

Gallant Little Hale Robbins

By Charles Adams.

MASTER HALE ROBBINS has nearly recovered from the wounds received last August in his remarkable battle with two white-headed eagles, accounts of which were published at the time in several Maine newspapers. But it makes one's heart ache to see the scars on the little fellow—great, blue, livid scars that go to the bone; eight on his face and scalp, eleven on his right arm and shoulder, six on the other arm, three down his back and several others—over 30 in all! This lad of ten is indeed "a battle-scarred veteran!" Some of these scars he will carry to his grave—eloquent evidence of the pluck with which he fought the big birds of prey. But thanks to the boy's courage, his little sister Lois, in whose defense he made the fight, has but one light scar upon her cheek. The two or three red marks still visible on her hand and wrist, when contrasted with his wounds, show plainly how Hale took the aggressive and bore the brunt of the battle. The fight was fought to a finish. It was nearly an hour after the eagles first swooped down that a last lucky blow of the corn-cutter brought the big female to the ground.

A local taxidermist has mounted this eagle, and no ornithological collection within my knowledge possesses a more savage-looking specimen of *Haliaeetus leucocapillus*. The wings, from tip to tip, spread fully six feet six inches.

The assault was not wholly unprovoked, although the children were not to blame for it. By ill luck the birds had just been disturbed by the fall of one of their young from the nest in the great elm tree.

The Robbins live in a clearing on the St. Croix river, in eastern Maine. From their house to the district school the road is a long one for little six-year-old Lois Robbins, and for a mile and a half or more it traverses the forest. But up to the morning of the encounter the child had not missed a day of the summer term.

Hale had been his sister's trusty guardian ever since she was large enough to toddle out-of-doors, and the child needed a protector there, for it is a rather wild sort of country, not wholly free from wild animals. The boy appears to have had no uncertain or wavering sense of his fraternal responsibility. Ever since he was seven years old he had undertaken "never to come home without little sister."

That morning they set off for school just before eight o'clock. In addition to their dinner-pail and two books, they carried a light woven bushel basket and an old bush-hook, or corn-cutter, as they called it, because their father sometimes used it for cutting rows of sweet corn in the garden. This tool consisted of about 15 inches out from the point of a worn-out hay-seythe, so inserted in a rude wooden handle that blade and handle stood at right angles with each other.

Gradually Hale had asked her to stop on his way home from school at a swale near the run, and cut a quantity of thoroughwort and snake-head, two herbs much prized by the old woman, which were then in flower, fit for gathering. The basket and cutting-hook were for this purpose, but the children were told not to take them to the schoolhouse, but to leave them at "Indian Jake's shanty," just beyond the swale. The Indian is their nearest neighbor, but at the time he happened to be away from home, guiding tourists at the lakes.

The eagle's nest was an object of constant interest to Hale, who often stopped to watch the birds come and go from the elm tree, which stands on a bluff overlooking the river.

As the children came along that morning little Lois espied one of the eagles flying heavily to the tree, bearing a fish in its talons, taken perhaps from some fish-hawk on the neighboring lake. "Oh, look!" the child exclaimed, dropping the handle of the basket and pointing with her finger. "There's the old eagle going to the nest, and it's got a great thing in its feet!"

"It is going to feed the young ones," said Hale. "Now hark and you'll hear 'em scream!"

The eagle bore the fish to the big nest in the tree-top, and immediately the peculiar whistling cries of the young were heard.

"Oh, I hear 'em squeam!" cried Lois. "Don't they squeam high?"

It was a large fish, and perhaps life was not wholly extinct in it; when torn by the young beaks and talons it may have given a spasmodic flop. This was probably the reason that one of the small birds was dislodged from its place in the nest and fell. An instant later it caught by its talons on a small, low limb of the tree and hung there, swinging and screaming.

"One of 'em has tumbled out!" cried Hale and, boylike, he ran forward, followed by little Lois, both much excited; for the young bird was not more than 20 from the ground. Unable to fly as yet, it clung to the

limb with its feet, flopping clumsily. Meantime the parent eagle, after peering down from the nest, swooped past it, then rose. Another smaller eagle, too, the male bird, probably, appeared on the scene and sailed around the tree.

The eagle's screams excited the children greatly, and they approached nearer, to get a better view. Several times the parent bird swooped close beside the suspended eagle and rose as if to bear it aloft; but the youngster clung obstinately and screamed

continuously, while little Lois cried aloud, from sympathy or excitement. The noise seemed to rouse the ire of the old bird and it swooped close to the heads of the children, snapping a wrathful, yellow beak, and uttering short, hoarse screams.

It came very close, flapping its great wings, and its savage eyes were so terrifying that Lois turned crying and ran back to where they had set down the bushel basket; but Hale caught up a stone and flung it high at the bird, shouting: "Keep off, old snapper-bill!"

Immediately the eagle swooped again, so near that its talons clutched the straw hat on the boy's head and one pinion brushed his face. Thereupon he seized a dry hemlock bough and, facing the bird, which rose no more than 30 or 40 feet in the air, struck at it as it swooped a third time. But the eagle descended with such force that Hale was knocked over; and this time one of its talons tore the brush from his hands, lacerating his right wrist.

Screaming fiercely, the bird rose, carrying the dry bough high in the air, while the boy, alarmed and hurt, ran backward to where little Lois stood. The other eagle swooped toward the children, but not close enough to strike with its claws.

Lois was now crying loudly and looking for some place to hide herself, but on the burnt land there is little cover.

While the female eagle was hovering above them, still holding the dry bough, the lad remembered the corn-cutter which was in the bushel basket along with the school-books and lunch-basket. He flourished it defiantly, shouting: "I'll cut your head off, old eagle!" and the morning sun may have cast a glint upward from the blade; for the female eagle, dropping the bough, swooped again more savagely than before.

If the boy had wavered, it would probably have proved fatal to one or both of the children. But Hale cried: "Stop that crying, Lo, and put the bushel basket over your head!" Bare-headed and bleeding himself, he gallantly faced the hovering bird and brandished the corn-cutter. Down it swooped on him again; but the little fellow, learning from experience, dodged aside and struck at the eagle's foot past. He hit it with the point of the blade, and felt the sudden joy of striking home for the first time.

Enraged, the bird turned short in the air, screaming wildly, and dashed at him again. This time it fixed a talon in his back, knocking him off his feet, and dragging him till his clothing gave way. He fell hard upon some small loose stones, and for an instant lay prostrate—so frightening little Lois that she ran toward him, partly raising the basket off her head. One of the eagles swooped at the same moment, struck its claws into the basket, tearing it away, and wounding the child's face.

Her shriek of pain brought the dazed boy to his feet; but before he could strike, the eagle swooped again with great force. One claw buried itself in his upraised arm, and again he was dragged violently from his feet. The eagle, holding fast, with an angry scream, beat him hard with its wings, then sunk its hooked beak in his cheek.

Boy and bird fell and rolled over on the ground; but the boy grasped the bird's neck, and with his wounded arm dealt such blows as he could, and tore out handfuls of feathers until the eagle, struggling free from his grasp, rose a few feet. The relief was only for an instant, for the bird pounced down on him again, and yet again. The lad was thrown on his back, but kept on fighting, striking and kicking upward with both feet. The eagle, clutching his foot with its talons, dragged him for a number of yards, beating him terribly with its wings.

The blood was pouring down Hale's face and he could hardly see; but whenever he discerned the shadow of the bird and felt the wind of its swoop, he kicked upward and struck out with the bush-hook. Cuts on the eagle's legs and head show that some of these desperate, random blows were effective. Again and again the eagle fell upon him. Had the male bird proved itself as fierce as its mate, neither of the children could have escaped.

At length the eagle alighted on the ground near by. It was much hurt and could no longer keep the air; but it still strutted unsteadily forward to renew the attack, screaming vindictively. Weak from loss of blood, Hale could with difficulty get to his feet; but he used the corn-cutter as often as the bird approached within reach. After this manner they fought for an hour, when the eagle beat a retreat, itself hardly able to walk, and fly away. The other bird followed back to the nest.

Calling Lois to him and

hand, the lad now attempted to get up and go home with her, but found that he could not stand alone. Lois, who was not so badly hurt herself, was frightened at the terrible appearance of her brother, and at the strange way in which he kept falling down. She left him at length, and, running all the way home, told mother that the eagles had picked Hale's eyes out—for Lois thought that he was blind.

Mrs. Robbins rushed to the place and found Hale sitting very soberly on a stone, a dreadful little object, not blind indeed, but very weak and hardly able to move on account of the stiffening of his wounds. His mother was obliged to carry him much of the way home.

The doctor, who was sent for and saw the boy late the following evening, found it necessary in dressing his wounds to take not less than 30 stitches.

Mr. Robbins, the father, found the female eagle the next day, "mumping" in a fir thicket near the river; it was too nearly dead to offer much resistance.—Youth's Companion.

GET SEASICK IN A HOUSE.

Peculiar Effect of Attempts to Walk in Storm-Beaten Buildings—Floors Were Solid, Too.

At a recent meeting of the Women's Literary club of Baltimore Mrs. Charles C. Morgan read a paper in which she cited a peculiar but well-authenticated fact concerning some storm-beaten houses on Cobb's island, off the eastern coast of Virginia. The houses were eventually washed away by the encroachments of the sea, but for a long time they were firmly imbedded in the sand at such an angle that the wanderer could walk in the second story windows from the bluff, while the floors all slanted at an acute degree.

There was not the slightest danger attendant upon walking up or down these floors, yet no one was ever found who could traverse their length without becoming seasick. Experienced sailors, who knew no qualms in midocean, turned faint and giddy on trying to walk these perfectly steady planks. To all the neighborhood the buildings were known as the "seasick houses," and that the seasickness was not due to imagination was proved by persons who never had heard of the tradition experiencing the same unpleasant results.

Mrs. Morgan, who resided on the mainland near by, concluded her account of the houses by saying that a small dog belonging to her husband which followed that gentleman "foot to foot," as the negroes term it, never could be induced to follow his master across the mysterious thresholds, be the command ever so peremptory or the inducement ever so strong.

MRS. PYMACHER'S PIE.

Here's an Idyll of the New York Stock Exchange—Speculators Appreciated Toothsome Dainties.

Pymacher was a telegrapher employed by the stock exchange firm in which John W. Gates is a special partner, says everybody's Magazine. Pymacher brought for his lunch a noble pie, a composition of Mrs. Pymacher's. The manager of the office tasted that pie, found it good, and gobbled it. Such

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, her final account as administrator of the estate of Lida Frey, deceased, dated this 3d day of April, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of a 1d day has been fixed by said court as a time, when said report shall be considered in said court, and objections thereto heard, and settlement made.

MARGARET FREY, Administrator DeBonis Non of the estate of Lida Frey, deceased. Dated this 3d day of March, 1904. 80-84*

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are the notions of property in the street. "Is there any more where that came from?" asked the manager, a man of delicate tooth. "There is more," said Pymacher, "and better, if possible." "It is not possible," said the manager. He told all the Chicago capitalists, who came to that office. He made their mouths water. The next day Pymacher brought in a lemon pie, an iridescent dream, a tender flower. Half a dozen millionaires ate of it, with tears of joy and thanksgiving. "What shall we do for Mrs. Pymacher? Shall we build her a monument?" "Buy her a hundred shares of Northern Pacific," says Gates. So they bought her 100 shares at 113 3/4. sold it at 135. The next day came the corner, and a share of Northern Pacific was worth \$1,000. But Mr. Gates had showed his eagerness to reward a supreme artist. If old Rembrandt were alive "the Gates crowd" would "let him in" on the best thing it had.

Notice of Final Account.

In the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon. In the matter of the estate of Mock Foo, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the administrator of the estate of Mock Foo, deceased has filed his final account in the above entitled matter and that said account will come up for hearing on the 23d day of May, 1904, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon. Any person interested in said estate may file objections to said account on or before said time.

This notice is published in pursuance of an order made and entered in said matter on the 2d day of March, 1904. J. P. WILLIAMS, Administrator. 80-84*

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

(Isolated Tract.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by act of congress approved February 26, 1905, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 8th day of April next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at this office the following tract of land, to-wit:

Sec. 15, tp. 3 s. 8 r. 28 e. W. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

E. W. DAVIS, Register. A. A. ROBERTS, Receiver. United States Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, February 17, 1904. 80-85

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Public Land Sale (Isolated Tract.)

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Sec. 15, tp. 3 s. 15, sw. 1/4 sec. 22, sw. 1/4 sec. 23, sw. 1/4 sec. 27, t. 3 s. 8 r. 28 e. W. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

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Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, February 15, 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892

CHARLES GRIGGS, of Princeton, county of Latah, state of Idaho, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2994 for the purchase of the 1/2 sec. 14, tp. 5 s. 27 e. W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at this office at LaGrande, Oregon, on Thursday, the 28th day of April, 1904.

He names as witnesses: John Zollinger, Adw Wier, of Heppner, Oregon, and Otis A. Turnbow and Charles W. Sanderson, of Palouse, Washington.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 28th day of April, 1904.

79-88 E. W. DAVIS, Register.

Notice.

United States Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, February 16, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that C. A. Minor, whose postoffice address is Heppner, Oregon, did on the 17th day of October, 1901, make application to the act of June 4, 1907, (20 Stat. 36) the following described tract: sec. 3, sw. 1/4 sec. 23, sw. 1/4 sec. 27 and nw. 1/4 sec. 25 tp. 3 s. 8 r. 27 e. W. M.

He names as witnesses of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the selected lands under the mining laws, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objections to such selections with the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at LaGrande, Oregon, within 30 days after the first publication hereof, so as to establish their interests therein or the mineral character thereof. First publication Feb. 15, 1904. E. W. DAVIS, Register. 79-84

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, dated January 29, 1904, in a certain action in the Justice's Court of the Sixth District of said County wherein W. L. Mallory as plaintiff recovered judgment against Harrison Cummings for the sum of Eighty-three and 29/100 dollars and the further sum of sixty-five and 14/100 dollars and costs and disbursements taxed at nine and 75/100 dollars on the 20th day of October, 1902, as appears by the transcript of the judgment and before said Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow and which judgment was docketed in the office of the Clerk of said Circuit Court in said County on the 28th day of October, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 26th day of March, 1904, at the front door of the Court House of said County at 10 o'clock, a. m., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit: North half of southwest quarter, southwest quarter of southwest quarter section 28, northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 33, north half of south half and southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 19, south half of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 20 all in township five south range 25 e. W. M., in Morrow County, Oregon.

Taken and levied upon as the property of the said Harrison Cummings or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of W. L. Mallory against said Harrison Cummings with interest thereon together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue. E. M. SHUTT, Sheriff. Dated February 25, 1904. 79-83

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County.

M. Lichtenthal, Plaintiff,

vs. J. P. Williams, as administrator of the estates of Hermine Abrahamsick, deceased, and of Antone Abrahamsick, deceased, Elsie Meyers, William Berger, Johanna Abrahamsick, and Antone Abrahamsick, heirs at law of Hermine Abrahamsick and Antone Abrahamsick, Defendants.

To Elsie Meyers, William Berger, Johanna Abrahamsick and Antone Abrahamsick of the above named defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you will take notice that you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer in the above entitled court and cause, on or before Thursday the 10th day of March, 1904, said date being six weeks from January 28th, 1904, the date prescribed in the order for the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to do so, the State of Oregon, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit:

For judgment against the defendant, J. P. Williams, as administrator of the estates of Hermine Abrahamsick, deceased, and of Antone Abrahamsick, deceased, in the sum of \$150.00 and interest on said sum from October 3d, 1902, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and the further sum of \$25.00 attorneys fees, costs and disbursements of this suit, and for a decree foreclosing a certain mortgage made and executed by said Hermine Abrahamsick and Antone Abrahamsick, both deceased, on the 3d day of October, 1902, to plaintiff, upon the following described premises, to-wit: Lots one, two and three, in block one in Jones second addition to the town of Heppner, Oregon, and that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount found to be due plaintiff upon said mortgage, and for such other relief as may be equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of the Hon. W. R. Ellis, Judge of the 6th Judicial District of Oregon, which order is dated at Chambers at Pendleton, Oregon, on the 26th day of January, 1904, and prescribes that the first publication of this summons shall be made on the 25th day of January, 1904, and the last publication thereof on the 10th day of March, 1904.

G. W. PHELPS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Morrow County.

In the matter of the estate of S. C. Farmer, deceased.

To Sarah White, Frank Robinson, Eva Robinson, heirs of S. C. Farmer, deceased, and to all others, unknown, if such there be, greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, at the court room thereof, at Heppner, in the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, on Saturday, the 12th day of March, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any exist, why an order should not be made by the above entitled Court authorizing H. A. Yocum, as administrator of the estate of S. C. Farmer, deceased, to sell all of the following described real property, to-wit:

South half of the southwest quarter of section 24, in T. 1 S., R. 25 E., W. M., save and except the right of way of the O. R. & N. Co. across same, same being all of the real property belonging to said estate.

Witness, the Hon. T. W. Ayers, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Morrow, with the seal of said court affixed this 8th day of February, A. D. 1904.

[SEAL] Attest: VAWTER CRAWFORD, Clerk.

By W. L. SMITH, Deputy. 77-81

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Morrow County.

In the matter of the estate of Lilly Hamilton, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of an order of sale made on the 24th day of February, 1904, by the above named court, directing me as administrator of the estate of Lilly Hamilton, deceased, to sell the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot number nine, in block number two, in Preston Looney's addition to the Town of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, I will on Saturday, the 12th day of March, 1904, at the front door of the County Court House, Heppner, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand all of said above described real property, subject to confirmation by said court.

LUTHER E. SMITH, Administrator. 77-81

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Public Land Sale (Isolated Tract.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by act of congress approved February 26, 1905, we will proceed to offer at public sale at this office, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on April 12, 1904, the following tract of land, to-wit:

1/2 of sec. 11, tp. 11 s. 8, range 25 e. W. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register. 78-83 ANNE M. LANG, Receiver.

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Or., Feb. 15, 1904.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Mariah Church, deceased has filed with the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, his final report as administrator of said estate, and that Friday, the 11th day of March, 1904, at the County Court room, in Heppner, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and for the settlement thereof.

E. S. JACKSON, Administrator. Dated this 5th day of February, 1904. 77-81

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 4, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on Wednesday, March 30, 1904, viz:

EMIL C. T. GROTKOPP, of Heppner, Oregon, H. E. No. 8090, for the sec. 14, nw. 1/4, sec. 23, and nw. 1/4, sec. 24, tp. 3 s. 8, range 25 e. W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Norman A. Kelly, Smith P. Devins, Frank Root, and Andrew Root, all of Heppner, Oregon.

77-82 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. (Isolated Tract.)

PUBLIC LAND SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by act of congress approved February 26, 1905, we will proceed to offer at public sale at this office, on the 23d day of March, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., the following tract of land to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4 of section 7, tp. 2 south, range 26, East, Willamette Meridian.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register. 77-82 ANNE M. LANG, Receiver.

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Or., Feb. 5, 1904.