

# THE TALE OF AN ANCIENT MARINER

## For More Than Half a Century He Has Plowed Through Stormy Seas O'er All the World.

There is an ancient mariner now in this city who has been a sailor for 55 years. He has sailed around Cape Horn more than a score of times and has plowed through the choppy waters of Good Hope on many voyages. He has visited every deep water harbor this side of Paradise, and for years has been a friend of the famous "Flying Dutchman." The wanderer's name is George Smith; at least, that is what his name has been during the past half century; he was christened Adolph Leopold Otto Schmidt, but this was too much for a sailor.

### Has Seen Many Harbors.

"My boy," began Smith, "I have been through the mill pretty hard. I've seen every port there is; have been shipwrecked several times; have been in gales that blew the paint off the masts; and here I am. I wish to God I'd stayed at school. My first passage was a bad one, but I stayed by the brig. After a few short European trips, I shipped for New York.

### Shipwrecked Three Times.

"Yes, I have been shipwrecked," he continued, "and it's no fun, either. The first ship I was on that went down was the Empress Eugenie in 1855 off the Newfoundland banks; all hands were taken off by a passing ship. The other ships sank in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the John Bunyan, in 1871, and the Van Dyke, in 1885, the latter occurring within a short distance of the place where the Bunyan went down 14 years before. All hands were saved both times, but, sir, we got awful wet.

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### American Ships Best.

This Ancient Mariner has sailed in every kind of craft known since the days of Noah. He has been under flags of every hue and stripe. And this is his verdict on the best on the seas: "I like American ships better than any other. They work the men hard, but they feed 'em. And they're the best out of farmers, too. A man can get along in a Yankee ship if he works and behaves himself. I have never been struck on board a ship. If you do as you are told no one will touch you. I have been everything except skipper

and cook, and have kept out of trouble with the captains. "Boys on board an English ship are treated too well; on a German vessel they are worked too hard; Yankee boys work hard but have a nice time—sometimes."

### Several Strange Happenings.

Smith has been baptized times without number, but he says a little ducking don't hurt a man. Still, he has been in the very jaws of death on several occasions so he does not wish to have repeated. On his first passage across the "herring pond" the whole watch, with the exception of himself and the captain, were washed overboard. The worst gale he ever encountered was off the Horn about 25 years ago. Here is the yarn: "I sailed from Greenby on the ship San Tona bound for Valparaiso. Everything was smooth sailing until we received the Cape Horn seas. Then the winds began to blow great guns; the seas rolled as high as our main royal yard and huge blocks of ice were in sight. The storm kept up for six weeks and during that time the captain never took off his clothes. Of course, we started to round the corner under reefed lower topsails, but these were soon carried away. We then bent other canvas, but every stitch on all the yards was blown off. We were under barepoles for several days. At last, a jib was rigged up to keep us a bit steadier. Yes, we were off the bloomers' Cape for six weeks. I'll never forget that passage.

### Another Time I Nearly Went to Davy Jones' Locker

was when I fell off the main yard into a mess of sharks. The captain threw me over a large plank that happened to be on deck, and I crawled off it before the sea wolves ferried me. But they came awful close. I felt one grab my foot, but all he got was a boot heel. They kept swimming all around me and their mouths looked as big as a mainmast. At last I was picked up by the ship's boat.

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### Preferred Stock Canned Goods.

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# HYPNOTISM LURED TWO GIRLS AWAY

## Bride and Sister Abducted Thro' Strange Power

### Brother Accuses Wife's Old Sweet-heart of Luring the Young Woman Away.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A strange tale of hypnotism, abduction and desertion was related to the police yesterday by Benno Behrendt, who says he is a broker and who occupies apartments at No. 256 West Ninety-seventh street.

Behrendt's bride two months and his 16-year-old sister have been missing since Monday, and he declared they have been hypnotized and abducted by a former admirer of the wife. Not until after he had spent two days searching for them with the aid of five private detectives did Behrendt inform the police, and then only when called upon by Central Office Detective Lynch.

Behrendt was married last New Year's eve in a romantic fashion. He went with his bride to Jersey City, where the marriage was performed. He says his honeymoon was ideally happy until he returned home Monday to find his wife gone and a little later received a message by telephone informing him that she would never see his wife or sister again.

"When I left my wife Monday she kissed me," said Behrendt yesterday. "She waved me a good-bye from the window and watched me out of sight. I'm sure she has been hypnotized, for a former lover, who is an ex-convict, she is hypnotized and kept somewhere by this man and I am sure that if I tried to find them I would be killed.

"I have not ventured out of doors since I discovered my wife was gone. I learned today just where she was, but I did not go to find her for fear I would be harmed."

For some reason Behrendt at first refused to tell his story to any save one newspaper, to which he had confided it early in the day. With representatives of this paper he returned to his apartments all the afternoon, denying himself to all other callers.

### Said They Were Coming Home.

He sent down word about the middle of the afternoon that he had received word that his wife and sister would return home within two hours. When they did not come, his nervousness and anxiety seemed to increase. When he was finally induced to appear he showed signs of having passed through a severe mental ordeal. His hair was ruffled, his eyes were red, his face was unshaven and he wore no collar.

He told the story of his wife's disappearance reluctantly, saying he wished to avoid any further scandal. "I am sure they are hypnotized," he said, "but a woman detective in my employ has found them, and they will return here inside of two hours. It will be all right."

Asked where the two women were, he said: "I would hate to have it known where my sister is, on account of the reputation of the place."

Behrendt was disinclined to talk about himself. He said at first that he had been in New York but a short time, and that he was a European. Later he said he had lived in New York several years, "off and on." He said he was a broker, with offices in Nassau street, but refused to say any more about himself. His wife, he said, was a Miss Bailey of Syracuse.

"The night before our marriage," he said, "my wife told me all about this man, who has hypnotic power, and who is an ex-convict. I understood the whole story. After we were married we came here to live, and my sister Viola, who is 16, came to live with us. My wife was exceedingly fond of her. Now they have disappeared together. I waited here at home for hours, thinking they would return, and then I was called on the telephone and a male voice told me I would not see my wife or sister again. I would not see my wife or sister again. That made me frantic and I tried to find out where they were. I employed five detectives to search for them. They were located today, and I expect them here at any moment."

"I mean to pursue this man who has abducted them to the last, even if I have to go to jail for it. My wife and sister are being held by force."

### India and the United States.

In 1902 India exported goods worth \$402,000,000 and imported goods worth \$294,000,000.

### PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

Jeremiah Barnhart of Pendleton, whose liabilities are \$12,000, and Nathan H. Sams of Milton, against whom creditors are clamoring for \$1,107, have filed petitions in bankruptcy in the Federal Court.

### Wakes You.

A new calling device is being introduced in hotels, where guests require to be awakened at special times to catch more or less early trains. A clock is set up in the office and is so constructed that it can be made to give a calling ring in any room at any time; it can be set to the required time and it will do its duty faithfully, without oversleeping itself, as porters and others sometimes do.

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# LANE COUNTY A GREAT PRODUCER

## Residents Make Improvements to Farms.

### What Newcomers Are Being Offered in the Way of Investments.

(Staff Correspondence.)

EUGENE, Ore., March 20.—Lane County has an area of 2,784,760 acres, of which 125,000 are under cultivation. Of the remainder, a vast extent is arable, and there is an enormous quantity of land on which stands 28,000,000 feet of timber. Production in the county during 1929 was:

Wheat, bushels	70,000
Oats, bushels	625,000
Barley and rye, bushels	28,000
Corn, bushels	25,000
Hay, tons	102,000
Potatoes, bushels	250,000
Butter and cheese, pounds	690,000
Hops, pounds	1,200,000
Apples, bushels	300,000
Pears, bushels	70,000
Prunes, bushels	75,000
Lumber, feet	145,000,000
Wool, pounds	163,000
Gold dust	\$200,000

Were one to assert that Lane County is as large as the Willamette Valley, the assertion would seem at first blush, to the uninformed, extravagant. Yet the county runs 150 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean to the summit of the Cascade mountains, and extends 60 miles from north to south, averaging 60 miles, including the upper end of the Willamette Valley and the greater part of the Umpqua Valley, the second largest valley in Western Oregon. This constitutes an area of 7,000 square miles, and the Willamette Valley is but a small part of it.

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larger. It is 122 miles via rail from Eugene to Portland, which represents almost precisely the Willamette Valley's length. The latter has approximately 9,000 square miles.

### The Possibilities.

When one considers that, from all this imperial possibility, only \$6,281,921 appears upon the assessor's books as the 1929 valuation of property of all kinds, the conclusion is irresistible that the more than 50 years of settlement here have sufficed only to induce a trifle of exploration.

When one comes here, sees the renewal of life, the stir of industry, the plans for the future, the things already actually accomplished in the renaissance of Lane County activity, he concludes that the course of events is towards better things for this part of the valley.

A general observation—in a previous letter—was that the Willamette valley needs paint. The observation applies to Lane County, although not to Eugene. Eugene is bright, up-to-date, and is subject to few if any adverse criticisms. So, were one to go through Lane County, as would be the case in the other valley counties, he would well supply himself with a bucket of red paint and go swashing it onto barns and buildings that were not even painted when the carpenter originally finished his work.

Hiding along the country roads the other day with John P. Jones, the Southern Pacific traveling passenger agent, the paint habit was witnessed in its incipient stages.

### The Fence Corners.

Not only does one see the farmer's son plying the paint brush, and experiencing joy in seeing it, but he also notices that the Lane County farmer begins to "weep the corners and under the bed." His fence corners are looking as though he had achieved the conclusion that he owes something to the aesthetic sense, and that it is his duty to remember that people who ride along the country road enjoy their journey much more if they pass farms that look spick and span.

And, too, he knows incidentally—that if one of the country-road riders chances to be a home-seeker, he will be more apt to buy that farm if it presents a clean, well kept appearance."

"See that fence corner," said Mr. Jones, "I have passed it during many years and grained at the appearance. Now, as you see, it is good enough for a city lawn on a corner."

Judging from what I have learned during the past few days that same John P. Jones is doing much to induce the better conditions.

Lane County—thanks to the oncoming boom—is ordering her Easter bonnet, and proposes to send—not to some village milliner—but to Guy Paris for a

# HAYWOOD CLUB BEGINS BUILDING

Work on the foundation for the Haywood Club's new building opposite the postoffice at University Park has been completed and work on the upper structure will begin at once.

The new building will be 45 feet in length and 72 feet in width. It will consist of two stories, the upper floor being finished for entertainments and dances and the lower section divided into store rooms.

The upper floor will be beautifully furnished and will have a gallery with sufficient space to seat 150 people. The main floor will also be fitted up in fine style and the hall will have a capacity for about 500 people.

The entire building will cost, when completed, about \$4,000, and will be formally dedicated by the Haywood Club by presenting the delightful operetta, "The Haymakers," on the evening of June 1.

# BROOKLYN WANTS SEWER DISTRICT

Brooklyn residents are clamoring for a new sewerage district for that section of the city.

The demand has become general and it is quite likely that a meeting of the residents of the vicinity will be held in the near future to awaken public interest in the project.

The entire Brooklyn district is now without sewerage facilities of any kind and in consequence that section of the city has more sickness per resident than any portion within the city's limits.

Residents of Brooklyn have been trying for some time to get the city authorities to look into the matter and devise some plan for a new sewer district without making the cost of construction too expensive.

The Brooklyn district embraces all that portion of the city lying between the river, East Twentieth, Powell street and the Crematorium. The district is fairly well populated and is making some wonderful strides in growth at the present time. As soon as the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company constructs its new car shops at the edge of the district that section of the city will receive additional growth.

### QUARIES TO BE INSPECTED

The Council committee who have in charge the rock crushing plant met yesterday afternoon. The principal business before the committee was the consideration of a suitable location for a quarry. Rumelin reported that there was little or no difficulty in obtaining a quarry, but there might be some difficulty experienced in getting just the right kind.

The owners of quarries at Weber Butte, Marquam Gulch, St. Helen's Road, Bunker Hill on the Columbia River, Oswego, and other localities, desire to have their properties inspected by the committee.

It was especially recommended that no quarry be considered upon the merits of its samples alone, and that a personal visit to the properties be the only method of judging.

A representative of the O. R. & N. appeared and expressed a desire to have the committee inspect a quarry which is situated along his company's line near this city. This was agreed to and on next Tuesday at 9 a. m. the junket will be made.

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