a large proportion of prisoners who made attempts to escape, he will see that quite a little army made the venture. For example, suppose there were 100,000 prisoners taken during the war, 2,000 men tried to escape.

Among the curious ventures made by Union prisoners in the south between 1861 and 1865 was that of Charles Dorrance, a private in the Union army. Dorrance was wounded during the operations around Vicksburg and taken to a house on a small plantation, where he was nursed by a young southern girl.

Every one knows how conducive to love is nursing. Mabel Owen captured her patient without any trouble, and he captured her the first time she saw him. She was a country girl, and Charlie was a city boy, with a clear, honest eye and a pleasant smile. It was not to be wondered that she surrendered on sight.

Had the captive of Cupid rebelled his command as soon as he was well enough to do so he would probably not have been made a captive of Mars. He dallied, and a troop of Confederate cavalry came along and took him to the camp of an infantry brigade on the bank of the Mississippi river. Mabel, on seeing her lover taken away from her, was disconsolate. When he bid her goodby, moved by the strongest impulse in humanity, love, he whispered in her ear:

"Be on the lookout for me, for I'll come back to you if I have to come in my coffin!"

The day Dorrance was taken to the Confederate camp two deserters were tried by court martial and sentenced to be shot. A carpenter was at once set to work to make the coffins. He was doing the job in sight of the guard tent where Charlie was confined. Charlie noticed that he was making slow progress and heard an officer berating him, saying that if he didn't work faster he wouldn't get the job done in time for the execution, which was appointed for half an hour after reveille the next morning. Charlie told the officer that he knew all about making coffins—which was false—and would help if permitted. The officer accepted the offer, and Charlie went to work.

One of the coffins was a very large one and the other a very small one. Charlie worked on the large one. He did not finish it till long after dark and was permitted to go on, a sentinel being placed over him to see that he remained in camp.

It was about an hour after taps, and the command was asleep, all except the chain of sentinels surrounding the camp, and so was the guard detailed to watch the prisoners. There was a way open to Charlie—the river. Unfortunately he couldn't swim and had no boat. But Charlie conceived an idea. Boring holes in the upper edges of the coffin, he drove pins in the holes, then roughly shaped a couple of four inch planks into a pair of oars.

The pins were the right distance apart for rowlocks. The blades of the oars were the right thickness, but the rest was rather thin.

He was working within a few yards of the river, and, putting the oars in the coffin, he carried it to the water, launched it, got in, and the friendly current carried him out into and down the river. As soon as he had gone far enough from shore he took up his oars, thereby steadying his improvised boat, which was topply.

Charlie had been taken up the river some distance above the plantation where he had been nursed and floated back to it. He kept awake till morning; then, being young and the young requiring sleep, he lay flat on his back and settled to slumber.

Mabel Owen arose early that morning, got the breakfast for the family and went out to mourn for her lost lover. She was sitting on a stump on the bank of the river when, looking northward, she saw something like a boat in the distance. As it approached it did not show the curved outline of a skiff. It was rather a parallelogram with bulged sides, at an angle. When it came near enough to be distinguished she saw that it was a coffin with a body in it.

Her first thought was that the ever changing Mississippi had washed into a graveyard and let out a corpse. But she couldn't understand why it had no lid. The grewsome boat came on with the current till it floated directly under the bank where Mabel sat. A recognition of her lover and a remembrance of his promise to come back to her if he had to come in his coffin came to her simultaneously, and she gave a shriek sufficient to raise the dead.

It certainly raised the living, for it wakened Charlie, who opened his eyes and saw his girl bending over the bank directly above him. He sat up, grasped the oars, turned his boat to shore, and in a few minutes the lovers were clasped in each other's arms.

Charlie didn't stay long with her, however. He rejoined his command, but after the war returned for his sweetheart.

There is no record as to how the big deserter got on without a coffin.

Inherited.

They were jollying the man about his enormous appetite, but he kept "putting away," undisturbed by the taunts. Finally he said in defense:

"Well, you see, I take after both my father and my mother. One ate a long while, and the other ate a great deal."

The Old Trouble.

"Every residence should have a servants' bath," says a housekeeping magazine. Oh, what's the use? The servants don't stay long enough to need a bath.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SUMMONS.

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

John F. Carstens, Plaintiff,
vs
Acme Real Estate & Investment Co., a corporation, G. R. Percival and Elva Percival, his wife, H. B. Dickinson, and Ida E. Dickinson, his wife, and Lucie Brown and ——— Brown, her husband, Defendants.

To Acme Real Estate & Investment Co., a corporation, G. R. Percival and Elva Percival, his wife, H. B. Dickinson and Ida E. Dickinson, his wife, and Lucie Brown and ——— Brown, her husband, Defendants.

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 15th day of February, 1916, said date being after the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons upon you in the Hillsboro Argus, the date of the first publication thereof being Thursday, the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1915, and the date of the last publication thereof being Thursday, the 3rd day of February, 1916. And you will please take notice that if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, for want hereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit:

For a decree of said Court foreclosing that certain mortgage made and executed on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1910, by Acme Real Estate & Investment Co., a corporation, to John F. Carstens, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note for the sum of Eighteen Hundred and Seventy [$1870] Dollars, dated June 4th, 1910, and due on or before five years after date, which said mortgage covered the following described real property in Washington County, Oregon, to-wit:

All of the West half of the Southeast quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, T 2 N R 4 W of the Will Mr., containing 200 acres, more or less, excepting and reserving therefrom all that portion of said premises described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of said Section 5, thence West 20 rods, thence North 20 rods, thence East 20 rods, thence South 20 rods to the place of beginning, containing 2½ acres, more or less, as more particularly described on page 53 of Book M of Records of Deeds for Washington County, Oregon, and which said mortgage was on the 6th day of June, 1910, duly filed for record and recorded on page 62 in Book M of Records of Mortgages for Washington County, Oregon, and for a judgment against said defendant Acme Real Estate & Investment Co. for the sum of Eighteen Hundred and Seventy [$1870.00] Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from June 4th, 1914, and for the further sum of Twenty three and 48-100 [$23.48] Dollars the amount paid for taxes on the land sought to be foreclosed, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum since September 30th, 1915, and for the further sum of Two Hundred [$200] Dollars attorney's fees and plaintiff's costs and disbursements herein, and for a decree declaring said mortgage Plaintiff to be a first lien upon the premises hereinbefore mentioned and described, prior in time and superior in right to the right, title, interest and claims of the above named defendants and each of them, and all other persons claiming by, through or under them, and foreclosed of and from all right, title and interest, at law or in equity, in said real property above described, and that the said property hereinbefore mentioned and described be sold in the manner provided by law and the practice of this Court, and the proceeds of said sale be applied as follows:

a—To the costs and expenses of said sale.

b—To the costs and disbursements of the suit.

c—To the payment of attorney's fee awarded to this plaintiff.

d—To the payment to plaintiff of the sums hereinbefore mentioned and for which judgment is herein prayed.

e—That the balance, if any, be paid over to the Clerk of the above entitled court to be disposed of as said Court might hereinafter direct; and that said defendants, and each and all of them, and all persons claiming by, through or under them, be adjudged and decreed to have no right, title or interest or claim upon said real property above described, or any part thereof and that each and all of them be forever barred and foreclosed and enjoined from setting up any right, title, lien, claim or interest in or to any part thereof, excepting only the statutory right of redemption; and that Plaintiff be allowed to become the purchaser at said sale, and that he have such other and further relief as to said Court may seem just and just in equity.

This Summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the Hillsboro Argus, a newspaper printed and published in Washington County, State of Oregon, and pursuant to an order of Honorable George R. Bagley, Judge of the above entitled court dated and entered on December 23rd, 1915, and which order requires this summons to be published in the Hillsboro Argus for a period of six consecutive and successive weeks, beginning with the issue thereof dated December 23rd, 1915, ending with the issue thereof dated February 3rd, 1916 and requires you to appear and answer the complaint filed in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the 15th day of February, 1916.

THOMAS H. TONGUE, JR.,
Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

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

Susie A. Long, Plaintiff,
vs
Annie M Rosebrook and A. J. Rosebrook her husband, and Andrew G. Vaughan Defendants.

By virtue of an execution, judgment, order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 6th day of December, A D 1915 upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said Court on the 30th day of November 1915, in favor of Susie A Long, plaintiff, and against Annie M Rosebrook, and A J Rosebrook, her husband, and Andrew G Vaughan, defendants, for the sum of $ 00 00 with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 10th day of December A D 1914, and the further sum of $40 00 attorney's fees, and the further sum of $ 8 10 costs and disbursements, and costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to wit: The south half of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty five in Township three North of Range five West, Willamette Meridian, in Washington County State of Oregon.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Monday, the 24th day of January 1916 at 10 A M, at the South door of the County Court House in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right title and interest which the within named defendants (or either of them) had on the 10th day of December, A D 1913 the date of the mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that date had in and to the above described real property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment, order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs.

J. E. REEVES,
Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon.

Date of first publication Dec. 23, 1915.
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By J. C. Applegate, Deputy.

Edward T. Taggart, Attorney for plaintiff.

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was born, and settled in Ohio. Her father moved away from Virginia because of his opposition to slavery. Later she went to Minnesota, where she met and wedded John Hare.

Seven children survive her. Her grandchildren in this county are Jos. C. Hare, Portland; Mrs. Henrietta Morgan, of Hillsboro; Mrs. Grant Mann, of near Cornelius, and William G. Hare, of Hillsboro, one of Washington County's foremost attorneys—all children of the late Hon. W. D. Hare. Her children are:

Joseph Hare, Bismark, Dak.; Charles, Heber and Robert Hare, and Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, St. Paul; and Mrs. Rose Hoagland and Mrs. Flora Gilman, at Astoria.

Mrs. Hare, who for many years has been a resident of Astoria, was born before John Jacob Astor started his expedition westward to found a trading post at the mouth of the Columbia. Abraham Lincoln was a tiny toddler when she was born. Henry Clay was speaker of congress and James Madison was president of the United States at the time of her birth. Mrs. Hare was a baby when the British were burning the capitol at Washington in the war of 1812. She was a middle aged woman during the days of the Mexican war. She was considered an old woman during the days of the Civil War; and yet this was more than 50 years ago.

SUMMONS.

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

Charlotte Palmer, Plaintiff,
vs
Charles Palmer, Defendant

To Charles Palmer, 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 on or before Friday, the 4th day of February, 1916, which said date is six weeks from and after Thursday the 23rd day of December, 1915, the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear or answer the Plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between you and the plaintiff and for such other and further relief as may pertain to equity.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. Geo R Bagley, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Washington, and the date of the last publication of this summons is Thursday the 3rd day of February, 1916, said order of publication being dated the 21st day of December, 1915.

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William Flett Cowaniah, of near Connell Station, was stricken on the morning of January 1, 1916, and died within a few minutes. Mrs. Bessie Horrigan, who frequently cooked for the Cowaniah Brothers, went over to the place, early Saturday morning, and, soon after building a fire, discovered that the door to William's bedroom was open, an unusual thing. She found him laying on the floor, gasping, and awakened Chas. J. Cowaniah, who was sleeping upstairs. They helped the stricken man to the bed and summoned medical aid, but death ensued in a few minutes.

The dead man was the son of the late Chas. J. and Catherine Flett Cowaniah, and he was born in Washington County, July 7, 1847. His father settled on the claim near Helvetia, in the early days, and was a highly esteemed pioneer. His mother was born in the Dakotas, and came West when a child. A brother, Jack, formerly lived in Eastern Oregon, but no one has heard of his whereabouts for some years. His step-mother, Mrs. Amelia Clemens, survives, as well as his brother, Chas. J., with whom he lived as man and boy.

Deceased was quiet and unassuming, and bore a good reputation. His brother, C. J., has taken care of him for many years.

Coffee Club Meeting

The Coffee Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Nelson, Saturday afternoon, at the usual hour. All members are requested to be in attendance.

Adin Emery Nourse, aged 70 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Woods, of Portland, Saturday morning. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of Holbrook Lodge, No. 30, A. F. and A. M., of which he was a member. Mr. Nourse is survived by his widow, a daughter, three brothers and one sister in Minnesota and New York. He was a lumberman in Anoka, Minn., for 30 years, coming to Oregon in 1902, and settling at Springfield. In 1904 he moved to Forest Grove and became associated with his son-in-law, J. F. Woods, in the publication of the Washington County News. He retired from that newspaper some time ago.

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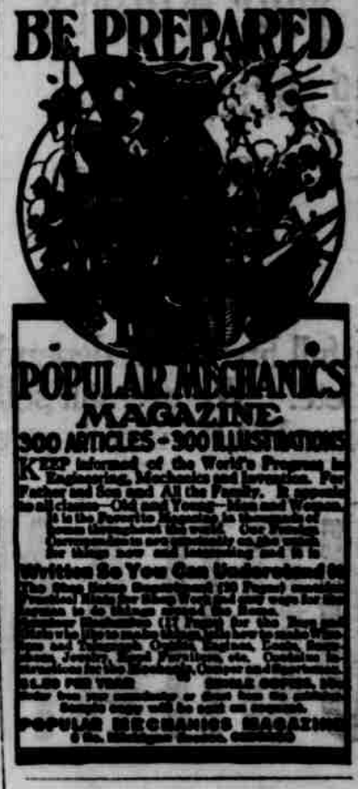

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

Vitalis Olson, Plaintiff,
vs
G Lundquist, Alena Lundquist, J Langsea, Betty Langsea, August Lovegren and R L Babb, Defendants.

To G Lundquist, Alena Lundquist, J Langsea and Betty Langsea, of the above named defendants:

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 14th day of January 1916, that being the date fixed by the Court for you to appear and answer herein, and being six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons. If you or either of you fail to appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded and prayed for in the complaint, to-wit: For a decree foreclosing a mortgage signed by defendants G. Lundquist, Alena Lundquist, J. Langsea, and Betty Langsea, and payable to August Lovegren, and against Lot Three, Block Nineteen in Cherry Grove, Washington County, State of Oregon, and for the sum of $1000.00 with interest thereon from and after May 17th, 1913, at seven per cent, and for One Hundred Dollars attorneys fees, costs and disbursements.

This summons is published once a week for six consecutive weeks, by order of Hon. Geo. R. Bagley, Judge in the above entitled Court, dated the 18th day of November, 1915, directing the first publication to be made on the 25th day of November, 1915, and the last publication on the 13th day of January, 1916.

Hall & Lepper, Attys. for Plaintiff, 14-7 H ealy Bldg. Portland, Oregon.

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