

Borrowing a Lover.

This is an age of social progress. Genius, backed by a brilliant business talent, is about to take a stride into the next generation. When congress again sets whirling the wheels of Washington society a lover may be rented by the week or month.

This is victory, the triumph of money over age and time. The plan is simple. As an instance, a maiden lady of uncertain age, to whose side neither wealth nor the dressmaker's art is potent in attracting young men of desirable character, calls for her aid the photograph album of an Escort Bureau, soon graph album of an Escort Bureau, soon to be established, and selects a young man to suit her fancy. For the term of contract made with the bureau manager the young man is her absolute property. He becomes not only an escort to theaters, balls, receptions, private parties or anything within the range of human possibility, but at will acts as intimate friend, as beau or as lover. He is introduced as an old friend of the lady's family and is represented to be a person of elegant leisure.

To anxious mamma with marriageable daughters, to young ladies whose admirers are shy or bashful and to any person of the fair sex who desires to create a feeling of envy in the hearts of her lady friends, this automatic lover will prove an unalloyed joy. The watering place will lose half its doubts and fears when a lover can be hired for the season. Wall flowers in the ball room will be unknown and fashionable promenades will be thronged from noon until night. As the system comes more into operation, the sphere of usefulness will be so greatly enlarged that no first class city can do without one.

The industry represented by the proposed bureau offers employment to hundreds of young men who find ordinary business unremunerative or un congenial. That it will be fully appreciated by that class of persons there can be no doubt. It would seem at first glance that the escort bureau, with its unknown possibilities, would redeem from utter uselessness the large army of young men whose ambition rises no higher than their narrow-toed shoes and whose abilities reach the highest point when they succeed in living upon their fathers without recompense or work. In the first flush of expectation it is even hoped that something may be done with the cigarette-young man.

On second thought, however, it will be seen that the young men who make a success of the opportunities of the escort bureau must have education and more than usual intelligence and common sense. Before those barriers the cigarette youth and the young man who subsists on the end of a cane must go down into obscurity. With this chance gone the hope of making these two classes of young men useful vanishes, and the problem of their existences becomes as far from solution as ever.—[Philadelphia Times.]

What the Surveyor Said.

A surveyor was engaged by a township line in a new county in this State last fall, was engaged by a farmer to survey the line between his farm and that of a neighbor. They had a line fence, but had engaged in several disputes as to whether it was on the divide. The surveyor was making preparations when the owner of the other farm approached and inquired:

"What are you going to do now?"

"Find the exact line," was the reply.

"At this the man wheeled and went off on the gallop, and he was seen no more until the line had been run. The surveyor and the first named farmer had just completed the work when the other came up to within about ten feet of them and asked:

"Well, have you got through?"

"Yes, all through."

"And is the fence a foot on his farm?"

"No, he has two feet of yours, and the fence must be moved so that you can have it."

The man sprang up on a stump, faced a thicket about five rods away, and yelled out:

"You there—Reuben and James and Samuel! The survey is made and we are all right! You kin shoulder them and if you meet the old woman coming with the pitchfork, you kin tell her to turn back and get up a squar' dinner for the surveyor!"—[Detroit Free Press.]

Go Slow.

A prominent New York broker received a call the other day from a young man with the freckles and sunburn of the agricultural districts on his face, and without any beating around he plumply asked:

"Do you sell stocks?"

"Yes, sir."

"Have you any on hands now?"

"Plenty."

"Can I get hold of anything paying a dividend?"

"You can. Which do you prefer?—railroad or mining?"

"I guess I'll take railroad, as I'm used to riding on the cars."

"How much do you desire to invest in stocks?"

"Well, I'll take a couple of dollars worth to-day, and if I find it good thing I'll sell a colt I have and slap in as much as \$26."

He was recommended to buy a crockery goose and with his two dollars set it to hatch.—[Wall Street News.]

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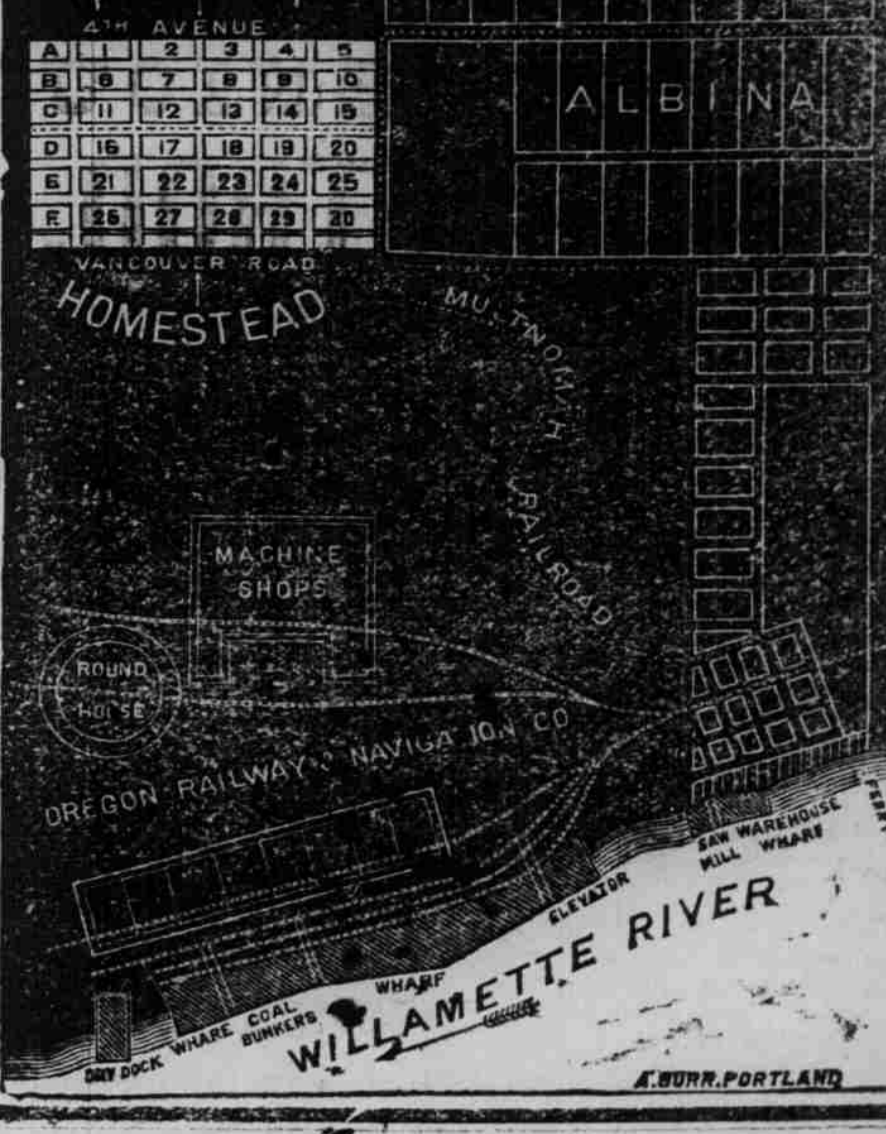
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