

O. HENRY AND AL JENNINGS

Distinguished Writer Tells of Powerful Story Which Starts on Sunday in The Statesman.

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.

Al Jennings' story of O. Henry and of himself is the most verile and powerful human document I have ever come across. It is a veritable dynamo, charged to the full with the most thrilling human interest. From start to finish, in every line and word, it bristles with what we may well call the basic, aboriginal facts of the strange Old Humanity in which we all share.

Lear, banished by his hard-hearted ungrateful daughters, found consolation and joy in the bitter winds that beat upon his old gray head—because the elements were at least



AL JENNINGS

REAL and unsopisticated; and the same virtue belongs to this remarkable story by Al Jennings. It goes to the bone—to the very marrow in the bone, and from beginning to end rings absolutely true to the "eternal contemporary" human nature, with its good and its evil; its bursts of great heart and dips in sensual mire.

Woven into and all through the unique documents is the flesh-and-blood story of O. Henry, the world's greatest short story writer, and, in many ways, one of the supreme geniuses of all time.

A thousand years from now O. Henry's name and fame will loom infinitely larger than they do today, and one of the chief contributors to his universal and permanent fame will be this same verile document by Al Jennings.

It lets us into O. Henry's soul. It shows us his inmost self as he lived and moved while he was working his way through the underbrush of obscurity and sorrow to his "place in the sun."

But the story of which I am speaking, in addition to giving us a close and intimate view of the marvelous story teller, throws a "great wakening light" upon one of the most stunning crimes of our so-called modern civilization—the cruelty and injustice of prison discipline as it is frequently practiced even today in the old world and the new.

We are given to see, in no uncertain way, how in prison men live unnatural lives. Brutal associations are fed upon them. They are fed as wild animals are fed. They are locked up in stifling cells and denied all communications with right-living people. The devices deliberately employed crush out the better in-

stincts and are monstrous beyond conception of healthy minded men and women.

In prison men and women are treated as though they were but so much "refuse"—not always, but as a rule.

In prison the fear of the future, like a poisonous serpent, coils itself in the convict's heart. He feels that all hope of better days is gone.

And well may he feel this is so; for does he not know that there is no place for him in the great outside world; that when his time in prison is up he will be thrown against a "social and economic boycott" that no course or persistence can break?

Is mankind rational, after all? Or is it spinning around in the whirlpool of insanity and madness?

There is much to support the latter conclusion. If society was sane and logical would it place its moral delinquents in the keeping of men who are, in many cases, absolutely unable to draw even the most rudimentary moral distinctions, or if they are, are unwilling to put them into practice in their dealings with the unfortunates who are under their control?

Well may the question be asked, in the light of what takes place in some prisons. "Who are the real criminals, the convicts or the keepers?"

But across the dark cloud that this wonderful story throws against the horizon there plays the light of hope for the humanity of the future generations.

In this light we see that humanity is never all bad. There is ever a residue of good, a remnant of the eternal manhood that the worst fate cannot quite destroy. "Dicky" is

"eternally hankering for his old mother!" And another convict is cheered throughout his blackest sorrow by the thought of his father's joy when his boy once more stands up as a real man.

And then we learn here how silly and unjust is the notion that the criminal deliberately makes himself such as one fell swoop. On the contrary, as one of them declares, our fate drives onward like a snowball, gathering momentum with every act. Some deed that is but a flake drops across our path, and before we are aware of it, the flake has doubled and trebled in size. A thousand kindred flakes flutter down to meet it, until the tremendous force gathers itself together and rushes us onward to our destiny.

With a vivid humanity, and at the same time, with a kind of divinity, this story of Al Jennings' and O. Henry is to be regarded of very high and commanding importance. I watch it go upon its mission with a hearty godspeed, and much good may it do to the thousands who read it.

Funeral Services for Financier to be Private

NEW YORK, June 18.—Funeral services for George W. Perkins, financier, who died today in the Stamford Hall sanatorium, Stamford, Conn., will be held Sunday afternoon from the Presbyterian church at Riverdale, a suburb. The body arrived here tonight and was taken to the Perkins suburban home where it will lie in state until Sunday.

Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery. The services will be private.

The honorary pallbearers will be Cleveland H. Dodge, Frank A. Munsey, Elbert H. Gary, J. P. Morgan, George F. Baker Sr., Richard V. Lindsey, Lewis L. DeLafield and Thomas A. Buckner.

Stayton Firm Asks for Increase in Charges

Gardner & Bennett who operate a water power ditch in that district, have applied to the public service commission for an increase in power rates.

STEAMERS FAST IN ICE.

SEATTLE, June 17.—The steamers Victoria, Cordova and Elmer Thompson, pioneers of this season's attempts to reach Bering Sea ports, are fast in the ice 60 miles northwest of St. Michaels, Alaska, according to wireless reports received here today. They are said to be in no danger.

SHERIFF TAKES CHARGE.

PORTLAND, June 18.—C. M. Hirshey, sheriff of San Mateo county, Calif., arrived here today to take charge of Underwood, Wash., a former pastor of the deceased, assisted a charge of having stolen jewelry and goods worth \$10,000. She was arrested here a few days ago.

OBITUARY

The funeral services of Mrs. Annis Brown, who died last Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Reissbeck, in this city, were held at the Court Street Christian church on Wednesday at 3 p. m. H. V. Rominger of Underwood, Wash., a former pastor of the deceased, assisted the local pastor with the service. The following obituary was read by the local minister:

Miss Annis McLean was born at Wheelersburg, Ohio, March 26, 1844. Here it was that she spent all her girlhood days and was married, on January 20, 1864, she was united in marriage to John L. Brown of Procterville, W. Va. For a time they lived at Wheelersburg then moved to Catlettsburg, Ky., where they engaged in the hotel business for about 20 years. Due to very great loss from the flood which swept the town Mr. Brown was forced to move from there with his family to Glencoe, Minn. Later they moved to Dickinson, N. D., where they engaged in the mercantile business. Owing to the death of her husband, March 7, 1902, Mrs. Brown attempted to carry on the business, but on account of failing health, sold the business and came to Oregon in 1911 to live with her daughter, Mrs. John Reissbeck of this city. She has continued her residence here since. Her health has been gradually failing her and a recent attack of paralysis finally resulted in her demise last Saturday, June 12.

Mrs. Brown had ever been a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. She was formerly a member of the Congregational church, but during a revival meeting held in this church about two years ago by S. M. Martin, she united with the Court Street Christian church. Her's was a simple, child-like faith in her Saviour, and she could not understand how anyone could disbelieve in God. It irritated her to have anyone berate her faith in Him. Her's was a triumphant faith, an overcoming faith, a victorious faith, and everlasting faith. Death for her is but an entrance into the better realm of eternal happiness and joy.

"Let faith exalt her joyful voice,
And now in triumph sing:
O Grave, where is thy victory?
And where, O Death, thy sting?"

She leaves one living daughter, Mrs. John Reissbeck of this city (her only other daughter, Lucinda, passed this life June 20, 1888), a half sister, Mrs. Nan E. Baker of San Diego, Cal., four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a host of friends.

VICE PRESIDENT STARTS SWIM

DEL MONTE, Cal., June 18.—Thomas H. Marshall, vice president of the United States officiated as starter in the opening race of the third annual Del Monte girls' swimming carnival in the Roman plunge here today. Miss Rowena Crowley, San Francisco, with a handicap of 10 seconds, won the 220-yard in 2:44.

EX-KAISER SAID TO BE ILL.

BERLIN, June 18.—The Nurnen Radsche Landzeitung learns from a trustworthy source that the former German emperor is critically ill.

PRICES TO FALL.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Recent declines in the prices of a few commodities are not to be regarded as isolated instances but are part of a gradual and general movement that

has been under way for a considerable time, the national bank of commerce declared in a statement today.

I was praising my wife for her devotion and care in nursing me through a critical illness. "Well, Henry," said she, who wants a widow with three children."—Chicago Tribune.

Read the Classified Ads.

Trains Service Changes Sunday, June 20th

Main Line Southbound:

No. 23 leave Salem 10:16 A. M. instead of 10:05 A. M.
No. 53 leave Salem 3:06 A. M. instead of 3:10 A. M.
No. 15 leave Salem 11:28 A. M. instead of 11:26 A. M.

Northbound:

No. 16 leave Salem 7:06 A. M. instead of 6:55 A. M.
No. 28 leave Salem 9:11 A. M. instead of 9:17 A. M.
No. 18 leave Salem 2:05 P. M. instead of 1:50 P. M.
No changes in schedules other main line trains.

Salem-Dallas-Falls City:

Many changes have been made in this service Complete schedule is shown below:

	161	163	165	167	169	171	173
Lv. Salem	7:45A	9:35A	1:55P			5:15P	
Gerlinger	8:30A	10:20A	2:40P	3:40P	5:55P	7:00P	
Dallas	6:50A	8:50A	10:45A	3:00P	4:05P	6:20P	7:20P
Falls City	7:20A		11:15A		4:35P		
Ar. Black Rock			11:35A				
	162	164	166	168	170	172	
Lv. Black Rock				1:25P			
Falls City	7:30A		1:40P		4:55P		
Dallas	8:10A	10:00A	2:20P	3:20P	5:35P	6:40P	
Gerlinger	8:30A	10:20A	2:40P	3:35P	5:50P	7:00P	
Ar. Salem	9:10A	11:00A	3:20P			7:40P	

No. 171 leaving Salem 5:15 P. M. makes direct connection at Gerlinger for Independence; also for McMinnville, Newberg and intermediate points

For exact information concerning train schedules, call upon local Agent

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES

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General Passenger Agent.

Strawberries For Canning

The first part of next week will be the peak of the strawberry season and we would advise getting your berries at that time. The price cannot be any less as the canners are taking them at previously unheard of prices. Our price will be from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per crate. For Saturday we will have

- Fulkerson's Oregon at 20c per box, 2 for 35c
- Other varieties 15c per box
- Florida Grape Fruit, 20c each
- California Grape Fruit, 10c and 3 for 25c
- Sweet naval oranges, 65c per dozen
- Bananas, 15c per pound
- Pineapples 50c and 65c each

Settlemeier's Asparagus

- Fine green stalks, 20c per pound bunch, 2 for 35c
- New potatoes, 15c per pound
- Oregon Green Peas, 2 pounds for 25c
- New bunch carrots, beets, turnips, cucumbers, tomatoes, Green onions, radishes, lettuce, Bermuda onions

Home Made Cakes.

Prune, angel, sunshine, cocoanut, nut, chocolate, jelly roll. Fresh doughnuts, parker house rolls, cup cakes, sugar, oatmeal and raisin cookies

- Swift's Premium hams, 52c per pound
- Armour's Simon Pure Lard, 5 pound pail, \$1.75
- Imported Edam Cheese

Wisconsin Swiss and Brick Cheese
Baker's grated cocoanut in milk

A Special for Saturday

- Booth's Oval Tin Sardines
- Squashed, Mustard or Tomatoes
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- Hershey Cocoa, 1/2 pound..... 23c
- Seeded Raisins, Sun Maid..... 20c
- 2 Pounds Sago..... 25c
- Tapioca, Pound..... 12c
- Rice, 7 1/2 pounds, for..... \$1.00
- Fancy White Re-Cleaned Navy Beans..... 8c
- Large Citrus Powder..... 29c
- Old Dutch Cleanser, 2 cans..... 19c
- 6 Boxes Searchlight Matches..... 37c
- \$1.50 Royal Purple Broom..... \$1.27
- Other brooms..... \$1.10, 90c, 85c, 75c
- Market Baskets..... 15c
- Nut Margarine, pound..... 34c
- Peanut Butter, 5 pounds..... 83c
- 2 Cans Tomatoes..... 25c
- 2 Cans Fancy Corn..... 35c
- 5 lbs. Marshmallow Syrup..... 86c
- 10 pounds Marshmallow Syrup..... \$1.65
- 5 pounds Amber Karo Syrup..... 63c
- 10 pounds Amber Karo Syrup..... \$1.23
- 5 pounds Crystal White Syrup..... 68c
- 10 pounds Crystal White Karo..... \$1.30
- Diamond C..... \$2.80
- Pacific Hardwheat Flour..... \$2.93
- Olympic Flour..... \$3.40
- Crown Flour..... \$3.55
- 10 pounds Cream Rolled Oats..... 69c
- Cream of Wheat..... 30c
- 5 Pure Lard..... \$1.19
- No. 10 Pure Lard..... \$2.35
- Cooking Oil, gallon..... \$1.87
- Kellogg's Krumbled Bran..... 18c
- 3 pounds Fancy Bulk Coffee..... 93c
- Fresh crisp Graham Crackers, pound..... 22c
- Soda Crackers, pound..... 20c
- 3 Pounds Crisco..... 97c
- 6 Pounds Crisco..... \$1.93
- 10 Pounds Sugar..... \$2.55
- 100 Pounds Sugar..... \$25.50
- 14 Royal White Soap..... 99c
- 10 Ivory Soap..... 87c
- 10 Palm Olive Soap..... 90c
- 10 Imperial Proxide Soap..... 83c
- 10 Fairy Soap..... 78c