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The New Year's Eve Wedding
By MARION R. REAGAN

NEW YEAR'S EVE was set as the date for the wedding of Bob Wallins and Charlotte McKay. Their friends thought, and so did they, that it would mean excellent luck to begin the New Year as man and wife. But as the time drew nearer, Bob, at least, began to have fears and forebodings, not so much about the day as about the event itself. Marriage was a serious thing. And after reflecting a long time on the subject—perhaps too long, he wasn't so sure that he was taking a wise step. He had never seen Charlotte McKay, but she hadn't. Charlotte was her idea of the right kind of a girl for a young man to marry. She was thrifty, domestic and sensible. Sensible! She was too sensible, Bob thought. He would have liked her to be just a little bit foolish. Girls were supposed to be a little silly. That's what made them feminine! Still he had come to rely on her judgment and it would have been annoying to have found her undependable. She was a good pal and all that, and he liked her; of course he liked her. But was that love? Was that romance? Other fellows felt poetic about girls they were about to marry; couldn't sleep at night for thinking of them; couldn't eat, and the whole state was described as "love." Well, Bob never



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felt what way about Charlotte. His appetite was as good as ever and he was a long way from insomnia. Then he met Helen McKay at a house party, and his digestion at once began to suffer. It somehow took him a long time to go to sleep at night and during the day his mind was in a fog. He couldn't concentrate on business at all. Helen McKay with her trim figure and stylish clothes, her carmine lips and rouged cheeks, her artful, vampish ways, came tripping into his thoughts constantly. There was a girl, he thought—there was a girl. He wouldn't have hurt Charlotte's feelings for the world, but he was plainly enamored of Helen, and surely he could go out with her a few times without Charlotte's finding out? He did; but Charlotte found out. At first she was blindly jealous. She packed the diamond engagement ring into its little box, and was about to mail it back to him when her old good sense returned. To send back the ring would have been to admit defeat. The only wise thing to do was to laugh and beat Bob at his own game. She determined to dress up and vamp another man.

A likely "prospect" appeared in Sam Peck. Sam had just come to Quincy from New York, and with his worldly manner and handsome face was enough to arouse the jealousy of Bob Wallins, thought Charlotte, and she started out on her campaign. She had been wearing old dowdy dresses, saying her new things for her trousseau, but now she took out the new clothes, and in addition bought herself a lipstick and innumerable jars of make-up. For hours she sat at her mirror, "practicing." Evidently she was quite skillful, for Samuel Peck very easily did what is known as "falling hard," and soon Sam and Charlotte appeared at parties together. Bob stormed and raged. He threatened to break off their engagement, but when he found how apparently ready Charlotte was to have the engagement broken, he changed his attitude. He simply couldn't get over Charlotte's acting that way. He became so worried about Charlotte that he forgot Helen completely.

One Sunday evening he went over to Charlotte's to call. She was tantalizingly gay, as she was always lately. Bob sank down in a chair, sullenly. "People are beginning to talk," he said briefly. "They are? About what, or whom?" "About you." "About me? How interesting! I didn't know that, and what do they



say about me—complimentary things, I hope?" Bob got up and walked back and forth in front of the fireplace. "Likely. An engaged girl who begins to play around with another fellow scandalously, and to use that vulgar-looking make-up is liable to be held up as a model young woman to the Women's Bible class, I suppose?" "I've always got along very well with the Women's Bible class, but what right have you to criticize?" "You're engaged to me!"

"Yes, but that can be broken. You were engaged to me, too, when you started going with that Helen McKay." "Who?" "Helen McKay." "Charlotte, don't be ridiculous. I didn't mean that seriously at all. I'd even forgotten for a minute who in the world she was." "You forget women rather quickly. It seems to me." "Look here, Charlotte, I'm tired of this. You've got to make up your mind right now whether you're going to be your old self and marry me New Year's Eve as you promised, or not. But remember, I can't possibly love you as I always—yes, always—have unless you take off that terrible look- ing make-up." The conversation took a very unsatisfactory trend after that and Bob left, swearing he was "off women for life." The New Year's Eve wedding was called off. Bob Wallins became one of the worst grouches in town. He was never seen except at his office or home, while Charlotte came to look more and more worried. Then came the reconciliation, and as the two sat one evening sending out invitations to the New Year's Eve dinner that was to culminate in their marriage, Bob said, "Yes, Charlotte, I'm glad we got all our quarreling over before our wedding, aren't you? Because we certainly are never going to have even the least argument again."

Officials of the New York Stock exchange are up against the problem of ticker tape. They want all exchange members to quit throwing it out of windows whenever the city is celebrating, says the Baltimore Sun. Their thrifty plans do them credit, but the public can ill afford to lose the show, for the rolls of ticker tape give about the best spectacle that is possible on short notice in a solemn city. And what if ticker tape costs money. It is not half so expensive when floating Wall street as it sometimes is when the exchange prints figures on it and people read them.

Never before in the history of the country has there been as much insanity as at present. The Department of Commerce has just issued a report of latest available insanity statistics. These reveal 245 patients per 100,000 of population in hospitals for mental diseases, says Thrift Magazine. The number of commitments per year has also grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. The number of insane persons in our asylums is now three times as great in proportion to population as was the case in 1880.

The remarkable virility of China's economic life in defiance of obstacles is again evidenced in the informal statement of the inspector general of the Chinese maritime customs, reported by the office of the commercial attaché at Peking, that the total volume of China's trade for 1926, so far, exceeds that of the corresponding period last year, and that the customs receipts are larger by approximately 8,000,000 taels (one tael equals \$3.74).

In the years since the war the graduates of nearly three-score colleges and universities have rallied to meet the needs of the institutions of which they were the beneficiaries, not only in the education they received, but in the actual cash cost of their schooling above and beyond the tuition fee. This is fine and finely significant. Any gift to education makes the giver a partner in a great enterprise, says the Chicago Journal. It is an investment from which he gains the richest possible returns in satisfaction, and it is a double strength to the college that receives it, because the new partner is bound to see the enterprise through to greater and greater success. The greatest asset of the privately maintained colleges and universities in the country today is the increasing number of citizens who believe in them and who are willing to go down into their pockets to back their beliefs.

A good many people act as if they are under the impression that laws are made to be violated and not to observe. At some time or another, every one of us feels that way, perhaps, so deceitful about all things and desperately wicked is the human heart.



Incombustible Trees
France has discovered a new way of combating forest fires. It will plant next year thousands of "unburnable trees" to serve as firebreaks. A tree that will not burn is a freak of nature hard to conceive, but the Accario Decurens species of the mimosa tree, which is to be planted, is said to be practically incombustible. Intersecting lines of these trees will divide the French forests into squares, the purpose being to confine any fire to a small area. What could be done in the small forests of France could not necessarily be done in the extensive timberlands of the United States. Provided this peculiar species would grow under our climatic conditions, it would require a good many trees and a good many tree-planters to divide all of the forests up into small patches, each protected by an asbestos-like kind of timber. The plan, however, is an interesting one. Sometimes the only way a forest fire can be checked is by cutting away the timber along a line toward which it is progressing. In such an emergency a line of trees that refused to burn and stopped the flames as effectively as fire fighters, would be a blessing. If they could be grown in this country, it would seem that at least in certain areas having valuable timber repeatedly imperiled by fire, the redwood territory in California, for instance, foresters might consider the feasibility of planting such firebreaks.

If the average man knew as much as he thinks he knows it would make him bowlegged and humpshouldered to carry it; but he probably would say less about it than he says about what he thinks he knows; and that's that.

SUMMONS
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman.
Anne M. Lang and Elizabeth L. Lang, Plaintiffs
-vs-
Charles R. Settlemeier, Charles E. Allison, John Doe Allison; the Unknown Heirs of Charles E. Allison, deceased; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.
To Charles R. Settlemeier, Charles E. Allison, John Doe Allison, the Unknown Heirs of Charles E. Allison, deceased, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants.
In the Name of the State of Oregon, You, and each of you, are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 10th day of January, 1927, the same being more than six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: For a decree quieting the title to the following described real property, to-wit: Lot One, Section Thirty-Six, in Township One North of Range Fifteen East of the Willamette Meridian, containing 65.75 acres of land, in Sherman County, Oregon; and adjudging that none of you has any estate, right, title, claim or interest in and to the above described real property, and that you, and each of you, and all persons claiming through you, be forever debarred from asserting any claim thereto, either in law or in equity; and for such other relief as the Court shall deem equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six successive weeks, in pursuance of an order of the Circuit Court of Sherman County, Oregon, made and entered on the 24th day of November, 1926.

Date of first publication, November 28th, 1926.
Date of last publication, January 7th, 1927.
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Program for Examinations
Thursday morning—Arithmetic, Writing, Oregon History.
Thursday afternoon—History, Agriculture, Spelling.
Friday morning—Physiology, Language.
Friday afternoon—Geography, Civil Government, Reading.
A. M. Zeverly,
County Superintendent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and has qualified as administrator of the estate of Martha Evans Vinton, deceased, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned as such administrator at the residence of Mrs. Lottie Walker at Klondike, Sherman County, Oregon.
Dated this 17th day of December, 1926.
E. L. Vinton, administrator of the estate of Martha Evans Vinton, deceased.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 29, 1926.
Notice is hereby given that Peter Dohm of The Dalles, Oregon, who, on December 15, 1921, made homestead entry under Act February 19, 1909, No. 022318, for S½NW¼, W¼SW¼, Sec. 5, E½SE¼, Sec. 6, W¼NW¼, section 5, township 1 north, range 16 east, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register, United States Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 14th day of January, 1927.
Claimant names as witnesses: George Petroff and Elliott Roberts, of M.R.A. The Dalles, Oregon, and Glen O. Allen and Lincoln Gilpin, of The Dalles, Oregon.
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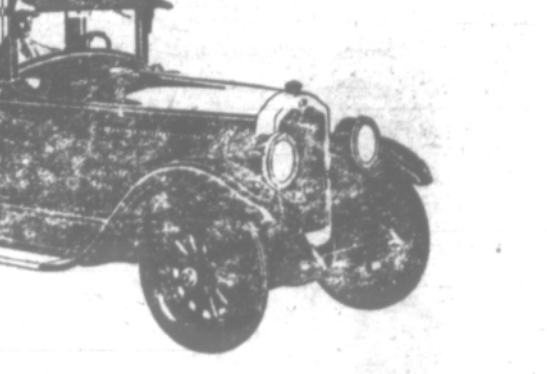
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