

A SOCIETY GIRL AND HER BATTLE

Grace Van Studdiford's Ups and Downs.

How a St. Louis Belle Fought for Fame and Much Earned Fortune.

Grace Van Studdiford, the prima donna of the Bostonians, is a woman who has shown to the world what a wife can do when the needful time comes toward making back for her husband the fortune which events may compel him to relinquish. She has gone from comparative poverty to affluence, has seen that wealth disappear in a night, has found dire necessity confronting her, and has taken up bravely again the life that she thought had passed forever. Stepping from the stage to the front rank of the finest society in St. Louis, when the time came, she turned her back upon all the glitter, once more brought her talents to the rescue, and now she is on the high road to prosperity again. Her history is one that reads like a novel; but better than fiction, it is all true.

It was some time ago when the Bostonians were singing "Robin Hood" that Grace Quive attracted the attention in St. Louis of wealthy Charlie Van Studdiford. She sang the part of Maid Marian, and she sang it so well that she was almost the star of the opera. Charlie "Van," as he was called—a genial man-about-town—son of one of the oldest and wealthiest families—heard her one night and tossed his heart over the footlights to her. There was a meeting, and finally a wedding and resignation. And the former Grace Quive went to St. Louis to preside over the magnificent home and household of one of its millionaires. She was received by society without question and was installed at once as a reigning favorite.

Charlie "Van" loved a good horse, and he had a string of them. He raced them for generous stakes, but he knew little about the game. The consequence was that he woke up one morning to find himself penniless. His estate was involved to its limits and when a settlement with his creditors was made he had not enough to live on. Then he told his wife.

This was the fading of a golden dream to the one-time singer. She had hoped that her new career might last forever. But she did not complain. Neither did she, as would have many, leave him to fight it out alone. On the contrary, she too "up" the old life where it had been left off. She went back once more to her first success, and soon after the fortune had flown she was once more behind the footlights. Her first engagement was a temporary one; it was at a summer garden in St. Louis, and her friends turned out in throngs to do her honor.

Soon better things came to her. Her reputation had not been forgotten, and next season she was out with Jeffie Angelis. When she reached St. Louis,

all society packed the Olympic to greet her and tons of flowers were packed in the lobby against her appearance. Again it seemed that fortune turned her back away. The Angels refused to allow the flowers to reach her over the footlights and insisted upon monopolizing the stage. There was a row and much bitterness, and Mrs. "Van" resigned on the advice of her friends. But at last she went to her own, and her own received her with open arms. The Bostonians were putting on "Maid Marian," a sequel to "Robin Hood." They sent for her to sing the name role, and she accepted. After that all went well, and now there is no cloud in her sky. Next year and for two years thereafter, she will be a full operatic star, in a new opera written for her by the business manager of the Bostonians, Charles Bradley, under contract with F. Ziegfeld, Jr., husband of Anna Held. Next Summer she will tour Germany, for which she is also under contract now.

Mrs. Van Studdiford has a fine voice, a stunning figure and delightful stage presence. She has lost none of the social prestige by her return to the operatic field.

They will soon have a working quorum of St. Louis aldermen in the Missouri Penitentiary.—More Observer.

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and several, who are not but would like to be, who are wondering just how they would look enmeshed in a uniform and headed "Adjutant General." Incidentally these same persons are planning to what extent they might enjoy the fat salary that accompanies the plum. Without presuming too much the powers of a prophet it is safe to say that several will be disappointed.

C. F. Chamberlain, at present adjutant general of the Oregon Guard, is a splendid officer and during his term of service has become endeared alike to all serving with him. Of course he would like to retain the position. But Gen. Chamberlain is a Republican. While his undoubted loyalty has his reasons for his party affiliations, those reasons may not be good ones in the mind of Governor Chamberlain, when the latter drops the "red" and becomes governor instead. That is why many forecast a successor for Gen. Chamberlain.

CHAMBERLAIN WANTS.

Mr. Chamberlain has not yet made public announcement of his preferences in this matter. He is a Democrat, but that does not always mean the carrying of his political preferences into every branch of the state business. Gov. Chamberlain will have the example set by the late Gov. John R. Rogers, of the State of Washington, before him, and that is some who contend he is likely to follow it. Gov. Rogers was a Republican, although himself a Democrat, deliberately appointed a Republican to the office of adjutant general because he believed he had found the right man for the place and took pride in the fulfillment of the service.

But whatever course may be adopted by the governor at a later date, just at present time there are whole hordes of applicants and several organized pluming expeditions are being set in motion.

course would be adopted there is a feeling that those who are urging it upon the governor may be successful.

This action, if taken by the governor, would prove very popular among the guardsmen and would, it is claimed, relieve Mr. Chamberlain of the painful duty of turning down several applicants whose political friendship would be a strong card in the political battle of two years hence.

When questioned regarding his views Mr. Chamberlain smiles and says:

"There is plenty of time later on. It is too early yet to decide."

FEW SEEK JOBS.

"Have all the legislative bodies gone out of business and are there no new ones coming up?" asked a well known politician in this city yesterday. The remark was occasioned by the fact that, although this man is a member of the Oregon Legislature, he has not yet been petitioned by anyone to exert his influence to obtain a clerkship, a job as tally-keeper, or even a doorman. It is claimed there are fewer applicants for positions of this kind than ever before in the history of Oregon.

S. L. Moorhead and Clarence Ruttare both out for clerk of the Senate, with honors. Many others are mentioned on down the line, but the usual fog of place seekers is noticeable by its absence.

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OPINIONS VARY ON S. P. PENSIONS

Some Claim There Is a Graft On.

Officials of the Road Say It Is a Reward For Services Well Performed.

There is much discussion in Portland as well as other cities on the line of the Southern Pacific regarding the recently established pension system for aged and faithful employees, and the good that will be done by the carrying into effect of the plan. There are many opinions both pro and con. From San Francisco came recently a mail that it was a grafting scheme and an attempt on the part of the company to defeat organized labor. Briefly outlined the plan of the company as recently announced follows:

Employees who have attained the age of 70 and been in the service 20 years or over are to receive pensions on the basis of one per cent per annum of the average salary received for 10 years previous to pensioning for each year of service. For instance, an employee whose pay averages \$1,000 per annum for 10 years prior to retirement, and had been in the service of the company 20 years, would receive a pension equal to 20 per cent of \$1,000, or \$200 per annum.

COMPANY PAYS IT.

Between the ages of 61 and 70, employees incapacitated for further work may be retired by a pension board selected from the department officers of the company, provided they shall have been in the service of 20 years or more.

The employees make no contributions to

the fund, pensions being paid by the company in full and without any condition the employees being at liberty to engage in other business after being pensioned should they see fit.

It will be seen that a plain statement for the above was taken from one of the Southern Pacific's authorized circulars. It is made that there will be absolutely no charge to the employees and that the pension comes from the company as a reward for labor well performed.

This is different from the plan that Colis P. Huntington attempted to carry out on the same road many years ago.

EMPLOYEES WERE TAXED.

According to the ideas of Mr. Huntington a certain percentage of the monthly wage of each employee would be retained by the company and at the end of a certain period this, together with interest accruing, would be used for pensioning that employee. This plan did not meet with favor among railroad men generally. There were too many other opportunities for investing money with better remuneration. Even life insurances would bring its reward in stronger proportion. So the scheme of Mr. Huntington fell through.

Feeling against the old Huntington idea has not yet died out and, it is claimed by officials of the road, that this is largely responsible for condemnation of the pension plan just instituted.

NOT UNDERSTOOD.

"The thing is not fully understood yet," Southern Pacific officials say, "and when it is there will be no question as to its motive, which is purely that of benefiting the working men in its employ."

They say the company is in reality under no obligation to those who work for it. They hire out to perform certain duties for a certain wage and they are paid that wage. They have always the privilege of quitting the Southern Pacific and seeking other employment, and if they choose to remain until such time as they become too old for active duty, it is their own lookout.

On the other hand, those who oppose the proposition say that there is some hidden scheme afoot. "It is not like the Southern Pacific," they declare, "to make an outlay where there can be no return. We must wait and see."

"But the Southern Pacific will get returns," the officials say in reply. "It will get better service from its men because of its generosity."

One reason why The Journal has rapidly gained circulation is that it is the only paper in Portland that dares to print the news.