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A Wild Goose Chase

By F. A. MITCHEL

This is a copy of the will of Edward
Spangler, who died leaving a daughter
who was engaged to Thomas Ormsby,
a young man of whom the testator ap-
proved. Mr. Spangler was considered
a very singular personage, and his will
bears out the opinion.

"Believing that between husband
and wife the one showing the greater
thought, resource, ingenuity—indeed,
those faculties which go to make up
smartness—should rule, I bequeath my
fortune either to my beloved daughter,
Imogene Spangler, or to the man
she shall marry, the inheritance to be
decided in the following manner:

"My property, consisting of twenty
bonds of \$5,000 each, is buried in the
state of Florida. They will be found
either on the right bank of the St.
Johns river, at its junction with the
ocean, or at Glen Cove Springs, twenty
miles northeast of St. Augustine.
The finder of the bonds—either my
daughter, Imogene Spangler, or her
husband—shall be my possessor."

"Surely, Tom," said Imogene after
reading the will, "father must have
been delirious when he signed his will.
You'd better go to Florida and visit
the two places named in the will.
Quite likely you'll find a pointer in the
one where the bonds are buried."

"I think you had better go with me.
We can make it a bridal trip."

"Very good. Name the day."

Imogene and Tom were duly mar-
ried and preparations made for the
wedding journey. The evening before
their start Imogene went into her late
father's library, where the old gentle-
man had kept many atlases—for he
was much interested in geography—
with a view to locating the points
where they were to hunt for the bonds.
Mr. Spangler had set great store by a
revolving plaster globe four feet in
diameter. Imogene found St. Augus-
tine on this globe, but not Glen Cove
Springs, so she got down an atlas con-
taining a sufficiently detailed map and
located the points exactly.

The couple left the next morning for
the Florioy State, passing gradually
from winter into summer. When they
reached St. Augustine Tom proposed
that they put up at a third rate hotel
or a cheap boarding house. He did not
approve of spending money freely until
they had found the money to spend.
But Imogene said that, being on her
wedding journey, she proposed to live
like a bride. Tom was overruled, and
they went to the most expensive hotel.

After a few days' rest from their
journey Tom proposed that they should
proceed to look up their fortune. Im-
ogene seemed to be in no hurry.
"I'm comfortable here," she said.
"Suppose you go to both points."

"But in case I find the bonds I shall
be the owner of them."

"Suppose you are? That won't make
any difference to me. I think the hus-
band should have the money anyway.
Papa was like most men; he thought
that power in the family is lodged in
the one possessing the funds. He
should have known that women don't
work that way. Their power lies be-
yond dollars and cents. You go ahead
and find the bonds."

Tom was puzzled. For him to go off
to hunt for a fortune on such a journey
information as he possessed seemed
ridiculous. He showed a disposition to
give up the matter.

"Oh, go on!" said his wife. "You'll
get mighty tired sitting around with
me long before the honeymoon is over.
Quite likely you'll find a clew. Father
wasn't such a fool as to hide a fortune
where no one could find it."

She kissed him and put him on the
back and sent him away. He went
first to the Springs, where he spent a
day looking for a sign. Finding none,
he proceeded to Jacksonville and
thence to the coast. But never a sign
did he see. As for digging anywhere
without a sign, he was not so stupid
as that. So after three or four days'
absence he returned to St. Augustine.
He expected to find his wife disap-
pointed at his failure, but she met him
with a smile.

"You don't seem to be much de-
pressed at the loss of a fortune," he
remarked.

"Isn't it a wife's duty to cheer her
husband in times of adversity?" she
replied.

"I hope you'll be able to keep it up
when the bills begin to come in."

"Brush your hair and get that disap-
pointed look off your face. Things are
not so bad as they appear. I have
something to tell you. The night be-
fore we left for this place I went into
father's library to look upon his gloves
and maps where these places you have
been are. Something in the words
Glen Cove Springs sounded suggestive.
"Springs, springs," I kept saying. Why
I did it I don't know, but I pressed
my thumb on the globe at the point
where Glen Cove is and broke through
the surface. Taking a knife I began
to dig and found the bonds. Here
they are."

Going to her trunk, she unlocked it
and took out twenty 6 per cent gilt
edge bonds.

"Tom kissed her enthusiastically.
Then suddenly the smile left his face,
and he said:

"This makes you governor of the
household."

"Not at all. I expect to defer to
you in everything," was the comfort-
ing reply.

But she never assigned the bonds to
him, and he learned in time that her
father was so crackbrained as was
supposed.

ABOUT ROAD DRAGGING.

System That Will Contribute Much to
Making of Better Highways.

In the foregoing communication Mr.
O. W. Haney of Davis county, Ia.,
deals with the question of road drag-
ging and outlines a system of drag-
ging that will, in his opinion, contrib-
ute in the greatest possible degree to
the making of good roads. He writes:

"It is getting the time of year when
the road drag will soon come into play,
and there are several things that ought
to be brought before the public in re-
gard to road dragging. There are
more roads spoiled by dragging than
there are made good if not properly
dragged in the first place. It requires
two rounds to drag a road right, and if
they are not dragged right it is money
wasted. By two rounds you get out to
the ditch and give the water a clear
shoot to the ditch. If only one round
is made it should be made out to ditch.
By dragging one round in the middle
of the road you get a ditch started
where the end of the drag leaves a lit-
tle furrow, and this damages the road
more than it would cost to drag it
twice as much to drag it twice. I
have seen half of the dragging and I
have seen great ditches cut by poor drag-
ging that it would cost ten times as
much to repair as the dragging cost.
So why not pay for good dragging and
have good roads? It would save money.
Then teach the people to drive on the
same side of the road when it is mud-
dy and save half of the dragging and
I have seen a smooth road get a
big rain in the winter and the people
drive all over it from ditch to ditch
and cut it all up. Then a freeze comes
and it is almost impossible to get over
the road, where if they had kept on
one side of the road the other would
have been smooth and good. This is a
great item to people that have to be on
the road every day. By poor road
work and poor dragging half the people's
money is wasted.

"Winter dragging is more necessary
than summer and ought to be looked
after."

It is not surprising that men differ
in their opinions regarding the real merit
of the road drag as an implement de-
signed to maintain the road surface.
It is quite true, as this subscriber says,
that in some instances the road drag
does more harm than good, and the
special reference he makes to the prop-
erty drainage of the road is a point that
cannot be too strongly emphasized.
We would like to encourage a freer
discussion of this phase of the road
question. This paper has always been
a strong advocate of sensible dragging,
and it has been free to express itself at
times in opposition to those who have
injured the cause of the drag by at-
taching to it an importance as a road
builder to which it never has been and
never will be entitled. We have al-
ways maintained that a good grade is
the first essential in road construction,
after which there is abundant opportu-
nity for the exercise of skill in main-
taining the surface by the sensible use
of the drag.—Iowa Homestead.

ROADS WITHOUT "PORK."

In Kentucky the State Funds Road Im-
provement Bill.

How a state may build and main-
tain a system of good roads without
either tapping Uncle Sam's pork bar-
rel or imposing a heavy debt on fu-
ture generations is being impressively
demonstrated by Kentucky, says the
New York Sun. After three-quarters
of a century of inactivity Kentucky
has at last passed a law to extend state aid
to individual counties for highway work.
Now 10,536 of the 58,000 miles of pub-
lic roads are surfaced. The showing
is surpassed by only eleven other
states, those of Rhode Island, Massa-
chusetts, Indiana, Ohio, New Jersey,
New York, Connecticut, Vermont,
Utah, California and Wisconsin.

A law of 1914 imposes a tax for
road purposes and authorizes the state
to add the counties which vote bonds
for highway construction. Fourteen
counties assumed bonded indebtedness
aggregating \$2,215,000 last year, and
others have arranged to increase their
road funds to meet the state's offer.
The law provides for an interest about
\$750,000 annually. No county may re-
ceive more than 2 per cent of the total
state road fund in any one year, but
the payment by the state continues
until the county is reimbursed to the
amount of half the proceeds of the
bonds actually spent on construction.

Some of the counties have started
spending each year an amount exceed-
ing the 2 per cent of the state fund.
Thus the compact with the state is
virtually perpetual, for it is improbable
that the state will ever overtake these
counties in expenditures.

According to Governor Stanley, the
road building enterprise has already
passed the experimental stage. No one
now questions the wisdom of the law.
The general opinion is expressed in the
saying, "The money is not spent; it is
invested, and well invested." More-
over, Kentucky's pride in her highway
system will be all the greater because
the state itself, not the federal govern-
ment, is footing the bill for im-
provement.

Permanent Road Work.

Money invested in right of way in
reducing grades to the proper maxi-
mum and in draining and crowding
roadbed, building suitable culverts and
drainage structures, represents the
most nearly permanent elements that
enter into road construction. Money
spent for these items properly de-
signed represents permanent road con-
struction. Gravel placed upon a prop-
erly located, graded and drained road-
bed will often answer immediate needs
of that road. This will form the best
foundation possible for a high type of
construction when that stage is
reached.—Orange Judd Farmer.

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By VIRTUE of an execution and order
of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the
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State of Oregon, dated the 13th day of
May 1916, in a certain action in the
Circuit Court for said County and State
wherein P. C. Hatcher is plaintiff re-
covered judgment against J. A. Wilson
and James A. Wilson, for the sum of One
hundred twenty-seven and 64-100 Dol-
lars, and costs and disbursements taxed
at Nineteen and 50-100 Dollars, on the
24th day of April 1916.

Notice is hereby given that I will on
the 17th day of June 1916, at the front
door of the County Court House in Co-
quille in said County, at ten o'clock in
the forenoon of said day, set at public
auction to the highest bidder, for cash,
the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on a south bound-
ary of subdivision "D" of lot 11, Mor-
ris Subdivision, 150 feet south, 89 de-
grees and 49 minutes east of the south-
west corner of said subdivision "D",
running thence easterly along the said
south boundary line 100 feet; thence
north 0 degrees 09 minutes west, 145
feet to the north boundary of said sub-
division "D"; thence in a westerly di-
rection along said north boundary 100
feet; thence south 0 degrees 09 minutes
east, 115 feet, to the place of begin-
ning, save and except a strip ten feet
in width along the entire south line of
said premises to be used as a public
highway or street, all in Coos County,
State of Oregon.

Said real property is to be sold sub-
ject to a mortgage given by James A.
Wilson to L. E. Wilson (recorded in
book 33, page 205, Record of Mort-
gages) to secure the sum of \$150.00
with interest at the rate of ten per
cent per annum from the 11th day of
March, 1916. Taken and levied upon
as the property of the said defendant
J. A. Wilson, or as much thereof as
may be necessary to satisfy the said
judgment in favor of plaintiff and
against said defendant with interest
thereon, at the rate of 6 per cent per
annum from the 20th day of April 1916,
together with all costs and disburse-
ments that have or may accrue.

ALFRED JOHNSON, Jr.,
Sheriff.

Dated at Coquille, Oregon, May 13th,
1916.

Sheriff's Sale of Real Property on Foreclosure

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by
virtue of an execution duly issued out
of the Circuit Court of the State of
Oregon, for the County of Coos, and to
be directed to the Sheriff of said County
1916, upon a judgment and decree duly
rendered, entered of record and docketed
in and by said Court on the 7th day
of April 1916, in a certain suit then
in said Court pending, wherein John D.
Goss was plaintiff and John G. Mullen,
administrator of the estate of John W.
Negithon deceased, Alfreda Negithon,
John Doe and Mary Doe and all heirs
known or unknown of John W. Negi-
thon deceased, were defendants in fa-
vor of plaintiff and against said de-
fendants by which execution I am com-
manded to sell the property in said
execution and hereinafter described to
pay the sum due the plaintiff of seven
hundred seventy-four and 40-100 (\$774-
40) dollars, with interest thereon at
the rate of 6 per cent per annum
from the 7th day of April 1916, until
paid together with the costs and dis-
bursements of said suit taxed at Sixty
Dollars (\$60.00) together with an at-
torney's fee of \$75.00, and costs and ex-
penses of said execution. I will on Sat-
urday, the 3rd day of June 1916, at the
hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at
the front door of the County Court
House in Coquille, Coos County,
Oregon, sell at public auction to the
highest bidder for cash in hand on the
day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate
which said defendants John G. Mullen as
administrator of the estate of John W.
Negithon deceased, Alfreda Negithon,
John Doe and Mary Doe and all heirs
known or unknown of John W. Negi-
thon deceased and all persons claiming under
them or either of them subsequent to
the 1st day of June, 1912, have in, of
and to said real property or any part
thereof said premises hereinafter men-
tioned are described in said execution
as follows, to-wit:

West half (W 1/2) of the southwest
quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Three (3);
The Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the south-
east quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Four
(4) and lot Four of Section Ten (10). All
in Township Twenty-five (25) South
of Range Twelve (12) West of the Wil-
lamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon.
Said sale being made subject to re-
demption in the manner provided by
law.

Dated this 29th day of April 1916.
ALFRED JOHNSON, Jr.,
Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the final
account of Charles E. Baxter as ad-
ministrator of the estate of George
E. Baxter, deceased, has been filed in
the County Court of Coos County,
State of Oregon, and that the 6th day
of June 1916 at the hour of 10 o'clock
A. M. has been duly appointed by
said Court for the hearing of objec-
tions to such final account and the set-
tlement thereof, at which time any per-
son interested in such estate may ap-
pear and file objections thereto in
writing and contest the same.

CHARLES E. BAXTER,
Administrator of the Estate.

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ter.

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