

# An Instructive Story in Six Brief Chapters

**CHAPTER I.**  
**The Offense.**

In November, 1903, Frederick A. Bancroft, postmaster of Portland, attempted to borrow from the letter carriers' association \$500, and secured the money from the trustees. But because he failed to comply with certain conditions upon which the loan was to be made, a preemptory demand was made upon him for the repayment of the money. Sunday, November 15, Bancroft took from the postoffice safe \$500, putting his I. O. U. in place of it. Out of this money he repaid the letter carriers' association. The next day, Monday, November 16, Bancroft went to the money order department and demanded \$100 which was given to him. In the same manner and on the same day he obtained \$40 from the stamp department. This made a total of \$340 appropriated from the funds in the postmaster's keeping.

A week later, Monday, November 23, the postal inspectors unexpectedly appeared and began an investigation. The shortage was discovered at once, and the inspectors found and took possession of Bancroft's I. O. U. for \$500 of the money he had taken. Obviously the postmaster's only hope lay in the immediate repayment of the money, and this he succeeded in accomplishing during the day, but not until all the facts were in the inspectors' hands. The latter learned also that this was not the first time that the postmaster had used postoffice funds in this manner. The facts were duly reported to the department at Washington.

**CHAPTER II.**  
**Punishment Prescribed by Law.**

Under the federal laws, any conversion of public funds by a postmaster, whether there is the intention of repayment or not, is made a felony. Section 5940, revised statutes of the United States, is as follows:

"Every officer or other person charged by an act of congress with the safekeeping of the public moneys, who fails to safely keep the same, without loaning, using, converting to his own use, depositing in banks or exchanging for other funds than as specially allowed by law, shall be guilty of embezzlement of the money so loaned, used, converted, deposited or exchanged, and shall be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than ten years, and fined in a sum equal to the amount of money so embezzled."

**CHAPTER III.**  
**President Roosevelt on Recent Postoffice Scandals.**

"The prime need is not new legislation, but the punishment of those who offend against existing laws. The postoffice department is making certain changes in the method of administration, notably in the method of inspection, by which the service will be improved and the chance of corruption existing without discovery be minimized; but the only way to meet the real evil is to punish the offenders, by removal in any event and, where possible, by prosecution under the criminal statutes. In any great business, public or private, wrongdoing is certain at times to occur. The way to guard against it is to rigorously scrutinize the character of those appointed, carefully to supervise their actions after appointment and, finally, to punish with relentless severity those who go wrong. All this is being done."

"Those in the public service whose duty it is must ever be vigilant in the detection of wrongdoing, fearless in its exposure, relentless in its prosecution. . . . In the last resort, good laws and good administration alike must rest upon the broad basis of sound public opinion. A dull public conscience, an easy-going acquiescence in corruption, infallibly means the ruin of free institutions. Freedom is not a gift which will tarry long in the hands of the dishonest or of those so foolish or so incompetent as to tolerate dishonesty in their public servants."

**CHAPTER IV.**  
**Question.**

"What will the department do with that Portland postmaster who took the postoffice funds?" This is a question which the postoffice inspectors have been asked for the past six weeks by every country postmaster visited in Oregon.

**CHAPTER V.**  
**Answer.**

Announcement from the postoffice department at Washington that Bancroft would be permitted to retain his job.

**CHAPTER VI.**  
**Reason.**

The president's political fences need attention in Oregon and the congressional delegation is now expected to do the work.

## NOMIA PLACED ON EN ROUTE LIST

## GERMAN SHIP CHARTERED BY MEYER, WILSON & CO. TO BRING GENERAL CARGO TO PORTLAND FROM NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—ANOTHER CHARTER.

Meyer, Wilson & Co. chartered the German ship "Nomia" yesterday in load a general cargo at Newcastle-on-Tyne for Portland. The vessel is now en route from Tacoma for the United Kingdom with a cargo of wheat, shipped by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. She has now been out 101 days and is about due. She cleared for Cork.

The Nomia is of 1,921 tons net register. During the past few years she has made several trips to Portland. At one time she was known as the German ship Anchenstein.

The British bark Lamorna was chartered on Saturday to load wheat at Tacoma for the United Kingdom at a rate of 70s, which is the same as was received by the last two ships taken at Portland. During the past few weeks this is the first grain ship that has been fitted for Puget sound loading.

The British ship Ancalos cleared yesterday for Durban, South Africa, with 32,022 barrels of flour, valued at \$12,977 and 1,000 cases of canned goods worth \$2,750. This cargo is the largest flour cargo to be dispatched to the dark continent for more than a year. The vessel has dropped down to St. Johns and will leave on her voyage as soon as a crew is secured.

The British ship East African will complete her wheat cargo for Europe today, and Captain Johnson, the skipper, says he will probably leave down the following day. The cargo will consist of about 2,500 tons. The East African has been in port since November 20.

## FOR CIVIL SERVICE CONSULS.

## A CONTINUAL DRAG.

**The Exact Term.**

Only those who have experienced the pain and suffering incident to Piles or Hemorrhoids can know what a drag and handicap this complaint is; how even the mildest forms hinder the patient from putting forth his or her best efforts, while those afflicted with bleeding and protruding piles realize all the tortures of the Inquisition.

It may surprise the reader to know that there is a sure, permanent cure for this disease, as the following testimony from Mr. E. A. Leonard, an American resident in the City of Mexico, will show:

"For twenty years I suffered from piles, sometimes being confined to my bed for days at a time. The relief received from doctors, both in the United States and Mexico, was temporary, and more than frequently I received no relief; other medicines had no effect. It was a continual drag. I was fit for nothing. I finally tried Pyramid Pile Cure; first application was magical; I could not believe I was awake next morning; I experienced a relief that I had not known for twenty years. One box cured me; but not believing myself cured, I bought two more, but they are still in my trunk. I first used the remedy in July, 1902; have had no occasion to use it since. The world should know of Pyramid Pile Cure. I have no words to express its merits."

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## CHRISTENING OF FLOATING DRYDOCK

## UNIVERSAL CUSTOM IS THAT DRYDOCK BE NAMED IN HONOR OF FIRST VESSEL TAKEN IN—MARI-NEERS WANT IT NAMED FOR AMERICAN SHIP.

Which will be the first ship that will go on the drydock at St. Johns? That is the question uppermost in the minds of waterfront frequenters at the present time. According to those who pass as authority on marine matters the first vessel that goes on the drydock will not only be put in shipshape manner free of charge, but the dock will be named in her honor. That has been the custom the world over, they explain, and it is surmised that the same plan will be followed and unanimously endorsed by the Port of Portland commission.

The skipper of the American ship Sargeant is anxious to have his vessel the first to enter the drydock. She has been lying at St. Johns ever since last fall, and if the drydock is ready for operation by early spring the probabilities are very strong that the Sargeant will carry off the honors.

In the event that it will not be completed, however, before the middle of April, some other vessel will receive whatever distinction there may be in store for being at the head of the list in this connection.

The Sargeant will sail about April 1 for Alaska to remain during the salmon fishing season.

If the old-time policy of naming the dock after the first vessel that is taken into it for treatment is adhered to by the Port of Portland commission, many of the local mariners hope that it will be an American craft.

"It would be an outlandish thing," said Captain Harry Emkins recently, "to have the dock christened some unpronounceable name. That will be just what will happen if a French, German or Italian ship should be the first to go on the drydock. It should be managed in some manner to get a vessel on there having a good, old American name. Then everyone can remember it and speak it without seeking the aid of some friend or dictionary. Besides, it would show a certain amount of respect and loyalty to our own country. I am anxious to see the Sargeant win out in this matter. The Sargeant drydock would sound all right."

Those having the drydock work in charge state that it will be ready for operation by April 1. Three of the pontoons are now at the site, but two others are still at Vancouver. They are practically completed, however, and will soon be brought around to St. Johns. From now on it is believed that the work will be pushed to completion very rapidly.

## CHINESE LOTTERY PLAYERS ARRESTED


"Lottery games will not be tolerated in Portland under any conditions," said Chief of Police Hunt this morning in opening of the arrest of Lai Wah, who placed at 50 Fourth street was raided by Sergeant Carpenter and Patrolman Resing Saturday night.

Although refused admission at the front door, the officers made their way to the rear, where they knew a secret entrance. Then it was easy for them to get into the room. They found the tickets, stencils and stamps of January 17, in the possession of the Chinaman, Gottlieb Faurer, white, who was also in the place. He, too, was taken to the station, but released on his own recognizance. Lai Wah furnished \$100 bail and will be on hand for trial Wednesday.

Lai Wah is said to be making serious complaint against the police for allowing him out for arrest, but the officers state that they will get the others if they can secure the evidence.

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## CIRCULATING EQUAL SUFFRAGE PETITIONS

## LEGAL VOTERS TO BE ASKED TO ASSIST THE WOMEN'S INITIATIVE—OFFICERS OF THE EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION MAKE WRITTEN APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage association held in the office of Miss Frances E. Gotshall in the Union block on Friday, it was voted to enlist as many legal voters as possible in circulating the women's initiative petition by the aid of the following letter which, on action of Mrs. H. W. Coe, the press was respectfully asked to present to its readers. Blank petitions can be secured in any desired number at the office of Hon. W. Cary Johnson, room 315 Oregonian building, or at the office of the Gotshall Printing company, room 65, Union block, 237 1/2 Stark street.

**An Open Letter.**

To the voters of Oregon—Gentlemen—The women of Oregon have, during the week, been privileged to enjoy the visit of a number of women from the four enfranchised states of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. To note their womanly pride in the public-spirited men who have extended to them the courtesy of enfranchisement fills us with joy. But, at the same time, it inspires us with an increase of patriotic desire to see the enlightened men of old Oregon awaken to their present opportunity to extend to their own mothers, wives and daughters the same courtesy that the chivalrous men of the Intermountain states

have bestowed upon their companions in interest almost without the asking.

One Colorado woman said at the hotel reception on Wednesday last: "I used to take no interest in public affairs. Now I can put my children to bed and go with my husband to a political meeting, and be come home with me. He used to go to such meetings alone, and was detained, sometimes, till morning."

An Idaho woman said: "We are no longer looked upon as ciphers; but are considered 'somebody.'" And another added: "We have now two heads in council, two beside the hearth."

Two in the tangled business of the world."

These women, who did not obtrude their enfranchisement upon us unbidden, gave their opinions freely when asked, and all agreed that all agitation of the question ceased when the boon was granted.

And now, gentlemen, inasmuch as it rests with you only to say whether or not your own wives and mothers may be granted the right to make another attempt to secure equal rights with the women of four states which were an original part of the Oregon country, and since it will rest you only as to whether or not we may be the enfranchised equals of our neighbor women during the Lewis and Clark centennial, we beg leave to appeal to you, each and all, to assist us in our task of circulating our initiative petitions, through which alone we can secure a referendum vote at the coming June election. Our women are unused to your political methods—hence, this appeal. And we believe and hope

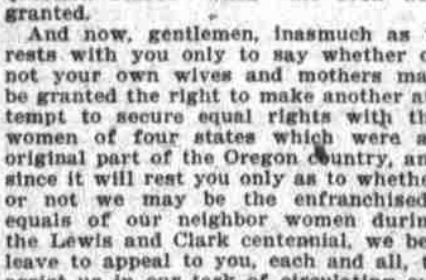
you will not disappoint us. By order of the committee.

ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY, Chairman.  
FRANCES E. GOTSHALL, Secretary.

**SEE PLAYED PIANO.**

(Journal Special Service.)

Dayton, O., Jan. 19.—While a young woman teacher played the piano 400 children marched in perfect order from the burning Allen school here this morning and met with only one accident, when a crippled boy near the outer entrance fell and was trampled upon. The fire originated in the basement, one side of the building being destroyed.



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## MAYOR COOPER ON POLITICS AND HOPS

"Independence is taking a forward move," remarked J. C. Cooper, mayor of that Oregon town, yesterday, as he stood in the corridor of the Imperial hotel and stroked his beard. "There isn't much building going on just at present," he continued, "but we are getting there just the same.

"We are a hop raising community and expect a very prosperous year. Hops and politics don't interfere with each other, and the fact that this is campaign year won't make much difference in the price—may help it, considering the fact that hops are essential in the making of beer."

Mayor Cooper is in the city on business and will return home this evening.

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