



"And it isn't necessary that you should," put in Mrs. Bowers. "Come along, my good girl. He is not a fit acquaintance for you."

She dragged the younger woman away, and gave her no chance to reply. Lawrence, half crazed at being thus interrupted, was following them when a hand was laid upon his shoulder, and as he turned about, the policeman who had directed him to Murray street stood before him.

"Look here, young fellow," said he, "I saw you young woman give you something, and that's enough for you, see? Don't you follow her no more."

Drane couldn't abide the idea of another incarceration, and he obeyed the policeman's instructions, with wrath in his soul. And yet, when he cooled down a bit, he perceived that his condition had been ameliorated to the extent of one silver dollar, a consideration by no means to be overlooked. He had never till that moment realized the value of money. In the blessed thought he could at last buy something like



WELCOME BELLY.

square meal he forgot even the means by which the money had been obtained. Food was his one great need. There was none in sight. Away to the left was the elevated railroad. He knew that it would take him down town where eating houses would be plenty, and he hurried to a station.

An L-train at ten miles an hour is not rapid transit to a man who has not dined for two days. Before he reached the City Hall station Drane fully realized how badly New York needed another and a quicker system. Electricity in a moment of excitement would have been the proper thing to keep pace with his impatience. However, the journey ended before the tissues of his body had wholly wasted away; and two minutes later he was seated at a restaurant table and had ordered just seventy cents' worth of food. Nothing, from fish-balls to terrapin, had ever tasted so good to him as that soup.

"If I ever meet a hungry beggar again," thought he, when the food had begun to take effect, "I'll treat him to a ten-cent dinner."

The world took on a different aspect as he ate. He felt sure that every thing would come out right. His acquaintance as Murray street would gladly help him out of his predicament, and he would laugh at his strange experience. With a tight waist band and ninety-five cents in his pocket, he was a rich man again as he strolled up to the desk to pay his check. Just there temptation seized upon him. He wanted to smoke. It seemed as if his longing for food had been feeble to his present craving for just one fragrant whiff of tobacco.

"How much are those cigars?" he asked, indicating some which the man in the desk had just spread before a customer.

"Fifteen cents—two for a quarter," was the reply.

Drane reflected that a man so poor as he was could not afford to pay fifteen cents for a cigar when he could get it for twelve and a half by simply purchasing two. Overcome by this unassailable arithmetic, he in another moment was enjoying one of the weeds for which New York is justly infamous to such a degree as he had never enjoyed a good one in his life. But he was penniless again.

He crossed City Hall Park with a firm step, and his head in the air. His wings were floating away in smoke; his hopes were high. He walked down Murray street and quickly found the number he sought. The name Richard H. Billings, in white letters on a window of the lower story, set all doubts at rest, and indeed, the man himself sat at a desk in plain view from the sidewalk. Lawrence identified him at once from description, and he felt that he was saved.

Mr. Billings, however, was engaged in earnest conversation, and Lawrence, after staring at him a minute through the window, decided to walk around the block and give him a chance to finish his business. When he had completed the circuit Mr. Billings was no longer in sight. The rolling top of the desk was closed, and when Drane noted that fact his heart stood still. He hurried into the office.

"Mr. Billings has just left for the Grand Central depot," said an office boy. "He is going on to Boston to-night. If you hurry up there you can catch him. Have you got a message for him?"

"Not I wish to see him personally," "Go on," said the boy, "you want to strike him for the price of a beer?"

Drane could no longer wait to remove the youth for his impudence. He was in too much of a hurry to get to the depot. He learned that the train which Mr. Billings was to take left at six o'clock. It was a "Don half-past five."

When he had reached the street he reflected that it would be necessary to know where the Grand Central depot was, before going there. He had supposed that it was "central" it must be hand, and he learned with

with a concertina accompaniment, fortissimo, which passed from one key to another like a gentleman struggling with a series of epileptic fits. Several persons near the door escaped, and others were on the point of following their example. Drane kept his tune and his temper for about a minute, and then, turning suddenly, he kicked Billy's concertina clear to the roof of the cabin and fled in disgust before it came down.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

**THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.**  
News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Observer.)

Sheriff Plummer has six steady boarders.

E. S. Cattron has purchased the railroad warehouse at Monmouth.

Hops are being rapidly sold here now. People are tired of waiting for a good price.

Some two or three years ago, George White fell off a car. He is now suffering from some injury he received from the fall.—Rickreall Cor.

Hon. A. R. Lyle left Monday for his bunch grass ranch, after purchasing several head of Webfoot cattle. Mr. Fred McCarter accompanied Mr. Lyle to his ranch, where he will remain for some time.

By next Saturday night, the work of changing rails from small to large between Sheridan and Dundee will be completed, and then all but about twenty of the men engaged will be discharged. The remaining twenty men will gather up all the old Narrow Gauge rails and bring them to the "Y" at Sheridan Junction, where they will be stored until disposed of. The new track will be a credit to the country, and we trust that ere many moons the same improvement will be made between Sheridan Junction and Airlie.

(Itemizer.)

Grandma Gilliam, who has been sick all summer, is now very low.

Rev. F. Dillard Holman is pastor of the Christian church over at Lebanon.

At Ronco's Peedee lumber mill last week a vicious saw clipped off a thumb for B. F. Zumwalt.

Henry Brown lost a fine team by drowning at the Smith ford down the Rickreall last Saturday.

The new officials of the Eastern Star lodge in Dallas are to be Mrs. J. H. Townsend, Mrs. Ed Biddle, Mrs. A. B. Muir, Mrs. J. J. Wise-man, Miss Nora Craven and Miss Inez Vaughn.

Rev. L. W. Morrison, who went from Dallas to preach over in the Tillamook country for a year, writes to us that he is well pleased with his surroundings and he thinks there is a grand outcome for that region.

On Monday 150 head of two-year-old cattle were brought from Marion county and delivered to A. R. Lyle at Derry. They were driven to Portland, and then shipped to The Dalles, and then driven out to his Hay creek ranch.

**SINGLE-TAX VS WEALTH.**  
The Largest Liberty Consistent with Equal Justice to All.

The Essence of Freedom is the Control of the Fruits of One's Own Labor.

There is, it appears to me, a very hazy conception of the proper functions of government in the minds of many estimable citizens. The "bloated banker" being considered an evil, it is assumed that government ought to "get at him" by means of the taxing power in some way or other not yet discovered by men. It is forgotten that an intelligent use of the ballot might inaugurate a system of government depositaries, by means of which the profits now going to private bankers might be diverted into the public till, and bank failures avoided. In like manner the millions now made by railroad extortion, wrecking of railroads, etc., might be kept in the rightful owners' pockets, were the government put in possession of these monopolies. But to allow millions to accumulate in private hands by possession of various monopolies, and then attempt to tax away these millions, is as though we should, by improper drainage, allow an immense lake to accumulate, and then endeavor to lade it dry with pitchforks. It is singular, too, how little notice is taken of "the robber who takes all that is left," while all sorts of schemes are in vogue for the taxing of the rich on the money they are supposed to possess. But a little investigation will discover the fact that nature has provided a tax fund amply sufficient for the most extended governmental purposes, so that such natural monopolies as railroads, telegraphs, etc., may be run by the government at cost, no revenue being needed from these sources. When Wm. Loyd Garrison Jr. was first convinced of the soundness of the single-tax theory he wrote to Henry George that he did not believe it a panacea for all social ills. "No, do I," replied Mr. George, "but I believe freedom is." And single-taxers know that there can be no freedom until equal freedom in the use of the earth is secured, and that the single tax will secure this latter. Says the St. Louis Courier: "The essence of freedom is self-ownership, and that is manifested in the control of the fruits of one's own labor. Hence the essence of slavery is the lack of self-ownership, and one is a slave to the extent that he is not free to produce, and free to exchange his products. This basis of property rights socialism denies, while upon it the single-taxer bases his argument."

What is necessary is first to free labor before we engage in schemes of national co-operation, which will naturally follow as soon as the way is prepared for them. It is becoming more and more fashionable to howl against the user as the arch-enemy of the race, and in this we are not a whit more reasonable than are Jew-baiting Russians; for while the eager demand for money and whiskey exists, restrictive laws will fail to prevent people from paying the market price for both.

We must begin at the bottom and free the land, the storehouse of all the supplies man needs to satisfy his many wants. Given free access to unused lands, the glut in the labor market would be at once relieved and the effect of the stimulus felt through all branches of industry. I have, for instance, some talent in the line of gardening and horticulture, and if I can find a piece of unused land within easy reach of the city I can make an excellent living on a very small area. But now if I start out to hunt for such land I find a rapacious owner, with speculation in his eye, who, if he lets me have it at all, will demand such a rent as will leave me nothing for myself, and I conclude I had better drift back to town and compete with my fellows for a chance to work for a master by the day. Whoever doubts that free land would relieve the surplus of competing laborers, or be taken advantage of by them, will do well to consider the rush to Oklahoma, etc.

**Wanted.**—To trade two nicely situated lots in a suburb of Portland for a house and lot in Independence. Call at the ENTERPRISE office for particulars.

An apple buyer from Dayton has been purchasing apples in the Northern part of this county, paying 25 cents per bushel.

Sam Elliott is guarding the four prisoners in the county jail, nights Sheriff Plummer does not propose to let them slip from his clutches again.

J. W. Crider and W. L. Wells have formed a partnership under the name of Crider & Wells, for the purpose of engaging in the packing business. They will open out December 10th.

Socially speaking, the chrysalis themum fair was a decided hit; financially, it was not to be sneezed at. City hall never looked lovelier. Four booths representing spring, summer, autumn and winter, each decorated in the garb of the season it represented, and the room filled with 91 different varieties of the flowers indicated in the name of the fair, gave the room an appearance suggestive that paradise had been regained with all of its loveliness. A good crowd was present to enjoy the occasion.

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