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WON HIS WIFE BY LETTER THEFT

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER TRIES FRAUD ON RIVAL

J. Smith of Wolf Creek Wins Wife—Now After Fifteen Years of Married Life Confesses Act and Wants to Go to the Penitentiary for His Crime—Wife Has Forgiven Deception Practiced.

Fifteen years ago, in Wolf Creek, southern Oregon, two men were in love with the same girl. One of them was the assistant postmaster. The other lived out of town. With this latter one the girl corresponded, says the Portland Journal.

Letters passed back and forth for some time, until one day a letter addressed to the young woman got no farther than the Wolf Creek postoffice. It was from the out-of-town man, far away.

This letter was intercepted by the assistant postmaster. The man never wrote again. He thought the girl had thrown him down. And the girl—well, for years she wondered why he had never written.

But the assistant postmaster knew, and he played his cards well. In fact, he won—the belle of Wolf Creek—the girl of his choice.

The two—the girl and the postmaster—were married. Their lives have been happy all these years, but the man has had something on his mind. For more than 14 years the assistant postmaster has carried this secret of the intercepted letter in his heart. No one ever knew.

The other day an old man hobbled up the stairs of the federal building. He said he wanted to see the authorities. Said that his guilty conscience—contrition—had been bothering him and that he wanted to tell some one in the government service of how he won the affections of his wife.

He said his name was J. Smith, and that he came from Wolf Creek to Portland where 15 years ago he had been in the postal service. And then with tears in his eyes, the old man related his experience with the letter of his rival, how he destroyed it and the girl never knew until he told her—told her when she was his wife. And she asked was forgiveness.

This was years afterward, he said, just recently, in fact. And he said that she had forgiven him. But all in all, that if he was to be punished for his foolishness he was prepared to suffer the consequences.

After coming to Portland to live, Smith became a member of the organization known as the Tongues of Fire. Since he became religious the

interception of the letter 15 years ago has preyed on his mind until he just had to tell some one.

Mr. Smith says his wife is satisfied—that she has never regretted having married him.

Furthermore, he says that he would rather go to heaven through the penitentiary with a clear conscience than to hell with a burden like the intercepted letter on his mind.

DR. FORD NOTED AMONG WESTERN METHODISTS.

The transfer of Dr. Ford, E. B., was one of the big surprises of the assignments at the recent conference at Eugene, says the Portland Oregonian. He is perhaps the most widely known of the Methodist ministers in the whole conference, having served eight years as presiding elder (now superintendent) on the Eugene district, and four years as pastor of the Sunnyside Methodist church. His work has always been of the highest order and he has been very successful wherever he has labored. Under his ministry the Sunnyside church prospered well, and he was also instrumental in assisting in other organizations in the neighborhood communities.

Prior to coming to Oregon Dr. Ford was presiding elder of Seattle district and still earlier in his ministerial career he held the same position in the Little Rock, Ark., district. He has contributed largely to the periodicals of the denomination, and his book on the presiding eldership is the only work of the kind ever published and had a wide sale. The church at Pendleton, to which he was transferred, is one of the most magnificent edifices in northwest Methodism, it being a new building costing \$35,000. Pendleton also has a nice parsonage and is an altogether desirable appointment. It is in the Columbia River conference, one of the strongest conferences in the west.

RAT HUNT CLUBS HUNT RAT PESTS WITH CLUBS.

London, Sept. 29.—"Death, to the rodents!" is the battlecry that is echoing throughout England today, presaging the beginning of the greatest warfare on rats in the world's history. It is estimated that there are 56,000,000 rats in Great Britain, and that they do hundreds of millions of dollars damage every year. To effect their extermination, the Society for the Destruction of Vermin has been organized, with Sir James Chichester-Brown as president, and with branches all over England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The society will begin its active warfare tomorrow, and the day will probably be marked by the greatest rat hunt ever known. In London and throughout the country today bodies of men and boys are preparing for the onslaught and the keenest rivalry has developed among the various rat-hunting clubs. The hunters use clubs in fighting

the rodents and grow very expert in their use.

HAVE YE THE BODY OF MAURICE FITZMAURICE.

Lewiston, Idaho, September 29.—It was stated yesterday that M. O. Fitzmaurice, the editor of the Garfield County Standard, published at Pomeroy, and who was arrested here Saturday on the charge of libel, and is now held in the county jail, having refused to return to Pomeroy unless habeas corpus proceedings instituted to secure his release. In the event he is released, it is stated he will be immediately arrested on a new charge and Deputy Sheriff Messenger of Garfield county, is remaining here for that purpose, according to report.

Declare Story Utter.

Bellingham, Sept. 29.—Detectives went to the Thomas home yesterday to search for holes in the walls which might be caused by bullets from the murdered wife's revolver. Thomas having declared that she fired and then he killed her. They looked carefully but found no holes. The police hold that this disproves Thomas' story about his wife's using her pistol. The defense's strong point is the absence of witnesses who could prove the story should Thomas repudiate it. The police will try to show that Mrs. Thomas had a gun.

Klamath Indians Paid.

Klamath Falls, Sept. 29.—Every man, woman and child of the Klamath Indian nation on the reservation will receive \$50.35 within the next 10 days. This represents the distribution of \$52,700 of interest due and 10 per cent principal of a sum placed to their credit years ago.

Dies of Wounds.

Seattle, Sept. 29.—Mose Cantral, who was shot Saturday by a man whom he accused of alienating the affections of his wife, and ruining his home, died in the hospital here yesterday. Warren Buffet, the accused man, escaped.

Jackson Abandons Hope.

London, Sept. 29.—Tired of the persistent refusals of Tommy Burns to come to come to a definite agreement, Jack Johnson, the colored fighter, has abandoned all hope of getting a match with the world's champion heavyweight pugilist.

Ankeny Gives Up.

Seattle, Sept. 29.—A dispatch from Walla Walla to a local paper says: "Senator Ankeny does not intend to conduct a fight in the legislature for the senate."

"Your wife seems to be a capable woman." "Well, I should say so. A furniture-polish pedler came here yesterday and in five minutes she had sold him some polish she had made herself.

NATION'S BANKERS OPPOSE GUARANTY PLAN.

Denver, Sept. 29.—In the savings bank section of the American Bankers' association meeting here yesterday, there were adopted resolutions opposing the bank deposit guaranty clause of the democratic platform, and the postal savings bank as approved by the republicans.

The clearing house section also went on record as opposing the reforms suggested.

Senator Teller and some other members of the special currency commission appointed at the last session of congress will attend the convention to get the views of practical bankers as to how the United States should readjust its money system.

Among the principal speakers at the convention of the general association are Woodrow Wilson, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Alexander Gilbert, president of the New York Clearing House; James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, and Governor Buchtel of Colorado. George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental National Bank of Chicago, is slated for election to the presidency of the association.

VALISE FULL OF SNAKES FOUND ON THE STREET

Butte, Mont., Sept. 29.—A new and handsome suit case lay near the road down on the flat, when a stranger spied the grip and made a run for it, thinking he was getting something for nothing. He threw back the lock and opened the case.

Lying peacefully within were a dozen snakes, most of them rattlers. Fearing he would be bitten and realizing that he was stung, the man started for the nearest phone and called up police headquarters. He was told to take a club and kill the reptiles. He did not go back, and residents of the flat killed the snakes.

It is thought that the rattlers were left behind by the Reiss carnival show when it pulled out for Dillon. They had a snake charmer who gave exhibitions of fondling the ugly creatures.

Brother William in West.

Tacoma, Sept. 29.—Wm. Rockefeller, a director in 28 financial and commercial corporations, accompanied by his two sons, President Earling of the St. Paul railroad, the president of the Wisconsin national bank and other big men, is spinning toward Mount Rainier, viewing the scenery. They will go to Portland tomorrow.

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NEW QUARTERS CROWDED BY SPLENDID EXHIBITS

Blue Blooded Horses Are Numerous—Fine Showing in Sheep Department—Irrigated Districts Display Fine Hogs—Morrow County Has Fine Exhibit of Poultry in Live Stock Section—Cattle Few But Good.

Though the space for the livestock exhibit at the fair is much larger than at either the former fairs the big tent is crowded to overflowing and several head of horses are stationed on the outside. The number of cattle exhibited is not as large as last year, but there are many more horses, sheep and hogs, the showing in all three of these lines being of the best.

S. Metz & Sons, the well known importers and breeders of Percheron, Belgian and Shire stallions and mares, have four prize winning stallions on exhibit. These are a part of the carload which was rushed from Illinois by express. There was not room for the remainder to be shown.

Among the other exhibitors are the following:

Tom Thompson—One year old stallion.

Thompson Brothers—Mare and colt, mule and span of mules.

John Crow—Percheron stallion, young horse and mare.

Mack Foster—Span of mares with mule colts and span of young mares.

A. B. McEwen—Stallion, mare, colt.

Mrs. Anna B. Richards—Two young mares and two young horses.

Dan P. Smythe—Trotting bred stallion.

Chris Breeding—German coach stallion, three registered Percheron mares and a horse.

Bain Brothers—Mare and colt.

Mrs. H. T. Connell of Albee—Young mare.

Dr. J. A. Best—Colt.

W. H. Bitney—Colt.

J. F. Temple—Stallion and mare and colt.

G. B. Gillett—Mare and colt.

J. M. Swagart—Trotting bred stallion.

Ed Mauser—Trotting bred stallion.

J. H. Franklin, horse, mare and colt.

R. W. Case—Trotting bred stallion.

Cattle.

The exhibitors of cattle are:

The Riverside Avenue dairy—Grade Durham cow, Jersey cow and grade Durham bull calf.

L. S. Kidd—Hereford bull, cow and calf.

Cunningham Sheep & Livestock Co.—Red Polled calf.

Hogs.

A. L. Swaggart of Athena, is the chief exhibitor of hogs. He has 12 head of Poland China hogs which would be prize winners at any fair. Chief among these is a young sow, weighing 400 pounds and a boar, weighing about 550 pounds.

Morgan & Johnson, the Hermiston breeders of hogs, also have an exhibit of Berkshire pigs.

Sheep.

For the first time since the fair was inaugurated livestock breeders from the Willamette valley have animals on exhibit. Notable among these are the owners of the Webb farm, near Troutdale. They came up with an exhibit of 24 Lincoln bucks, most of them being April lambs. These are rapidly being sold, however.

The Cunningham Sheep & Land company also has an extensive sheep exhibit, consisting for the most part of their famous Ramboulette. They also have some Delaines.

The J. E. Smith Livestock company has the greatest variety of thoroughbred sheep on exhibit. In their pens are to be found Merinos, Delaines, Ramboulette and Shropshire Downs. They have both kinds of Delaines, horned and polled. In their Shropshire pen is a seven-month-old lamb weighing 140 pounds.

In the poultry coops are to be found

some of the finest chickens ever displayed at an eastern Oregon fair. The variety of chickens shown is great, while the number of birds is fully three times as large as last year.

The following is a list of the kinds of chickens:

Plymouth Rocks, both barred and white; brown, white and buff Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, Golden Seabright Bantams, Columbia Wyandottes, Black Minorcas, Blue Wyandottes, Brown Bantams, Japanese Bantams, Silver Spangled Hamburg, Buff Cochins Bantams, White Minorcas, Silver Wyandottes and Houdans.

There is also an exhibit of Guinea hens, several coops of ducks, some bronze turkeys, 75 pairs of pigeons, some China pheasants and one Golden pheasant.

NAVAL ACADEMY OPENS AT ANNAPOLIS TODAY

Annapolis, Md., Sept. 29.—Uncle Sam's naval academy is today a scene of bustle and activity, preparatory to the beginning of the academic term tomorrow. The new fourth class of midshipmen is almost a third smaller than customary, and the other classes are not quite up to the usual standard in numbers, so that the total enrollment is only about 800. The first class contains 177 midshipmen, while last year's graduating class numbered 201, the largest in the history of the institution. The second class will have 171 and the third class 255 members at the opening of the academy tomorrow.

This year's new class contains the usual number of sons or other relatives of naval officers. The first man in the class is Harold Dodd, son of Capt. A. W. Dodd, U. S. N., retired, who was appointed by the president, while second place was attained by H. G. Gates, Jr., of Michigan, son of Commander H. G. Gates, U. S. N. Gates is the youngest member of the class, barely qualifying for age.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AT OREGON UNIVERSITY.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Sept. 28.—The university will issue in a short time the second number of its bulletin on correspondence study courses. The correspondence work last year met with so encouraging a reception and the demand for it was so great that this department has been greatly strengthened and many new courses are being offered. It is believed that 3000 students will enroll for this work between now and the first of February.

VANCOUVER GETS STREET RAILWAY TO SUBURBS.

Portland, Sept. 29.—Vancouver, Wash., one of the old pioneer towns made famous by having General Grant and General Sherman located at the barracks there, is giving some of the newer towns a sample of civic enterprise. Not satisfied with putting down hard pavements, on last Saturday they celebrated the completion of an electric street railway system which reaches well into the suburbs.



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