

BRIDE & BATTLE

A Romance of the American Army Fighting on the Battlefields of France

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"I will come!" Mark repeated; and suddenly, even above the drumfire, he could hear the sounds of cheering. And, topping the ridge that ran before the village, there came a swarm of bay-green figures, thrusting back the line, scattered line that held it. The bullets were whirling overhead, and, like a swarm of bees, clouds of dust rose up and hid the battle.

Eleanor, clutching Mark's arm, stood beside him; Mark saw that she understood, and the two held their breath as the dust clouds eddied along the ridge.

Suddenly they dissolved, and the attacking swarm poured like a great flood to the village. It looked as if all were lost.

But an instant later Mark saw a line of company of Americans thrust out a Maxim gun from behind a wall, where they had hidden it. The gunner took a seat, and, just as the ranks were closing in on him, swept the street from side to side. The ranks recoiled, fell, body piling on body. Then, as the forces of the river, the attackers overcame the Maxim section and swept to the streets.

And, as torrent meets torrent, with a surge and a rush a body of Americans swept forward to meet them.

The battle was all about them. Every side was a fortress, every mound of earth a rallying point. Mark raised his half-conscious Colonel in his arms and drew him into the shelter of a little hollow in the brick wall. He beckoned to Eleanor to crouch down beside him.

There they were safe from flying bullets, and might hope to pass unobserved. He still hesitated, when a body of Germans rushed, shouting, past him, in a troop of Americans who came and a shattered corner, led by a young officer carrying a bloody sword.

It was quick and short bayonet work. Mark saw the blades flash, heard the ringing gasps of the thrusters and the gasps of the wounded. He saw the young officer stagger and fall, a bayonet through his shoulder. The sword from his hand. Before the German withdrew his weapon Mark had checked up the sword and, with a mighty blow, cloven the German's arm to his body.

And with the blow all his strength failed, all his energy and zest for life. He forgot everything. Waving



On into the Main Street, Mark Leading Them.

word, he hurled himself into the fighting ranks. They gave, and with the defenders swept on into the main street, Mark leading them.

Now he fought that day he never forgot; long afterward he would see it in his sleep, and battle pictures that forever eluded his waking consciousness. Round the little village, the key to the day's fortunes, the blood and flowed. Company after company came up on either side. Now, being now driven back, the Americans fought from street to street and again. Machine guns opened fire on unexpected places, hideous death caught the unwary and venture.

Sometimes a street was filled with a jostling mob, too packed to use steel, tearing at one another with teeth. There was no order, the command fell to him who it. Through all that nightmare fought at the head of his company, looking like a madman, as they of him afterward. When he came

ended, save for his bleeding arm, which the bandage had long since

fallen, and in command of a battalion.

They had driven the Germans from the last house of the village. The delay had saved the day. The reserves had come pouring in. On the ridge beyond the enemy was marshaling for a last counter-attack.

Mark looked about him. Lieutenants, captains who should have commanded companies, mingled with privates and noncoms, were following, as if hypnotized, this middle-aged private with the red cross on his arm. As Mark looked his heart swelled with the consciousness and pride of leadership. And, at its glance, a roar went up that was caught up from man to man and sent echoing into the distance.

And Mark was swept away with unconquerable enthusiasm. It was his day, the day of which every soldier dreams.

"Come along, boys! Break them up!" he shouted, and ran forward.

With one resounding cheer the lines swept after him. A ripple of machine-gun fire caught them, but could not hold them. Over the fallen they pressed on, cries of triumph upon their lips, the faces, set above the gleaming bayonets, animated by a single purpose. And now they were upon them.

Mark fought in the bloody swirl. Blades thrust at him, bullets tore his tattered uniform. Once he was down, and he saw a giant rush at him with a clubbed rifle. He raised his arm, he tried to drive with his sword, lunged and missed. Then the uplifted rifle fell harmlessly beside him, and the giant fell forward, dead, over him, pinning him to the ground, and covering him with his blood. A bayonet thrust had passed clean through his body.

And, looking up bewildered, Mark thought he saw Hartley's face look into his own.

Next moment Mark was on his feet again, and Hartley had vanished. But already the last tussle was over. The Germans broke and fled.

Mark stood still, gasping. The men were crowding all about him, waving their helmets on bayonet points, cheering him, shaking his hand. Across the field two mounted men were riding. They came up to the ridge, and one, a white-haired old officer, leaped to the ground and wrung Mark's hand.

"My thanks—our country's thanks to you!" he cried. "What is your name?"

Mark looked and saw the General's insignia upon the officer's shoulder straps.

"Weston," he answered.

And suddenly he remembered Eleanor, and, ashamed and humiliated, and yet strangely elevated, he began to push his way back through the crowd.

He turned into the street of the jail. Dead bodies lay everywhere, and already some of the ambulance men were succoring the wounded. Broken guns, rifles, haversacks, all the paraphernalia of battle strewn the streets. The debris of the jail came into view. The sun, dancing above it, indicated, to Mark's astonishment, that hours had passed, and that it was afternoon. Mark felt suddenly sick, he trembled, and with his last reserves of strength he staggered forward.

Then he saw Colonel Howard within the office in the wall, and Eleanor kneeling beside him, holding a water-bottle to his lips. She turned, saw him, and ran to him, folded her arms about his neck and pressed her lips to his.

(To be continued)

PETITION FOR AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

To Be Presented to the County Court of Harney County, State of Oregon, on the 5th Day of March, 1919.

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY COURT OF HARNEY COUNTY:

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, constituting a majority of the owners of land within the boundaries as hereinafter described, or who are bona fide claimants to unoccupied land under the laws of the United States, or who are the holders of an uncompleted title or contract to purchase state lands under the laws of the State of Oregon, all being duly qualified owners of land, claimants to unoccupied land of the United States or holders of uncompleted titles to State lands and all being qualified electors under the laws of the State of Oregon for organizing irrigation districts, being desirous of forming an irrigation district embracing the lands hereinafter designated within the boundaries hereinafter described and set forth, and utilizing the waters of Silvies River and its tributaries, of Foley Slough, Poison Creek and Sage Hen Creek, for the purpose of irrigation and the reclamation of said lands, and for domestic purposes, do hereby petition your Honorable Court as follows:

That it is the purpose of the undersigned petitioners to organize an irrigation district under the provisions and by virtue of the irrigation district laws of the State of Oregon as recited in Chapter 357, General Laws of Oregon, 1917, providing for the organization and management of irrigation districts; and

That your Honorable Court do proclaim a district as set forth herein, designating the name of said district and defining the boundaries thereof; and

That your Honorable Court proceed with such dispatch as may be under said law to call an election for the purpose above set forth and to do all things necessary under said law for the formation of said district, designating the time and place for voting at said election; and

That the boundaries and description of the land under said district shall be as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the East Fork of Silvies River and the east and west quarter line through Section 21, Township 24, South, Range

32, East of Willamette Meridian, in Harney County, Oregon; thence west to the west quarter corner of said Sec. 21; thence south to the SW corner of Sec. 33, all in same town and range; thence west along the line between Townships 24 and 25, South, to the NW corner of Lot 1 of Sec. 6, Township 25, South, Range 32, East, thence south to the SE corner of said Lot 1, Sec. 6; then west to the SW corner of Lot 4 of said Sec. 6; thence south to the NW corner of Lot 7, of said Sec. 6; thence west to the NW corner of the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 1; Township 25, South, Range 31, East; thence south to SW corner of SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Sec. 1; thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 12; thence south to the west quarter corner of said sec. 12; thence west to the NW corner of NE 1/4 of Sec. 11; thence south to the SW corner of SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Sec. 11; thence west to south quarter corner of said Sec. 11; thence south through the center of sections 14 and 23 to the south quarter corner of said Sec. 23; thence east to the SE corner of Sec. 24, all in Township 25, South, Range 31, East; thence east to the SE corner of Sec. 22, in Township 25, South, Range 32, East; thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 27; thence west to the south quarter corner of said Sec. 27; thence south thru the center of sec. 34, and all in Township 25, south, range 32, East, and the center of Sec. 3, in Township 25, South, Range 32, East, north of Malheur Lake to the intersection of said line and the meander line bounding Malheur Lake, and being near the center of said Sec. 3 thence

in an easterly and northeasterly direction, following the meander line of said lake to the intersection of said meander line and the east line of Sec. 22, in Township 25, South, Range 32 1/2 East; thence north to the NE corner of said Sec. 22; thence west to the north quarter corner of said Sec. 22; thence north to the center of Sec. 15 to the center of Sec. 10; thence west to the west quarter corner of said Sec. 10; thence north to the east quarter corner of Sec. 4; thence west through the center of sec. 4 to the west quarter corner thereof; thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 5; thence west to the north quarter corner of said Sec. 5; thence south to the center of said sec. 5; thence west to the SE corner of the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Sec.; thence north to the NW corner of Lot 3, of said Sec. 5; thence west to the NW corner of sec. 6; all in said Township 25, South, Range 32 1/2, East; thence north to the NE corner of SE 1/4 of Sec. 36, in Township 24, South, Range 32, East; thence west to the center of said section 36; thence north to the north quarter corner of said Sec. 36; thence west to the north quarter corner of section 35; thence north to the center of Sec. 26; thence west to the west quarter corner of said section 26; thence north to the NW corner of Sec. 27; thence west to the NW corner of said section 27; thence north to the east quarter corner of Sec. 21; thence west to the intersection of said line and the East Fork of Silvies River, all in Township 24, South, Range 32, East, same being the place of beginning.

That the irrigable lands embraced within the boundaries as above described comprises the following, to-wit:

Township 24, South, Range 32, East:	
Section 21, S 1/2	320 acres
Section 26, SW 1/4	160 acres
Section 27, all	625.33 acres
Section 28, all	635.69 acres
Section 33, all	640 acres
Section 34, all	634.75 acres
Section 35, all	640 acres
Section 36, S 1/2, NW 1/4	480 acres
Township 25, South, Range 31, East:	
Section 1, SE 1/4 SE 1/4	40 acres
Section 11, E 1/2 SE 1/4	80 acres
Section 12, all	640 acres
Section 13, all	640 acres
Section 14, E 1/2	320 acres
Section 23, E 1/2	320 acres
Section 24, all	640 acres
Township 25, South, Range 32, East:	
Section 1, all	639.30 acres
Section 2, all	640.80 acres
Section 3, all	640.48 acres
Section 4, all	642.08 acres
Section 5, all	644.04 acres
Section 6, Lot 1, S 1/2 NW 1/4	518.02 acres

Section 7, all	634.48 acres
Section 8, all	640 acres
Section 9, all	640 acres
Section 10, all	640 acres
Section 11, all	640 acres
Section 12, all	640 acres
Section 13, all	640 acres
Section 14, all	640 acres
Section 15, all	640 acres
Section 16, all	640 acres
Section 17, all	640 acres
Section 18, all	638.44 acres
Section 19, all	641.32 acres
Section 20, all	640 acres
Section 21, all	640 acres
Section 22, all	640 acres
Section 23, all	636.37 acres
Section 24, all	640 acres
Section 25, all	639.60 acres
Section 26, all	321.81 acres
Section 34, E 1/2	630.08 acres
Section 35, all	481.08 acres
Section 36, all	640 acres
Township 25, South, Range 32 1/2 East:	
Section 4, S 1/2	320 acres
Section 5, E 1/2, SW 1/4	559.06 acres
Section 6, all	495.98 acres
Section 7, all	485.58 acres
Section 8, all	640 acres
Section 9, all	640 acres
Section 10, SW 1/4	160 acres
Section 15, W 1/2	320 acres
Section 16, all	640 acres
Section 17, all	640 acres
Section 18, all	488.38 acres
Section 19, all	487.95 acres
Section 20, all	602.46 acres

Section 21, all	553.73 acres
Section 22, all	564.44 acres
Section 27, all	122.29 acres
Section 28, all	11.97 acres
Section 29, all	56.24 acres
Section 30, all	440.34 acres
Section 31, all	97.10 acres
Township 26, South, Range 32, north of Malheur Lake:	
Section 1, all	19.81 acres
Section 2, all	258.78 acres
Section 3, Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8	128.96 acres

Total acreage of 33,496.25 acres according to the Government surveys thereof.

All in conformity with the foregoing and under the laws of the State of Oregon, and YOUR PETITIONERS WILL EVER PRAY:

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That the boundaries of the proposed district as set forth and described in said petition are as follows, to-wit:

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