

SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

The Rapid Reader's Review of Recent Reports Rewritten

With a cloudless summer day and about 1000 persons present, Weston's twenty-first annual reunion of Umattila county pioneers was held.

During the wool sales at Heppner, 1,000,000 pounds was disposed of at prices ranging about three cents less than last year.

Dallas is planning the finest celebration of Independence Day ever held in that city. The Dallas Chautauque will open July 4, to continue for one week.

A number of widows have applied for the mothers' pensions at the office of the county clerk at Albany, during the past few days, and their requests will be considered by the county court.

F. H. Snodgrass, ex-deputy warden of the penitentiary and now chief of the guards there, was arrested on a charge of having attacked and severely beaten a prisoner May 16.

If the efforts of the 22 widows with children who have made application for pensions under the law recently passed by the legislature are successful the state will expend \$510 a month in Douglas county alone.

George L. Hodgett, sentenced for life in the Salem penitentiary for the murder of Alice Minthorn at Portland in 1906, has been released under a conditional pardon given by Governor West.

A grand jury at The Dalles has returned an indictment against George F. Ross charging him with the embezzlement of public funds to the amount of \$884.63, while recorder of that city. He was given bonds.

Jackson county will issue a pamphlet along the lines established by California counties. The edition will be at least 50,000 and it will contain approximately 100 pages, including statistics and maps. The county court has authorized this work.

The big V-shaped narrows now being built at Astoria for the port commission will soon be ready for use in improving the channel across the shoal at the mouth of the Columbia. It will have a spread of 30 feet, with eight three-foot revolving discs.

Taking a dare to climb a tree while out with a party of joy riders near Medford, Miss Ramona Ladd, 18 years old, climbed to a height of 30 feet. A branch broke and she fell. She was carried to a hospital, and it is said that her back is broken.

The Tri-County fair will be held in Condon this fall on October 1, 2 and 3, according to the decision of the executive committee in a special meeting. The Tri-County fair is to be a permanent yearly event in Condon henceforth.

Advices were received by State Engineer Lewis that 5000 acres of land belonging to the Columbia Southern project, has been withdrawn from entry by the interior department. The original project consisted of 23,000 acres and the 5000 acres were included within the last few years.

The forestry service has ordered a telephone line to be installed connecting Prairie City with the summit of Strawberry Peak, 12 miles distant. A station will be erected on the extreme summit of the peak at a height of over 10,000 feet, which overlooks the entire forestry district of eastern Oregon.

Stone houses may replace the regulation two-roomed shanties which now form the shoddy of homesteaders on virtually every quarter section in Christmas Lake and Silver Lake valleys. This is made possible by the discovery of a half dozen stone quarries on the side of Table Mountain.

Mandamus proceedings have been begun by the Oregon & California railroad company against Sheriff Reeves of Washington county, to require him to show cause why he will not accept a tender of \$19,758.06 in payment of the company's tax in that county. This amount does not include a special road tax of \$2,185.04.

After waiting since 1910 to be reimbursed to the extent of \$22 for overcharges on some household goods shipped from Mobile, Ala., to Roseburg, E. Lynn Tunnell has been notified by the state railroad commissioner that the interstate commerce commission has decided in his favor. The commission took his case up several years ago, and the delay was due to the fact that many railroad lines were involved.

The McMinnville council awarded a contract for street grading to a firm of Portland contractors, and Mayor W. T. Vinton refused to affix his signature. Contempt of court proceedings followed, and the mayor was fined \$300 and sentenced to six months confinement in the county jail without bail, or until such time as he sees fit to obey the orders of the circuit court that he sign the contract.

The Smith-Powers Logging company, one of the largest concerns of its kind on the coast, is making preparations to open two camps three miles above Coquille, where it has about 50,000,000 feet of timber. The right of way for a logging railroad to extend two miles into the timber from the main line is now being cleared and the road will be constructed forthwith. The logs will go to the G. A. Smith sawmill at Marshfield.

Hero and Heroine

How a Novelist Made Himself Independent

By F. A. MITCHEL

The popular idea of a novelist is one who sits down to write at 10 o'clock in the morning and with half an hour for lunch finishes his work at 3. He then takes a nap, works or drives, dines at 7, goes to the opera in the evening and to bed at midnight. This routine of work is when the spirit moves him to write. If the spirit does not move him he saunters in the park, drops into his club for lunch and calls on the ladies in the afternoon.

There may be novelists in foreign countries who fill this description, but not in America. The American is usually a magazine or newspaper man.

Edwin Teal, an American novelist of repute, was sitting at his desk reading a letter he had just received when his friend Marston, who had dropped in on him for a few moments' chatting, Teal wondrously tossed the letter over to Marston and went on blue penning manuscripts. It was from a woman, evidently a girl, asking for information as to where he found the name of one of his heroines, Elsie Hammond, in his recently published novel, "My Hero," that being the writer's own name. She also spoke admiringly of the hero of the novel and complimented the author upon his "brilliant genius."

"I suppose," Marston remarked, "she thinks there is but one Elsie Hammond in the world."

"Quite likely," replied Teal absent-mindedly. He was cutting out some "fine writing" from a manuscript before him.

"I would very much like," resumed the other, "to pose for awhile as a genius. Suppose you give me this letter to answer."

"You are quite welcome to it if you don't bring any complications upon me."

"Very good," Marston replied, putting the letter in his pocket. "Now tell me where you got the name."

"Out of the telephone register. That is where I got all my names for my characters."

"H'm!" grunted Marston. "There isn't so much romance at the bottom of these publications as would appear. I presume this Elsie Hammond thinks that you sit in a bowler of roses thinking out a name for your heroine or had some real person in mind whom you adored."

"Oh, get out o' here! Don't you see I'm loaded down with work?"

"Just so. And the world that reads your novels thinks you do nothing but dream. I'll go if you'll promise to dine with me at my club next Saturday night. If you don't promise I'll stay here all day."

"All right, I'll promise anything to get rid of you."

"Ta, ta."

"So long. Don't mix me up with that girl."

Marston went to his club, sat down at a writing table with stationery racked up on it and wrote a note to Miss Hammond. He told her that he had been charmed with her epistolary upon his novel and that Elsie Hammond was a real person. He had once seen her walking in a flower garden, and though he had learned her name, he had never since seen her. But he had never forgotten that sweet face looking up from among the roses.

"That will do very well for a starter," he said to himself.

After reading the letter over and making the necessary corrections he sealed and stamped it and dropped it in the club letter box.

In due time a reply came from Miss Hammond, in which she said she had felt very much complimented at having received so kindly a reply to her note. She had supposed the author used exclusively among his characters and had no time for any one else. The only occasion she remembered being, as he had described, in a flower garden was last summer, when she was visiting her uncle, Mr. John Dole, at Roseville. While there she used to go out among the flowers every morning.

This was quite enough for Marston. He wrote again to Miss Hammond that he had often been in Roseville and it was quite likely that it was she whom he had seen among the flowers. If she would send him her photograph he could tell at once whether or no she was the heroine of "My Hero."

He would immediately return the photograph if desired. He also made in important additional incidental statement that he had drawn the character of Ernest McCreedy, the hero of the story, from his friend Mr. Joseph Marston.

The photograph came by return mail. "Pretty enough to kiss," said Marston. "I would like to keep it, but since she says nothing about that I suppose I'll have to send it back. Well, what's the next move?"

The next move contained more villainous deceit and frightful lying than all that had gone before. Marston wrote Miss Hammond that he had a confession to make. Certain incidents that he had developed into the story of "My Hero" had been told him by his friend Mr. Marston, the hero of the story. It was Mr. Marston who had shown her the gentleman her photograph, and he had expressed a desire to meet her.

"That's sufficient," mused the plotter. "I wouldn't do for me to say for Ned that he would like to make a real romance out of it all. That would be carrying coals to Newcastle," for it will be the first idea that will pop into his head." So he sent the letter, cunningly leaving out the most important part of it. Of course a reply came, stating that Miss Hammond would be happy to meet Mr. Marston at her home, the address being given, at any time he might find it convenient to call. That was all there was in this letter. Marston replied under his own name, but in a different handwriting, saying that, having been honored by Miss Hammond's permission to call, he would do so on a certain date. He had, however, promised his friend Mr. Teal that he would not involve him in any way and begged that Miss Hammond would, for the present at least, consider the circumstances that had led to their meeting confidential.

"Well, now I like this," remarked Marston. "Here I am, the hero of a novel, about to meet the heroine. We have gone through 400 pages of alternate misery and bliss; have been married on the last page, and it is about—"

Suddenly the fact thrust itself upon him that there would come a time when all his knavery must be admitted. He shuddered. For awhile he thought, then said:

"There's but one way out of it. I must make the girl love me so well that she won't stop to consider that instead of a hero I'm a villain."

The Flurry in Wilkinson's Office

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

When Farmer McCoy died his daughter, Helen, found herself alone in the world. The evening after the funeral she sat in the house where she had taken care of him for ten years since her mother's death and wondered what she should do.

She must get out of that lonely house. It seemed to her that when her father went out she stepped in. And yet something snapped within her when she thought of leaving it. She could not go forth to live like the world as it is. There came the thought of entering the fight as a man. Her voice was low pitched, but not harsh. Her woman's figure might be concealed by wearing loose, baggy clothing. She had no beard, but many young men had no hair on their faces till nineteen or twenty years old and even then so little that when close shaven it was not to be detected. She resolved to try the experiment.

A few days later a young man who called himself Henry McCoy entered a store and asked for employment. He had been looking for a situation all day and looked weary and discouraged. Possibly it was this that led John Wilkinson, the proprietor, to say to himself that he needed a boy, not a man, but there was a chance for promotion. It ended in the applicant going to work at a boy's wages his work being to do errands and odd jobs in the office.

Henry McCoy was a very attractive young man in appearance especially. His smile alone was enough to win the sympathy of any woman, and it soon won the heart of Wilkinson's typewriter, little Miss Betty Leslie, only seventeen years old. Henry at first was disposed to be friendly with her, as he was with every one, doing little favors for her that lightened her work, but when he saw that these attentions were producing a serious effect on her young heart he decided to do something to undo what he had done by letting her severely alone. This, however, only intensified her love for him, and she was not capable of concealing it.

Wilkinson was a young man, only twenty-five years old. He had begun business for himself at fifteen by setting up a newspaper stand on a street corner, which had grown into a general store where newspapers, periodicals, stationery and an infinite variety of other small goods were sold. He was unmarried and was making up his mind at the time McCoy entered his service that his little typewriter would look very pretty at the head of his table.

It was a great disappointment, therefore, when he noticed that Miss Leslie was leaning toward McCoy. McCoy noticed signs of jealousy, and it was this that led him to show unmistakably that if the girl had gone daft about him it was not his fault. Wilkinson was a manly fellow, who would not take any advantage of his position to win a girl from a rival, but the fact that the girl he wanted wanted McCoy was galling to him.

And so it was that in the store of John Wilkinson, which had been a harmonious place before the advent of McCoy, there came an inharmonious undercurrent, felt, but not expressed. The bookkeeper, Tom Arnold, a young man twenty-two years old, who had in the beginning noticed that there was trouble brewing for McCoy if he did not keep away from the typewriter, gave Henry a hint to that effect. "Can't blame the girl, my boy," he said, "for if I were a girl I'd fall in love with you myself." Henry said he had discarded the hint, leaning toward Miss Leslie, but he was much obliged for the suggestion and would leave the way open for Wilkinson.

There is no telling what a girl in love will do, especially when the man she loves gives her a cold shoulder. Miss Betty Leslie wore a ingenuous countenance and was so preoccupied by her love affair that she did her work very badly. When Wilkinson asked her why she was so slow she was silly enough to lay the blame upon Henry McCoy, but when pressed for the details of her bad treatment by him declined to make any charges.

Matters were now in very bad shape in the little office of John Wilkinson. Miss Leslie got so worked up that she resigned her position. Mr. Wilkinson, forced to surmise that McCoy had been treating his typewriter badly—how he knew not—told her that he had no further use for her services. McCoy, instead of taking the matter philosophically, burst into tears. Tom Arnold, who was standing at his desk posting his ledger, threw down his pen and advanced upon his boss, shaking his fist and remonstrating with him for his injustice.

"Betty Leslie," he said, "had no business to accuse Henry. He never did her any injury."

"He didn't!" retorted the boss angrily. "Then what are you discharging him for?"

"I don't know."

"I haven't stood in your way, Mr. Wilkinson," sobbed the young fellow, "and to prove it I'll confess something. I'm not a man at all; I'm a girl."

"And my betrothed!" exclaimed the bookkeeper proudly.

The storm was over. Betty Leslie did not resume her position as typewriter, nor did Helen McCoy remain in Wilkinson's employ either. Helen married Arnold within a few weeks, and six months later Wilkinson married Betty Leslie.

His Mind a Blank.

"I'm afraid of my woman. They say she is a mind reader." "Well, she won't bother you."—Exchange.

A Good Investment.

W. D. Magh, a well known merchant of Wilmington, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine as a whole sale to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

L. Barnum, plaintiff, vs. E. C. Cochran, Deas Cochran, A. S. Abbott, Nettie M. Abbott, W. A. Morgan, J. O. Bookner, Bertha M. Bookner, Frank B. Deak, Northwestern Trust Company a corporation, C. W. Corley, Dorotha Abbott, T. C. Staley, Mrs. T. C. Staley, Wasco Warehouse Milling Company a corporation, defendants.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an execution issued out of the Circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Sherman county, on the 6th day of June, 1913, in a suit between L. Barnum plaintiff and E. C. Cochran, Deas Cochran, A. S. Abbott, Nettie M. Abbott, W. A. Morgan, J. O. Bookner, Bertha M. Bookner, Frank B. Deak, Northwestern Trust Company, C. W. Corley, Dorotha Abbott, T. C. Staley, Mrs. T. C. Staley, Wasco Warehouse Milling Company a corporation, the defendants, the following described real property, to-wit: The North half of section four (4) township one (1) south, range thirteen (13) west, S. 12, T. 1N, R. 13W, and the interest therein, together with all the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, belonging.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 6th day of June, 1913. J. C. McKean, Sheriff of Sherman county Oregon.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Paul M. French, plaintiff, vs. Wm. Knudsen and Eva Knudsen, his wife, defendants.

By virtue of an execution, return and order of sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit court of the state of Oregon for Sherman county, on the 13th day of May, 1913, in the above entitled cause, and in pursuance of a certain judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 13th day of May, 1913, in the above entitled cause, the following described real property, to-wit: The North half of section four (4) township one (1) south, range thirteen (13) west, S. 12, T. 1N, R. 13W, and the interest therein, together with all the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, belonging.

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