

Bess, Queen of Strategists

By RUTH SANTELLE

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(Continued from last week)

suggested it and wanted me to come. She stirred uneasily, plumped up a cushion behind her back, snipped an ant from her skirt, then took up the book again, not seeming to notice that a score of pages had fluttered over.

"I suppose you'll hardly realize what it has meant to me." He was on his back, hands under head, and might have been addressing the tiny patches of blue that shone between the green boughs overhead. "I went into the business so very young and have been about so little. It was especially hard after I met you at the pier to know that I was so different from the others."

The soft end of the heavy braid lay near him and he fell to caressing it absently. As he still gazed overhead he could not see that the book was lowered and two shining eyes were regarding him stealthily.

"And then when I came you were so good, better than to the rest, Bess. You gave me the most time and the most favors. It—well, I guess it turned my head, that's all. And when I came upon you unexpectedly in the shadowy hall last night—"

"Don't speak of it again, Arthur Morton!" she cried so vehemently that it brought him to a sitting posture. "Everything was lovely, and we did have a good time, and then you had to spoil it all by t-trying to k-k-kiss me. I n-never was s-so d-d-dis-graced in my life!" Her voice choked with angry sobs.

"Please, Bess, I can't bear to have you cry. Anyway, as long as we are having a final straightening up I'm going to finish the nasty business. When I told you last night that I made a mistake, that I thought it was one of the housemaids, I told you a lie. There. Now I suppose it is up for good!"

"A lie! Then you did know? You did mean—then really, Mr. Morton, you must excuse me from discussing this disagreeable subject any further. I said all I had to say last night." She rose stiffly and went over to the boat for the tea things.

All the while that she was rather blantly laying out her dainty lunch her most inconspicuous heart was singing. "He did! I'm glad! He did! I'm glad! But the man sat very still, his face buried in his arms."

Then she waited for the boiling of the water over the spirit lamp with apparent fascination in its progress.

The man looked up at last.

"Yes, it was a lie," he said miserably. "I knew perfectly well it was you. It's hardly likely I should mistake any one for you, Bess. I was just loving you very hard, and the moon was in the wrong quarter or something, and my head swam—and then it was over with. When I said I thought it was the maid it was just a desperate attempt to make it easier when I saw how hurt you were. Above all, Bess, don't imagine for an instant that I ever thought you that kind of girl! I had a feeling that things were different with us, that we almost understood each other—such a conceited fool is a man in love! It is for seeming to think so poorly of you that I want to be forgiven."

She turned on him a dazzling smile. "I forgive you," she said, "and won't you have a sandwich? The water is nearly boiled."

Promptly he took—not the sandwich, but the hand that proffered it, also its mate.

After a perceptible lapse of time the girl said softly: "But I never could if you'd believed it the housemaid! What did you expect, sir? Is a girl to be kissed by a man who's never even said he loves her and not say she's angry? Anyway, you've missed your train."

"Some day there'll be another," he answered comfortably.

They rowed back side by side in the man's boat, towing the other, whose oars had mysteriously disappeared.

"Queer about those oars," reflected the man half way across.

"I—I—dropped them overboard when I went to get the tea basket," said a very small voice. "I was afraid you'd start to go."

Here they stopped again, for the average rowboat is disinclined to move without some assistance.

The End.

Rapid Grow of Squabs.

Squabs grow with such surprising rapidity that if one is hatched out a day before the other the difference in size can be seen plainly, and the elder bird keeps in advance of the younger until they are nearly fedged. When newly hatched it takes about twenty squabs to weigh a pound, but at fourteen days old twenty will weigh ten pounds and at three weeks old the young birds will weigh a pound and a half per pair. They continue to grow at this rapid rate until they are four weeks old, when they weigh from 2 to 2½ pounds per pair and they are then ready for killing. If there is only one squab in the nest the growth is much more rapid and it ultimately attains a larger size than if there are two.—Northwest Poultry Journal.

The Pioneer gives the news.

Land in the Palouse country is soaring in price. The highest value yet placed on real estate in the Inland Empire is \$3360 which was paid for 28 acres one mile from Palouse.

Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition.
The Columbia Southern Railway Company will sell excursion tickets from all ticket offices to Portland and return daily from May 29 to October 15, good to return within 30 days from date of sale, but not later than October 31st, 1905, at rates as follows for the round trip: Wasco, \$4.80; Moro, \$5.75; Grass Valley, \$6.35; Shaniko, \$8.00. Children between 5 and 12 years, one-half the above rates.—C. E. Lytle, G. P. A., Shaniko.

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Fourth Sunday, morning and evening, M. E. Church—Rev. C. E. Coens, pastor.
Fifth Sunday, morning and evening, First Baptist Church—Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. each Sunday, H. H. Curtis superintendent.

METHODIST HILL DISTRICT.
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Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. preaching every third Sunday at 11 a. m. by O. W. Triplett, of Prineville.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, April 27, 1905.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Frank W. Hanna, contestant, against homestead entry No. 13,143, made December 23, 1893, for s½ s½ s½ s½ sec. 31, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w. m., by Aloaco Brandt, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Aloaco Brandt fraudulently abandoned the tract for more than six months last past and has failed to cultivate and improve the same as required by law, no improvements whatever in said tract that said alleged absence was due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 10, 1905, before Don P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 7, 1905, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon.
The said contestant, having, in a proper affidavit, filed March 20, 1905, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice of Forest Reserve Lipo Selection.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, THE DALLES, ORE., MAR. 31, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that Edward S. Perrin, by Colburn McPherson, his attorney in fact, has applied to select under the Act of Congress, approved June 4, 1892, the following described tract of land to-wit:
The S½, N½, E½ of Sec. 26, Tp. 10 S., R. 10 E., W. M.
That said application was filed with the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, on September 28, 1904, and the purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the selected land under the mining laws, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objection to such selection with the local officers for The Dalles Oregon Land District.
EDWARD S. PERRIN, By Colburn McPherson, His Attorney in Fact.

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Madras Camp, M. W. A., No. 8,826.—Meets every second and fourth Saturday of each month at 8 p. m. Frank J. Brooks, Consul C. W. H. Snook, Clerk. Visiting neighbors cordially invited to attend.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, on June 10, 1905, viz:
Zachary T. McHargue, of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 13,081, for the s½ s½ sec 21, tp 12 s, r 13 e, and Lots 1, 2, 3 sec 1, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w. m.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
C. N. Banta, W. R. Cook, H. Cook, A. S. Phillips, all of Madras, Oregon.
a27-31 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

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Department of the Interior.
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final commutation proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, on June 9, 1905, viz:
Susie O. Anderson, of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 13,130, for the e½ s½ sec 21, and s½ s½ sec 21, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w. m.
She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
E. M. Smith, F. O. Hutchinson, C. R. Hayes, M. T. Pratt, all of Madras, Oregon.
a27-31 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that John G. Bolter, of Antelope, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 48, for the s½ s½ sec 17, tp 9 s, r 15 e, w. m. before Max Lueddemann, U. S. Commissioner, at Antelope, Oregon, on the 7th day of June, 1905.
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:
H. Leslie Friday, of Antelope, Oregon, Robert O. Garland, of Haysstack, Oregon, Edward O. Bolter, Sanford Schultz, of Antelope, Oregon.
a27-31 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

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James C. Sloner, of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 12,899, for the s½ s½ sec 12, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w. m.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
F. M. Melton, S. P. Loving, Miles Fox, Charles Hayes, all of Madras, Oregon.
a27-31 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. J. Smith, county clerk, at Prineville, Oregon, on June 13, 1905, viz:
Mary B. Pitzer, of Grizzly, Oregon, H. E. No. 7267, for three s½ s½ s½ sec 10, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w. m.
She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Manuel Wheeler, George Dee, Mamie Dee, of Grizzly, Oregon; L. E. Douglas, of Hay Creek, Oregon.
a20-025 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, June 8, 1905, viz:
Lafayette Douglas, of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 10,355, for the s½ s½ sec 20, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w. m.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Frank Ekins, J. E. Campbell, William Branstetter and Mrs. Ellen Logan, all of Madras, Oregon.
MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 10, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at The Dalles, Oregon, on May 31, 1905, viz:
George W. Miller, of Haysstack, Oregon, H. E. No. 8212, for the e½ s½ s½ sec 2, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w. m.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Ivan Hale, E. A. Jenkins, Edmund Healy, J. Fulton Banta, all of Haysstack, Oregon.
a20-025 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County duly appointed administrator of the estate of John Hastings, deceased, and all persons having claims against a 1/2 estate are hereby requested to present the same duly verified, to said Administrator at the office of M. E. Brink, in Prineville, Ore., within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.
Date of first publication of this notice Nov. 17, 1904.
ED KUTCHER, Administrator of the Estate of John Hastings, deceased.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before D. P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at Madras, Oregon, on June 9, 1905, viz:
Harriet B. Marquis, of Madras, Oregon, H. E. No. 12,907, for the n½ sec. 1, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w. m.
She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
W. R. Cook, J. B. Brown, of Haysstack, Oregon; Hans Nissen, C. N. Banta, of Madras, Oregon.
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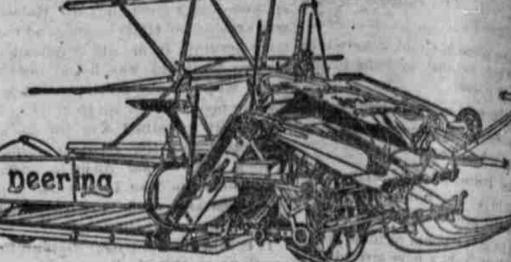
Effective July 3, 1904.

South Bound No. 2.	RELATIONS.	North Bound No. 1.
Daily Pass.		Daily Pass.
Leave, 2:15 p.m.	Riggs	11:50 a.m. Arrive
" 2:30 p.m.	Grays	12:19 a.m. "
" 2:50 p.m.	Shaniko	12:50 a.m. "
" 3:12 p.m.	Wasco	1:00 a.m. "
" 3:18 p.m.	Klondyke	10:45 p.m. "
" 3:35 p.m.	Summit	10:40 p.m. "
" 3:48 p.m.	Hay Creek	10:25 a.m. "
" 3:58 p.m.	McDonaldis	10:25 p.m. "
" 4:08 p.m.	McMoss	10:05 a.m. "
" 4:20 p.m.	Moro	9:55 a.m. "
" 4:28 p.m.	Erskville	9:37 a.m. "
" 4:38 p.m.	Grass Valley	9:20 a.m. "
" 4:50 p.m.	Boonville	8:55 a.m. "
" 5:11 p.m.	Kent	8:40 p.m. "
" 5:21 p.m.	White	8:31 a.m. "
Arrive, 5:35 p.m.	Shaniko	8:00 a.m. Leave.

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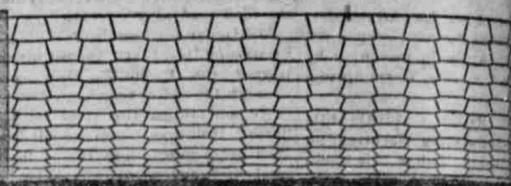
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