

BELOW ZERO

A Romance of the North Woods



By Harold Titus
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"And you tell whoever's there coughing you that logs are clattering things up down below. If they aren't banded out day after tomorrow we'll start in sawing 'em. Goodbye!"

He slammed up the receiver and turned away, eyes laughing.

He was on shifty ground, he knew, but he had misgivings on only one score: this was that he had been so firm in his mind that Gorbel might take the matter out of Burke's hands and make his protest in person. He did not want to confront Paul Gorbel yet; he was not ready to have his identity known in the country. He pondered the possibilities at length and finally decided that the general manager of an operation as big as Belknap & Gorbel would not be closing up the operations of another company. He would let Burke do the rest of the talking for him as Burke had done just now.

He would not have been so comfortable had he been aware of one incident which transpired after supper that night. He was in the office with Mark and Jack Tait when a light driving team came trotting silently into camp. The driver stepped down, tied the near horse to a sapling and approached the little building with a stride which bespoke determination. At the steps which led to the doorway he slowed, however. Light streamed through a window upon him; he glanced inside and stopped . . . almost with a jolt.

John was standing where the rays of the hanging lamp fell full on his face, holding pipe in one hand and burning match in the other. The one outside watched John, closely, and after a moment he laughed softly to himself.

A man came out of the cook-shanty and walked towards the office. The visitor tugged at the visor of his fur cap and turned to meet him.

"Say, Jack," he said, "where's Steele?"

"Ain't he in the office there?" the other countered. "Sure he is! That's him, standin' up there."

"Oh, thanks," and with a muttered word about tying his team the man turned away from the buildings. He did no tying; he untied the one horse, mounted the seat and drove away smartly.

Then Paul Gorbel pulled the horses to a walk and lighted a cigar. He smoked rapidly as he thought rapidly. He had gone into the Richards woods headquarters tonight to threaten and badger this stranger named Steele who was going so far in upsetting the fruition of a carefully laid plan. But he had not talked to him, had not thought of stolen logs from the moment he looked through the window. John Belknap, masquerading as John Steele! He removed the cigar from his mouth and laughed once, briefly and without mirth. Then he cut his team cruelly with the whip and drove on past his camp where he had planned to spend the night, speeding for Kampfest. . . . Let Burke handle the affair of stolen logs. Larger matters commanded his attention.

CHAPTER VII

His position had become untenable for John Belknap. A man can't make love to a girl when he has led her to think that he is another, can he? About such a situation, under the circumstances, was something unclear! A man does not want to tell a girl he loves only part of what there is to tell. He wants to tell it all, every sentence, word and syllable.

He had written the sheriff at length the night after DeYoung, the Belknap & Gorbel flier, had told his story, not trusting a word of that to script but setting down a theory as he had evolved it and outlining a program for the well-intentioned, likeable but slow thinking officer to follow. This afternoon Bradshaw had telephoned that certain investigations had been made and John rode in with the logs to determine what he had learned.

"Been waitin' for you," the sheriff

said, scratching his head. "Sit, Steele. I done what you told me but it didn't seem to get us anywhere. Everything looks straight as a string."

"So? Just what'd you find?"

"Well, I did just what you suggested in your letter might be done. I went to Kampfest yesterday and made the point that the county didn't want to bury this lad and tried to locate his relatives."

"Was careful to ask around in other places and, just as you figured, nobody could help. Then I went to Gorbel, like it was kind of a last resort, and apologized for troublein' him on it and he tells the straightest story you ever heard! If he's crooked he's too smart for us. And maybe we're guessin' wrong all along the line."

"What did he offer?"

"He—I, he told me everything! He told the straightest story a man'd ever listened to. He'd fired this man himself, he said, because he was full of moon. Said it again and again, that the man'd been drunk as a lord! If he's lying, he sure is a good hand at it!"

"What do you suppose he'd say if he knew we had a witness to his handing over a jug to this man? And if the witness was pretty certain the jug was filled with gasoline?"

"Huh? Bradshaw gasped. "Witness? You mean—"

John nodded. "Witness!" he whispered sharply. "I've got him, Nat!"

Rapidly he recounted what DeYoung had told him and the sheriff's eyes grew round with excitement.

"Now," John went on, "the next move is to upset Gorbel's own story. He told you again and again that the man was drunk. DeYoung doesn't think so, but if that stomach hasn't alcohol in it, then Paul Gorbel's well on his way towards being suspected of arson, and arson isn't a mild charge in this state, Nat!"

"I'll say! I'll say it ain't! D—n me. We'll have a debaroin' in a day or two now, and we'll see what we'll see!"

They talked until late and John went to his bed with a finer sense of well-being than he had had for a long time. He would not have been so complacent, so certain that his problem would come to an easy and early solution had he known what went on in the Belknap & Gorbel offices that same evening.

Paul Gorbel had driven his team relentlessly into Kampfest that day, his dark eyes glittering. Fear and hate and jealousy rode with him.

When he entered his office, however,

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ON OREGON FARMS

CLATSKANIE—An abortion control program in this section of Columbia county has been started by the dairymen with the cooperation of County Agent George Nelson. Dairymen report severe losses from this disease, not only in loss of calves but reduced production, so a hearty response was had to a proposal to carry through a testing program this year. The work will probably extend through the May-ger, Quincy and Marshland districts.

ALFALFA FERTILIZERS TRIED

REDMOND—An elaborate series of alfalfa fertilizer tests has been arranged for this season on the E. L. Davis farm where a new alfalfa tract has been divided into 5 acre tracts for the tests. One plot will be given sulfur at the rate of 50 pounds an acre. Another will get 100 pounds per acre in the spring. A third will receive such an application of landplaster in the spring and an equal amount before the second cutting, while a fourth will get super phosphate at the rate of 100 pounds an acre. An unfertilized check plot will be kept. County Agent Gus Hagglund is assisting in the test.

CRIMSON CLOVER SHOWS PROMISE

McMINNVILLE—Crimson clover as a possible cover crop, particularly for nut orchards, has shown exceptional promise this year in limited trials in Yamhill county. In one field visited by interested nut growers it was found that the crimson clover came through the winter without freeze injury and even started to grow by the first week in February. Late freezing failed to stop this early development.

STRAWBERRY NURSERY PLANNED

OREGON CITY—A strawberry nursery will be started on the farm of Emmett Nordlund this year as part of the agricultural program of the Olney grange of which Nordlund is a member. By having one place in that community where test work with many varieties can be carried on, more new sorts may be obtained through the county agent and the state experiment station for observation under local conditions than if many were trying to carry out a lot of scattered individual tests, growers here believe.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. E. D. McGowan, who was confined to her bed by severe illness, is reported somewhat improved.

Mrs. Thelma Jesstrab of Haver, Montana was a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray from Thursday till Monday.

Several members of the Beaverton Rebekah lodge attended the District Convention held at Banks last Saturday in all day session.

Herman Schottman received severe lacerations when he fell while using a tractor on his farm north of Beaverton. The tractor ran over him, catching one foot beneath it. It made two trips around the field before help reached him. One toe was completely cut off, one foot broken, and injuries were received above his knee. He was rushed to Dr. Mason's office in Beaverton, where he received treatment.

The balance, if any, to be disposed of as said court may be advised and may direct; that the lien of said mortgage be decreed prior and superior to all claim, interest or equity of each and all of the defendants herein, and that such other and further decree be granted herein as may seem just and equitable.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of **Harrison M. Hughson, Deceased.**
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned administrator of the above named estate, has filed in the above entitled Court and cause, his final account and report as such, and the Court has fixed the 8th day of May 1933, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, and the Court room of the above entitled Court in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the final settlement of said estate.

Dated this 7th day of April 1933.

Hare, McAlear & Peters, Attorneys for Administrator.
Doy Gray, Administrator of said deceased.

SUMMONS

In The Circuit Court Of The State Of Oregon For Washington County
L. E. Klatt and Marion Klatt, his wife, Plaintiffs, vs.
Peter Vergeer and Mary M. Vergeer, his wife; Rev. W. S. Gordon and Elizabeth Gordon, his wife; Albert W. Gentner and Jane Doe Gentner, his wife, Credit Service Company, a corporation, Defendants.

To Peter Vergeer and Mary M. Vergeer, his wife of the above named defendants.

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order of the publication of this summons, to wit: on or before the expiration of four weeks next from and after the date of first publication of this summons, the date of said first publication being on March 24,

1933, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in their said complaint, to-wit: That plaintiffs have judgment against defendants Peter Vergeer and Mary M. Vergeer, his wife, and against the real property hereinafter described, for the sum of \$250.00 with interest thereon since June 12, 1932, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, and for the costs and disbursements of this suit, and the further sum of \$75.00 attorney's fees herein.

That plaintiffs' mortgage described in their complaint herein, and which was executed by defendants, Peter Vergeer and Mary M. Vergeer, his wife, to the plaintiffs herein, and recorded on page 212 of book 115 records of mortgages for Washington County, Oregon, on or about June 12, 1930, be reformed and corrected so as to express the true intention and contract of Peter Vergeer and Mary M. Vergeer, his wife, and L. E. Klatt and Marion Klatt, his wife, parties thereto by describing the real estate therein mortgaged as:

The East Two Hundred Sixty-four and four tenths (264.4) feet of Lot No. 10 in Block No. 5, Reedville Homes as shown on the duly recorded map and plat thereof, and situated in Washington County, Oregon.

That plaintiffs' said mortgage, as reformed and corrected, be decreed to be first lien and a first mortgage upon the real property above described; that said mortgage, as reformed and corrected, be foreclosed and said real property subject thereto and hereinafter described be sold as upon execution in the foreclosure of mortgages and the proceeds of said sale be applied as follows, viz:

First: To the payment of the lien and claim of these plaintiffs under said note and mortgage, which amounts to \$250.00, with interest thereon since June 12, 1932, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, and the costs of this suit and of said sale, and the further sum of \$75.00 attorney's fees herein.

The balance, if any, to be disposed of as said court may be advised and may direct; that the lien of said mortgage be decreed prior and superior to all claim, interest or equity of each and all of the defendants herein, and that such other and further decree be granted herein as may seem just and equitable.

That if after said sale and the application of the proceeds thereof for the payment of the moneys due the plaintiffs on said note and mortgage it should be ascertained that the proceeds are insufficient to pay such judgment or decree as the plaintiffs may recover herein, they may have judgment over and against defendants Peter Vergeer and Mary M. Vergeer, his wife, in the sum of such deficiency.

That said defendants, Peter Vergeer and Mary M. Vergeer, his wife, be required to appear herein and set up by way of answer any right, title, interest or lien which they or either of them, have or claim to have upon said premises or any part thereof.

This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. Geo. R. Bagley, Judge of the above entitled Court, which order was made and dated March 22, 1933.

Date of first publication March 24, 1933.

Date of last publication, April 21, 1933.

M. B. Bump, Attorney for Plaintiffs. Residence & Address Hillsboro, Oregon.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an Execution, Order and Decree of Sale, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Washington, dated the 29th day of March, 1933, in favor of Maude F. Knight, plaintiff and against, E. J. Boos and Hattie E. Boos; Clinton E. Hubbs and Francis A. Hubbs; Herbert Davis and Naoma Davis, defendants, for the sum of \$27.25 costs with interest at the rate of six per cent from March 29, 1933, and the further sum of \$500.00 with interest thereon since September 19, 1931, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, less the sum of \$15.00 paid on the interest, and the



HUNGRY FOR CANDY. NOW LENT'S OVER? MAKING IT CAN BE CHILD'S PLAY

Since "absence makes the heart grow fonder" more people are hungry for candy, now that Lent is over, than you could "shake a stick at"! This, of course, provided you happen to be given to stick shaking. Even if you are not, you are sure to be given to candy making, for it is one of the happiest and "most fun" of all the kitchen arts. It is not work, it is actually a pastime, and especially popular now, when April showery weather demands that all sports be indoor ones.

Child training authorities are now endorsing candy-making for children, pointing out that it teaches them to use their hands deftly, and also to cook. Certainly it is one form of cooking the young hopefuls will enjoy for they are so anxious to eat the results!

Even for adults, candy-making may rightly be reckoned child's play, if you know the secret of having it come out right every single time. Home confectioners whose candy is creamy, smooth and free from grains and sugariness, recommend using a combination of sugar and corn syrup pin ingredients using light or dark syrup according to the type of candy. Too, candies which contain syrup are rich in dextrose, the valuable energy food element, and are therefore particularly healthful for children.

You are not really a master of candy making until you can make several kinds. You should know how to make at least one variety of each type: chewy, creamy, soft and hard. If you are looking for sure-fire recipes, these will please you—and tickle your sweet tooth mightily.

GRAPEFRUIT PENEUCHE (Unusual Creamy Candy)

1 No. 2 can grapefruit
3 tbsp. sugar
3 cups brown sugar
2/3 cup water
3 tbsp. white syrup
3 tbsp. butter
1/2 cup pecans.
2/3 cup condensed milk

Cook grapefruit and 3 tablespoons white sugar until they form a thick jam. Mix brown sugar, milk, water and butter and cook over low fire, stirring constantly and not letting it come to boil until the sugar particles are dissolved. Cook until a little of the syrup tested in cold water will form a soft ball; add grapefruit and cook two minutes longer. Cool until candy begins

further sum of \$75.00 attorney's fees, with interest thereon from the 29th day of March, 1933, at the rate of six per cent per annum, to me directed and delivered, commanding me to make sale of the real property hereinafter described, I have levied upon and pursuant to said Execution, Order and Decree of Sale, I will on the 1st day of May, at the court house in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the following described real property, lying, being and situate in Washington County, Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

All of Tract 37, First Addition to Cherry Grove, according to the duly recorded map and plat thereof.

To satisfy the hereinbefore named sums and for the costs and expenses of sale and said writ.

Said sale will be made subject to redemption as per statute of Oregon.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 29th day of March, 1933

J. W. CONNELL
Sheriff of Washington County

D. D. Bump Attorney for Plaintiff
Forest Grove, Oregon.

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