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By HERBERT QUICK

CHAPTER XX

Theory and Practice.

Superintendent Jennie sat at her desk in no very satisfactory frame of mind. In the first place the court was convened on the following Monday, so that her one-room office was not to be hers for a few days. To Wilbur Smythe, who did her the honor of calling occasionally, she remarked that if they didn't soon build the new courthouse so as to give her such accommodations as her office really needed, "they might take their old office—so there!"

"Fair woman," said Wilbur, as he creased his Prince Albert in a parting bow, "should adorn the home!"

"Bosh!" sneered Jennie, rather pleased, all the same, "suppose she isn't fair, and hasn't any home!"

This question of adorning a home was no nearer settlement with Jennie than it had ever been, though increasingly a matter of speculation. There were two or three men—rather good catches, too—who, if they were encouraged, but what was there to any of them? This is what Jennie asked her paper-weight as she placed it on a pile of unfinished examination papers. And the paper-weight echoed, "not a thing out of the ordinary!"

And then, said Jennie, "Well, you little simpleton, who and what are you so out of the ordinary that you should sneer at Wilbur Smythe and Beckman Fifield and such men?" And echo answered, "What?"—and then the mail-carrier came in.

Down near the bottom of the pile she found this letter, signed by a southern state superintendent of schools, but dated at Kirksville, Missouri:

"I am a member of a party of southern educators—state superintendents in the main—en route of the country to see what we can find of an instructive nature in rural school work. Professor Withers of Ames suggests that we visit your schools, and especially the rural school taught by a young man named Irwin, and I wonder if you will be free on next Monday morning, if we come to your office, to direct us to the place? If you could accompany us on the trip, and perhaps show us some of your other excellent schools, we should be honored and pleased."

And then came the shock—a party of state officials were coming into the county to study Jim Irwin's school! They would never come to study Wilbur Smythe's law practice—never in the world—or her work as county superintendent—never!—and Jim was getting seventy-five dollars a month, and had a mother to support. But there could be no doubt that there was something to Jim—the man was out of the ordinary. And wasn't that just what she had been looking for in her mind?

Jennie wired to her southerner for the number of his party, and secured automobiles for the trip. She sent a note to Jim Irwin telling of the prospective visitation. She would show all concerned that she could do some things, anyhow, and she would send these people on with a good impression of her county.

She was glad of the automobiles the next Monday morning, when at nine-thirty the train discharged upon her a dozen very alert, very up-to-date, very inquisitive southerners, male and female, most of whom seemed to have left their "r's" in the gulf region. It

was eleven when the party parked their machines before the schoolhouse door.

"There are visitors here before us," said Jennie.

"Seems rather like an educational shrine," said Doctor Brathway of Mississippi. "How does he accommodate so many visitors in that small edifice?"

"I am not aware," said Jennie, "that he has been in the habit of receiving so very many from outside the district. Well, shall we go in?"

Once inside, Jennie felt a queer return of her old aversion to Jim's methods—the aversion which had caused her to criticize him so sharply on the occasion of her first visit. The reason for the return of the feeling lay in the fact that the work going on was the same sort, but of a more intense character. It was so utterly unlike a school as Jennie understood the word, that she glanced back at the group of educators with a little blush. The school was in a sort of uproar. Not that uproar of boredom and mischief of which most of us have familiar memories, but a sort of eager uproar, in which every child was intensely interested in the same thing; and did little rustling things because of this interest; something like the hum at a football game or a dog-fight.

On one side of the desk stood Jim Irwin, and facing him was a smooth stranger of the old-fashioned lightning-rod-agent type—the shallower and laxer sort of salesman of the kind whose sole business is to get signatures on the dotted line, and let some one else do the rest. In short, he was a "closer."

Standing back of him in evident distress was Mr. Cornelius Bonner, and grouped about were Columbus Brown, B. B. Hamm, Ezra Bronson, A. B. Talcott and two or three others from outside the Woodruff district. With envelopes in their hands and the light of battle in their eyes stood Newton Bronson, Raymond Simms, Bettina Hansen, Mary Smith and Angie Talcott, the boys filled with delight, the girls rather frightened at being engaged in something like a debate with the salesman.

As the latest-coming visitors moved forward, they heard the schoolmaster finishing his passage at arms with the salesman.

"You should not feel exasperated at us, Mr. Carmichael," said he in tones of the most complete respect, "for what our figures show. You are unfortunate in the business proposition you offer this community. That is all."

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"I'll bet you a thousand dollars," began Carmichael hotly, when Jim waved him down.

"Not with me," said Jim. "Your friend, Mr. Bonner, there, knows what chance there is for you to bet even a thousand cents with me. Besides, we know our facts, in this school. We've been working on them for a long time."

"Bet your life we have!" interpolated Newton Bronson.

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reading up on the literature of the creamery promoter, and it is a very fine thing to have one in the flesh with whom to—demonstrate, if Mr. Carmichael will allow me to say so."

Carmichael looked at Bonner, made an expressive motion with his head toward the door, and turned as if to leave.

"Well," said he, "I can do plenty of business with real men. If you want to make the deal I offer you, and I can show you from the statistics I've got at the hotel that it's a special deal just to get started in this part of the state, and carries a thousand dollars of cut in price to you—let's leave these children and this he school-ma'am and get something done."

"I can't allow you to depart," said Jim more gently than before, "without thanking you for the very excellent talk you gave us for the advantage of the co-operative creamery over the centralizer. We in this school believe in the co-operative creamery, and if we can get rid of you, Mr. Carmichael, without buying your equipment, I think your work here may be productive of good."

"He's off three or four points on the average overrun in the Wisconsin cops," said Newton.

"And we thought," said Mary Smith, "that we'd need more cows than he said to keep up a creamery of our own."

"Oh," replied Jim, "but we mustn't expect Mr. Carmichael to know the subject as well as we do, children. He makes a practice of talking mostly to people who know nothing about it—and he talks very well. All in favor of thanking Mr. Carmichael please say 'Aye.'"

(To be continued)

Noted Army Chaplain Pleads for Babies

Rev. Dr. John W. Beard, pastor of the Mount Tabor Presbyterian church, Portland, chaplain of Portland post of the American Legion and chaplain of one of the companies of the famous 91st Division overseas, is a strong champion of the campaign to save German children from starvation and never loses an opportunity to say something for that cause.

"We fought and conquered the German militarists," said the noted chaplain, "but, as Major-General Henry T. Allen, commander of the American troops on the Rhine during the occupation, said, 'We never fought children.' We helped win the war as such, but, as when we were fighting the enemy, we bound up his wounds if captured, we now shall bind up the terrible wounds inflicted by war's awful fury against these little ones who suffer so. Let's help feed them, by all means."

Portland Saves 8000 German Babies

Portland people in two weeks subscribed \$24,000 toward relief for German children, who are included in the millions in Germany who face starvation because, as Herbert Hoover expressed it, of the economic breakdown, following the world war.

As the American committee for relief of German children has shown it costs two cents per meal to feed a child one hot meal daily in Germany. This means that the people of Portland have saved 8000 children for 150 days.

"We never fought children," said Major-General Allen, head of the nation-wide relief campaign, and the people are showing they support his declaration. The state-wide campaign for this relief work is getting nicely under way, too, with a good response from the people everywhere.

Slot Machines in Ancient Egypt. Ancient Egypt boasted a "penny-in-the-slot" machine, while one explorer found in the ruins of Nineveh a kind of magnifying glass, and nearly four thousand years ago the Egyptians and Assyrians observed the stars through a primitive telescope.

Character. Real greatness has nothing to do with a man's sphere. It does not lie in the magnitude of his outward agency, or in the extent of the benefits he produces. Grandeur of character lies wholly in the force of the soul, that is the force of thought, moral principle and love.—William Ellery Channing.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by an order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Emaline Gormley, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them within six months from the date of this notice, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at his residence in Halsey, in Linn county, Oregon.

Dated and first published this 17th day of January, 1924.

R. E. GORMLEY, Administrator aforesaid
A. A. TUSSEING, Atty. for Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of W. G. Carter, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate with the county clerk of Linn county, Oregon, and the county judge has set Monday, the 11th day of February, 1924, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the county courtroom of said county as the place, for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

MARY J. CARTER, Administratrix.
L. L. SWAN, Attorney for Admx.

Albany Directory

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Halsey Happenings

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Mrs. L. E. Walton visited Harrisburg Friday.

Mrs. L. C. Merriam was an Albany visitor Saturday.

Ida Mitzner spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

James Rector and **Allen Beene** were Harrisburg visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McCrea of Corvallis took the train here for Los Angeles Friday.

Herran Bierly underwent a minor surgical operation at Albany last week. He was accompanied by **R. E. Bierly.**

J. B. Cornett of Shedd is this year's chairman of the Linn county branch of the Pacific Coast Woolgrowers Association.

George M. Geisendorfer, owner of four farms, on one of which are the Cascadia mineral springs, is being sued in Portland for divorce on the ground of infidelity.

Mrs. M. H. Crandall of Portland who has been visiting **Mrs. H. Clingman**, left for Eugene Saturday for a visit with her son, who is a university student.

Shedd high school will play "Putting It Up to Patty" tomorrow evening at the Woodman hall. They surprised the printer by paying in advance for their printing, and advance of the fair sex in half a century is evidenced by the fact that the treasurer who signed the check is a girl. People who pay so promptly usually give the money's worth for what they receive. Better go.

The property of **Jim Burge**, who so mysteriously had his head blown open with a shotgun at his home east of Harrisburg, brought \$450, which, with cash in the bank, pays his debts.

At the meeting called to consider the county tax budget no objections were raised and the county court ordered the items placed on the tax roll.

Mrs. Kate Gengenbak and daughter **Gertrude** have been visiting the **senior C. W. Falk** and wife. About three weeks ago they sailed from Germany to this country. They went to Portland Friday.

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" will be on the screen at the Globe theater, Albany, from Sunday to Tuesday next, inclusive. Those who have read the immortal story will want to see it and those who haven't ought to.

The nearly 100 measures that have become laws, for the benefit of the people, through the efforts of the grange constituted the theme of an address delivered at Riverside Saturday by **Milton A. Miller**, candidate for the democratic nomination to the United States senate, before three Linn county granges and one Benton county grange at a union meeting on the fiftieth anniversary of the grange in Oregon.

Charles Sterling of Brownsville probably understands the feed and hay situation as well as anybody in Linn county and his advices from eastern Oregon lead him to think the lowering of freight rates on hay from there will not affect the hay market in the valley, as the eastern growers will pocket the difference in freight and deliver in the valley only at the former prices.

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