

In Days of Poor Richard

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Jack was riding into camp from an outpost of the army. The day was in its twilight. He had been riding fast. He pulled up his horse as he approached a sentry post. Three figures were standing in the dusky road.

"Halt! Who comes there?" one of them sang out.

It was the voice of Margaret. Its challenge was more like a phrase of music than a demand. He dismounted. "I am one of the great army of lovers," said he.

"Advance and give the countersign," she commanded.

A moment he held her in his embrace and whispered: "I love you."

"The countersign is correct, but before I let you pass, give me one more look into your heart."

"As many as you like—but—why?" "So I may be sure that you do not blame England for the folly of her king."

"I swear it."

"Then I shall enlist with you against the tyrant. He has never been my king."

Lady Hare stood with Mrs. Arnold near the lovers.

"I too demand the countersign," said the latter.

"And much goes with it," said the young man as he kissed her, and then he embraced the mother of his sweetheart and added:

"I hope that you are also to enlist with us."

"No, I am to leave my little rebel with you and return to New York."

"Will you give me a ride?" Margaret asked her lover. "I'll get on behind you."

Solomon took off the saddle and tightened the blanket girth.

"Thar, 'tain't over clean, but now ye kin both ride," said he.

Soon the two were riding, she in front, as they had ridden long before through the shady, mallowd bush in Tryon county.

They dismounted at Arnold's door.

"For a time I shall have much to do, but soon I hope for great promotion and more leisure," he said.

"Tell me the good news," she urged.

"I expect to be the happiest man in the army, and the master of this house and your husband."

"And you and I shall be as one," she answered. "God speed the day when that may be true also of your people and my people."

He kissed her and bade her good-night and returned to his many tasks. He had visited the forts and batteries. He had communicated with every outpost. His plan was complete. About midnight, when he and Solomon were lying down to rest, two horsemen came up the road at a gallop and stopped at his door. They were aides of Washington. They reported that the general was spending the night at the house of Henry Jasper, near the ferry, and would reach camp about noon next day.

"Thank God for that news," said the young man. "Solomon, I think that we can sleep better tonight."

Jack was awake for an hour thinking of the great happiness which had fallen in the midst of his troubles and of Thornhill and his message. He heard the two aides going to their quarters. Then a deep silence fell upon the camp, broken only by the rumble of distant thunder in the mountains and the feet of someone pacing up and down between his hut and the house of the general. He put on his long coat and slippers and went out of doors.

"Who's there?" he demanded.

"Arnold," was the answer. "Taking a little walk before I turn in."

There was a weary, pathetic note of trouble in that voice, long remembered by the young man, who immediately returned to his bed. He knew not that those restless feet of Arnold were walking in the flames of hell.

Had some premonition of what had been going on down the river come up to him? Could he hear the feet of that horse, now galloping northward through the valleys and over the hills toward him with evil tidings? No more for this man was the comfort of restful sleep or the joys of home and friendship and affection. Now the touch of his wife's hand, the sympathetic look in her eyes and all her babble about the coming marriage were torture to him. He could not endure it. Worst of all, he was in a way where there is no turning. He must go on. He had begun to know that he was suspected. The conduct of the scout, Solomon Binkus, had suggested that he knew what was passing. Arnold had seen the aides of Washington as they came in. The chief could not be far behind them. He dreaded to stand before him. Compared to the torture now beginning for this man, the fate of Bill Scott on Rock creek in the wilderness, had been a mercy.

Soon after sunrise came a solitary horseman, weary by long travel, with a message from Colonel Jameson to Arnold. A man had been captured near Tarrytown with important documents on his person. He had confessed that he was Adjutant General Andre of Sir Henry Clinton's army. The worst had come to pass. Now treason disgraced the gibbet!

Arnold was sitting at breakfast. He arose, put the message in his pocket and went out of the room. The Vulture lay down the river awaiting orders. The traitor walked hurriedly to the boat landing. Solomon was there. It had been his custom when

in camp to go down to the landing every morning with his spy glass and survey the river. Only one boatman was at the dock.

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News Notes

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J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will attend the annual convention of the National Education association, June 30 to July 30. He was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill.

Salem banks will help finance a new loganberry pool formed at a meeting of 69 growers who had found no market for their fruit. The plan formulated is that growers will finance the picking and arrangements will then be made for canning on a cost plus basis.

The effect of motor competition upon the passenger traffic of the Union Pacific system is being felt at Baker. The railroad has made the announcement that the ticket selling force will be reduced. The same order is understood also to affect the office of La Grande.

State Treasurer Myers Invested \$54,500 of the soldiers' bonus funds in county, school and improvement bonds. The appropriation was apportioned as follows: \$20,000 in Klamath county bonds to yield 4.90; \$22,000 Salem school bonds to yield 4.66; \$5,000 in Morrow county bonds to yield 4.90; \$2,500 in St. Helens water bonds to yield 5.25, and \$5,000 in Oregon highway bonds to yield 4.50.

Fred Kurtz, an orchardist near Salem has succeeded in exterminating several colonies of gophers that were damaging his trees by the simple expedient of connecting the exhaust of his tractor with the animal runways and starting the engine. The carbon monoxide fumes from the exhaust quickly killed entire colonies. Experiments have shown that practically the same results may be obtained by using an automobile exhaust.

Two persons were killed and 113 others were more or less seriously injured in 3059 traffic accidents in Oregon during May, according to the monthly report of T. A. Raffety, chief of the state traffic squad. Fifty per cent of the month's accidents, or 1029 out of the total 2060, were due to carelessness, the reports point out, 836 were due to failure to give right of way, 102 resulted from cutting corners, 87 from speeding and 83 from reckless driving.

Water from a sand filled volcano crater may solve Bend's water problem, if an offer to be made to the city council by a local concern is accepted. The crater is located within two miles from the center of Bend and is owned by the Bend Brick company. A well was drilled 327 feet into the floor of the crater more than ten years ago and the supply of water that was tapped at that time has never been diminished, regardless of the fact that thousands of gallons are taken out daily.

Widespread interest and speculation was aroused in Newberg over the recent discovery of what is believed to be the fossil remains of some mammoth prehistoric carnivorous animal. William Myers, an employe of the Yamhill Electric company, in clearing the Ole swimming hole in Chehalien creek near First street, came upon several disarticulated leg and jaw bones lying on the bedrock of the stream beneath four feet of water. Huge tusks 6 feet in length and 7 inches in diameter at the base were found.

An effort will be made by the Oregon Pioneer association to have Lone Fir cemetery in Portland, kept as a park. A resolution was adopted at the fifty-second annual reunion of the association that the pioneer dead in this old cemetery be not disturbed and that the grounds be transformed into a park as a tribute to the folk of early days. Officers elected for the pioneer association were: David S. Stearns, who came to Oregon in 1857, Portland, president; the Rev. Bruce Wolverton, Portland, vice president; George H. Hines, Portland, secretary; William M. Ladd, Portland, treasurer; Charles T. Dickinson, Oswego, Mrs. Mary Barlow Wilkins and L. H. Baker, Portland, directors.

An attempt to escape from the Oregon state prison was frustrated when J. W. Lilly, deputy warden, sent 14 men to solitary confinement. The men planned to escape through a 40 foot underground passageway leading from the center of a woodpile to a point outside the prison wall. Those implicated were declared among the most dangerous criminals in the prison and included five who made the daring escape over the wall several months ago. The plot to gain freedom was conceived several weeks ago, and had it been successful between 20 and 30 men would have left the prison. Deputy Lilly declared. The plan was to gain the outside of the wall under cover of darkness.

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Miss Ethelyn Chenoweth returned to her home at Oakland Sunday after a three-weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Horace Armstrong.

A truckload of young China pheasants has been turned loose in county, most of them near Scio and the rest near Albany.

Miss Betty Coshov of Brownsville went to Eugene to visit friends Monday.

The A. C. Armstrong family and Delmer Wahl were Albany visitors Saturday.

Mrs. C. P. Stafford visited in Oregon City and Portland the latter part of the week.

Salt Lake school district is to have a \$2300 school house in place of the one burned last year.

Mrs. J. S. Jones and son Dallen of Oakland were guests of Mrs. A. C. Armstrong Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stuart and son and daughter of Albany were guests at A. C. Armstrong's Friday evening.

Stanley Stevenson and family of Eugene spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stevenson.

Mrs. Clarence Evans returned Saturday from a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. Laura Woodward of Walla Walla.

Mrs. I. V. East returned to Albany Monday after attending the pioneer picnic. She has employment at the sheriff's office.

Mrs. Fred Taylor came down from Eugene Thursday to visit at the home of her father, J. C. Standish. Saturday she continued on to Salem for a visit with her brother Everett.

This week's is the last announcement of our big premiums to new subscribers and paid-in-advance subscribers who obtain new ones. The offer expires next Monday and will not be renewed. Those who have obtained premiums under this offer are well pleased with them. Our supply of those Wear-Ever Aluminum frying pans now again enables us to fill all orders.

Harrisburg will have a community house. Preparations were started when a score of business men met and inspected plans for the building. The estimated cost is \$13,000, with an additional \$1000 for equipment.

The Masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters of Linn county are laying plans for the county-wide memorial and religious ceremonies which will be performed jointly at a gathering to be held at the Masonic and Eastern Star home in Forest Grove, July 8.

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