cons evidently felt almost as badiy as he did. He heard her tell Mrs. Bowers

but he was more than rejoiced. Her name was Bessie! At last he had some-

thing to call her in his thoughts. It

was the first hint on the subject. In

his joy at this discovery he forgot to re-

woes into Mrs. Bowers' ear, and was

ing, for when a woman has embarrassed a man by making a blunder, if she is

what she is about, she will sometimes pity him divinely, if he is reasonably

feel a lit tio tenderly toward him, she

will often accuse herself unjustly, in

has put him into a difficulty.

That was why Bessie now gazed at

Drano with such angelie sympathy de-

pleted upon her beautiful countenance.

ie said in her heart that her testimony

heart, and in such cases a woman never

allows an appeal to the higher tribunal of the mind. So Bessie acted upon her

first impulse and implored Mrs. Bowers

to do something, no matter what it was.

of the conscience. Therefore she de-

cided to be merciless, but just. It was

her plain duty to protect Bessie from

imposters, fortune hunters and lunatics;

"Where will they send him now?"

asked Pesate, shuddering, "Probably to Ward's Island, tempo-

"Oh, my!" cried Bessie, tearfully.

"Can't we take him home with us? You

have been so kind to me that I look

"I couldn't think of such a thing,"

Mrs. Bowers said, firmly. "I can not have a lunatic in my house. It is all that I can do to look out for you."

At the thought that Drane would be

Drane had observed this conversation,

though he could not hear any of it. One

tention up there. However, Drane

knew that Bessie had been pleading for

judge, the prisoner realized that

ome and literation of his condition might

Retreat till his friends from Kansas

went to be fed-to a certain extent.

Mr. Jenkins called his asylum a "re-

City should arrive. As for the tramp,

treat," advisedly, because it certainly

was not an advance upon any thing

hitherto existing in that line of busi-

ness. Its exterior had all the subdued

horrer of a fashionable boarding-house

where nothing thrives but gaunt re-

specialility. Within it was even worse.

An atmosphere of "references given and required," especially the latter,

filled the hall; and through a doorway

of a sofa sat the rigid images of two an-

looked out at Drane with a cold severity

He wondered, for instance, whether a

essential of absolutely correct evening dress in Mr. Jenkins' retreat. He also

that made his hair curl.

rarily," replied Mrs. Bowers.

into his blood.

the judge about it."

With Mrs. Howers it was a question

She was about to reply when the judge

You must not speak to the prisoner, madam, but you may come up here and tell me what you know about this man. You may be able to clear up this mat-

The young lady, blushing resily and smiling at the thought of being able to give some assistance to her benefactor. stepped before the judge and wassworn. She gave her name, but in spite of all attention Lawrence missed it in the confusion attendant upon the bringing in of several new arrests. He began to see the end of his difficulties, and jay pos-sessed him as the judge listened with evident belief to the young lady's nesount of the park episode.

"And what is the gentleman's name?" asked the judge when she had finished her little story.

"Mr. Thomas Jones," replied the widow promptly. It was the name she had heard Lawrence give at the police

When he heard this answer Prane grouned audibly. The impostor's face was lighted by a triumphant smile and the judge frowned. The young hady saw that something had gone awry and she exclaimed hysterically:

"Oh, dear! Have I done any thing Nothing whatever, madam." said

the judge. "You may step down. Now. If: Thomas Jones, you told me emphatically but a few days ago that your name was Jones. Have you may thing more to say?"
"Your honor," and Lawrence's voice

was ragged with emotion as he spoke: "I see that I have been continually beset with my own blunders. I blundered in tying about my name, which is really Drane; since then I have blundered at every step until I committed the last in declining to explain myself. I will ghally pay the expense of telegraphing to Kunsan City. My friends there will reply to your satisfaction."

We will let you do that, Jones," said the judge, "but meantime I shall hold yeu, and if a reply does not come before we adjourn you will have to remain." There was nothing for Lawrence to do

but nequiesce and write his telegram as fast as possible. This, after some judicial edition, read as follows:

SANFORD DRANK-I am held in court on suspicion of stealing my own clothes and my name. Please wire the court at once a full description of my appen ance pad history.

Then his own statement of his adventures was taken down. If this should correspond to the account to be telegraphed he would be free. Con-Edent of the result he followed an officer to the prison, leaving the pretty widow sitting on a front soat tearfully listening to a whispered lecture from that expert character reader, Mrs.

The impostor, anxious to establish bis case before a reply to Mr. Drane's heart, telegram should arrive, hurried from "Per They went to a Broadway hotel and marched straight up to the pompous

"Do you know this man?" asked the

policeman. "Know him?" returned the clerk,

scornfully, "I should hope not!"
"But you remember," cried the impostor, "that I came here this morning and took a room, don't you? I am Lawrence Drane, of Kansas City. You'll find my name on the register."

The clerk examined the big book.

"There's a Mr. Drane here," he said; "I remember him. He was a welldressed man, and you-why, he wouldn't lot you in at the door if you didn't comwith a policeman. Desides, this Mr

Drane came from New Haven." "Oh, Lord! I forgot that!" exclaimed the impostor; "you see, I came down from New Haven on an early train. Why, I was married in New Haven yes-

The clerk turned away with a sniff of

Come now, whatever your name is," said the officer, "don't waste any more time. March back to court." So back he went, regretting at every

nten that his sadden prosperity had so enlivened his respect for cleanliness that he had ventured to take a bath. "First I've taken for years," he mut-

tered, "and it serves mo right. Got on well enough without before."

There were a lot of late arrivals at Jefferson market that day, and it was six o'clock before the court was ready to adjourn. Mrs. Bowers and the fair widow were still there, the former staying against her will at the carnest solicitation of the latter. She was sadly disturbed as having falled so signally to aid her benefactor, and was naxious to learn the result of the inquiry. Just in the nick of time, as it seemed to her, a messenger boy crawled into the room and demanded with amazing indiffer-

"Is de judge here?" The judge relieved the boy of his dispatch and addressed a remark to him which sent him out of court several thousand times faster than he came in. The two claimants to the name of Daine were already at the bar. The judge read the telegram silently, coughed, read it ngain and remarked:

"This does not seem to help matters for either of you." Then he read the dispatch aloud:

"THE JUDGE. Journal Merica Court, New York-If Lawrence Drane is in your charge please hold him. He is undoubtedly in ane. "Sanford Drane."

"There is a vile conspiracy back of this!" cried the real Drane. "Oh, I give it up! I'm not Drane at

all, "should the imposter.

Thompity bat! said the judge's gavel, angelly, and the judge himself added:

"The court believes you are both demeniod. I shall commit you both to an asylum for examination and treat-

CHAPTER VIL

JENKINS RETREAT. Amid the serrows in which Drane was again involved, he had one consolution -the young woman with thirteen mill-

Jenkins was slow in coming; and Drane got more and more nervous. He had an unusually strong natural horror of lunatics. Not that their presence is particularly agreeable to any body-except a Jenkins at so much a head-but Drane was actually superstitious about

[To be continued.]

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Teachers, remember that the that the judicial blacksmith on the bench was "simply dreadful." next meeting of the Polk county But this was not the test of it; he heard Mrs. Bowers' reply. Only two teachers will be held in Indepenwords, indeed, and as irrelevant as are dence next Saturday, Jan. 4. Every most feminine utterances in times of concernency: "Why, Bessie!" was all she said, or at least all that Drane heard, present.

The teachers' association held in Portland last week was one of the most interesting ever held in the state. There were more than 700 gret that he didn't know the other half of her name. He watched her pour her teachers present and a more enthusiastic gathe big was seldom Such a spectacle is always entertain- seen. The' many of the subjects were old, they were treated in a not too stupid to see it, nor too proud to new and interesting manner and newledge it, nor too nervous to know the discussions were not of the "cut and dried" kind, but were angood-looking. And if she has begun to imated and interesting. The evening programs were intersperced order that she may have the luxury of with excellent music furnished by telling herself how corry she is that she the musical talent of Portland. At the close of the session the Oregonian management sent an invitation to the teachers to visit the Oregonian building. The invitation had somehow helped to prove that he goman building. The invitation was insane. It was a question of the was accented and the wonderful machinery of the linotype and modern printing press was explained to a great number of teachers. Altogether the teachers had a neither of the heart nor of the mind, but most enjoyable time and all felt

> well paid for eir trouble. Report of Rickreall Public School For the month ending Dec. 21:

so she frowned at Drane in a way that gave him a chill to supplement the fever Number of days taught hich Bessie's tender glances had put " holidays_ " days attendance ____ " days absence ____ " tardies. Number enrolled, boys 30; girls 26; "Will they be good to him there?"
"Tie will be cared for," said Mrs. Bow-Average number belonging

ers. sternly: "and fed-to a certain ex- Average daily attendance_ Per cent of attendance on average number belonging __

upon your house as home now, you THE POLK COUNTY PRESS. taken therefrom.

> News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Transcript.)

sent, partly on her account, to an island George Steingrandt was immerswhere there might be neither pudding nor tea. Bessue developed symptoms of ed into the Christian church by Elhysteria which touched Mrs. Bowers' der Eli Fisher, on Sunday last.

"Uncle Lige" Miller spent most "Perhaps I could get him committed enkins Retreat," shesaid relenting of last week in Dallas. The old Where is that?" asked Bessie, catchveteran is not in very good health "It has private asylum up-town," said this winter.

Mrs. Bowers, "where they care for mild but hopcless lunaties. I will speak to of the LaCreole Academy last Fri-"Is it better than that awfol Island?" "It is a shade more cheerful." Mrs. day evening was largely attended for the public schools of Polk coun-Bowers admitted, shutting her lips to- and receive I complimentary words from all who were there. "Then make the judge send him there," cried Bessic. "Teil him that I

Mr. W. J. Wagner went to Port- and the public press alike. will give him ten thousand dollars if he land Friday last and Monday tele-"My dear!" exclaimed Mrs. Bowers, graphed his father to come to Portshocked at the girl's ignerance, "there land and go with him to Wisconsin, are only a certain number of judges in their old home, on a business trip. New York, and you don't want them

Sheriff Plummer and County Clerk Mulkey reached home Friean not hear any thing in a New York day from Portland, where they had police court. The testimony of tear-ful innocence given in such places is been attending the meeting of the heard only in Heaven; which is just as clerks and sheriffs of the several well, perhaps, for it may get some at counties of the state.

Monday last J. C. Waguer handhim; and when Mrs. Bowers approached ed in his resignation as marshal of the city of Dallas, Mayor Reynolds called a meeting, the resignation ************** Mrs. thevers talked earnestly with the was accepted and J. M. Grant was magnitude, and with such good effect that frame was consigned to Jenkins' elected to fill the vacancy.

(Itemizer.) Trs. C. A. Johns is down from Baker City on a visit.

The newly elected officers of Rebekah lodge are Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. H. B. Cosper and Miss Clara Wagner.

A convenient foot bridge has been built across the Rickreall at at the right, could be seen a tomb-like the tannery. Before this many a INDEPENDENCE, OREGON parlor, wherein upon the sarcophagus timid person trembled as they cient females, evidently patients. They crossed the high railroad bridge.

December 20th M. L. Robbins He had come there in charge of a had reached the 74th annual mile court officer, and had not been allowed post in life and his children and to exchange a word with Bessie, whom grand children, thinking it worthy Horses fed by the day, Mrs. Bowers had dragged away as soon as the question of commitment had been of celebration, met there with well-sient stock left in our scitled. He felt deserted and friend-filled baskets and a great easy arm less, and despite the fact that it was a very warm evening, he shivered as he chair for grandpa. Such occasions reasonable. stood in the hall waiting for Jenkins, always gladdens all hearts concernof whom the officer had gone in search.
A large number of entertaining and cheerful reflections crowded upon Drane neers will think of him as a singas he stood in the dimly-lighted hall. ing master among them a third of

straight-jacket would be regarded as an a century ago. At the close of the Rebekah fair had a curiosity to know how often, on Rev. A. W. Teats was awarded a an average, the violent lunaties in the nice chair for being the most popuestablishment overpowered their keepers and slaughtered the less demented lar Odd Fellow, and the large doll inmates. But, deepest and most impor- carried away by little Bersia Shaw tant of all, was the question of supper, said that she was the most popular for the meal which he had appropriated in the bath had ceased to give him satchild around. An oil painting fell isfactory support, and it might be a long to the lot of C. G. Cond, a silk quilt time before he had a chance to steal anto H. B. Plummer, and Miss Pau-

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