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SAFEGUARDED:—He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91:11.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF WATER SYSTEM

It would be a wise move for the city of Salem to purchase the water system, at a reasonable price.

The writer is against the public ownership and operation of most utilities; but there is a reasonable exception in the case of the water supply of Salem—

And the main reason is that the city can borrow money at a lower rate than an individual or a private company must pay, and can for this reason, under good management, prepare better for future growth than would be justified by an individual or a private company—

That is, can use larger mains and pipes than are called for by immediate necessities, put in more permanent works and in other ways look to the distant rather than the immediate future.

And the city can with good business judgment look to the early construction of a pipe line to bring in mountain water by the gravity system, saving the cost of pumping and giving a supply that is generally thought to be better than may be had from any other source—

Giving opportunity for effective advertising.

It is likely that the city of Salem could borrow money on water bonds at three to three and a half per cent interest, whereas private parties must pay around six per cent. The saving on interest alone over a long period would justify the investment in a pipe line to tap a mountain water supply—

And the time will likely come, with the growth of Salem, when the saving on water delivery by the gravity system over the cost of pumping will justify the gravity system; especially if the water may be used for hydro electric power purposes on its way down from the mountains, as is done at Los Angeles, and also at Tacoma and Seattle.

The writer believes that if this matter were put up to a vote of the people, after a proper valuation had been arrived at through methods plain and straightforward, the majority vote in favor of municipal ownership, and authorizing the necessary bond sale, would be large.

After that, the people could proceed to bring in mountain water at their leisure; could do it immediately or defer it as they pleased. In the mean time, the municipal water system, well managed, might be earning a surplus to help in paying for the pipe line.

MAKING PROGRESS

The courts of the metropolis of Oregon have recently agreed among themselves—a cooperative plan—that they will inflict the legal penalty on drunken drivers of autos upon convictions in said courts. Bravo, bravo! The plain law that has been on the statute books of this state for several moons and which has been ignored time after time is to be enforced.

It is, indeed, encouraging. It is even glorious news, and a step forward in good government.

The influence of this determination to administer the law legally and without exception will spread abroad. Over in Chicago they have already caught the spirit. Colonel Henry Barrett Chamberlain, operating detective for the "Windy City's" crime commission declared only yesterday in a survey of crime conditions as they exist in large cities: "The crime problem can be solved only when citizens make clear to law enforcing authorities that they must solve it in accordance with their sworn duty or give way to other officials who will."

Coming from a high official in the department of law enforcement, this placing all responsibility of driving law enforcing officials upon the public's shoulders is surely illuminating. Pay 'em for the work and then force 'em to do their sworn duty is the slogan suggested by the distinguished Chicago officer.

The Statesman has insisted upon enforcement of law in no uncertain terms and recently had the pleasure of reading one of its editorials in which it commented on the drunken driver law, in two different metropolitan dailies which gave credit to a Southern Oregon contemporary. Indeed the sentiment for law enforcement is spreading rapidly.

The Governor of Oregon in a special press dispatch recently urged enforcement of law; a capitol city judge sentenced today for moonshine operations a certain erring son of Adam to one whole long year in the penitentiary and imposed a fine of one thousand dollars.

The law makes headway and men fear the results of crime only as officials make enforcement their first sworn duty. And every example of enforcement succeeds in reducing crime and compliments the faithful for duty fully performed.

One of the pleasant diversions of the season is the series of band concerts in Willson Park. The band is worthy of sincere congratulations upon the excellence of its programs; the city should be recognized for making possible these splendid attractions and the public felicitated upon the privilege of these high class entertainments.

MY HUSBAND'S LOVE

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER F70

The Way Madge Speedily Won Her Battle With Katie.

In the course of long and necessarily close study of Katie's temperament I have learned two things to which she invariably reacts with enthusiasm, no matter what the state of her mind when she receives them.

One is the prospect of excitement of any kind. The other is an appeal for aid. I also have learned the futility of trying to gloss over Mother Graham's aggravating treatment of her, although I think Katie, in her calm moments, realizes that my mother-in-law's seeming resentment against her is but a magnificent gesture of discipline which the older woman has now neither strength nor opportunity to wield.

Armed with these weapons, I had my offensive arranged, even as I closed the kitchen door after me, and released my grasp upon the girl's tense arm. I must give her no time to reflect further upon the familiar but offensive epithet, "Ape of a girl," which I was sure she had heard Mother Graham utter but a minute before.

"I know you heard Mother Graham, Katie," I began rapidly before she could speak. "And I don't blame you for being angry, but"—I hurried my words as I saw Katie snatch at her apron and throw it over her head, her invariable prelude to a hysterical outburst of tears—"but—I wish you would pass it over just this once more, at least until I know whether Mrs. Durkee is going to live or not."

"Dot Big Doctor?" The shaking apron stretched itself into tense quiet, and then, after a second's pause, came down with an emphatic jerk. Katie's eyes, blinking with the first tears of her arrested brain storm, looked with wide, curious interest into mine.

"Vot dat you say?" she queried excitedly. "Missis Durkee, she die?"

"I don't know," I returned, my heart heavy with the knowledge that I was speaking only the truth. "But she is ill, and must go to a hospital for a possible operation."

"Den she die all right," Katie commented, with the pessimism of her kind toward hospitals. "Oh, dot poor, sweet Missis Durkee, and she so good. I tell you I feel awful bad by her."
 Genuine grief showed through her grotesque phrasing, and I hastened to reassure her with the hope which had lightened my own heart.

"I am very sure she will be all right, Katie," I said. "I have just wired Dr. Braithwaite, Mr. Graham's brother-in-law, asking him to operate, and am awaiting a reply from him."

Katie's eyes opened wider than ever.

Vanderbilt Wedding Sets Real "400" Apart



The round of gay affairs incidental to the wedding of Muriel Vanderbilt and Frederick C. Church, Jr., have made "Beach Mound," the Benjamin Thaw residence at Newport, R. I., the Buckingham Palace of American society. The Vanderbilts are the unquestioned society leaders this season, and the invitation list to the wedding and nuptial affairs made it known who did and who did not "belong." The bride and groom and "Beach Mound" are shown.

"Dot big doctor vot yas in var and got sooch nice medals?" she demanded excitedly.

Madge Is Relieved.

"The same doctor," I returned, smiling at her childlike enthusiasm, and remembering her worship of my famous brother-in-law when he had visited us before.

"Oh!" she carolled joyously. "Eet dot doctor room, den Missis Durkee she live all right. Say!"

—a brand new thought evidently had assailed her, and I fairly could see it rambling through her brain cells—"Eet dot, bedg Doctor Braithwaite room on here, he yell room to house, not?"

I seized the opportunity. "Yes, Katie, that is why I wanted to get you into the kitchen so quickly. Both Dr. Braithwaite and his wife will make a visit here in all probability. And you know how excited Mother Graham gets at the prospect of visitors. She hasn't seen her daughter and son-in-law in a long time, and she is so happily upset over it that she doesn't know just what she is saying or doing. You mustn't mind her."

"I no see how eet make her happy to call me bad name," Katie answered sullenly.

"Nor do I, Katie," I acquiesced heartily and truthfully, but with a low voice and a wary eye for my doughty mother-in-law's probable approach. "But you ought to know by this time that she doesn't mean a word of what she says. It's just a bad habit—"

"You spank babee's legs mit leetle switch ven he get bad habits," Katie began morosely, and then her sense of humor got the better of her rancor. "Eet old vomens could only have leetle switches shoost same as babee boys, everyting all right. But you no worry, Missis Graham. I no

keek oop any shindy. Dis house got to get clean all ofer, and old vomens and me got no time to scrap."

And, with a long breath of relief, I realized that house cleaning for visitors would sink all differences between Katie and my mother-in-law.

(To be continued)

DINNER STORIES

An American was at a dinner in London when the conversation turned to the subject of lynching in the United States.

It was the general opinion that a large percentage of Americans met death at the end of a rope.



Finally the hostess turned to the American and asked:

"You, sir, must have often seen these affairs?"

"Yes," replied the Yankee, "hundreds of them."

"Oh, do tell us about a lynching you have seen yourself," broke in half a dozen voices at once.

"Well, the night before I sailed for England," said the story teller, "I was giving a dinner at a hotel to a party of intimate friends when a colored waiter spilled a plate of soup over the gown of a lady at an adjoining table. The gown was utterly ruined, and the gentlemen of her party at once seized the waiter, tied a rope around his neck, and at a signal from the injured lady they

swung him into the air."

"Horrible!" said the hostess with a shudder. "And did you actually see this yourself?"

"Well, no," he admitted apologetically. "Just at that moment I happened to be downstairs killing the chef for putting mustard in the blanc mange."

Getting wrong numbers over the telephone is not always the fault of the operator. Faulty enunciation is more often to blame. This

incident illustrates one of the difficulties an operator has to overcome in answering calls:

An Englishman speaks over the telephone:

"Yes, this is Mr. Arrison. What you can't hear? This is Mr. Arrison—hatch, hay, two hairs, a hi, a hess, a ho and an hen—Arrison."

Did You Ever Stop To Think?

By E. E. Wallis, Secretary
 Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce

That the success of a city is measured by the prosperity of its citizens.

That when citizens work as one for better business to build the home city, nothing can stop its progress.

That when the merchants stop advertising, the citizens stop buying.

That when many people stop working, many people stop earning, and when they stop earning, nearly all business stops.

That the merchants should advertise and people should buy.

That when they buy the manufacturers can sell.

That when the manufacturers can sell, many people can earn.

That when they can earn, they will have money to spend.

Let's have business as usual.

COMMISSION IS NAMED

BOARD TO DIRECT AMERICANIZATION IN STATE

Five members were appointed to the commission of Americanization Tuesday by the board of education. These are L. R. L. R. Wheeler, B. F. Irvine and H. H. Herdman, all of Portland; John L. Rand, of the supreme court, Salem, and J. A. Buchanan, Astoria. The commission was authorized by the last legislature for the purpose of advancing the education and Americanization of adult immigrants through the separate establishment of the state school system to be known as the department of Americanization.

Members of the commission do not receive any remuneration for their services and will direct the work of Americanization through a state director to be appointed by the commission.

YOUNG MAN DROWNS

PORT ANGELES, July 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Robert Gail Fisher, 23, of this city, was drowned in Lake Sutherland, 15 miles west of here Sunday evening when a rowboat overturned fifteen feet from shore. It was reported here today. Fisher could not swim. A companion clung to the boat and was saved. Fisher's body was recovered.

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