

PRESENCE OF MAJOR OFFLEY RECALLS DEED OF VALOR IN ALASKA

Smith D. Martin, Who Served as Private in Seventh Infantry, Relates Experience.

OFFICER WAS LIEUTENANT

Belief of Men Stranded in Icy Wilds
Sawot Gratitude That Long Will Be Remembered.

By Smith D. Martin.
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Learning that Major Robert S. Offley, U. S. A., is at Vancouver barracks on furlough from his command with the Twenty-first infantry on the border, served to recall vividly to mind in Alaskan winter 16 years ago when Major Offley, then a lieutenant, saved 100 men from famishing in the far north.

The Seventh infantry had been sent to Alaska for garrison duty and to assist in building the Yukon telegraph. Its companies being scattered up and down the great river for 1000 miles. It was a private in the Seventh at the time.

Companies B and I had been directed to work toward each other along the river in the construction of the line. These were our orders and the approach of the severe winter season found us stranded there, unable to work, short of supplies, and faced with the impossibility of getting more, because ice choked the river, making navigation impossible.

Our officers sat in their cold tents and wondered what they should do or what to do next; the men sat in their tents and cursed the awkwardness of the war department that had left us stranded in an icy wilderness.

Days and weeks passed without relief and none had the initiative to use his own discretion in leading the men back to civilization. The war department's only plan was to build a telegraph line.

Determines on Relief Measure.
First Lieutenant Robert S. Offley was one of the officers of B company but not with his command, having been assigned to special work. From traveling miners he learned of the predicament of his stranded men. He learned of their needs and dangerous situation and determined to go to the rescue despite the dangers of the journey which would take him over storm-swept hills and through deep gorges where blizzards rage with desperate fury.

Without authorization, he made up his mind to go to their rescue and take such supplies as they would need, even if he lost his commission as an army officer and his hands and feet in the attempt. He knew all of his men personally and as he was a veteran of Santiago some of them had served under him there.

Lieutenant Offley loaded several sledges with provisions and clothing, harnessed up a number of trained dogs and set out over snow and ice, traveling day and night, until he reached our camp.

He arrived about midnight, one night, yelling for the camp to turn out and care for his men. The meeting of these veterans with their commander can be better imagined than described.

It was soon noted about that "Offley was in town" and great was the rejoicing when he told them that he had brought many things for their comfort, not the least of which was chocolate. And he also told us that he would lead us out, and take his chances with the war department. And he did it!

The next day we broke camp and made our way the best we could to Fort St. Michael where we could spend the rest of the winter in comfortable barracks.

When Lieutenant Offley trudged so many miles against heavy odds in the frozen waste to help his men his generous spirit naturally aroused the love and admiration of the beneficiaries.

GALLANT ACT REGALLED



—Photograph by Todman Eberhardt, Vancouver, Wash.
Major Robert S. Offley, U. S. A., whose relief of a detachment of men of the Seventh infantry, marooned in the Alaskan wilds 16 years ago, is recalled by one who served at the time as a private.

Two of them soon started a subscription to buy him a suitable present. We raised \$50 and deliberated whether it should be a dog team and sleigh, a sword (for he was soon to be promoted), a pair of binoculars, a field glass or a gold watch.

A Token of Gratitude.
The money was paid in next pay day and sent to Chicago for a watch. But the present did not arrive until the following July and then Captain Offley was on the eve of departing for Manila, having been assigned to the Thirtieth infantry. The day on which he took leave of his company he was invited to a special meeting. The occasion could not have been more appropriate.

Private Thomas E. Smith made a speech of presentation and I wrote a memorial note. Captain Offley was deeply touched.

Private Smith had only a high school education but he delivered his speech from memory like a polished orator. It was a real case of eloquence in the barracks.

Captain Offley shook hands all around, received the memorial note and took his departure.

This was July 7, 1901, at St. Michael. Today this same man who led us out of the wilderness is a major and on furlough at Vancouver barracks.

"Long may he live!"

Meeting to Protest Military Training

A mass meeting of the citizens of Portland will be held in Turn Hall, Fourth and Yamhill streets, Tuesday, January 9, at 8 p. m., to protest against all universal military training and service.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood will be asked to preside and the following speakers will be heard: Eugene Smith, president

"KING OF HEARTS" TO BE PLAYED IN COURT AT TRIAL THIS WEEK

Identity of the Real "Oliver Osborne" to Be Established in Breach of Promise Suit.

GIRL STILL DETERMINED

Tiny Rae Tanner Still Insists It Was James W. Osborne With Whom She Enjoyed Courtship.

New York, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—The stage is set in federal court here for the entrance Monday of handsome "Oliver Osborne," self-confessed starter of a \$50,000 breach of promise suit between tiny Rae Tanner and former District Attorney James W. Osborne.

If this debonair and charming man with the smile identified by Mae as the man who flirted with her on the Seventy-second street subway platform and afterward made love to her at close range, the wealthy and reputable former official, James W. Osborne, will have proved his contention that he never saw or heard of the woman who sued him for \$50,000 for breach of promise.

The concrete situation to be dealt with Monday is whether the woman is guilty of perjury in swearing that James W. Osborne actually was the man who flirted with, then promised to marry her.

Mysterious Oliver.
But the center of interest will be the mysterious "Oliver" himself. It was only after a chase of several years, involving expenses running into several comfortable fortunes, that the elusive "Oliver," whose existence James W. has asserted from the beginning, but of whom no trace was found until recently, was caught under another of his many names in Chicago.

Miss Tanner and her attorneys, Slade & Slade, who also are under indictment for perjury in connection with the case, still claim that it was James W. Osborne who smiled acquaintance with Rae and wooed her to wed him. The three promise "big surprises" at the trial.

The handsome "Oliver," however, remains the big attraction. His captivating story of how he has given Cupid cards and spades and beaten him time after time in the game of love, has amazed and disgusted those who heard it; while at the same time his personality, his "way," has left everyone liking him, in spite of what he has done.

Charmes the Women.
Even the women he duped while he blazed a trail of broken hearts and pocket books across the land have nearly always had a smile for the big fellow when they attended his private audiences to identify him. There wasn't even much ill feeling in the remark of Ethel Brooks, who has married under the name of Maise Mason Nye, when, in identifying him, she said, "This is the specimen I married."

She, by the way, was the only one of the many women in "Oliver's" career that he actually married.

"Oliver's" real name is Charles H. Wax. He has been positively identified as the man who duped the many women in and around New York. He seemed always to choose those who had several thousand dollars he could take them out of.

Wax is a big man, about 5 feet 10 inches tall. He weighs about 200 pounds. He is jovial and very pleasant to meet. His eyes are blue and keen. His brown hair is thinned a little over forehead and recedes at the temples. He is straight and strong. His constantly laughing lips reveal two rows of dazzling white teeth. There's a dimple in his chin that all the young women who have testified for the government at previous trials of the Osborne case described as one of the charms of their "Oliver."

Wax Likeable Fellow.
Wax carries a cheerful and jaunty. He exudes a real physical magnetism, and around the federal building and in the Tombs everyone admits they "just can't help" but like him, despite the things he admits having done.

"Of course, Wax is not the Oliver Osborne I knew and who accompanied me to the Hotel Kensington, in Plainfield," said Rae Tanner today. "I have seen Wax" plenty. He is no more like Oliver than a lamp-post. At my trial this will be shown without question. "Wait until my lawyer gets this cheap impostor on the stand. Wait until he has to explain away a thousand and one things that support my assertion that James W. Osborne is Oliver." Still, the self-styled King of Hearts swears he is tiny Rae's Oliver; and thus matters stand until Monday.

Tumalo District Has Too Many Coyotes

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 6.—E. F. Averill, district inspector for the biological survey, yesterday received from Tumalo a petition signed by 35 members of the Tumalo Development league, asking that government hunters be sent to their community to assist in killing coyotes which have come to be a source of much loss to stockmen. A number of cases of rabies have been reported from that locality. Mr. Averill received a similar request from R. F. Wigglesworth, a sheepman between Echo and Heppner, who tells of two incidents of herders having hand to hand battles with rabid coyotes.

Gov. Major Pardons Ninety-two Convicts

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Ninety-two first term convicts, mostly men of extreme youth, were lined up in the plaza of the Missouri penitentiary this morning and presented with full pardons. Governor Major in addressing the men stated that this was his last official act as governor. In closing the governor said: "Should the tempter come again, turn your thoughts to this hour and the scene you are now witnessing, perhaps the first of its kind in America."

Card of Thanks.
We heartily thank all friends, the Advance Assembly and engine 17 for their kind offers of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings extended in this time of our bereavement in the loss of our dear son and brother, Mrs. Margaret Amacher, Harry Amacher, Oscar Amacher, Louis Amacher, Mrs. D. L. Flerson.

Vancouver, B. C., Fire Damage Big

Hardware Emporium Destroyed and Oriental Quarter of City Is Threatened by Big Conflagration.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—For some hours Friday night and this morning the east end business section of Vancouver, occupied largely by orientals, stood in considerable danger of being reduced to ashes and the big Carroll street wholesale and retail hardware emporium of Wood, Valance & Leggat is a standing wreck of timbers and damaged contents today, following a fire which broke out shortly before midnight on Friday, and continued with desperate fury until after 10 o'clock this morning, despite the utmost efforts of Vancouver's fire department to check the flames. The block is one of the largest in the Chinese section of the city and is surrounded by Chinese business and residential structures.

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"Society Burglar" Baffles Detectives

Chicago, Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—The "society burglar" whose operations have caused a panic in the rich colony about Lake Shore Drive, is still at large, despite the city-wide hunt which the police are making for him. Seven times in less than seven nights he has struck at the luxurious homes on and near the "Drive" and has netted nearly \$10,000 in cash and jewelry.

Eight special detectives have been assigned to patrol that section of the north side known as "Millionaire Row" and scores of private watchmen have been employed, but night after night depredations continue. Early this morning the burglar entered the home of George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental & Commercial National bank, and looted the house of jewels and cash valued at \$3500. Mr. Reynolds awoke to find the

burglar trying to break into his safe. A shot frightened him away but not until he had acquired much valuable jewelry.

The police believe he was the same man who entered the homes of Mrs. John Borden, wife of the millionaire Arctic explorer, and Mrs. Michael Cudny earlier in the week.

Social Workers Will Confer.
The monthly conference of the Social Workers' club will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in room M of Central library. The general subject for discussion will be some of the proposed legislative measures that bear on social work. "Health Insurance" will be discussed by W. F. Woodward. Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull will discuss the "Commitment Law Bill." "The Sterilization Bill" will be discussed by George A. Thatcher. A. F. Regal will talk on the "Marriage License Law." Professor F. B. Merritt will present the matter of crippled children and there will also be a discussion of the "Forty-eight Hour Bill."



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