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Whispering Hand A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

BY AUSTIN C. BURDICK

CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued)

Main body of the story 'Whispering Hand' starting with 'Simon Lobo, she said, in a freest tone, "spare me from your professions of love..."

alous. The silvery streaks seemed to have multiplied themselves upon his head, and surely many a deep line of sorrow was added to his brow. St. Denis looked not so pale, but a sorrowful look was upon his face, and in his dark, rich brown eyes dwelt a melancholy light, such as could only come from a bruised and bleeding heart. His hands were folded upon his bosom; his eyes bent upon the ground, while within his own stout arm was locked that of his companion. "Perfer, we can speak no more," said the marquis, in a broken voice. "They must either have been slain, or else borne away off to the far homes of the Chickasaws."

For some moments there was silence in the room. Goupard, who was very pale, but whose lips were firmly compressed, was the first to break it. "How long ago was it that you found the lady?" he asked. "About two weeks," was the reply. "And has she been sick ever since?" "No. I had meant to bring her with me, but she was taken down with a fever on the very day before I started."

EVENTS OF THE DAY GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES. Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

RICH GOLD NUGETS. Montana Collection Will Be a Feature of Portland Exposition. Helena, Montana, March 28.—W. G. Conrad, of the banking firm of Conrad Bros., who was named by Governor Toole as one of the honorary commissioners for Montana at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, in St. Louis and Portland, respectively, has made a most interesting announcement...

NEWS OF OREGON ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE. Contracting for 1903 Hops—Fruit Trees in Bloom in Josephine County—Medford Creamery Nearly Ready—Sheep Dying on the Ranges—Governor Pardons a Forger.

GREAT SALES OF LAND. Washington, March 27.—Land Commissioner Richards today gave a statement showing the phenomenal increase in sales of public land in the first half of the present fiscal year as compared with the corresponding portion of the previous year. In the six months ending December 31, 1901, there were 7,476 cash sales made in the United States, representing 767,002 acres, from which \$2,719,384 was realized.