

HE LOST THE RACE

Mark Twain's Futile Chase After a Tallyho Coach.

MISSED A BIG CELEBRATION.

The Way the Famous Humorist in Company With W. D. Howells Did Not Attend the Centennial of the Battle of the Minutemen at Concord.

In his reminiscences of Mark Twain in Harper's Magazine W. D. Howells tells amusingly of the time when he and Mr. Clemens missed the anniversary of the battle of Concord:

"Mark Twain came on to Cambridge in April, 1875, to go with me to the centennial ceremonies at Concord in celebration of the battle of the minutemen with the British troops a hundred years before. We both had special invitations, including passage from Boston, but I said why bother to go to Boston when we could just as well take the train for Concord at the Cambridge station. He equally decided that it would be absurd, so we breakfasted deliberately and then walked to the station, reasoning of many things, as usual.

"When the train stopped we found it packed inside and out. People stood dense on the platforms of the cars. To our startled eyes they seemed to project from the windows, and unless memory betrays me they lay strewn upon the roofs like brakemen slain at the post of duty. We remounted the fame worn steps of Porter's station and began exploring North Cambridge for some means of transportation overland to Concord, for we were that far on the road by which the British went and came on the day of the battle. The livermen whom we appealed to received us, some with compassion, some with derision, but in either mood convinced us that we could not have hired a cat to attempt our conveyance, much less a horse or vehicle of any description.

"It was a raw, windy day, very unlike the exceptionally hot April day when the routed redcoats, pursued by the Colonials, fled panting back to Boston, with 'their tongues hanging out like dogs,' but we could not take due comfort in the vision of their discomfort. We could almost envy them, for they had at least got to Concord. A swift procession of coaches, carriages and buggies, all going to Concord, passed us, inert and helpless, on the sidewalk in the peculiarly cold mud of North Cambridge. We began to wonder if we might not stop one of them and bribe it to take us.

"I felt keenly the shame of defeat and the guilt of responsibility for our failure, and when a gay party of students came toward us on the top of a tallyho, luxuriantly empty inside, we felt that our chance had come and our last chance. He said that if I would stop them and tell them who I was they would gladly, perhaps proudly, give us passage. I contended that if with his far vaster renown he would approach them our success would be assured.

"While we stood, lost in this 'contest of civilities,' the coach passed us, with gay notes blown from the horns of the students, and then Clemens started in pursuit, encouraged with shouts from the merry party, who could not imagine who was trying to run them down, to a rivalry of speed. The unequal match could end only in one way, and I am glad I cannot recall what he said when he came back to me. Since then I have often wondered at the grief which would have wrung those blithe young hearts if they could have known that they might have had the company of Mark Twain to Concord that day and did not.

"We hung about unavailingly in the bitter wind awhile longer and then slowly, very slowly, made our way home. We wished to pass as much time as possible in order to give probability to the deceit we intended to practice, for we could not bear to own ourselves baffled in our boasted wisdom of taking the train at Porter's station and had agreed to say that we had been to Concord and got back. Even after coming home to my house we felt that our statement would be wanting in verisimilitude without further delay, and we crept quietly into my library and made up a roaring fire on the hearth and thawed ourselves out in the heat of it before we regained our courage for the undertaking. With all these precautions we failed, for when our statement was imparted to the proposed victim she instantly pronounced it unreliable, and we were left with it on our hands intact. I think the humor of this situation was finally a greater pleasure to Clemens than an actual visit to Concord would have been. Only a few weeks before his death he laughed over defeat with one of my family in Bermuda and exulted in our prompt detection."

On the Move.
Ascum—Do you think it's true that Skinner has bought a place for himself in society? Wise—Oh, no! I'll bet he's only leased it, for he's liable to have to skip out at a moment's notice.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Insures Solitude.
The Man in the Chair—I enjoy a quiet smoke. The Other—Well, you'll never be troubled with crowds while you smoke cigars of that brand!—London Opinion.

Do not make excuses to yourself for your failures, but look them squarely in the face and study how to avoid their repetition.

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Herbert C. Bryson, Executor of the last will and testament of Henry C. Adams, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the Estate of Emory LaHue, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern: That Sarah LaHue has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Emory LaHue, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law, to me at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson, at Athens, Oregon, or at Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated this 12th day of August A. D. 1910.

Sarah LaHue, Administratrix, Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. Flora Stover, Plaintiff

vs. Edward C. Stover Defendant.

To Edward C. Stover, the above-named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within forty-two days from the date of the first publication of this summons upon you. Defendant will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or plead within said time, plaintiff, for want thereof will apply to the court for a decree of divorce, a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and the plaintiff, and the plaintiff will ask the court to award the plaintiff the care and custody of plaintiff's and defendant's minor child, and for \$15.00 per month permanently, as alimony.

This summons is published pursuant to a certain order made and entered in the above entitled Court at Pendleton, Oregon, on the 14th day of July, 1910, the first publication is to be on July 15, 1910, the last on August 28, 1910.

Homer I. Watts, Atty. for Plaintiff.

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(Publisher.) PUBLIC LAND SALE. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Ore., July 7th, 1910.

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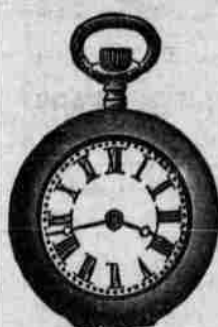
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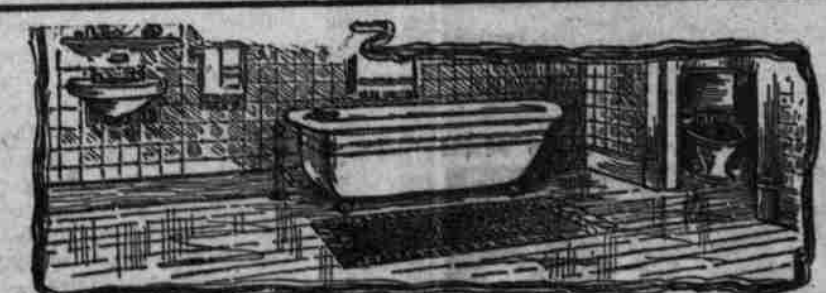
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