



A DAY IN ROME.

Story of Claudius and Virginia.
Prof. Horner's Lecture.

The ways of love are explicable, and the dignified Forum is not without its romance and consequent tragedy. Appius Crassus Claudius was a patrician that outrivalled Tarquinius Superbus in power and in anger toward the Plebeians. "Pride goeth before a fall and vanity before destruction." And Tarquinius Superbus went along with them as fast as his two awkward legs could carry him. The awkward squad preceded Claudius who followed in the procession as many have since done.

But Claudius was polite enough to secure election as Decemvir and subsequent re-election to that office. Yet with all his personal pride and polite sagacity, his heart was humbled one day in the presence of a Plebeian girl, Virginia by name, the daughter of Virginius the Centurian. In this paper I am saying much to you about the ladies to make up for what history has failed to say about your mothers. Caprice is from the Latin word Capra, goat. It refers to the unaccountable turns and moods of the goat. Just such caprices love was playing on the old Decemvir until he suffered from an unaccountable stroke of affection in the presence of the beautiful Virginia. Nor did the genius of the law and decency offer him any hope, for no Patrician might wed a Plebeian. So it appears that caste is sometimes with the haughty as with the humble.

Virginia had a lover, Icilius by name. Where was the Roman maiden who could endure the wooing of the Decemvir after she had already been won by another?

But the gods had been seeking the sacrifice of some beautiful victim that might rid Rome of a tyrant; and thus it came about.

One of the Decemvir's beneficiaries, Marcus Clandius, made oath that Virginia was not the daughter of Virginius, but that she was the daughter of a slave and had been stolen by the childless wife of the Centurian. An attempt on the part of the Decemvir to prevent the father from coming to the trial was foiled; but the father's evidence was of no avail in the presence of perjured testimony; and the judgment passed was that the father must give up the daughter to be a slave of Claudius the Decemvir. This was more than a father could endure. One way of escape and only one remained; but his daughter must be free. He asked the privilege of bidding farewell to his child; and then, placing his arm about her neck as if to kiss her a last "good-bye," with the other hand he plunged a dagger into her vitals. When she fell dead, he shouted, "This, my child, is the only way to keep you free."

The father with the betrothed lover and an uncle hurried to arouse the army, and under the popular passion the Decemviri were overthrown and Appius Claudius died in prison.

Where the blood coursed from the lifeless form of the beautiful Virginia, stands the base of a pure white marble column to commemorate a precious Roman sacrifice for a daughter's honor.

In America, is a Virginia in the constellation of stars. This star was named in honor of the Virgin Queen of England. The star is in a constellation that decorates the American eagle; and the American eagle looks like a reproduction of the Roman eagle in the new soil. Hence one star in our flag not unfittingly commemorates the sacred offering made by a father, a daughter and a lover in the olden days of Rome.

Will Make Start.

The agitation that has been

going on in the state during the past few months in regard to the growing of fine apples is arousing more interest than has been taken in this fruit for years heretofore.

One of the first men to make an experiment in this line is J. E. Jones of Cottage Grove, and concerning this the Nugget says: "Cottage Grove has just as good opportunities for fame as a fruit section as any point, Hood River not excepted, but as yet no orchard has been started on a large scale, so J. E. Jones, owning a large tract of land, partially within the city limits, has decided to make a test on a big scale. Mr. Jones has now 1250 Spitzenburg and Newtown Pippin apple trees en route, and has the holes all dug for these trees, and probably 500 more, which will cover 30 acres. Mr. Jones would put in more trees now, were it not for the difficulty of digging the holes and the scarcity of labor, but he expects inside of a year to have 100 acres all set out in apples. With Mr. Jones making such a start it will not be a difficult thing to get many other men who have good orchard room to do likewise.

What He Will Do.

Congressman-Elect Hawley on Open River.

In an interview Friday Congressman-Elect W. H. Hawley had the following to say to a party in Albany.

"My first efforts in congress," said Mr. Hawley, "will be directed toward the opening of the Oregon City locks and Coos Bay. I shall favor the purchase of the present locks at a reasonable price, provided government engineers, after thorough worth buying. In case they cannot be purchased I shall favor putting in a new system of locks on the opposite side of the river, which can be done in two different places. As to Coos Bay, I shall do what lies in my power to secure an appropriation for that harbor and to make that point a trans-continental railroad terminus. The best interests of the state lie in the establishment of another trans-continental terminus."

His attention being called to the relatively easy enter rise of making Yaquina a trans-continental terminus, the coming congressman admitted the feasibility of the proposition and gave assurance that he would strive for recognition of Yaquina harbor. He believes in dredging for Oregon ports and purposes to work for two dredgers to be kept in commission for the Oregon coast line. His first work, Mr. Hawley promises, shall be to try to break through at some points the Chinese wall that towers high around the Willamette valley casting its blighting shadow over a commerce that should have access to the high seas.

An OAC Girls Letter.

In the Salem Capital Journal last week appeared a letter written by an OAC girl to her parents at Glendale, describing the trip to Salem on the day OAC played football with Willamette. The writer is Miss Nina Wall, and she writes as follows:

"I went to Salem after all," she says, "and I saw more in one day than I had ever seen before in my life. Prof. and Mrs. Horner chaperoned our crowd and they took us to every place of interest in Salem. We arrived at Salem, Thursday morning, at 9:45. There were one hundred in our party and we went directly to the insane asylum.

Before entering we were cautioned to as they are nervous. We were then ushered into neat little parlor and soon one of the insane persons entered and did some comical stunts. We then started out to look over the building. Everything was snow-white and clean. The building is very large and there are about 1400 people in it. I shall never forget some of the faces I saw; some so pitiful; others mean and savage looking, and some had the most distracted look on their faces. The men are all in one building and the women in another, but the buildings are connected. Some of the people were laughing fit to kill and others were crying. I do believe that if I stayed in there two hours I would have been as bad myself as any of them, such an awful sight it was. Each ward has a dining room and the food is run from the kitchen in small cars to all the dining rooms. In the women's department the rooms were more elaborate than those in the [Continued on page 3]

COMING TO OREGON.

Easterners Headed for Coast.—
Development League Busy.

The Oregon Development League is paying out \$50 a week in postage stamps, answering the inquiries from Easterners concerning Oregon.

These inquiries are chiefly confined to four languages, and while those using English in their correspondence predominate, there are many Germans, Swedes and Poles writing for information, and all will be supplied.

The Oregon Development League has been doing some very extensive advertising throughout the Dakotas, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Indiana and Ohio. Naturally, the range of inquiries covers almost every part of the United States, but the great majority of them are coming from what is known as the "Middle West," that region which includes the Mississippi Valley and embraces all the territory between the Rockies and the Allegheny Mountains.

Every subject is touched upon in these communications, but those relative to dairying seem to be in the majority, and Oregon especially, it seems to be generally understood that in this particular section the dairymen has green pasture the year around.

Cost of living expenses is asked in many letters, climatic conditions form the chief note of others. There are others who want to engage in bee-keeping, others who want to raise poultry. Angora goats, cattle and sheep all receive their share of attention. Fruit growing is, of course, a subject of special prominence in many letters, but remarkable as it may appear, while a majority of the letters come from wheat growing districts, very few, if any of the writers, ask regarding this important cereal.

The Oregon Development League, through its central office at Portland, has placed in the hands of the sixty-two organizations forming its membership, an opportunity to get directly in touch with people already enough interested in Oregon to have written letters asking about the "Beaver State," and this opportunity should be improved by each and every community, for when a farmer's interest in any portion of the country is sufficient inducement for him to write a letter it shows he is pretty much in earnest. He should not be allowed to forget Oregon and its special advantages until he becomes a resident of this state. It is during the winter months that the farmers of the entire Mississippi Valley, and especially the section represented in the states mentioned above, do their greatest amount of reading, and they ought to be given a chance to learn all about this state. The foundation of an active campaign by any commercial body is first of all to determine who shall be written to for best results. This question is answered amply by the lists furnished by the Oregon Development League. Never was so splendid and economical an opportunity presented before for every community to advance its interests.

Prof. Horner's Rib.

Prof. Horner tells a good story on himself that is being widely circulated. When visiting the catacombs during his trip abroad last summer, Prof. Horner longed to secure a bone to bring home as a souvenir, and watching his chance when a guard was not looking the OAC man picked up a bone, put it under his coat and managed to get away with it. Whether it was a rib or a joint of a big toe does not matter.

All went well until recently the professor had a dream, and in that dream he went to heaven. As he walked the pearly streets a strange individual approached, and slapping Prof. Horner on the shoulder said, "Hello, Jack Horner! What have you done with the bone out of my frame which you swiped in the catacombs?"

Whether the OAC man had an answer ready or not is not stated, but the dream has haunted him so persistently that he declares his intention of returning to the catacombs next year and replacing the stolen rib.

In Columbus Now.

Corvallis Man Writes of What He Has Seen.

Henry Stone of this city, who has been in Ohio visiting relatives for the past two months, writes the Gazette from Columbus, Ohio, and for the benefit of his friends the letter is here given in full. Mr. Stone says:

"I thought a line from here might interest some of your readers. Columbus is a manufacturing city with a population of 203,000, and as you know it is the capital of the state. There are many negroes and Italians here.

"I must tell you of a visit I made to a rock crusher that crushes lime rock. They work 450 men and crush thousands of tons a day. This rock is shipped all over the United States and is used for railroad and other purposes. It would take too much space to give all the details of this work.

"I visited the asylum. There are 1830 inmates, and the institution is conducted about the same as the Oregon asylum and the Oregon building is equal to the one here. Everything is kept in fine shape. I also went to the penitentiary, and attended church there. There were 1560 of the convicts attended services, among them the notable Mrs. Cassie Chidwick, who swindled so many bankers. The Ohio penitentiary has 1551 inmates, 46 of whom are females. Many articles in general use among Oregonians are manufactured at the Ohio penitentiary.

"Now I must tell the Oregonians that I haven't seen any cold weather here yet; so far it has been about the same as we have in Oregon, with the regular old Oregon mist.

"I haven't missed a meal since I have been here as my health is all that I could ask. I expect to go to Iowa the 2d of January, and there I expect to meet some cold weather. I must say that Oregon prunes are out of the market here, as there are plenty of California prunes for 10 cents per pound, 50 to 60's. We have a better variety of apples. I notice apples in market here that we would hardly use in Oregon for cider. Prices are about the same as in Oregon. Corn is the main thing here, and hogs. The latter are 6 1/4; corn 40 to 45 cents per bushel; potatoes 80 cents a sack; eggs 30 to 35 cents a dozen; butter 25 to 30 cents a pound; timothy hay is \$15 a ton and that is about the only kind grown. I must close now, wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

Big Graft In It.

There's oceans of graft in the systematic, secret attempt being made to unload the old, antiquated, undersized west side locks on the government for the gigantic sum of \$1,000,000. This, at least, is the opinion of many leading citizens of Oregon City expressed at the board of trade, says the Oregon City Enterprise.

Senators and congressman will be required to show their hands, and no deal like that will be allowed to go through without an accounting.

One million for locks so small and antiquated that boats have to be built expressly so they can get through, when for half that sum can be built on the East side new locks of the latest approved pattern, according to plans and recommendations of U. S. Government engineers, and large enough to accommodate all river crafts, free and independent of all corporate control.

It was the sense of the meeting that the best interest of the entire valley will be subserved by building new locks, and the board is unalterably opposed to the purchase of the old ones.

LETTER LIST.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Corvallis postoffice, for the week ending Dec. 15, 1906: C. E. Cox, Chas. Harding, Dr. Whitman, care of M. M. Cooley.

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