

EXCURSION IS FLIVVER FOR SPRINGFIELD PEOPLE

Over 100 people from Springfield met the train last Sunday morning to take the excursion trip to Klamath Falls but the cars overloaded at Eugene could not take care of but about 15. The remainder had their early Sunday morning rising for nothing.

An overwhelming crowd took the train by storm at Eugene, Southern Pacific officials report, and filled the train to overflowing. All available cars in the yard were made up into a second train but still that did not accommodate the excursionists. Someone is reported to have unlocked the Springfield car without authority in Eugene and it was filled. Only a few people that could crowd in the

aisles got on at Springfield. The Westfir and Oakridge delegations were also disappointed by the valley mob.

Catholic Ladies Bazaar

The Catholic Ladies will conduct a bazaar, selling aprons, cooked foods, and vegetables, in the building formerly occupied by the creamery on Saturday, November 13. The bazaar opens at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sallie
being the Confessions of a new wife
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SALLIE LEARNS THE TRUTH AT LAST

"When I first began rushing the girl things happened just as we had planned," Curtiss declared. Sallie began to take more interest in me and also in the house. In fact she almost developed into a domestic type. As long as I had gone into the thing I wanted to do it up right but," he continued, "it used to nearly kill me to leave her here alone when I loved her more than I ever had in all my life."

My heart raced as I heard Curtiss declare his affections for me at a time when I had thought he had certainly ceased to care. "Anyway," he went on, "I intended to chuck the whole thing in a few weeks, after proving to Sallie that her crusty old husband was a fascinating sheik!" Curtiss laughed out loud and Father joined in. "But," he added, serious again, "something happened then that neither you nor I anticipated and over which as I told you, I had absolutely no control."

"Is that so?" Father asked. "Whew!" from Curtiss, "I should say it is! I'd like to tell you all the developments in the case but really, sir, I don't think it would be fair to the girl."

How I prayed that Dad would persuade him to go ahead! I felt that, having heard this much of the strange affair, it was essential that I learn the rest.

"Nonsense!" Father replied, "I'll never know the young woman, even her name. Tell me about it, by all means, and I'll regard it as an impersonal story such as I might read in any magazine or book."

Curtiss hesitated for quite a while and I thought Dad's argument had been lost, however, after several minutes, he went on.

"By Jove! It was a queer situation that came about. And, if it's just the same to you, I'd rather read about it next time than to take one of the principal parts!" Curtiss was facetious and I knew he was playing for time.

"Yes, yes, go ahead," Father was equally determined to hear the thing out. "Well, you see, sir, to make a long story short, this foolish kid got the idea in her head that she was really in love with me and nothing I could say seemed to have any weight. I knew nothing about this modern generation and it was surprising to me to find out to what reckless lengths they will go. I mean by that, sir, they care not the snap of their fingers for conventionality or what we used to call 'the looks of things,' nor do they mind, in the least, being talked about. It had been my intention, in cooperating with your plan, to dance with the child at parties and carry on a flirtation which she had started, but absolutely not allow the thing to go any farther than that.

But when she got to calling me up at the office several times a day and even here at the house I tell you it was a ticklish affair. I couldn't explain the situation to Sallie, you know, and yet I could see she was getting bored with the whole thing. I stood it just as long as I could and I finally told the girl I was through. I had never made love to her, you understand," Curtiss explained, "I must say that, in justice to myself, for really I'm not a cad, but I did kid her a bit and thought all the time she had sense enough to know I was in love with my wife. But no sire! These new girls are conceited little fools. They boast that they can vamp any man away from his wife. When I told the girl that she had misunderstood the whole affair she immediately announced that she would take her own life! I laughed at her, for I knew she was really not in love with me—that she was not capable of any emotional depth, and I thought that in a few days, as far as she was concerned, I would cease to exist. The next day she called me at the office and ordered me to come right around that she was going to take strychnine and that she wanted to tell me good bye."

"Where were her parents while all this was going on?" Father asked. Although he attempted to control himself I knew that he was startled at the sharp turn of events. "They had been out of town for the entire time. Her father was in Europe and her mother in some Canadian summer resort."

"I see. Get on with the story," Dad urged. "Well, there was nothing for me to do but go around to her home, although I felt certain it was all a stall. This is what I found. Le—" he checked himself when he almost mentioned her name. "The girl was stretched out on a divan and there was a bottle marked strychnine in her hand. The little fool!" he exclaimed. "I snatched it away from her and noticed it was still untouched. I walked to a window and poured it out. She swore to me that she was going to secure some more and take it if I insisted on not seeing her any more. She really had succeeded in working herself up into a highly nervous state and I found out that she had been reading a lot of stuff about famous women who had killed themselves for unrequited love. What I should have done, I suppose, was to tell her to go ahead. Call her bluff! But put yourself in my position, sir. As I told you before, I don't know this younger set and although I felt she was stalling, I couldn't take a chance on what she might attempt to do in a temperamental fit. I pictured headlines and glaring publicity. All the time I was thinking of Sallie and trying to get out of the thing with the least possible harm to her. So this is the way I doped things out."

I moved uneasily on the divan and Curtiss eering the movement paused and listened for a long time. Then assuring himself that everything was quiet in the house he continued to talk, but lowered his voice. Oh, I thought, if he would only hurry and get to the end! My hands and feet were like blocks of ice. I was hypnotized by his recital of the strange series of events and even if I had wanted to make my presence known, it was too late. My lips refused to move.

"I compromised by promising her we would go out occasionally and she was apparently satisfied with that." I strained my ears to catch the low-spoken words, "You see I knew it would just be a question of a short

time until a suitor would come along. Wright," my father said, "You skill! And he did. But," he continued, "I fully extricated your self from what the meantime Sallie got sick and is commonly known as a hell-of-a-tired of the wretched business and mess. And from now on believe me, announced that she was going to New York. I pleaded with her to stay and attending to your own matrimonial she said she would if I would explain. But you see, sir, that was exactly what I could not do. I asked her to wait and pray that Sallie wouldn't have faith in me and assured her that things would turn out all right. But she's too spirited to sit by and take a back seat and by Jove! I don't blame her. I really didn't expect her to wait. I admired and adored her more right that minute than at any time in my life. Yet there was nothing I could do to get out of the hopeless mess I had created for myself but to wait and pray that Sallie wouldn't chuck me entirely out of her life."

"And after she left things were worse than ever, I suppose?" Dad asked with real concern in his voice. "No! The girl, just as I had supposed, began to tire of my indifference, and started looking about for 'other worlds.' A new and good looking minister arrived in town. He created quite a furor in the Church. He was a modernist and began tearing down all the old traditions and beliefs. That was just the picturesque background that appeals to a person of her imaginative type. He was strongly in the limelight and compared to him, she figured that an uninteresting old codger like me was not worth bothering about."

I adored his modesty for I knew it was his indifference which made Letitia Evans turn to this new interest in life, and not his lack of charm. "Fortunately," he went on, "the new chap was a bachelor, though it wouldn't have made the slightest difference to the girl whether he was or not, so as soon as I was the way the wind was blowing, I gently disengaged myself from the picture and encouraged her infatuation or the other man. I don't think he looked with special favor on the whirlwind courtship being conducted on the part of the girl, but her parents are the largest contributors to his church, so necessarily, he had to be polite."

Father began to laugh. "Anyway, I got out," Curtiss said, "and, as she expressed it herself, from now on we are 'long-distance, friends!' I had bought my ticket for New York and was going for Sallie the night of the day she came home. Bless her heart!"

"You're a clever man, Curtiss"

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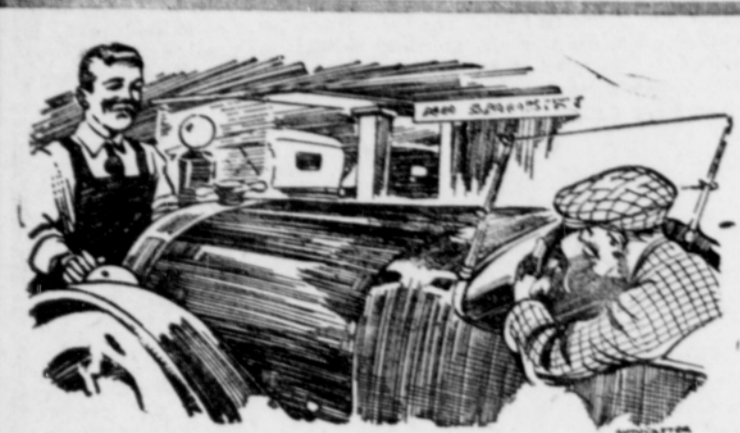


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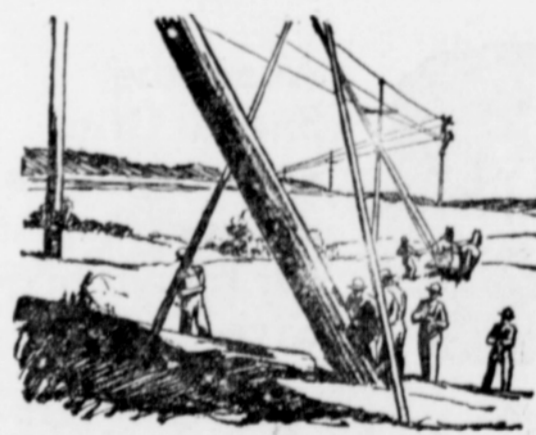
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