

Cupid's Toll

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AT 20 minutes past 11 the sound of footsteps apprised George Berner his day's vigil was at an end. He yawned lazily, brushed the ashes from his pipe and eyed expectantly the staircase door.

Bernice bounded out, wide-eyed and cheery, a mischievous carer ready for each parent. Her unspooled features shone radiant in the soft glare of the kerosene lamp. She was lovely, out of place in that isolated toll-house. None knew this better than her father; none regretted more the force of fate that had sent the family thither.

"Not very cold tonight, Bernice. There's been a lot of travel today. It may keep up till toward morning."

"All right—I'm ready for the cash. Do I hear a vehicle?" She assumed the tragic. "One more dime for the State. How much is yours, daddy?"

Midnight came, with its dead calm. The parents were off dreaming away the day's cares; not a hint of life came from the dark world without. Bernice laid aside the paper and resorted to the pantry. Her mother had left a liberal repast, as usual. She thought of the life she had left, as she munched at the sandwiches and pie. Not one of the old-time friends could she meet nowadays; a sigh as of sheer loneliness forced utterance.

She was started by the noise of a phanton swooping down suddenly out of the night. The pounding of hoofs prompted the idea that some cheap traveler might be endeavoring to "rush" the toll-gate. She reached the crude, sheltered platform just as the hindmost wheels were clattering past.

"Hey! stop, you!" Her agility was not equal to the speed of the madly driven horse. But the fellow drew rein, in spite of his advantage over the lone pursuer.

"'Scuse me! Here's a quarter—I'll get the change some other time."

She was left, dazed, in the dark of the highway. The buggy had swept on, the lashing of the whip regaining the time lost by the interruption. She was quite sure she knew the chap, by his voice. It was Clarence Forbes, whose father often had driven a mile roundabout to avoid toll.

She deposited deliberately the required dime in the public till when she entered. She held in trust 15 cents, at thought of which she laughed repeatedly. But another vehicle was approaching; she could catch, along with the grating of the wheels, snatches of song and peals of laughter. A high-top milk wagon came into the glare of the lantern overhead. Homer Sefford and his bride, a few days, bashfully happy, were returning from somewhere—their wedding trip.

This second pair of joyous young people left with her a new sense of void. She listened as the clumsy lumbering died in the distance, her thoughts turning to taxicabs, railway stations, parlor coaches, long trips by train or steamer such as bridal couples of her acquaintance had enjoyed, recounting all in letters to her.

A farm wagon trundled past, from a day's errand in the city. Another milk wagon, this one in actual service, came from amid the yeomanry near. Then the clattering of hoofs and bumping wheels mingled with impatient "Giddaps!" and the cracking of a whip brought a chorus of echoes from the woodlands beyond. It was a furious pace—in slowing down at the toll gate the driver all but brought the horse broadside on the shafts.

"Did a couple of young folks go past a few hours ago?"

Bernice told of both pairs. There were young gents, too, with some of the other vehicles.

"It's Forbes I want," Bernice recognized him, at this declaration. The irate fellow was Milton Forbes, miser, one of the small, mean men whom few could endure. "He's sloped with that gal of Bill Ritter's, s'ppose I'd kiss his shoes and say it was all right. I need that led at home—the ungrateful scamp!"

He paid his toll fee, the first since Berner had taken charge of the gate. Off bounded the tired animal, frightened apparently by the break-neck rate his master demanded.

Bernice was startled upon re-entering. Her father stood in the stair doorway, his candle poised high.

"I do hope the boy wins," he ejaculated, when he overcame his drowsiness sufficient to grasp the import of her story. "Somebody ought to turn Mill off on the wrong trail. There's that gate at the big bridge—a cross-roads comes just before that. T'll phone!"

The rural telephone system roused its patrons, in the small hours. If any conversationalists responded they learned but little.

"Hey, you," Berner seemed to be talking into space still. "A young couple came through yest'evening, but that hawk after them that they didn't. Let them have the pleasure of existing, for goodness sake."

Bernice clung affectionately about his neck. He understood careening as none but a sympathetic parent can do.

"Some day, when the tangles are out and that lawsuit settled, off there in town—we'll go back. If those young gents we know have forgotten us—we'll, there are others."

Dividend By Mt. States Power Co.

Directors of the Mountain States Power Company, meeting in Albany today, declared a dividend of \$3.75 per share on its new preferred stock covering a period from Sept. 30, 1935, to March 31, 1940. In addition the directors declared a dividend of \$1.00 per share on its new common stock.

Under the company's plan of re-organization the holders of its old preferred stock are entitled to exchange said stock for the company's new stock at the ratio of one share of new 5 percent preferred and two shares of new common for each share of old preferred stock.

Dividends will be paid on the two classes of stock on April 25, 1940, to those who have exchanged their old stock, in accordance with the terms of the plan of re-organization and record of exchange, through Transfer Agent if it has reached the company's office at Albany, Oregon, on or before April 10, 1940. Dividends declared today will be paid by the company at regular intervals after April 25 to those who have not completed their exchange by April 10.

The company urges all of its stockholders to forward their old stock to the Transfer Agent as per instructions which they have recently received from the company, at the earliest possible moment in order that the company records for dividend payments may be completed and the stockholders receive the dividends declared.

Directors attending today's meeting were: E. R. Bryson, Eugene, Oregon; Ben F. Dorris, Springfield, Oregon; N. E. Irvine, Lebanon, Oregon; W. D. Johnston, Casper, Wyo.; Z. E. Merrill, E. D. Williamson, both of Albany, Oregon.

Officers elected by the directors includes the following local men: President, Z. E. Merrill, vice president and secretary, W. L. Fitzpatrick; vice president and treasurer, B. E. Lee; assistant secretary, J. Ford; assistant treasurer, A. W. Trimble.

Historical Scenes On Plates Display

People interested in American History, and those interested in lovely plates, will both enjoy seeing the Navy Print plate, depicting the battle between the Constellation and L'Insurgent, which is on display in the Rackleff Pharmacy window.

This plate is one of a series which are sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, in connection with their National Defense education program. The print is from the Mable Brady Garvan collection, and is reproduced by special permission, under the sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary, in commemoration of the founding and early exploits of the American Navy. It pictures the battle between the Constellation and L'Insurgent during our Naval war with France, in which the French ship was defeated by the Constellation, after a hard fight.

Each plate in the series, of which there are twelve, has on the back, a short description of the battle pictured, the names of the ships and their commanders, and other data of interest to those collecting either historical facts, or beautiful china.

Births At Coquille Hospital

An eight pounds and two ounces baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schellong, of Bandon, at the Coquille Hospital on Tuesday. She has been named Norene Kay.

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Skit By Senior Club For Juniors

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gave a very interesting and informative talk on the recent state board meeting held in Portland.

The Coquille Woman's club put on the program for the Junior Woman's club Monday evening. It consisted of a humorous musical skit, entitled, "The Hotel Minstreltes," with the following cast: Miss Hubbie, hotel manager, Mrs. C. T. Selbig; Miss Tiny Weewee, hotel cook, Mrs. R. E. Boober; Mrs. Alpine Bulge, another cook, Mrs. Geo. Johnson; waitresses, Mrs. Maud Woodyard, Mrs. G. W. Bryant, Mrs. Roy Barton, Mrs. Birdie Skeels and Mrs. W. E. Bosserman. Mrs. M. O. Hawkins was the accompanist. The meeting closed with the song, "God Bless America."

Mrs. Lufe Compton, program chairman, presented Mrs. Maud Woodyard who directed the musical selections. She presented several of her pupils, ranging from the first grade on up. Piano selections were played by Joanne Harless, Barbara Slater, Phillip Clausen, and Patricia Berg. Little Sandra McCurdy sang "Flaymatoes," Gerald Woodward, of Arago, sang "Oh Land of Ours" and "Can't You Hear Me Calling, Caroline?" Miss Eileen Kern sang "How Lovely is the Hand of God" and "Lady Moon."

Following this musical treat, Miss Julia Bennett, home demonstration agent, gave a splendid and instructive talk on "Work done under the pure food, drug and cosmetic act."

A social hour and tea followed. Present were: Mesdames Fred Huston, Clarence Tuttle, K. P. Lawrence, R. A. Wernich, Carl Kramer, Harold McCue, F. L. Greenough, H. L. Clasterbos, George Chansy, O. C. Sanford, B. W. Dunn, Geo. Oerding, Lufe Compton, E. E. Leslie, C. M. Gray, Julius Rubie, Harry Godard, Annie Robinson, R. E. Boober, Alton Clausen, Elbert Schroeder, Rex Smith, Bill Pook, Harold Ziegler, Chas. Stauff, Lee Hand, R. L. Stewart, W. H. Mansell, Ernest Wherest, Wm. Howell, F. S. Emery, Roy Barton, Hal Pierce, Albert Powers, C. L. Yarbrough, Fred Kunz, U. E. McClary, G. W. Tyrrell, Elton Savage, J. D. Gillespie, E. C. Ashworth, Birdie Skeels, J. L. Smith, Frank Rover, R. B. Rogers, Bert Folsom, Lewis Holiman and Luckey Bonney.

New Faces In County Jail

Chas. W. Talley was released under \$500 bonds imposed by Justice Barton last Thursday. He was charged with illegal possession of game animals.

Bob Allison was brought to the county jail on Friday to serve a 30-day sentence given him by Justice Bolt of Marshfield for being drunk and disorderly.

Edwin Floetke was brought from North Bend the same day to serve a \$25 fine. He was found guilty in justice court of assault and battery.

Gertrude Alexander, recent arrival from Seattle, was brought over Tuesday from Marshfield to serve ten days on a vagrancy conviction. The man with her, Albert Conroy, was charged with bringing her from Seattle and attempting to place her in a house of prostitution. His bail was set at \$2,000.

The Coos Bay Times reports that that the Marshfield houses were all well supplied with women and there was no place Conroy could place the Alexander woman!

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Citizens' Military Training Camp July 2 to July 31

Word has been received that the Citizens' Military Training Camp will be held at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, this year during the period July 2 to July 31. The Vancouver Barracks District is comprised of the state of Oregon and the counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania, and Wahkiakum in Washington. The quota for this year has been tentatively set at 593.

The objects of these camps are to bring together young men of high type and thereby develop closer national and social unity; to teach the privileges, duties and responsibilities of American citizenship; to stimulate patriotism; to interest young men in the importance of military training; to teach self-discipline and obedience, and to develop the physical standard of American youth through participation in military exercises, athletics, games and sports, conducted under expert directors.

The benefits derived from attendance at these camps are secured without necessary expense to the trainee as the war department provides transportation to the camps and return, board, lodging, expert medical attention, uniforms, equipment, arms and laundry.

Transportation tickets for travel will be issued all accepted C. M. T. C. applicants living more than 50 miles from camp, and the applicant reimbursed 1c a mile for meals upon arrival at and departure from camp. Those applicants living within a 50-mile zone of camp may be granted the mileage privilege.

Boys entering camp must be between the ages of 17 and 29 years, of average general intelligence, able to read and write, and be of good moral character.

Applicants desiring to enroll should send inquiry in the form of a letter, post card, telephone or personal call to the office of the C. M. T. C. officer, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, or to the county chairman, Military Training Camps Association of the county in which he resides.

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RAISINS	4 lb.	23c	DRESSING	Cascade Salad QT.	19c
CHEESE	Lb.	17c			
SANKA	Lb.	29c			

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