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"Westerfelt"

"Hello, Mr. Fincher!" Pole greeted him familiarly. "Want any help unloading?"

"Hello, Baker!" said Fincher, looking up from the blankbook in which he was recording the weights. "No, I reckon they can handle it all right." Fincher was a short, fat man, very bald and with a round, laughing face. He had known Pole a long time and considered him a most amusing character. "How do you come on, Pole?"

"Oh, about as common. I jest thought them fellers looked sorter lightweight." The men on the wagon laughed as they thumped a bale of hay on to the platform. "You'd better dry up," one of them said. "We'll git the mayor to put you to work agin."

"Well, he'll have to be quicker about it than he was the last time," said Pole dryly.

Some one laughed lustily from behind a tall stack of wheat in bags in the warehouse. It was Lawyer Trabue. He came round and picked up Fincher's daily paper, as he did every morning, and sat down and began to read it.

"Now you are talkin'," he said. "Thar was more rest in that job, Pole, than any you ever undertook. They tell me you didn't crack a rock."

Fincher laughed as he closed his book and struck Baker with it playfully. "Pole was too tired to do that job," he said. "He was born that way."

"Say, Mr. Trabue," retorted Pole, "did you ever hear how I got the best o' Mr. Fincher in a chicken trade?"

"I don't think I ever did, Pole," laughed the lawyer, expectantly. "How was it?"

"Oh, come off, don't go over that again," said Fincher, flushing.

"It was this way," said Pole, with a broad, wholesome grin. "My cousin, Bart Wilks, was runnin' the restaurant under the car shed about two year ago. He was a new hand at the business, an' one day he had a awful rush. He got a telegram that a train load o' passengers had missed connection at Clatskanie an' would have to eat with him. He was powerful rattled, runnin' round like a dog after its tail. He knowed he'd have to have a lot o' fryin' chickens, an' he couldn't leave the restaurant, so he axed me ef I'd take the money an' go out in town an' buy 'em fer 'im. I consented, an' struck Mr. Fincher, who was sellin' sech truck then. He lowed, you know, that I jest wanted one, or two at the outside, fer my own use, so when I seed a fine coop out in front an' axed the price of 'em he kinder drawed on his beard till his mouth fell open an' studied how he could make the most out o' me. After awhile he said, 'Well, Pole, I'll make 'em 10 cents apiece ef I pick 'em, an' 15 ef you pick 'em.' I sorter skeered the chickens around an' seed thar was two or three tiny ones hidin' under the big ones, an' I seed what he was up to, but I was ready fer 'im. 'All right,' ses I, 'you pick 'em.' Thar was two or three loafers standin' round an' they all laughed at me when Mr. Fincher got down over the coop an' finally ketched one about the size of a robin an' hauled it out. 'Keep on a-pickin',' ses I, an' he made a grab fer one a little bigger an' handed it up to me. The he stuck his hands down in his pockets, doin' his best to keep from laughin'. The gang yelled then, but I wasn't done. 'Keep on a-pickin',' ses I. An' he got down agin. An', sir, I got that coop at about 4 cents apiece less'n he'd paid fer 'em. He tried to back, but the gang wouldn't let 'im. It was the cheapest lot o' chickens I ever seed. I turned the little ones out to fatten and made Wilks pay me the market price all round fer the bunch."

"I'll be bound you made some'n out of it," said Trabue. "Fincher, did you ever hear how that scamp tuck in every merchant on this street about two year ago?"

"Never heard anything except his own 'em all," said Fincher, with a laugh.

"I could put 'im in the penitentiary fer it," affirmed the lawyer. "You know about that time thar was a powerful rival goin' on among the storekeepers. They was movin' heaven an' earth to sell the big stocks. Well, one of the spryest in the lot, Joe Gaylord, noticed that Pole was powerful popular with mountain folks, an' he made 'im a proposition, bindin' 'im down to secrecy. He proposed to give Pole 10 per cent commission on all the goods he'd help sell by bringin' customers in the store. Pole hesitated beca'se, he said, they might find it out, an' Joe finally agreed that all Pole would have to do was to fetch 'em in, give the trick, an' bind 'em. His plans would do the rest. It worked mighty slick fer awhile, but Pole noticed that very often the folks he'd fetch in wouldn't be pleased with the goods an' prices an' he'd go back some'n else. Then what do you think the scamp did?"

"He went to every store in town an' made a secret contract to git 10 per cent on all sales, an' he had the softest snap you ever heard of. He'd simply hang on to a gang from the country, whether he

was anything but a pure mountain boy, but I've always looked on you as a good man, a law abidin' man, an' I don't like to hear folks try to blame you for what another man done. When you had plenty, I never come nigh you, beca'se I knowed you belonged to one life an' the another, but now you are flat o' yore back, sir, I'm yore friend."

Craig's face beamed. He pulled his beard; his eyes danced.

To be Continued.

ALEXANDER-DICKSON.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter of Forest Dale was the scene of a very pretty wedding Tuesday October 20th, when Mr. A. C. Alexander of Forest Grove and Miss A. J. Dickson of San Francisco were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. Travi of Portland. Miss Mabel Nelson of Portland was maid of honor and Mr. Albert E. Alexander, also of Portland, was groomsmen.

Mrs. J. E. Bates, began to play the wedding march as the clock was striking twelve. The bridal party entered the parlor at precisely the noon hour, preceded by Jessie Baxter and Alice Dickson, little nieces of the bride.

The bride looked charming in a beautiful soft white silk, trimmed with point lace, and a spray of orange blossoms in her hair, she carried a large bouquet of white carnations.

Miss Nelson looked very handsome in a dress of white chiffon over pink. She carried pink carnations, the bride's favorite flower.

Beneath a bower of ferns and clematis vine, the marriage ceremony was performed, then came congratulations and the guests were led into the dining room where the wedding breakfast was served under a canopy of autumn leaves and white ribbons. Many lovely presents were received, including several handsome silver pieces from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander left on the afternoon train, amid a shower of rice, old shoes, and good wishes.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickson and little Alice Dickson from Seattle, Albert E. Alexander, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Nelson and Ralph Nelson, of Portland, John Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander, Jessie Sheldon, Thomas Todd, Margaret Doane, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knox, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bates and family, Mrs. Wm. Patton, Grace Patton and Claude Patton, Alexander Baxter, Mr. and Miss Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander will be at home to their friends at Forest Grove after November 1st.

Found Dead in His Kitchen.

John Parson, an old man who has been living alone for the past ten years in a dwelling belonging to W. H. Wehrung in the edge of town on the Reedville road was found dead in his kitchen Monday afternoon by neighbors who had missed him. He had not been seen since Thursday and so Messrs George Ledford, R. Kuhn, Cummings and Calvin Briggs, who lives next door, made a search and, seeing the body through the cracks in the kitchen wall, broke in the door. Chin and wrist were so disfigured that an inquest was deemed advisable and Coroner Large was summoned.

Dr. Tamsie, the coroner's physician, made a careful investigation which showed the suspicious marks on the body were from the gnawing of rats and was satisfied that death had come from apoplexy, probably Friday morning as the rigidity was leaving. After this report, an examination of the premises and listening to the testimony of two witnesses, Messrs. Cummings and George Ledford, who had been earlier on the scene, the jury, Messrs R. Kuhn, A. H. Wright, John Northrup, Calvin Briggs, R. T. Johnson and Craig, brought in a verdict of death from natural causes. The condition of the house, especially the sleeping room with its grimy pallet, discarded clothing for a pillow and floor covered with the accumulated evidence that during all his ten years, occupancy the tenant had found solace in smoking and chewing, apparently the only pleasure of a solitary life, all made the observer realize that death ought not to have been an unwelcome guest in such a home.

Mr. Parson came to Oregon in '47,

at the age of sixteen. About a dozen years ago he sold a 40-acre tract he owned near town to Corwin and Wooster and the \$1000 received for it kept him so that he had still left a couple of hundred, it is said, at the time of his death. He had drawn five dollar when last uptown but had not spent it as between six and seven dollars was found in his pockets. He was a man who used good language, had evidently been well educated and was a great reader.

DEATH OF CASPER BAUMANN, OF BETHANY.

Casper Baumann, who came to Oregon 35 years ago and then took up a homestead near Bethany, died there Tuesday morning of heart disease after suffering for some time with a complication of troubles. He was about 75 years of age and has no relatives nearer than a brother who lives in Elizabeth, N. J. The rest of the family are in Germany where before his coming to this country he served in the Prussian army and his sword is now in the custody of Montezuma lodge here to whom he presented it.

Mr. Baumann had been under a doctor's care for many months, suffering from a complication of diseases, but his death was immediately due to heart trouble. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from Donelson's undertaking parlors and was under the charge of Montezuma Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F., although Minerva Lodge No. 19, of Portland, to which he belonged, was represented by a delegation of members. The burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

SUMMONS.

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

Curtis J. Birdsell and Leavitt S. Birdsell, Plaintiffs,

vs.

A. Summers, Defendant.

To A. Summers, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer, the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: That the plaintiffs be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of the following described real estate, to-wit: The W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4 of Section 16, T. 3 N. R. 5 W. of the Will. Mer., in Washington County, Oregon, and containing 80 acres of land, and that the defendant be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in or to said premises, and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable. The time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons is six weeks, and the day of first publication is October 30, 1903. This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. L. A. Rood, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on October 29, 1903.

S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

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Curtis J. Birdsell and Leavitt S. Birdsell, Plaintiffs,

vs.

Daniel Clark, Defendant.

To Daniel Clark, the above named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer, the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: That the plaintiffs be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of the following described real estate, to-wit: The N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 10, T. 3 N. R. 5 W. of the Will. Mer., in Washington County, Oregon, and containing 160 acres of land, and that the defendant be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in or to said premises, and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable. The time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons is six weeks, and the day of first publication is October 30, 1903. This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. L. A. Rood, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on October 29, 1903.

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Auction bills printed by The Independent.

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DIS-SOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between A. F. Crocker and R. A. Parker, under the firm name of Crocker & Parker, manufacturers and dealers in lumber, as their said north of Glencoe, Oregon, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. A. F. Crocker having purchased the interest of R. A. Parker. All accounts owing the firm of Crocker & Parker are hereby assigned to A. F. Crocker, who alone has authority to receipt for the same. All debts contracted by Crocker & Parker will be paid by Mr. Crocker, who continues the business.

A. F. CROCKER, R. A. PARKER.

Glencoe, Ore., Oct. 12, 1903.

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POLITICAL DIRECTORY.

President—Theodore Roosevelt; New York. Term expires March 4, 1905.

Vice-President—Office left vacant on and after September 14, 1901, when Vice-President Roosevelt succeeded to the Presidency upon the death of Wm. McKinley, President.

Cabinet.

Secretary of State—John Hay, Illinois. Term expires with that of the President or by death or resignation.

Secretary of Treasury—Lester M. Shaw, Iowa. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Secretary of War—Elihu Root, New York. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Attorney General—F. C. Knox, New York. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Postmaster General—H. C. Payne, Wisconsin. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Secretary of Navy—Wm. H. Moody, Massachusetts. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Secretary of Interior—E. A. Hitchcock, Missouri. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson, Iowa. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Geo. B. Cortelyou, New York. Term expires with that of President or by resignation or death.

Number of cabinet officers, nine.

Supreme Court U. S.

Chief Justice—M. W. Fuller, age 70. Tenure of office, life.

John M. Harlan, age 70.

David J. Brewer, age 66.

Henry B. Brown, age 67.

George Shiras, age 71.

Ed. D. White, age 58.

Rufus W. Peckham, age 65.

Joe McKenna, age 60.

Oliver W. Holmes, age 62.

Term of office, life.

Number of judges composing the Court, nine.

Judge of Ninth Judicial Circuit embracing California, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Arizona and Hawaii, Justice McKenna.

Circuit Judge for Oregon—Wm. B. Gilbert, for life.

Judge U. S. District Court C. B. Beltinger, for life.

State Officials, Oregon.

Governor, Geo. E. Chamberlain.

Secretary of State—F. I. Dunbar.

Treasurer—Chas. S. Moore.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. H. Ackerman.

Attorney General—A. M. Crawford.

State Printer—Jos. Whitney.

Term expires January, 1907.

Supreme Court, Oregon.

Chief Justice—R. S. Peam. Term expires, Sept. 1908.

Associate Justices—F. A. Moore. Term expires, 1904.

Chas. E. Wolcott. Term expires, 1906.

Judge Fifth District—Thos. A. McBride. Term expires, 1904.

District Attorney—Harrison Allen. Term expires, 1904.

Deputy Attorney—E. B. Tongue. Term expires, 1904.

State Senator—W. H. Wehrung. Term expires, 1904.

Joint Senator—Alex. Sweek. Term expires, 1904.

Representatives—Dr. Chas. Hines, B. F. Purdy and D.M. C. Gault. Terms expire, 1904.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Judge—L. A. Rood. Term expires, 1906.

Clerk—George A. Morgan, 1904.

Recorder—E. I. Kuratli, 1904.

Commissioners.

E. J. Ward, 1904.

W. J. Butler, 1906.

Sheriff—J. W. Sewell, 1904.

Treasurer—W. M. Jackson, 1904.

Assessor—G. H. Wilcox, 1906.

Surveyor—A. A. Morrill, 1904.

Supt. Schools—H. A. Ball, 1904.

Coroner—Dr. C. L. Large, 1904.

Justice of Peace—

N. Hillsboro, H. T. Bagley, 1904.

S. Hillsboro, Benton Bowman, 1904.

Constable—

N. Hillsboro, E. B. Sappington, special.

S. Hillsboro, S. T. Bowser, 1904.

City of Hillsboro.

Mayor—W. N. Larrett, 1904.

Councilmen—

Max Crandall, 1903.

E. C. Brown, 1903.

Ed. Schulerich, 1903.

J. W. Morgan, 1904.

C. E. Beckwith, 1904.

L. A. Rood, 1904.

Marshal—Wm. Atkinson, 1903.

Attorney—Benton Bowman, 1903.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF Oregon, for Washington County.

Minerva J. Rust, Plaintiff,

vs.

Newton Rust, Defendant.

To Newton Rust, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks next, from and after the date of first publication of this summons; the first publication thereof being on October 16, 1903, and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: That the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may appear equitable. This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. L. A. Rood, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made at Hillsboro, Oregon, October 14th, 1903.

M. B. BUMP, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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