

**LOVE AND LAUNDRY**

By JOSEPH LANE

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"If you keep on having deaths in the family at this rate, you will kill them all off before the end of a year and have to marry into another family to get more relatives to kill," warned Freeman as he regarded the woman who was supposed to keep his apartments in order.

The ebony face opened wide in a guffaw. Cynthia regarded Freeman as a rare joker.

"Deed," she protested, "I didn't lose no family. It was my bes' lady. Her lile gal done got married yesterday."

"Well, don't let it happen again," he warned. "Give the rooms a good cleaning today."

Cynthia wriggled first on one foot, then on the other. "I don't can do no cleanin' today," she protested. "Dis my young lady day. I jes' come for your wash. She telt me I could wash yours there."

"If you mean you are going to do my laundry on some one else's gas range, be careful that you get all my things back."

Cynthia, with many voluble protestations, escorted him to the door and returned to the apartment to gather up the soiled clothes, and Freeman went downtown to work.

Things all went wrong that day, and when he came home in the evening he went to the top drawer, where from a photograph and a handkerchief he was wont to draw comfort. The girl in the photograph smiled up at him, but the handkerchief was gone, and, though he turned out the contents of every drawer, he could not find it.

With an odd sense of foreboding he sat down to think it over. Freeman was of an unusually sensitive temperament, and the loss of the handkerchief seemed to him to be an omen.

Bessie had worn it when he had gone to say goodby before he had started for the city, and she had given it to him to wrap the photograph in when he slipped it into his pocket. It had been his talisman, and the faint perfume that he knew so well cleared his brain of worries.

Now it was gone, just as Bessie had gone. There was something uncanny in its disappearance, and it seemed to him to presage evil.

She had dropped utterly from sight. She had written him that she, too, was coming to town, and that was the last



"SHE DONE EXPECT IT," WAS THE COMFORTING REPLY.

he had heard. That had been a year ago, and he had searched in vain for any trace of the girl who had promised to become his wife.

He was still lost in his thoughts when a shrill peal of the electric bell roused him. At the door stood Cynthia, panting from the exertion of stair climbing and carefully nursing a huge basket covered with his best red tablecloth.

"Get through all right?" he asked, his good temper returning. "What did the young lady say to the intrusion?"

"She done expect it," was the comforting reply as Cynthia made her way toward the bedroom to put the things away. "I done tole her that I had to look after my young gemman too."

"You better had," he laughed as he settled himself with his paper.

"I got to go back there," she said as she came lumbering toward him. "It's des as funny."

"What's funny?" he asked.

"I done took a handkerchief outen your top drawer."

"Thank God!" he breathed softly.

"An' I don't know which it is," she went on as she handed out a pile of filmy lace things.

"Your young lady use the same kind?" he asked as he held out his hand.

Cynthia nodded.

Freeman gave a gasp. There was nothing by which he could tell the one he had lost. They were all alike. He turned to Cynthia.

"What's your young lady's name?" he asked.

"Mis' Hadley," was the stammering response. "I'm sorry I done got 'em mixed."

"I'm not!" he shouted. "Where does Miss Hadley live?"

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"I was a-goin' to des slip 'em in de drawer," she protested. "Doan' you go to takin' 'em round."

"Hang the handkerchiefs!" he shouted as he caught up his hat and started for the door, and he darted out leaving behind a most astonished negro.

Ten minutes later he was ringing the bell of a flat house half a mile away and with trembling feet was climbing the stairs. It might, of course, all be a mistake, yet it would be odd if her name was Hadley and it was not his Bessie.

Then a door opened in the hall above, and her face peered over the banisters. With a choking cry she tottered toward the stairs just as he sprang to the top, and an instant later she was sobbing in his arms.

For a moment he held her there, too happy to speak. Then the closing of a door on the floor above aroused him, and he quietly drew her into the parlor.

"I have found you at last!" he exclaimed. "I was beginning to fear that you were dead."

Gently she slipped from his arms and moved away. "I sent and told you where I was," she reproached. "You never came to me."

"I did go," he protested. "I was out of town. When I came home they told me that you had gone out one evening and had not returned. I searched the town for you, but could find no trace, and I even went back to the old home to see if you had become discouraged and had returned there."

"I met with an accident," she explained. "I was struck by an automobile, and my head was hurt—concussion of the brain, they said it was. I was insensible for two weeks. Then I sent to your address, but you had moved, and no one seemed to know where you were."

"I had fitted up a flat for two," he explained. "When I lost you I could not bear to live in it and be constantly reminded of all I had planned."

"Then how did you find me now?" she asked.

"Through your handkerchief," he explained.

"I did not know they were marked with my address," she said coldly. "There must be some other explanation of your suddenly awakened desire to see me. Did you not have my address all the time?"

"Do you remember that Cynthia brought some one's washing to do here at your house today?" he demanded, ignoring her question.

Bessie nodded.

"Well, through some foolishness she got the handkerchief you gave me the day I went away mixed up with the wash. When she came to pick it out they were all alike, and she brought the whole lot over to me to see if I could pick out mine."

Bessie's face cleared. "Do you know," she said, "that for a moment I thought that since you knew where I lived you must have known all the time?"

"If I had," he smiled, "there would have been a double laundry for Cynthia long ago."

"And to think that a little thing like that should bring us together!" she cried. "Cynthia always spoke of you as her 'young gemman.'"

"And you were her 'young lady,'" he answered. "Don't you think it is about time there was a change of ownership?"

"If you still want me, Charlie," she said.

"If I want you!" he echoed as he caught her to him, and Cynthia, coming back, beamed on them with the air of one who has worked a great good.

**CITY NOTICES.**

**ELECTION NOTICE.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on the 12th day of November, 1906, a primary nominating election for the city of Astoria will be held, at which the following named officers will be

nominated, and that on the 12th day of December, 1906, a general election for the city of Astoria will be held, at which election the following named officers will be elected, to-wit:

One mayor of said city for the term of two years from the first Monday in January, 1907.

One City Attorney of said city for the term of two years, from the first Monday in January, 1907.

Two Councilmen for the first ward for the term of three years from the first Monday in January, 1907.

One Councilman for the third ward for the term of three years from the first Monday in January, 1907.

That the polls for said primary nominating election shall be opened at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon on the 12th day of November, 1906, and remain open until the hour of 7 o'clock p. m., that day, at which time they shall be closed.

And that the polls for said general election shall be opened at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. on the 12th day of December, 1906, and shall remain open until the hour of 6 o'clock p. m., that day, at which time they shall be closed.

That the following registration and polling precincts and voting places therein are hereby established, and the following named persons are hereby appointed as judges and clerks of said polling places and for said primary nominating election and general election, to-wit:

Registration and polling precinct No. 1 shall include all that portion of the city of Astoria lying west of the west line of McClure's Astoria, if extended a sufficient distance north and south to intersect the north and south boundary lines of the city of Astoria, and the polling place for said precinct shall be Suomi hall and the judges of election for said precinct shall be A. McPharland, Henry Heinenon and Charles Wilson and the clerks shall be Frank Norberg and John Carlson.

Registration and polling precinct No. 2, in ward No. 1, shall include all that portion of the city of Astoria lying between the East line of said precinct No. 1, of said ward, and the center line of 8th street in said city extended a sufficient distance North and South to intersect the North and South boundary lines of said city and the polling place for said precinct shall be Engine House No. 1, at the corner of 7th and Commercial streets, and the judges of election for said polling place shall be P. J. Goodman, C. C. Utzinger and Isaac Bergman, and the clerks thereof shall be Paul Badolett and F. J. Carney.

Registration and polling precinct No. 3, in ward No. 1, shall include all that portion of the city of Astoria lying between the East boundary line of precinct No. 2 of said ward and the center line of 12th street if extended a sufficient distance North and South to intersect the North and South boundary lines of said city. The polling place for said precinct shall be the hall in the A. O. U. W. building and the judges of election for said precinct shall be C. W. Spriggs, L. E. Howes and B. F. Allen and the clerks shall be A. Leberman and Max Pohl.

Registration and polling precinct No. 4, in ward No. 2, shall include all that portion of the city of Astoria lying between the East line of precinct No. 3, and the center line of 21st street in said city extended a sufficient distance North and South to intersect the North and South boundary lines of said city and the polling place for said precinct shall be at No. — in the Central Hotel, and the judges of election for said precinct shall be, Geo. Noland, W. E. Schimpff and A. Schernackau, and the clerks of election shall be D. T. Gerdes and C. J. Trenchard.

Registration and polling precinct No. 5, in ward No. 2, shall include all that portion of the city of Astoria lying between the east line of said precinct No. 4 and the east line of J. M. Shively's donation land claim extended a sufficient distance North and South to intersect the North and South boundary lines of the city of Astoria and the polling place for said precinct shall be Engine House No. 3, and the judges of election for said precinct shall be Harry Jones, Al Leinenweber and L. Larsen and the clerks shall be Thos. Davis and E. Manulla.

Registration and polling precinct No. 6, in ward No. 3, shall include all that portion of the city of Astoria lying East of the East boundary line of precinct No. 5, and the polling place for said precinct shall be the Mess House near McGregor's Mill, in Adair's Astoria. The judges of election for said precinct shall be L. Agren, F. C. Reed and John Engberg, and the clerks shall be T. C. Fredrickson and Ole B. Olsen.

The judge first mentioned shall be the chairman of the judges of the polling place for which he is mentioned. Each elector of the city shall vote only within the precinct in which he is registered.

OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

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W. A. SHERMAN, Treasurer Clatsop County, Ore. Dated Astoria, Ore., Oct. 9, 1906. 10-10-10t

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT up to the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, the 20th day of October, 1906, the Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the city of Astoria will receive sealed bids for repairing Commercial street, from the east line of 9th to west line of 14th street, as ordered improved by ordinance No. 3309, approved on the 6th day of October, 1906. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

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