



When he reached the bow of the boat she was just making a landing, and in another minute the gates were opened and he walked ashore. He lingered a moment in the ferry-house with the idea of apologizing to Billy and pleading temporary insanity, but that individual did not appear. The crowd surged off the ferry-boat, and hurried by Drane. One lady evidently recognized him, for he heard her say to her escort: "Poor fellow, his voice must have been wonderful before he ruined it by drink."

Riddled by this double-barreled insult, Drane hung his head made off up street, which was parallel with the Pennsylvania tracks for a few blocks. At the first crossing he turned to the right and passed over the confusion of rails at the imminent risk of his life. There is no more dangerous place on the face of the earth, but Drane was in a condition of mind where collision with a shifting engine would have been a relief to his feelings.

A freight train was being made up on a side track, and Drane crawled along in the shadow of it till he came to a car which looked as if it might be entered. He was on the point of trying it, when a figure appeared from the shadows. Drane was about to run, but perceiving that the other man had a similar intention, he understood the case at once.

"Hold on," said he, "I won't hurt you. I'm looking for a free ride on this train, and so are you. Isn't that so?"

"You've called it, boss," said the fellow, "that's my game."

"Well, I'm in with you," returned Drane. "You know more about this business than I do. What shall we do?"

The tramp answered by deeds, not words. He tried open the door of the car and crawled in. Drane followed. The car appeared to be freighted with pig-iron or some other heavy substance of which very little made a load, for there was plenty of room. Drane and his companion found the most comfortable place they could in the darkness. To the former's great relief the train soon started and ran with no stop for nearly an hour. Then there came a halt. Presently Drane heard a man step just outside the door by which they had entered.

"Jimmy," said a voice, "somebody's been getting into this car."

"Thunder and turf," whispered the tramp, "we're in for it now. They'll send us up. There's just one chance for us. You stand on one side of the door and I'll stand on the other. When they climb in we'll make a break."

That was exactly what they did; and as Drane happened to jump out directly upon the head of the brakeman on guard, they escaped.

In the lee of a fence, a few minutes later, Drane was joined by his late acquaintance, whom he had outrun with ease. Two or three others struggled up immediately after.

"They've cleaned all the boys off the train," the tramp explained. "We're hung up here for sure."

There was a hasty consultation, and from it Drane learned that they were near an old barn which was well-



known to the "profession" as a harboring place. It was decided that the best thing to do was to put up in this place for the night. Drane fell into the line, and after a march across some fields, he entered the tramp's hotel with the motley crew.

Counting those already in it, who were aroused by the entrance of his party, there were nearly a dozen in all. Through a great hole high up in the wall the moonlight streamed, and in the circle thus marked out the strange company sat down and prepared to exchange some friendly gossip before going to sleep.

"I take it you're new to the profession," said the man whose acquaintance Drane had made in the freight yard. "What's your name?"

Drane told him.

"Do you spell it just like any other grain?" called out one of the men.

There was some good-natured laughter at this, and then one of them asked Drane where he came from. He endeavored to sketch briefly and accurately the events which had led him to his present situation. He thought it might interest them. It did. They regarded him as a first-class humorist, and a liar of great natural endowments.

"Oh, yes, we've all been there," said one. "I was a gentleman and a scholar day before yesterday. It seems to me that I met you in Mr. Gould's office. I dropped in to sell him a couple of railroads; don't you remember?"

It was utterly impossible for Drane to convince them that he was telling the truth. The more closely he stuck to facts the louder they laughed at the extent and variety of his genius for falsehood.

"He'd make a good delegate for the convention," said Johnny. "What's the matter with sending him to Pittsburgh when the profession assembles?"

"He'd represent all the liars in it," responded another. "In a way that would more than do 'em justice."

more hunger, more perplexity. At noon he found himself in a park which looked familiar. He dropped upon a bench and tried to decide whether it was the one where he had sat with her. Then he asked himself frankly whether he would rather seek her at that minute or a sirloin steak with fried potatoes and a cup of coffee.

To be continued.

**THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.**

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Itemizer.)

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Cynthia Turnidge and Charley Guy, Rev. V. J. Turnidge officiating.—Red Prairie correspondence.

The A. O. U. W. officials elect are: O. L. Francis, A. J. Martin, H. L. Fenton, J. E. Smith, H. B. Cosper, W. T. Shaw, C. W. Black and A. V. R. Snyder.

John Jones, second oldest son of W. A. Jones, died last Friday and was buried on the following day. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church. Rev. Dollarhide officiated. Mr. Jones has the sympathy of the entire community.—Falls City correspondence.

At the end of this month Rev. Eli Fisher will close his labors with the Christian church here and go to work at Medford and Grants Pass. There is no dissatisfaction on the part of either himself or his congregation, but the health of his wife demands a change.

We have been shown the plans by Dave Riley for the remodeling of John J. Daly's residence, which was partially destroyed by fire last week. The work is to cost about \$1,500, and the judge will then have one of the most elegant homes in the county. The insurance company allowed him \$1,000 on the house and \$750 on the furniture.

(Observer.)

Hurray for the Dallas hook and ladder company.

Mrs. A. Downing died at her home near Perrydale Nov. 27, of fever.

School Superintendent Hutchinson is slowly recovering from his late attack of typhoid fever.

The Dallas Social club, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, entertained Judge Geo. H. Burnett and wife and Judge R. S. Strain in a social game of whist.

Chas. Farley for the past few weeks has been threatened with the loss of the sight of one of his eyes. We hope he will not be so badly afflicted and that he will soon regain his sight.

The grand jury sent in a true bill against Clell and William Hayden, charging them with carrying dangerous weapons. They were arraigned before Judge Hewitt, and pleading guilty were fined \$20 each.

Mr. E. C. Kirkpatrick and Miss Mary Hagood were united in marriage Wednesday, December 5, 1894. Rev. Futrell said the ceremony at "high twelve," and at 1 o'clock the happy couple left for Portland, where they will remain a few days before returning to Dallas, their future home. The contracting parties are among our best known young people, and the Observer joins in wishing them well.

(Transcript.)

Here is the grand jury: J. A. Baxter, J. H. Ingram, J. P. Harwood, N. Garwood, W. W. Smith, F. A. Patterson and Henry Fawk.

The old piano in the hall sounds a good deal like a cross between a pair of tin cans and an untuned horse-fiddle. It should be tuned.

Sheriff Plummer and his affable assistant in office, J. S. Ashbaugh, have things conveniently arranged in the new office. It looks like business.

Arthur Moore, the clever actor who has been in Dallas the past several months, left Thanksgiving day for Drain, to take charge of a home talent company. He was accompanied by Win. Surles.

It doesn't take Judges Burnett and Hewitt long to put a court in running order. They arrived from Salem Monday at 9 a. m. and at 9:15 things were grinding lively at the seat of justice. Such a judiciary is a credit to any district or any state.

That Senator Dolph is a man of broad ideas; that he has served the people very well, no one will question. But there are other men equally capable, whose views are wholly in accordance with the interests of the entire northwest, and would therefore work with better results for the people than a man who, in his utterances in the past, prove him to be an open enemy of our greatest industries.

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.**

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EDITED BY PROF. T. A. HAYES, Independence, Oregon.

All communications relating to this work must be addressed to the editor of this department.

Our Object Stated.

At the last meeting of the Polk County Teachers association it was decided to make terms with one of the county papers, such paper to be the official organ of the teachers of the county. The space given by the paper was to be devoted to school news, such as monthly reports, articles that might be contributed by the teachers of the county and other school notes.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. Long, D. A. Hoag and T. A. Hayes, after considering propositions of several papers, decided to accept the terms offered by the ENTERPRISE. The paper is to contain school notes each week and to be sent to each school in the county during the school term.

The object is to bring the schools of the county into a closer relationship, to create a spirit of rivalry and to awaken a general interest in school work. The truth is, patrons, as a rule, do not take interest enough in our schools. The schools of the county are of prime importance, but they will never accomplish the best results until all who are in any way connected with them take more interest in the work. It is our duty as teachers to try to awaken this interest.

Each teacher should see to it that the reports at least are read in school and the result compared with their own report. Get the children interested and then their parents will become interested. There is no reason why, with the courtesy extended by the ENTERPRISE, we should not make a great advance in school work in the next six months.

Teachers, do your duty. Help us out in this matter.

Rickreall has already made some advance in our line of work. A correspondence class is organized. The county papers are kept on file at the school for the children to read, and school notes are contributed to the various papers. Other schools should adopt this plan.

FROM RICKREALL.

The following persons attended the literary exercises of our school Friday afternoon: Misses Mollie and Kate Simonton, Mrs. J. B. Nesmith and Mrs. White.

Our correspondence class, consisting of the following: Edna and Adella Simonton, Aurelia and Grace Burch, Iva Kuykendall, Jessie Stoner and Isaac Goodell are doing some very good work.

Only one more week's work and then we will have a rest before starting in on the new year. Then as we start, on the new year let us as teachers and pupils resolve to make the remainder of the school year better in every respect than the first part. As pupils let us resolve to be more diligent and regular in attendance and always on time. We should not get in the habit of always being behind time while we are young, because habits that are formed in youth are very likely to remain with us through life.

D. A. Hoag, Teacher.

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