

Making the Discovery

By DUFORD JENNE

"CHAPTER, what's your idea about the way our inside figures have been leaking out into our competitor's hands?" Wilson asked his assistant bluntly.

Chaffee's keen, cold face hardened. "I have a mighty good idea—your secretary, Miss Curtis. I have been checking her back, and five years ago she was employed by the same gang."

Wilson was astonished. "You sure of that?"

"I am. There's no other way the facts could get out. I figure that she's a spy—planted here. Their business is up against it."

"Well, old man, thanks for looking into it. I'll have a chat with her," Wilson said slowly.

Hardly had Chaffee gone before Miss Curtis came in.

Wilson watched her—such a serene, contained little body. Could it be possible? From the day of her coming, she had been a ray of charm and brightness in the office where he was fighting to win a way through for his firm.

The worst of it was that he was thinking of asking her to go with him on some of his trips about the city. The upshot of it was that he did ask her, and at the end of the week he was deeper in the problem. She fitted into his ways so perfectly that the trips became more of a pleasure than business; her lunches together became periods of keen enjoyment and relaxation; and, finally, in an unguarded moment, he said:

"I don't see how I can ever get along without you!"

Her gray, long-lashed eyes looked at him with a sudden light in them that went out in a moment, but it was a tender glance and it thrilled him. Alone later in his bachelor apartments realization came to him. He was beginning to fall in love with the girl who was without doubt playing him to the hands of his business enemies. There were just three who had access to the data; himself, Chaffee, and she—and Chaffee had proved his faithfulness.

When his next prices were underbid, he called her to him, and told her what had happened. She drew back, the rose going from her cheeks as she sensed his meaning:

"You don't think I—"

He felt an overwhelming desire to rush from his desk and gather her in comforting arms—she looked so slight, girlish, and her gray eyes were darkened with what seemed to be tears. But he checked himself even as he came to a final realization that he loved this dainty, attractive bit of womanhood in front of him.

"I was wondering if you could give me some suggestion as to—" awkwardly, "the source of the leak."

She backed away, her eyes searching his. "No," she said faintly, "I don't believe I can."

It was just before closing, and in a moment she had gone, leaving in the office a sense of something vacant and lonesome.

He pounded the desk. "I don't believe for a moment she is guilty. Hang it, I left her with the impression that I do. And I can't lose her—I can't," he added softly to himself.

But Chaffee had his simple explanation. "She's clever or she wouldn't be in such a game, and if she doesn't come back, you win."

She failed to return the next morning, but Wilson did not feel that he had won. Instead he determined that he would go to her home that evening and recapture her if he could. In the

meantime, he would put a special investigator on another phase of the problem.

"I love her and I believe in her; that's final!" he decided.

The late afternoon mail brought him a brief note in which she explained that she was resigning her position. Wilson stared at the note. "Chaffee would say that this was a neat way of getting under, but I miss her, and I need her!" His mood quiet. "And I love her!"

Just before closing time, Lacey, the investigator he had set at work came in smiling. "By checking the time element in your office routine, I have found the leak; charge it to Mr. Chaffee!"

Wilson was astounded. "But Chaffee accuses Miss Curtis!"

"Miss Curtis has been giving Chaffee's advances an icy shoulder. He has bluffed you, Wilson. We advise you to get rid of him!"

"I will, Lacey, believe me! But before that, I must get something else out of my mind!" Wilson announced, reaching for his hat.

A taxi carried him swiftly to the suburban section, and to a cottage on a quiet street. He rang the bell and waited with his thoughts a bit confused but his purpose clear.

The door opened, and she was before him.

"May, Chaffee has been found to be the one, but that isn't the point. I want you to come back," he said hastily, and then added quietly: "I miss you so—I can't bear the thought of losing you!"

She caught her breath as she sensed his deeper meaning. "You shall have me if you want me. Dick—that is, he answered a bit hesitatingly. "If you really want me!"

"Really!" he repeated, but words were useless; so there was but one thing to do—and he did it.

In Warsaw the government has issued an edict dealing with the dress of its women employees. "The mild manner in which the ultimatum was received," says a dispatch, "leads the officials who fathered the order to believe that there will be trouble in the ranks tomorrow." Which thought seems to embody about the most inclusive contribution to the discussion of "how to know women" that we have seen, says the Baltimore Sun. In any possible situation, it says in effect, expect from any possible attitude any possible response. That this is a good theory is perhaps proved by the fact that it will not be a bit of help in practice.

People who take more than they need from the table of the earth do not always know that they are pigs, but they are. Socialism will not cure the pig habit. The way out is for those who take more to consider themselves as trustees for the surplus, writes Charles S. Osborn in the American Magazine. Maybe some day they will help others up to the table where they can help themselves. That day of things is coming rapidly. It must not be called charity. The name for it is justice.

Little Willy's big problem, propounded at the breakfast table the other morning, is how they weave the dough before making waffles.

Mr. Televox, the marvelous electrical man, has been provided with a voice. This encourages the hope that there will presently be a Mrs. Televox.

A new combat plane built for the French government carries six powerful machine guns and is said to represent a new development in military aviation.

VARIOUS PLANS TO STEAL TIME AND MONEY FROM THE UNWARY

Bankers Association Official Tells How Young People Are Fleeced in "Hokum Pokum" Movie Schemes—The Investor Loses Savings by Listening to Messrs. Slick and Smooth.

By W. R. MOREHOUSE

Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association

THE fabulous salaries paid stars of the first magnitude, and the publicity of the "movies" naturally create longing in the breasts of thousands of our young Americans to get into motion pictures. Because so many are ready to leave home, and risk everything on a fling at motion pictures, unscrupulous persons have devised ways of fleecing these ambitious young people out of their savings. "Hokum-pokum" schemes of various kinds are used with great success. Fake courses in the art of acting before the camera, fake courses on how to make-up, fake registration gags and screen tests, are among the schemes used to separate these thousands of young people from their cash.

The pilgrimage to the motion pictures centers by thousands of novices usually ends disastrously for the pilgrims. Naturally a few are successful, but only a very, very few, the ninety and nine meeting with disappointment. The truth is, the number of persons who seek to "break into" the movies exceed the number of available positions by one hundred to one, while in the realm of popular stars it is thousands to one.

Don't be misled by the promises of promoters of hokum-pokum schemes that there is room for all, because this last year over 100,000 young people knocked at the door for admission and were turned away because there was no room on the inside for them. Consult your banker or address the National Better Business Bureau, New York City, for information or advice regarding any enterprise that seeks to gain possession of your money. They will give disinterested counsel before it is too late.

Also let every investor approached by either Mr. Slick or Mr. Smooth with a proposition yielding big dividends remember that such assurances always spell financial danger ahead. To every investor who is inexperienced in making investments, in other words perhaps just a little green and perhaps a little too easy, any offer coming from this source should be like a red flag warning to come to a complete stop.

Such investments as Mr. Slick or Mr. Smooth offer are too good to be true and therefore they are not true. Slick, Smooth and Company are not miracle workers although from their sales talk you would infer that they could make you rich as if by magic. No, they are not miracle workers—just slick and smooth.

The Estate Gage

"Twenty-four 'estates' representing \$44,000,000 of dollars have been used as bait to lull a lot of savers and finally bleed them of their savings. The scheme is built around a supposed search for the heirs to certain phantom 'estates. At all costs these heirs must be found. Every person who can by any hook or crook, figure it out that he is in anyway related to the deceased are urged by some shyster lawyer or genealogist to send in their names and their life history."

Soon they receive glad tidings telling them that their family tree can be traced back to the deceased, in fact, they are a direct descendant and an heir at law.

Like fake raffish everybody who responds to the search is found to be a winner—in other words an "heir." Here is where the rainbow chaser gets trimmed. Before his claim to the mythical thousands can be pressed so as to insure success a demand is made on him to advance attorney's fees and pay the expense of tracing through his genealogy.

heavy loss to them have been worked under the following names:

Baker	\$250,000,000
Chadwick	\$7,000,000
Edwards	\$60,000,000
Ingraham	\$500,000,000
Hyde	\$360,000,000
Jennings	\$400,000,000
Hedges	\$250,000,000
Kern	\$200,000,000
Leak	\$100,000,000
Shepherd	\$175,000,000
Trotter	\$200,000,000
Chase	\$1,800,000,000
Towley	\$500,000,000
Webber	\$50,000,000
Weiss	\$20,000,000

Again, before parting with your money in any scheme you do not know all about consult your banker or a Better Business Bureau.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The Grangers of Oregon took in 2611 new members the past year, but lost 118 by death, 186 by demit and 1487 by non-payment of dues.

Killing of a cougar just as it sprang on the back of a deer is reported by J. A. Walsh, of Marshfield, Coos county district fire warden.

A new bridge has been completed across Deep creek at Sandy ridge by the county bridge force. The structure is called Bolzano bridge.

Twelve cars of colery have gone out of Quincy since the beginning of the season in June and two other cars are loading for eastern points.

Fire in the business section of North Powder caused estimated loss of \$4000. It partly destroyed a brick building occupied by a restaurant and shoe shop.

Governor Patterson appointed Donald S. Riches justice of the peace of the Turner district in Marion county, to succeed H. L. Earl, who died recently.

Pioneer history of Oregon and the northwest was linked with the life of Josephus Thompson, 90, who died at the home of his son on Grand island last week.

Lewis O. Leach, 55, was killed in the Conble Dye camp on the Netarts road in Tillamook county when a log fell on him as he was at work bucking logs in the camp.

Thrown out of his wagon, which was piled into the ditch by a car, W. J. Stowe of Eugene suffered a fractured skull and six broken ribs when kicked by his horses.

Malheur Railroad company's line between Burns and Seneca.

The Coos county poor farm no longer carries that title following the filing of a report with the county court showing that \$3100 alone had been realized from the sale of farm produce and stock in the last year. There are 24 inmates of the county farm at present, all between the ages of 60 and 80.

Cheap land and other inducements under the Eagle Point irrigation district offered farmers is bringing many new settlers to that section. Last Saturday three more new families from out the state were camped in the city park auto grounds waiting for accommodations to be completed for their going on new ground that they recently purchased.

"These be perilous times" for the cougars that infest the forests of Oregon, and no fewer than 240 of these deer-devouring animals have been killed in ten months from October 1, 1927, to July 31 of this year, according to figures compiled by Harold Clifford, state game warden. Only 159 were killed last year from October 1, 1926, to September 30, 1927.

That this is an unusual dry spell is indicated by the fact that for the first time in many years it is possible without getting one's feet wet, to walk across the Coast fork through Cottage Grove. The Coast fork is one of the principal branches of the Willamette, and one of the largest streams in this section. Despite the low stage of the streams of this vicinity, the city has at no time experienced a shortage in its municipal water supply.

An old-fashioned "camp meeting" harking back to the days of long ago will be put on by the Salvation Army of the Oregon division under the direction of Brigadier Albert E. Baynton and his army staff. The sessions will be held daily extending from August 27 to September 3 at the newly acquired Salvation Army camp near Barton. The camp grounds of 27 acres will accommodate thousands of people and salvationists from all parts of the state are expected to attend.

GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Department of Education Sherman County Moro, Ore., August 15, 1928.

Notice is hereby given that the Uniform Eighth Grade Examinations will be held in Sherman County on the 6th and 7th of September, 1928, wherever there were failures or conditions as a result of the June examinations.

Lawrence W. Rakes

County Superintendent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed executors of the estate of Cecil E. Decker, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and have qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at the office of W. C. Bryant, Moro, Oregon within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published August 10, 1928.

Arthur J. Decker

Luther Davis, Executors

Last published September 7, 1928.

W. C. Bryant, Attorney for Executors

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 8, 1928.

Notice is hereby given that Siegfried Thomsen of Moro, Oregon, who, on September 21, 1923, made homestead entry, act December 29, 1916, No. 022891, for Lot 5, Sec. 7, T. 1, S. R. 19, N. 4E. 4, SE. 4E. 4, E. 4SE. 4, Sec. 12, NE. 4, NE. 4SE. 4, Sec. 13, T. 1, S. R. 18, E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register United States Land Office The Dalles, Oregon, on the 26th day of September 1928.

Claimant names as witnesses: Herman Nicholas, Homer Belcher, Arthur G. Fatter, Alfred T. Mass, all of Moro, Oregon, R. No. 1.

J. N. Donnelly, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

In the Matter of the Estate of C. G. Huls, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court her final report and account of her administration of said estate and that Monday, the 24th day of September, 1928 at the hour of 10:00 A. M. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the County Court Room in the Court House at Moro, Oregon as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon this 24th day of August A. D. 1928.

Lenora M. Huls

Executrix of said estate.

W. C. Bryant, attorney for executrix.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Maren C. Hansen, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, has been appointed as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Maren C. Hansen, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and has duly qualified as such and all estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as required by law to the undersigned at the office of W. C. Bryant, Moro, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of the notice, to-wit: within six months from the 24th day of August, 1928.

Martin Hansen

As administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Maren C. Hansen, deceased.

Ward & Brodie and W. C. Bryant, attorneys for administrator.

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