

BRIDE of BATTLE

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

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CHAPTER XVI.

Even as he kissed her in return he startled her with a glance that she cast behind her, and, following it with his eyes, he saw a tall figure in uniform emerge from the recesses of the orchard; and again he stood face to face with Kellerman.

Eleanor released him and stood, still clinging to him, at his side, her hand open through his arm. The contrast between the two men was extraordinary. Kellerman looked as if he had stepped into his uniform; his eyes were bright, his hands were firm, his face was as white as the snow on the mountain peaks. He was a soldier, a man of iron will and unshakable courage.

"You said he would not come back," said Eleanor. "You see he has come back. What have you to say more?" "You misunderstood me, Eleanor. I understand you now for the first time in my life. I liked you, Major Kellerman. I trusted you and I believed in you. When you told me that you were working to get Captain Wallace's recognition I was glad, and proud of you both, and happy. What do you do?"

"What did he do?" cried Kellerman. "Why should you believe anything of me, because he said so?" "He never spoke one word against me."

"When the decision has already been made by an impartial court, anxious to preserve a soldier's character, if that were possible?"

"Because I have a woman's instinct, and Kellerman."

"Enough of this," interposed Mark. "What are you doing here, sir?" "I snapped the last word out in my anger," said Kellerman. "You've cheated the firing party, and you're here!" he said, with his hand on his hip.

"I call me Mark while you're about answering Wallace. Or please remember that I am no longer under your command, nor a soldier in the American army. Technically I am a man, Major Kellerman, and dead."

"Well, here we stand, man, and the conditions are plain speaking. It is not my business to place you under arrest. But, if you are aware that your life is worth about five minutes' purchase, go, Mr. Weston, or Wallace, whatever you call yourself now. Go, Miss Eleanor, here says the one that will set you free. Go—and in confusion you will have a reasonable chance to escape, with those wits of yours."

"The one word?" Eleanor gasped. "The one word 'yes,'" responded Kellerman.

"I will never become your wife, Major Kellerman."

"You told me the other day, after telling me to suppose that it was your own choice," answered Kellerman easily.

"Mr. Weston, if you please, and I find war doesn't leave much humanity in a man. We know what is worth, and we know that life is a matter of bargaining. When we are in America I might have accepted Miss Eleanor, but here we stand under the naked heaven, and on a hill. All artificial distinctions have fallen away. I've loved you for many months, Eleanor, and I want to marry you. That's the bald fact of it. In order to persuade you, willing to let this gentleman escape to facilitate his escape, even to our marriage dependent on my escape. That's fair, isn't it? And, have you against me? Is it my fault that he was court-martialed and sent to death for striking an officer?"

"His effrontery took Mark's away."

"Answer," responded Eleanor. "Is 'no.' And even if you could bring him to his death it would still be because he himself would wish it. But you can't harm him. Some-convince me that all the harm that comes to him has come from you. And it tells me, too, that your heart has ended. 'No,' is my answer."

"And you, Mr. Weston?" asked Eleanor, looking at Mark.

"Unable to reply, pointed toward the opening of the recess. Kellerman stepped forward and strode toward it. Then he turned back and looked at Eleanor.

"There's one thing more to say," he said. "Your action in dismissing me, Eleanor, savors of the romantic. Your life has been a romantic life, due to the circumstances of its upbringing. It was that, I believe, made you think it my duty to follow your adopted father's lead. I think you ought to

know who you are. Your father died on the battlefield of Santiago. He was a fugitive from justice. He was the notorious Hampton."

Mark uttered a cry. He sprang toward Kellerman, but Kellerman dealt him a blow that sent him stumbling among the bricks.

"That's a lie, Kellerman!" said Colonel Howard quietly.

The old Colonel's eyes were wide open. He laid his hands laboriously upon the edge of the brick wall and, with a great effort, raised himself to his feet.

"That's a lie," he repeated. "It is no lie, Colonel Howard. You told the whole story to Captain Wallace in the hospital tent. Never mind how I know. I know."

"You damned, dirty spy!" said the old Colonel.

"A confession," answered Kellerman blandly. "Your words were strong ones, Colonel Howard. Deny them if you can. You said, 'A thousand years of hell wouldn't atone for that crime.' You said 'it was calculated, cold-blooded deliberation.' You said, 'The case against Hampton was absolutely proven. He was to have been hanged as soon as he captured Santiago. He was born rotten. He sold his country to pay his gambling debts.' And you called him by the worst name one man can call another. That was why you tried to persuade Mark Wallace not to adopt Hampton's child. Like father, like daughter."

He swung round upon Eleanor, and for the first time seemed to lose his self-control.

"That's who you are!" he cried. "The child of a wretched traitor, who worked



"The Child of a Wretched Traitor."

in the war department with Colonel Howard and me, a man without honor, entangled with a wretched woman spy, who sold our secrets. And that man—your adopted father, whom you love and revere, spied on him in turn, watched him, read his letters, went through his pockets, snared him, trapped him, brought him to his death—and adopted you."

(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 Silvie 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 Silvie River and the east and west quarter line through Section 21, Township 24, South, Range

52, 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 SW corner of said Lot 1, Sec. 6; thence west to the SW corner of Lot 1 of said Sec. 6; thence south to the NW corner of Lot 7, of said Sec. 6; thence west to the SW corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 1, Township 25, South, Range 31, East; thence south to SW corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 11; thence south to the SW corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said sec. 11; thence west 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 easter 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ East; thence north to the NE corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 Silvie 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 $\frac{1}{2}$	320 acres
Section 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$	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 $\frac{1}{2}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$	480 acres
Township 25, South, Range 31, East:	
Section 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	40 acres
Section 11, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	80 acres
Section 12, all	640 acres
Section 13, all	640 acres
Section 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$	320 acres
Section 23, E $\frac{1}{2}$	320 acres
Section 24, all	640 acres
Township 25, South, Range 32, East:	
Section 1, all	639.39 acres
Section 2, all	640.80 acres
Section 3, all	640.43 acres
Section 4, all	642.08 acres
Section 5, all	644.04 acres
Section 6, Lot 1, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	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	640 acres
Section 24, all	636.37 acres
Section 25, all	640 acres
Section 26, all	639.60 acres
Section 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$	321.81 acres
Section 35, all	630.68 acres
Section 36, all	481.08 acres
Township 25, South, Range 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ East:	
Section 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$	320 acres
Section 5, E $\frac{1}{2}$; SW $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	559.06 acres
Section 6, all	486.98 acres
Section 7, all	485.58 acres
Section 8, all	640 acres
Section 9, all	640 acres
Section 10, SW $\frac{1}{4}$	160 acres
Section 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$	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, 554.44 acres
Section 27, all, 123.29 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, 19.31 acres
Section 2, all, 258.78 acres
Section 3, Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 128.96 acres

Total acreage of 33,495.25 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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will at the session of the County Court for Harney County, Oregon, on the 5th day of March, 1919, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, present to said Court a petition praying said Court to proclaim an irrigation district and define the boundaries thereof; and to call an election for the purposes above set forth and to do all things necessary and proper under the law for the formation of said district, and designate the time and place for voting at said election.

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

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