

A STROKE OF FORTUNE

The Bit of Good Luck That Overtook Barney O'Connor.

WEALTH THRUST UPON HIM.

The Visitor That Called to See the Man Who Had Been Injured—The Sight That Greeted Him and the Haasty Proposition He Handed Out.

Several years ago two brothers named McDonald were in business in Halsted street. Among the habitués of their establishment was a man named O'Connor. A man named Anderson then was claim agent for the street railway company that connected Halsted with Chicago.

Barney O'Connor was a happy-go-lucky chap who didn't worry much about anything. He was partial to his beer, had no kith or kin to be responsible for, cared little for clothes and worked only when it was absolutely essential, which wasn't often.

McDonald Bros. liked to have Barney around on account of the wit he had brought with him from the old sod, and so they found little tasks for him to do. One day Barney was loafing around McDonald's about half illuminated and in an extremely rosy frame of mind when they decided they wanted some goods over in the city. Barney was delegated to go after them. He stopped at the corner buffet, hoisted another one and took a car for the loop.

The car was crowded fore and aft, and Barney got on the aft. He didn't get much more than halfway on the step when there came a jolt. The crowd surged back on Barney, and he, with several others, was dumped into the street. Barney suffered worse than the rest, as he was underneath. But he wasn't hurt badly. He was knocked unconscious, but after they carried him into a store and threw cold water on him he came out of it in good shape. All that remained were a few cuts.

The conductor, however, was excited. He was new at the business, and when he took the names and addresses of the victims of the crash he got considerably balked up. Perhaps he made Barney's injuries a little more grave than they really were.

After O'Connor got over his dizziness he went on uptown and bought his stuff for the McDonalds. He also visited a drinking place on Randolph street. It was there that he learned of a clam bake that was to be held that night at a saloon on lower Halsted. Celebrations of this sort appealed to Barney, and he resolved to be on hand.

He was. They had a lovely time. Along about 12 o'clock the festivities became superjoyous, and arguments arose. Barney was in the midst of these. Fisticuffs followed forensic froth, and O'Connor was numbered among the slain.

How he got to his room he couldn't explain coherently. He sure was some beat up. What they didn't do to him wouldn't take long to tell. It was the completest wallowing he ever had experienced.

He slept late. When he woke up he wished he could have slept later. He found moving undesirable after an attempt or two at it, so he stayed in bed.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon the landlord of the rooming house came up and told Barney a man wanted to see him. Seldom had Barney had visitors, and his curiosity was aroused. But it wasn't strong enough to induce him to get up. He told the landlord to have the man sent up to the room.

Anderson, out to settle early and avoid the rush, came in and took a look at Barney. He nearly fainted.

"If I get out of this on less than \$1,000 I'll be lucky," he told himself. Then he proceeded to business.

"It kind o' bunged you up, didn't it?" he began as a feeler. He couldn't say less, for he had a conscience.

"Well, some," acknowledged Barney, not grasping the pertinence of the question, but realizing its truth.

"You know, a suit always involves a lot of delay and trouble, and the company has better facilities, and it's better for the plaintiff to settle."

"Wot are yer talkin' about?" Barney broke in.

"Why, I'm from the street railway, and we want to see if we can't fix this up for you for getting hurt. We want to do what's right; but, of course, you understand."

Barney saw a great light. It made him forget his woes.

"Do yer mean ye want to pay me fer fallin' off the car yistiddy?" he asked.

"That's the idea," answered Anderson.

"Well, here I am," said Barney. "How much am I offered?" Anderson hesitated.

"Uh—er—I think—er—how'd two fifty strike you?"

FINE POULTRY EXHIBITION

Will Be Held at Pendleton By Umatilla-Morrow County Association.

With prizes amounting in value to approximately \$500, the first annual exhibit of the recently formed Umatilla-Morrow county Poultry Association will be held in Pendleton, January 25, 26, and 27. It is to be a score card show and will be the largest score card show in Oregon this year.

The announced purpose of the organization is to develop the poultry industry in the two counties named and for that reason it was decided to make a score card show. The exhibit will therefore be of great value to all breeders in the two counties, both old and new. It gives the beginner a chance to find out, exactly the quality of the chickens he possesses for every bird will be given a card, showing its good and bad points.

For the old breeder the show will prove to be an exceptional opportunity, for the chicken industry is just getting a good start in this section of Oregon and from all sides, are coming in inquiries concerning eggs and stock. There will probably be more intending purchasers at this show than at any other held in the Northwest this winter. The dates, too, are the very best possible for the selling of stock and the taking of orders for eggs.

In addition to these facts the list of cash prizes, the special and the beautiful cups offered makes it by far the most attractive show ever held in eastern Oregon.

The association feels that it is exceedingly fortunate in having secured the services of Elmer Dixon for judge. He is a man of national reputation, is a member of the American Poultry association and is licensed by that organization to judge all classes of poultry included in the standard of perfection. He is classed by many as the leading judge of poultry on the coast.

FLY AIRSHIP AT PENDLETON

Plan Craft to Rise Perpendicularly From Ground.

As soon as an engine can be installed in the airship now being built at Pendleton a trial flight of the invention will be made, says a special. There has been no secrecy about the work at any time, but the tulleers prefer to have visitors wait until something definite can be shown.

The machine is being built at the home of John H. Bahr a few miles outside the city limits. It is an attempt to build a machine that will be able to rise directly from the earth without having to resort to the preliminary slide or run which all aeroplanes now find necessary.

The present aeroplane is like some large birds, which it is said may be confined in a cage with the top removed and yet be unable to fly out unless the cage is sufficiently wide or long. These birds, such as wild turkeys, and the present aeroplanes all need a running start to be able to fly. Some of them have a special piece of apparatus for this and at one time the Wright machines started only from a monorail, down which the machine slid to get a start. As it will not be possible to have a special starting rail wherever an aeroplaner may happen to land, this type of aeroplane has drawbacks.

For this reason the Pendleton investigators intend first of all to make a machine which can rise perpendicularly from the ground. The first flights will supposedly demonstrate whether this has been accomplished. If the lifting arrangement is found satisfactory then propellers to drive the machine will be added.

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School Notes.

Our young people have been so very busy that they haven't had time to write notes—school notes—this week.

Tuesday night the Athens High School held a tryout debate on Capital punishment, in which the affirmative bore off the honors with Attorney S. F. Wilson as the leading speaker.

Students have come up better this week with their school work. Last Friday the teachers in anticipation of distinguished visitors served a chicken dinner at school. The school board was invited and represented.

Next week will close the first half of our present school term. Final examinations will be held next week, covering the first semester. Students of school age desiring to enter school should start Monday January 24.

The school contemplates an old fashioned spelling match in the near future.

Our girls' Basket Ball team was defeated by Pendleton High School girls, on our local floor last Saturday night. A most delightful reception was given the visitors in the basement of the M. E. church. It was our girls' first experience. They did well under the circumstances. Come again Pendleton. You are nice people.

Basket ball game tonight, Opera house 8 p. m. Pendleton Academy versus Athens High School. The season is nearing the end. Our team has made substantial progress and hopes to win at least one game before the season is over.

In the inter-High School debate, Weston will debate Athens at Athens Saturday night, January 22. Place to be announced later. We pay expenses of judges and visiting team. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

Revival Closes.

The climax of the special meetings in the town seems to be reached this week at the revival services at the Methodist church. The Rev. Payne of the U. B. church, Weston, has been preaching splendid sermons to large audiences every night. The unvarnished truth as presented by him has greatly stirred the community,



Rev. W. S. Payne

and has aroused some to seek the higher life. The children's meetings held every afternoon have been unique and interesting. The series of meetings are to close on Sunday night, but we predict that a deeper interest in vital godliness has been already aroused that shall continue after the services are closed.

A Wild Blizzard Raging

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40,000 Fruit Trees.

Forty thousand fruit trees were set out in Lane county last year, according to Fruit Inspector Beebe, who submitted to the county Horticultural association his annual report at its annual meeting. The figures are as follows. Two hundred and twenty-two acres of apples, 13,911 trees; 395 acres cherries, 39,588 trees; 34 acres pears, 2901 trees; nine acres prunes, 967 trees; 149 acres peaches, 12,283 trees; 200 acres walnuts, 5378 trees; total, 1009 acres, 74,063 trees. Set out in 1905: One hundred and ninety-three acres apples, 10,020 trees; 184 acres cherries, 10,049 trees; 121 acres pears, 3632 trees; 33 acres prunes, 3490 trees; 101 acres peaches, 6571 trees; 62 acres walnuts, 1558 trees; total 694 acres, 40,536 trees.

A Wretched Mistake.

to endure the itching painful distress of Piles. There's no need to. Listen: "I suffered much from Piles," writes Will A. Marsh of Silver City, N. C. "till I got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and was soon cured." Burns, boils, ulcers, fever sores, eczema, cuts, chapped hands, chilblains, vanish before it. 25c at all druggists.

Stanfield's First Baby.

Stanfield's first prize baby has arrived and a choice residence lot has been presented to the little tot. She came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Richards and weighs 12 pounds and has the lusty disposition of her native town. Prizes are still unclaimed for the first boy baby and for the first baby born after June 15, 1910. The town having been platted September 15, 1909, the latter class was established in order to avoid hand-caps.

Here's a Snap.

A 640 acre dry land ranch for sale cheap, if bought before March 1st, 1910. Have option and can sell cheap. Will guarantee 50 per cent a year on your money in raise in value, besides guarantee 10 per cent interest on crop. Write concerning this ranch and learn particulars. Midvale Real Estate and Loan Co., Midvale, Idaho.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of Robert J. Boddy, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Jackson Nelson has qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Robert J. Boddy, deceased; and that all persons having claims against his estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as reason by law, to said executor at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson at Athens or Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated this the 7th day of January, A. D. 1910.

Jackson Nelson, Executor.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. Dora C. Hahnert, Plaintiff,

vs. William F. Hahnert, defendant. To William F. Hahnert, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons in the Athens Press, a newspaper published weekly at Athens, Umatilla county, Oregon, and you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in said complaint, viz: For an absolute decree of divorce from you; for plaintiff's name to be changed to Dora C. Adams, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. H. J. Bean, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 29th day of December A. D. 1909, and the first publication thereof is made on Friday the 31st day of December A. D. 1909, and the same will be published for six consecutive weeks, the last publication to appear on Friday the 11th day of February A. D. 1910.

Peterson & Wilson Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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