GRAUSTARK

...By...

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CHAPTER XIV.

THE EPISODE OF THE THRONEROOM.

"THIS is the throneroom, Allode!" The Princess Yetive paused before two massive doors. It was the next afternoon, and she had already shown him the palace of a queen, the hovel of a pauper!

Through the afternoon not one word other than those which might have passed between good friends escaped the lips of either. He was all interest, she all graciousness. Allode, the sturdy guard, swung open the doors, drew the curtain and stood aside for them to pass. Into the quiet hall she led him, a princess in a gown of gray, a courtier in tweeds. Inside the doors he paused.

"And I thought you were Miss Gogginsiocker," he said. She laughed with the glee of a child who has charmed and delighted through surprise.

"Am I not a feeble mite to sit on that throne and rule all that comes within its reach?" She directed his attention to the throne at the opposite end of the hall. "From its seat I calmly instruct gray haired statesmen, weigh their wisdom and pass upon it as if I were Demosthenes, challenge the evils that may drive monarchs mad and wonder if my crown is on straight."

"Let me be ambassador from the United States and kneel at the throne, your highness."

"I could not engage in a jest with the crown my ancestors wore, Mr. Lorry. It is sacred, then thoughtless American. Come, we will draw nearer that you may see the beauty of the workmanship in that great old chair."

They stood at the base of the low, velvated stage on which stood the chair, with its high back, its massive arms and legs a-shimmer in the light from the lofty windows. It was of gold, inlaid with precious stones—diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires and other wondrous jewels—a relic of ancient Graustark.

"I never sit in the center. Always at one side or the other, usually leaning my elbow on the arm. You see, the discussions are generally so long and dreary that I become fatigued. One time—I am ashamed to confess it—I went to sleep on the throne. That was long ago. I manage to keep awake very well of late. Do you like my throneroom?"

"And to think that it is yours!"

"It is this room that gives me the right to be hailed with 'Long live the princess!' Not with campaign yells and 'Hurrah for Yetive!' How does that sound? 'Hurrah for Yetive!'" She was laughing merrily.

"Don't say it! It sounds sacrilegious, revolting!"

"For over three years—since I was eighteen—I have been supreme in that chair. During the years of my reign prior to that time I sat there with my Uncle Caspar standing beside me. How often I begged him to sit down with me! There was so much room, and he certainly must have grown tired of standing. One time I cried because he frowned at me when I persisted in the presence of a great assemblage of nobles from Dawsbergen. It seems that it was a most important audience that I was granting, but I thought more of my uncle's tired old legs. I remember saying through my sobs of mortification that I would have him beheaded. You are to guess whether that startling threat created consternation or mirth."

"What a whimsical little princess you must have been, weeping and pouting and going to sleep!" he laughed. "And how sedate and wise you have become!"

"Thank you. How very nice you are. I have felt all along that some one would discern my effort to be dignified and sedate. They say I am wise and good and gracious, but that is to be expected. They said that of sovereigns as far back as the deluge, I've heard. Would you really like to see me in that old chair?" she asked.

"Ah, you are still a woman," he said, smiling at her pretty vanity. "Nothing could impress me more pleasantly."

She stepped carelessly and impulsively upon the royal platform, leaned against the arm of the throne, and with the charming blush of consciousness turned to him with the quickness of a guilty conscience, eager to hear his praise, but fearful lest he secretly condemned her conceit. His eyes were burning with the admiration that knows no dulling, and his breath came quick and sharp through parted lips. He involuntarily placed a foot upon the bottom step, as if to spring to her side.

"You must not come up here!" she cried, shrinking back, her hands extended in fluttering remonstrance. "I cannot permit that at all!"

"I beg your pardon," he cried. "That is all the humble plebeian can say. That I may be more completely under this fairy spell, pray cast about yourself the robe of rank and take up the scepter. Perhaps I may fall upon my face."

"And hurt your head all over again," she said, laughing nervously. She hesitated for a moment, a perplexed frown crossing her brow. Then she jerked a rich robe from the back of the throne and placed it about her shoulders as only a woman can. Taking up the scepter, she stood before the great chair and, with a smile on her lips, held it above his head, saying softly:

"Graustark welcomes the American prince."

He sank to his knee before the real princess, kissed the hem of her robe and arose with face pallid. The chasm was now endless in its immensity. The princess gingerly seated herself on the throne, placed her elbow on the broad arm, her white chin in her hand, and tranquilly surveyed the voiceless American prince.

"You have not said 'Thank you,'" she said finally, her eyes wavering beneath his steady gaze.

"I am only thinking how easy it would be to cross the gulf that lies between us. With two movements of my body I can place it before you, with a third I can be sitting at your side. It is not so difficult after all," he said, hungrily eying the broad chair.

"No man, unless a prince, ever sat upon this throne," she said.

"You have called me a prince."

"Oh, I jested," she cried quickly, comprehending his intention. "I forted you!"

Her command came too late, for he was beside her on the throne of Graustark! She sat perfectly rigid for a moment, intense fear in her eyes.

"Do you know what you have done?" she whispered miserably.

"Usurped the throne," he replied, assuming an ease and complacence he did not feel. Truly he was guilty of unprecedented presumption.

"You have desecrated—desecrated! Do you hear?" she went on, paying no attention to his remark.

"Peccavi. Ah, your highness, I delight in my sin! For once I am a power. I speak from the throne. You will not have me abdicate in the zenith of my glory? Be kind, most gracious one. Besides, did you not once cry because your uncle refused to sit with you? Had he been the possessor of a dangerous wound, as I am, and had he found himself so weak that he could stand no longer, I am sure he would have done as I have—sat down in preference to falling limp at your feet. You do not know how badly I am wounded," he pleaded with the subtlest double meaning.

(*To be continued.*)

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of La Grange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, its the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy.

GOOD ROADS.

They Add to the Profits of Those Engaged In Every Vocation.

A speaker at the national good roads convention said that good roads economize time, labor and money; they save worry and waste; they add to social and religious progress; they increase the value of property; they permit the transportation of farm products during bad weather when no work can be done on the farm; they save the wear and tear on horses, drivers, harness and wagons.

Good roads are the avenues of progress, the best proof of popular intelligence, the ligaments that bind the country together in the bonds of patriotism and thrift. They are the woof of destiny woven into the great web of our civilization. Good roads are the rivulets that swell the great streams of commerce that flow out to every country and distribute the products of our fields, factories, forests and mines.

The government of the United States has never failed to respond to the demands of the country in the improvement of its rivers and harbors. Millions of dollars, for instance, have been expended on Sault Ste. Marie that connects Lake Superior with Lake Huron, all within the state of Michigan. The ironmasters and the copper kings of the country and the grain growers of the northwest have been mainly benefited by the improvement of this great waterway. No one objects to it. It is a proper expenditure to develop the great material interests of the northwest. But this expenditure is limited in its scope and benefits.

The great harbors along the Atlantic seaboard and on the gulf coast have cost the country hundreds of millions of dollars. These improvements also are to be commended. The improvement of the various harbors and rivers for the past seven years has cost $130,565,485, but not one dollar has been appropriated to build or improve the common roads.

Rural Delivery Notes

F. H. Cunningham of Nebraska is president of the National Association of Rural Letter Carriers and W. P. Woods of Iowa vice president.

In Ohio there are 1,335 rural free delivery carriers, and the service now covers the state. The salary roll of this force amounts to about $65,000 a month.

It is said the rural free delivery service will require from congress a larger appropriation than has ever before been allowed for it. It is expected that the amount will be in the neighborhood of $20,000,000. Last session $12,500,000 was allowed, of which $9,000,000 was for maintenance and the remainder for new service.

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How to Lay Brick Sidewalks.

How Quincy, Ill., lays its brick sidewalks may be of interest to other towns and the following method is given, says the Municipal Journal and Engineer: The specifications provide that before the sidewalk is laid the ground must be excavated and graded eight and a quarter inches below the upper surface of said walk. On the earth resulted thus formed a bottom layer of cinders must be laid to a uniform depth of four inches and must be well tamped. When so tamped, the upper surface of the cinders must be parallel with and four and a half inches below the proposed upper surface of the walk. Upon this layer of cinders must be spread a layer of river, sharp river sand to a depth of two inches. The upper surface of the sand must be parallel and two and a quarter inches below the proposed surface of the walk, and upon this layer of sand is to be placed one course of hard burned brick laid upon the flat surface, forming a solid, flat surface. The bricks must be regular in shape and size and shall be thirty-four to a square yard. No broken or imperfect bricks shall be used except those necessary to block joints. All the crevices between the bricks shall be well filled with clean, dry river sand.

Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Dr. Eli Burler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by all druggists.

BOOMING THAT PAID

OHIO TOWN BEAUTIFIED AND BUILT UP BY ITS CITIZENS.

Originator of the Boom Tells How the Movement Was Started and What Was Accomplished When All Took a Hand In the Work.

"You ask how we boomed our town," said an Ohio man who hails from one of the cleanest, neatest villages in the Buckeye State. "Well, I shall be glad to tell you and hope other towns may profit by it. My town has about 2,000 inhabitants and 400 or 500 buildings. Up to the time we began work, which was three years ago, at least half the buildings were unpainted. There wasn't what you might call a decent fence in front of any residence, nor could one find ten rods of good sidewalk. Hogs and cattle were allowed to roam at large, the streets were full of holes, and our courthouse was a disgrace. It was what you might truthfully call a slipshod, ramshackle town, and it seemed as if everybody who could sell out was ready to do so and get away. There wasn't a place in the town but that had gradually deteriorated in value, and rival villages had drawn much of our trade.

"Well, it all began by my speaking to my wife and asking her to make a move in the matter. She got three or four other women interested, called a meeting, and a committee was appointed. When they had got to work I called for a meeting of the men, and it was agreed that we should take a hand and do something for the town. We first took hold of the streets and filled and graded them. That was done at public expense, as were also the repairs to the courthouse. Then we took the sidewalks block by block. We got our lumber cheaper by contracting with one dealer, and the work was also done by one contractor. The next thing was the fences, and we pursued the same policy. The paint and oil were bought at wholesale and every citizen painted his own fence. One day twenty-two women turned out and handled the brush all day long.

"Of course we had a few Rip Van Winkles who wanted to continue their slumbers, but after a few improvements had been made they began waking up and doing their share. We started our work about the middle of April. Before snow fell we had made a new town of it. Not a dwelling or fence was left unpainted. We had good walks, good streets, flowers and shrubs everywhere, and the railroad company gave us a new depot of brick. The merchants woke up and began to put in plate glass fronts and to advertise, and all their lost trade came back and more with it.

"One of the things we did was to clean out all the wells in town. There were nearly 200 of them, and some of them had not been pumped out for twenty years. The year before we started in we had eighteen cases of typhoid fever. The year after we had not one single case. Some of the householders had to run in debt to make their improvements, but as an offset real estate is worth 25 per cent more today. Not only that, but several new business men and at least a score of new families have come in, and we have got more new houses under way today than any other town of our size in the state. In place of the cows and hogs we have flower beds and shrubbery, and in place of weather beaten houses and decayed fences we look like a girl in her Sunday clothes. It took a lot of talking to get the thing started, and we almost had to use a crowbar on some of the property owners, but we've got a town now to brag of and are going to keep it up and head the procession." A. R. LEWIS.

A TOWN'S SCHOOLS.

They Should Be Perfectly Sanitary, Clean, Light and Wholesome.

While public schools cannot be made palatial there ought to be no reason why sufficient money cannot be secured to make them wholesome and free from defects likely to affect the health of the scholars. The health of the children is a matter that should never be overlooked. If necessary to this end the school board would better curtail expenses for studies of questionable utility and apply money thus saved to the more urgent purpose of making the schoolhouses perfectly sanitary, well lighted and clean.

At the close of each day's session each class room should be thoroughly swept, dusted and aired that each morning may find it clean and free from dust, and the floors should receive frequent scrubbing with soap and water. During the winter the rooms may be kept at an even temperature with but slight care on the part of the person whose duty it is to attend to this important matter. Too much heat is nearly as injurious as too little, and a varying temperature is more dangerous than either.

Economy in this matter is criminal and unpardonable injustice to the coming men and women, and every town should see that its schools are clean, comfortable and well lighted.

Judged by Condition of Streets.

In his annual message to the council of Leavenworth, Kas., the mayor of that city said that a town is largely judged by the condition of its streets, and he further stated that nothing impresses a stranger so much as well paved and well kept streets, and nothing contributes more to the comfort of the residents of the streets than such thoroughfares. Provided the streets are paved and curbed, Leavenworth can be made, in his opinion, the most attractive city in Kansas. He therefore recommended that street improvements be vigorously prosecuted where needed.

ROADSIDE BEAUTY.

Highways Free of Weeds and Bushes Increase Farm Values.

There is nothing that gives a passer-by a poorer opinion of a farm than a roadside front incumbered with a weed and scrub nursery, says the Practical Farmer. On many a farm which is otherwise comparatively clean the roadside is allowed to furnish weed seeds enough annually to keep up the supply of brow sweatings for the next season. Even where there is some effort to keep the roadside clean it is common to let the whole growth remain until fall, when the weed seeds are ripe, and then have a cleaning up which accomplishes little good.

In traveling through northern Indiana we were struck with the beautiful sod on each side of the railroad line and inside of the railroad fences. The grass and weeds were evidently carefully mown more than once during the season, and there was late in the fall a sod of emerald green which made a strong contrast with the brown and closely grazed fields on the farms alongside. It takes little work, if done at the right time, to keep the roadside in front of one's farm neat and showing only a clean sod instead of bushes and weeds.

The front of thousands of farms in all parts of the country shows a growth of bushes that hide the fields beyond and give a neglected appearance to the whole place. Grub the whole front carefully and determine that next season the growth shall be kept down. As the young sprouts appear in spring it will take but a little while with the scythe to clip them off, and a regular clipping with the scythe will do more toward banishing the bushes than any grubbing that is done but once a year.

Where the no fence law is in operation it is easy to keep the roadside clean with the mowing machine, and every farmer who takes any pride in the appearance of his place will see to this. There is a money value in neatness, for if two places side by side are offered for sale, one neat and clean and the other bordered with bushes and weeds, the clean farm will bring more money per acre by reason of its appearance. Then, if we add to this some beauty in the planting of the front and the approach to the house, with a well kept drive and a beautiful lawn, we will be adding dollars to the salable value of the farm at a small cost.

SANITATION PAYS.

Striking Lesson Taught by Condition of Havana.

Does sanitation pay? The very best answer to this question that can possibly be given consists of an unvarnished citation of the object lesson afforded by Havana under American military administration, says the Maryland Medical Journal. When the United States army pushed the Spaniards off the island, they found a city that had practically been a fruitful focus for the dissemination of all the infectious diseases that are fostered by tropic heat in conjunction with human negligence and want of hygienic decency. There were no efficient sewers; sewage ran in open gutters or stood in stagnant pools on top of the ground throughout the city. Yellow fever and smallpox were annually epidemic, and the death rate exceeded 25,000 every year.

The first step of the army officers on taking possession was to establish a system of municipal sanitation. The natives were harnessed for the work and under compulsion and proper supervision soon revolutionized the situation. Sewers were constructed, streets and cesspools were cleaned, the latter being abolished, the water supply was looked after, and, lastly, the perennial crop of disease bearing mosquitoes were attacked right and left—and what is the result? Malarial diseases have become much more rare and of a milder type than has ever been known in the region, there has not been a case of smallpox for more than a year and a half and yellow fever has been practically abolished.

FOR TOWN IMPROVEMENT.

Banks of Massachusetts Hold Funds For This Purpose.

"It is perhaps not generally known that savings banks in Massachusetts, under the provisions of the acts of 1875 and 1885, are especially authorized to receive on deposit, to any amount, funds in trust for the purpose of setting out shade trees in streets and parks and for improving the same, and also for erecting and maintaining drinking fountains in public places," said M. F. Dickinson in an address at a meeting of the Massachusetts state board of agriculture.

"These funds are placed on interest in the banks, the dividends being payable semi-annually to the town designated by the donor, and are to be expended by the authorities of the town for the purposes specified. No part of the principal can be withdrawn, and the same is exempt from attachment or levy on execution.

"I am not informed to what extent funds have been deposited in our savings banks for these purposes, but the legislation certainly is a step in the right direction. Let us hope that out of it may finally grow the habit on the part of our rich men of providing a permanent fund for the embellishment and beautifying of our public places."

To Improve Toms River.

The women of Toms River, N. J., recently organized a village improvement society. The object of the association is to encourage and promote measures for local improvement in the building or laying out of walks or roads, the planting and preserving of trees and turf, the adoption of other plans for beautifying the village and for increasing its facilities of access.

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Royal Arch Masons—Rogues Chapter No. 28 meets second and fourth Wednesday Masonic hall. H. C. Borders, H. P. J. E. Peterson, Secy.

Eastern Star—Josephine Chapter, No. 26 meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in Masonic hall. Mary L. Cox, W. M. Mae H. Zoller, Secy.

I. O. O. F.—Golden Rule Lodge No. 78, meets every Saturday night at I. O. O. F. hall. F. H. Schmidt, N. G. T. Y. Dean, Secy. Visiting brothers invited.

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United Artisans—Grants Pass Assembly No. 49, meets alternate Tuesdays in A. O. U. W. hall. Mae E. A. Griffith, Master Artisan. Fred Nesseth, Secy.

Woodmen of the World—Rogue River Camp No. 95 meets second and fourth Fridays at Woodman Hall. Geo. H. Slover, C. C. C. E. Mayhew, Clerk.

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Foresters of America—Court Josephine No. 28, meets each Wednesday except the first, at A. O. U. W. hall. F. O. Stricker, F. S. F. French, C. R.

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Hawthorne Lodge, No. 21, D. of H., A. O. U. W. meets every alternate Tuesday evening in A. O. U. W. hall, Dixon building. Mrs. A. McCarthy, C. of H. Mrs. Lydia Dean, Recorder.

Knights of the Maccabees—Grants Pass Tent, No. 13 meets first and third Thursdays at Woodmen hall. Wm. Allred, P. C. Mortes, Commander. Record Keeper.

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Knights of Pythias—Thermopylae No. 36 meets each Tuesday night 7:30 W. O. W. Hall. M. T. Utley, C. C. Tom Williams, K. of R. and S.

Grand Army of the Republic—Gen. Logan Post No. 35, meets 3rd Wednesday at A. O. U. W. hall. John Patrick, J. E. Peterson, Adjt. Com.

Woman's Relief Corps—General Logan No. 29, meets 2d and 4th Saturdays at 2 p. m. at A. O. U. W. hall. Mrs. Rose Wentman, Pres. Mrs. T. B. Cornell, Secy.

Order of Pendo—White Rock Council No. 105, meets in Woodmen Hall Saturday nights. F. L. Cosper, Counselor. C. E. Mayhew, Secretary.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Union No. 1148 meets second and fourth Fridays of each month at A. O. U. W. Hall. R. D. Cole, R. Sec. J. P. Gallender, Fres. D. A. Fitzgerald, Fin. Secy.

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GUARDIAN'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 25th day of March, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the Court House for Josephine County, Oregon, in Grants Pass, Oregon, I will offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, the undivided one-half interest of Mabel I. Smith, a minor, in and to Lots 7 in Block 18 of the town of Grants Pass, in Josephine County, Oregon, subject to the claim of dower of Sarah E. Smith.

Dated Grants Pass, Ore., February 25, 1904.

SARAH E. SMITH
Guardian of the estate of Mabel I. Smith, a minor

NOTCE TO LABORERS AND MINERS.

To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given:

That all those certain Placer mining claims, situated in Township 39, South; Range 9 west of the Willamette Meridian and on the left hand bank of Josephine Creek, and the "Blue Jay" on the right hand bank, in the county of Josephine and State of Oregon, and lying between Fidlers' Gulch, and Days Gulch, are owned by Edward Dailey and David Bour. That said Mining claims are being worked by M. Marks, under an agreement in the nature of a Deed in Escrow.

Therefore, all laborers and miners are hereby notified that they are not entitled to a laborers' lien on said above described property (mining claims,) under the law. And we warn all presons who are working for the said M. Marks, not to attempt to file liens against said above described mining claims or either of them, as we will contest all or any liens, that may be filed on said claims.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In The County Court of The State of Oregon, For The County of Josephine.

In the matter of the estate of John P. Ranzau, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of John Ranzau and Sarah Smock, the executors of the estate of John P. Ranzau, deceased, has been rendered to said court for settlement, and that a petition for a final distribution of the estate has been filed with said account, and that the 18th day of March, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock, A. M., has been duly appointed by said court for the settlement of said account and hearing said petition at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to said account, and contest the same.

Dated February 16th, 1904.

JOHN RANZAU,
SARAH SMOCK,
Executors.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, For the County of Josephine.

In the matter of the Estate of Horace Gasquet, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of C. E. Harmon, the administrator of the estate of Horace Gasquet, deceased, has been rendered to said court for settlement, and that a petition for a final distribution of the estate has been filed with said account, and that the 21st day of March, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M., has been duly appointed by said court for the settlement of said account and hearing said petition, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to said account, and contest the same.

Dated at Grants Pass, Ore., Feb. 18, 1904.

C. E. HARMON, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTEMENT.

In the County Court for Josephine County, Oregon.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles Lee Ellsworth, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the above entitled estate, has filed in said court, his final account and the said court, Hon. J. O. Booth, Judge, has ordered that notice thereof be published in the Rogue River Courier, published at Grants Pass, Oregon, for the period of four successive weeks and has set Thursday, March 24, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time for settling said account, and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and present their objections thereto, or be ore said date.

Dated at Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, February 24, 1904

J. E. PETERSON, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

Grants Pass, Oregon, Feb. 4, 1904.

To S. J. Paul:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned, Franta Novotny has expended during the year ending December 31, 1901, One Hundred Dollars in labor and improvements on each of the following described mining claims, to-wit:

The Iron Horse Quartz Mining Claim situated in Wolf Creek (unorganized) Mining District, Josephine County, Oregon, the location notice of which was on March 31, 1900, filed for record with the County Clerk for Josephine County, Oregon, and the same now appears of record in Volume 13 of Mining Records of Josephine County, Oregon, at page 330 thereof.

Also that quartz mining claim known as the Climax, situated in the Wolf Creek (unorganized) Mining District, Josephine County, Oregon, the location notice of which was on June 15, 1900, filed for record in the office of the County Clerk for Josephine County, Oregon, and the same now appears of record in Vol. 13 Mining Records of said County at page 400 thereof.

Also the Dutchman Quartz Mining Claim situated in Mt. Reuben (unorganized) Mining District, Josephine County, Oregon, as particularly described in the location notice thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk for Josephine County, Oregon, June 21, 1901, and the same now appears of record in Vol. 14 of Mining records of said County at page 142 thereof.

That I expended the moneys aforesaid on said mining claims under the provisions of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the amendment thereto, approved January 22, 1880, concerning annual labor on mining claims, the sums so expended on each of said claims being the annual assessment and representation work thereon, and the amount required to hold each of said mining claims for the period ending December 31, 1902.

You are further notified that if within ninety days from the time of personal service of this notice upon you, or within ninety days after the first publication hereof you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure as co-owner, to-wit: one-half thereof, your interest in each of said claims will become the property of the undersigned, your co-owner, who has made the expenditure required in accordance with the requirements of the law in such cases made and provided.

FRANTA NOVOTNY
Co-owner.

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