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HIS CHOICE

By JESSIE DOUGLAS.

"That's all you know about it, then?" she asked snappishly. "And Marcia's features aren't a bit regular."

"I went into the library to get a book I couldn't find and she showed me just where it was in the shelves—smart little thing!" he said almost to himself.

"Of course, if Marcia wants to work it's all very well, but I think a girl's place is at home; at least a girl of her age," she said decisively.

She looked up at William and said, "Aren't you starved?"

A simple thought deep in her smiling cheek caught his eye and he smiled to himself that Kitty was the prettiest thing he knew.

He watched Kitty's hands as they flew about the preparations, soft white hands with pink oval nails. She lighted the lamp under the chafing dish and rang for Sarah. When Sarah came in to the room bearing a tray that held cheese and butter and toast and tall glasses, William's eyes were again attracted by the skill and rapidity of those soft hands of Kitty's as they moved the bubbling mess in the chafing dish.

It was a delicious rabbit and Kitty and William laughed and chattered, but underneath it all William was conscious of a discomfort that he could not place.

When he had said good night and the door had banged after him, Kitty came back into the sitting room and threw herself down angrily on the big couch.

"Fool!" she cried to the pillows. "He's a fool! Why doesn't he propose? I wouldn't even think of taking him if his father didn't own the Davey mills—old stupid!"

"I'll soon make a man out of the simple life. After he marries me he'll have to give up that room over a shop on Fairview street and stop being a workman in the mills." She blew out the candles beside the mirror and climbed the stairs undauntedly.

William Davey, walking home through the darkness, was thinking of Kitty—and thinking hard. "Jove, but she was pretty. A bit flighty, of course, and lots of notions. That about not working, for instance, when her father really needed her help."

He thought of Kitty again suddenly, when he went into the library a few nights later, returning the book on merchants that he had been studying. He remembered as he handed the book across the counter to Marcia Haden that Kitty had said her eyes were faded. Faded? He looked into their translucent blue depths quite forgetful of what he was doing until he saw Marcia's cheeks begin to deepen their pink. "Paint?"—no, Kitty was mistaken. "Could you show me?" he stammered. "Where I'd find the second volume of this?"

He followed her into one of the long, dusky, book-lined passages while she pointed out the book sitting snugly on his shelf. She reached up to it and as she did William saw her profile, not regular, but with a certain piquancy, a certain something that drew his eyes back to hers.

"I say," he asked, "what time do you get through here?"

"At nine," she smiled; and William wondered why two such simple words should sound so charming. "Is there anything else I can do for you?"

"Yes, you can let me walk home with you," she said.

She did not answer "yes" or "no," but when at nine he stood waiting for her, she smiled demurely up at him. All the way home he caught glimpses of her face beneath the lighted street lamp; and as at last she stood on her own doorstep, with the yellow light falling on her, he wondered why he had never noticed her before.

But it was Marcia herself who started him.

"I'm leaving here in a month," she said. "I've been offered a much better position in Rockport." She held out a bare hand and then as he took it in his big one she said, "Oh, don't please, don't look at it!" and drew back the rouged little hand.

"You see my hands aren't soft because I take care of the stoves," she said.

William suddenly saw another pair of hands, soft, white, with oval pink nails; for some reason a curious lump got in the way of his talking.

"Good night," he said at last.

Why was it that that same rough hand should come before him again and again on his way home? And those expressive eyes, and a mouth neither so full nor so puffed up but gentle in its curves? He let himself into his own quiet chamber at last and before he struck a match he spoke aloud to himself in the darkness.

"If it hadn't been for Kitty, I would never have known that the other girl existed! I wonder if I've got a chance," he pondered.

While over on High street a girl lifting a shovel of coal into the fire with a thoughtful frown was smiling radiantly, as she looked into the tiny blue flames that leaped up to meet her.

SIDEWALK IS THEIR MARKET

Where All Sorts of Goods Are Displayed by New York's "Down and Out."

At the Bowers approach to the Williamsburg bridge may be witnessed an interesting sight at any hour of the day, says the New York Times. This is the gathering of near-down-and-outs disposing of what is left of their wardrobes and who, being poor salesmen, usually take what is offered and not what they expect to get.

The other morning there were four on hand. One had three frayed silk shirts, two pairs of more or less worn trousers and three sets of silk underwear. He asked 50 cents each for the shirts and took \$1 for the three. The trousers brought 75 cents the pair, while he had much trouble in disposing of the silk underclothing at 25 cents a garment.

Another had a fur-lined coat which wasn't so very awful looking. He tried his best to get \$5 for it and held on for nearly an hour. Finally a motor-man came along and, after digging in every crevice of his pockets, produced \$4.78. This won the coat.

A ragged fellow had three razors, for which he asked \$1 each. A big fellow with wavy whiskers wanted a razor but wasn't willing to pay the price. He offered 45 cents, then 50. He bought for 60.

This "market" is held in the open, on the sidewalk, and the police do not appear to care, for there is never any interference.

GEO. LIVINGSTON



George Livingston, who is chief of the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture.

FARMERS PLANNING TO SELL TOGETHER

Chicago.—Appointment of committees to devise plans for the co-operative marketing of grain and livestock was determined upon at the final session of the American farm bureau federation. The livestock proposal was unanimously approved when the association's committee on that industry recommended it. This action came a few hours after the plan of the grain committee had been received favorably by a majority of the convention.

The grain committee, which will be appointed soon by J. R. Howard, president of the federation, will be a permanent body with headquarters in Chicago. It will investigate existing plans of co-operative marketing as well as suggest new plans. Members of the committee will comprise leading grain producers, grain elevator men and others.

A resolution was adopted directing that efforts be made by the farm bureau to obtain cars to move crops. It also was recommended that freight problems be referred to the federation to obtain uniform freight rates and equal facilities for all farmers.

GRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Heavy property damage was caused by the cyclone which hit North Dakota in the vicinity of Minot.

Following the discovery of a \$10,000 shortage in his accounts while city auditor, Mayor E. A. Bock, of Salt Lake City, resigned.

The formal notification of Governor James M. Cox will be held August 7, at Dayton, Ohio, and that of Franklin D. Roosevelt August 9, at Hyde Park, New York.

A total of 1,340,000 seedlings, principally Douglas fir, were planted on the forests of Oregon and Washington in the fiscal year ending June 30, according to a report by the United States forest service.

Ohio got its third presidential candidate for the 1920 campaign when the prohibition national convention nominated Aaron S. Watkins of German town, O., after learning from W. J. Bryan that he would not accept the nomination.

Skipper Sued by Washington Cadets.

Seattle, Wash.—Eight merchant marine cadets from Washington, stranded at Hilo, Hawaiian islands, have brought suit for \$25,000 damages against Captain E. F. Eckhardt, master of the training ship Vicksburg.

Iiwaco Plant is Burned.

Astoria, Or.—The town of Iiwaco, Wash., faces the necessity of being without light, power or water for an indefinite period as the result of a fire that destroyed the plant of the North Shore Light & Power company.

Western States Lead in Depositors.

Washington.—Three western states, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, led all others on May 4 in the number of bank depositors, per 1000 population, according to figures compiled by the controller of the currency.

Medford Has Fire Loss.

Medford, Or.—The most destructive fire in Medford's history occurred early Monday morning when Eads brothers' warehouse, in the heart of the city, burned at a loss of \$100,000.

Secretary Roosevelt Resigns.

Washington.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic vice-presidential candidate, submitted to President Wilson his resignation as assistant secretary of the navy, effective August 5.

Two Dead in Canadian Cyclone.

Regina, Sask.—Two persons were killed, a score injured and property damaged to the extent of \$200,000 in a cyclone which swept the southern part of Saskatchewan.

The Jewish Calendar.

Our year 1920 is the year 5680 of the Jewish calendar. The Jewish era reckons from the creation, 3,750 years and three months before the commencement of the Christian era. The Jewish year consists of either twelve or thirteen months of twenty-nine or thirty days. The civil year commences with the month Rishat, immediately after the new moon following the autumnal equinox; the ecclesiastical year begins with Nisan. The year 5680 began September 25, 1919.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The city treasurer of Salem reports a total of \$64,541 in the city treasury.

The water supply of Roseburg was shown to be chemically pure when inspected.

Portland has been made western headquarters for the Democratic national committee.

Rev. J. Groschupf, formerly of Spokane, has been installed as pastor of the Lutheran church at Baker.

The fund being subscribed at Coquille for a new Methodist church has already passed the \$5000 goal.

Thirty-eight portable school buildings are to be constructed immediately for use of the Portland schools.

C. F. Hartwig of Bend claims that he can lure electricity sufficient to develop 50,000 horsepower from the air.

The Gale tract of 10 acres adjoining the University of Oregon campus at Eugene has been sold to the university.

Miss Celia Gavin, city attorney of The Dalles, has been appointed a member of the Democratic state central committee.

The U. S. S. Birmingham and a division of six destroyers paid a visit to Astoria during the American Legion convention.

Permanent headquarters of the American Legion's Pacific coast committee to combat radicalism have been established in Portland.

Work has been begun on the three-story fruit packing plant of the Oregon Growers' association at Myrtle Creek in Douglas county.

St. Helens shows a growth from 742 in 1910 to 2226 in 1920, and Clatskanie from 747 in 1910 to 1384 in 1920, according to the census figures.

The state fish commission made an investigation of property near Roseburg with a view to selecting a site for an exclusive trout hatchery.

With the coming of the haying season, the Bend lumber mills are losing many employees who are leaving for work on Oregon and Idaho ranches.

Portland railway officials report there is some improvement in supply of cars for loading lumber and other products from the Pacific northwest.

Nearly one hundred young people representing Presbyterian churches throughout Oregon have met in Albany to attend the summer conference.

The city of Hood River has let a contract for the construction of a combined city hall and firemen's headquarters at an estimated cost of \$33,174.

Following the wrecking of their church, partly destroyed by fire, the Baptists of Bend are planning to erect a new fireproof structure to cost \$35,000.

The annual encampment of the pioneers of Wheeler and Gilliam counties was held at the Julia Henderson pioneer grounds, 13 miles southeast of Fossil.

Dr. Clyde Mount of Portland was elected president of the Oregon State Dental association at the business session, which concluded the annual session in Portland.

Manufacturers and public service corporations in the Portland district use sawmill refuse for fuel to a greater extent than any other section of the United States.

The Buehner Lumber company at North Bend has begun construction of a monster smokestack. It will be of concrete 110 feet high with a diameter of 10 feet at the top.

The orchard of George Webb at The Dalles, one of the finest in the entire state, has been leased to Japanese interests. This orchard consists of about 550 acres of bearing fruit.

The Roseburg city council unanimously voted to fight the new rates granted by the Public service commission to the Douglas County Light & Water company of Roseburg.

Josephine and Grant counties both show decreases, according to census reports. Josephine county, 7655, decrease of 1912 or 20 per cent; Grant county, 5496, decrease of 111 or 2 per cent.

Attorney General Brown has submitted to the state land board a proposal to transfer what are known as Hyde-Benson lands from the United States government to the state of Oregon.

Recent rains have damaged considerable hay in Lincoln county, but the loss is more than offset by the increased yield of later crops. A bumper crop of berries and potatoes is now assured.

Property owners in Brownsville who have property abutting on Main street and Spalding avenue in the district which the city council proposed to pave have filed two petitions asking the circuit court to grant injunctions against the contract entered into between the council and L. E. Herold, Salem contractor.

The report of the Clackamas county superintendent of schools for the past year, shows an increase in \$12 to \$11 per month over the previous year.

Due to the faulty diet in most instances, 30 per cent of fifty-six children examined by doctors in connection with baby conferences in two Benton county communities, were under weight.

Attorney General Brown has advised State Treasurer Hoff that he would not pass on the legality of the

Heppner \$100,000 water bond issue until all the proceedings attendant thereon were supplied.

Frank Davcy, who will represent Marion county in the next legislature is preparing a bill providing that special sessions of the legislature can consider only measures specified in the call of the governor.

Portland's 26 banks and trust companies aggregated \$152,268,516 at the close of business June 30, this year, reports the state superintendent of banks. This is an increase of over 20 million dollars in a year.

The Astoria realty board will form a holding company to purchase the property to be used as naval base site and deed the property to the government, according to a plan which has been adopted by the board.

Rev. Father Arthur Lane, rector of the Albany parish of the Roman Catholic church, has received notice that he has been appointed by Pope Benedict XV, a protonotary apostolic of the church with the title of Monsignor.

The body of Mrs. Eddyth Knox, young Wichita, Kan., woman, who disappeared near Albany, was found in a ditch near town. Suicide, prompted by despondency over the death of her husband two years ago, is believed to have caused her death.

The contest of the will of the late Henry L. Pitcock, founder of the Portland Oregonian, who accumulated a fortune that reaches nearly \$3,000,000, will be carried to the Oregon state supreme court by Mrs. Caroline P. Leadbetter, daughter of Pitcock.

B. W. Kern of Portland is in the Benton county jail awaiting a grand jury investigation on the charge of grand larceny. Kern is charged with having stolen \$1065.62 from the American Railway Express company, for whom he was a railway messenger.

Prominent residents of southern Oregon have petitioned Governor Olcott to extend executive clemency to W. E. Butler, under a penitentiary sentence for the killing of McDonald Stewart in Jackson county. It is claimed that he acted in self defense.

Reorganization of the child welfare commission of Oregon prefaces a prompt and thorough investigation of Portland baby homes with a view to ascertaining the reasons three such homes had refused to accept recent charges from the Oregon Humane society.

Mrs. Edward F. Mathus, operator of a children's nursery in Portland, was found guilty of a brutal and vicious assault on three-year-old Edna Romanovsky by a municipal court. Judge Rossman sentenced the woman to six months imprisonment in the city jail.

Marshfield was named as their convention city for next year by the members of the Oregon State Elks' association in session at Salem. No other city was a candidate for the honor. Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, of Prineville, was elected president of the association.

Unless the state emergency board is called into session to supply funds for the operation of the state livestock sanitary board, payment of indemnity for the slaughter of diseased cattle will cease, according to information sent out in a circular letter by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

Hereafter patients committed to the state school for feeble minded by county courts and brought to the institution before the superintendent has notified the court of his readiness to accommodate additional patients, will be returned immediately to the county from which committed at the county's expense.

After examining every phase of the present milk controversy, United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys of Portland announced that the government could not prosecute any of the interests concerned for manipulation of prices or violation of the anti-trust laws. Humphreys said his investigation, personally conducted with the aid of special agents of the department of justice, had satisfied him that the government has no cause of action against the producers, the distributors or the producers-distributors.

Portland officials will await further investigation before they take too seriously the plans for the construction of a \$50,000,000 terminal exchange building and the unification of the terminals in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., as presented to the city council by A. P. Gillies, president of the Consolidated Americanian Terminal association. The association will construct and finance the building and the whole project which will involve a total of \$100,000,000, states the president. The matter has been referred to Commissioner Barbur, who has turned it over to O. Laugaard, city engineer, for investigation.

U. S. GOVERNMENT Properly Examined

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