

The BROWN MOUSE

By HERBERT QUICK

CHAPTER XXI

A New Era Dawns.

There was a rousing chorus of "Aye!" in which Mr. Carmichael, followed closely by Mr. Bonner, made his exit. B. B. Hamm went forward and shook Jim's hand slowly and contemplatively, as if trying to remember just what he should say.

"James E. Irwin," said he, "you've saved us from being skinned by the smoothest grafter that I ever seen."

"Not I," said Jim; "the kind of school I stand for, Mr. Hamm, will save you more than that—and give you the broadest culture any school ever gave. A culture based on life. We've been studying life, in this school—the life we all live here in this district."

"He had a smooth partner, too," said Columbus Brown. Jim looked at Bonner's little boy in one of the front seats and shook his head at Columbus warningly.

"If I hadn't herded 'em in here to ask you a few questions about cooperative creameries," said Mr. Talcott, "we'd have been stuck—they're pretty near had our names. And then the whole neighborhood would have been sucked in for about fifty dollars a name."

"I'd have gone in for two hundred," said B. B. Hamm.

"May I call a little meeting here for a minute, Jim?" asked Ezra Bronson. "Why, where's he gone?"

"They's some other visitors come in," said a little girl, pulling her apron in embarrassment at the teacher's absence.

Jim had, after what seemed to Jennie an interminable while, seen the county superintendent and her distinguished partner, and was now engaged in welcoming them and endeavoring to find them seats—quite an impossible thing at that particular moment, by the way.

"Don't mind us, Mr. Irwin," said Doctor Brathwayt. "This is the best thing we've seen on our journeyings. Please go on with the proceedings. That gentleman seems to have in mind the perfectin' of some sort of organization. I'm intensely interested."

"I'd like to call a little meetin' here," said Ezra to the teacher. "See in' we've busted up your program so far, may we take a little while longer?"

"Certainly," said Jim. "The school will please come to order."

The pupils took their seats, straightened their books and papers, and were at attention. Doctor Brathwayt nodded approvingly as if at the answer to some question in his mind.

"Children," said Mr. Irwin, "you may or may not be interested in what these gentlemen are about to do—but I hope you are. Those who wish may be members of Mr. Bronson's meeting. Those who do not prefer to do so may take up their regular work."

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Bronson to the remains of Mr. Carmichael's creamery party, "we've been cutting bait in this neighborhood about long enough. I'm in favor of fishing, now. How many here favor building a cooperative creamery if we can get the farmers in with cows enough to make it profitable, and the equipment at the right price?"

Each man held up a hand.

"Here's one of our best farmers not voting," said Mr. Bronson, indicating Raymond Stimma. "How about you, Raymond?"

"Ah reckon paw'll come in," said Raymond blushing.

"He will if you say so," said Mr. Bronson.

Raymond's hand went up amid a ripple of applause from the pupils, who seemed glad to have a voter in their ranks.

"Unanimous!" said Mr. Bronson. "It is a vote! Now I'd like to hear a motion to perfect a permanent organization to build a creamery. Mr. Irwin will you please act as secretary?"

Jim sat down at the desk and began making notes. The meeting appointed committees, fixed upon a time for a future meeting, threw a collection of half-dollars on the desk to start a petty cash fund, made the usual joke about putting the secretary under bond, adjourned and dispersed.

"It's a go this time!" said Newton to Jim.

"I think so," said Jim, "with those men interested. Well, our study of creameries has given a great deal of language work, a good deal of arithmetic, some geography, and finally saved the people from a swindle. Rather good work, Raymond!"

"My mother has a delayed luncheon ready for the party," said Jennie to Jim. "Please come with us—please!"

But Jim demurred. Getting off at this time of day was really out of the

question if he was to be ready to show the real work of the school in the afternoon session.

"This has been rather extraordinary," said Jim, "but I am very glad you were here. It shows the utility of the right sort of work in letter-writing, language, geography and arithmetic—in learning things about farming."

"It certainly does," said Doctor Brathwayt. "I wouldn't have missed it under any consideration; but I'm certainly sorry for that creamery shank and his accomplice—to be routed by the Fifth Reader grade in farming!"

The luncheon was rather a wonderful affair—and its success was unqualified after everybody discovered that the majority of those in attendance felt much more at home when calling it dinner.

"What d'ye think of our schools?" asked the colonel.

"Well," said Professor Gray, "it's not fair to judge, Colonel, on what must have been rather an extraordinary moment in the school's history. I take it that you don't put on a representation of 'The Knave Unmasked' every morning."

"It was more like a caucus than I've ever seen it, daddy," said Jennie, "and less like a school."

"Don't you think," said Doctor Brathwayt, "that it was less like a school because it was more like life? It was life. If I am not mistaken, history of this community was making in that schoolroom as we entered."

"You're perfectly right, Doctor," said the colonel. "Jim's got too big for the district, and so we're going to enlarge the district, and the schoolhouse, and the teaching force, and the means of educational grace generally. That's as sure as can be—after what took place this morning."

"He's rather a wonderful person," to be found in such a position," said Professor Gray, "or would be in any region I have visited."

"He's a native product," said the colonel, "but a wonder all the same. He's a Brown Mouse, you know."

"A—?" Doctor Brathwayt was plainly astonished. And so the colonel was allowed to tell again the story of the Darblshire brown mice, and why he called Jim Irwin one. Doctor Brathwayt said it was an interesting Mendelian explanation of the appearance of such a character as Jim. "And if you are right, Colonel, you'll lose him one of these days. You can't expect to retain a Caesar, a Napoleon, or a Lincoln in a rural school, can you?"

"I don't know about that," said the colonel. "The great opportunity for such a Brown Mouse may be in this very school, right now. He'd have as big an army right here as Socrates ever had. The Brown Mouse is the only judge of his own proper place."

"I think," said Mrs. Brathwayt, as they motored back to the school, "that your country schoolmaster is rather terrible. The way he crushed that Mr. Carmichael was positively merciless. Did he know how cruel he was?"

"I think not," said Jennie. "It was the truth that crushed Mr. Carmichael."

"But that vote of thanks," said Mrs. Brathwayt. "Surely that was the bitterest irony."

"I wonder if it was," said Jennie. "No, I am sure it wasn't. He wanted to leave the children thinking as well as possible of their victim, and especially of Mr. Bonner; and there was really something in Mr. Carmichael's talk which could be praised. I have known Jim Irwin since we were both children, and I feel sure that if he had had any idea that his treatment of this man had been unnecessarily cruel, it would have given him a lot of pain."

"My dear," said Mrs. Brathwayt. "I think you are to be congratulated for having known for a long time a genius."

"Thank you," said Jennie. And Mrs.

Brathwayt gave her a glance when brought to her cheek another blush; but of a different sort from the one provoked by the uproar in the Woodruff school.

There could be no doubt now that Jim was thoroughly wonderful—nor that she, the county superintendent, was quite as thoroughly a little fool. She to be put in authority over him! It was too absurd for laughter. Fortunately, she hadn't hindered him much—but who was to be thanked for that? Was it owing to any wisdom of hers? Well, she had decided in his favor, in those first proceedings to revoke his certificate. Perhaps that was as good a thing to remember as was to be found in the record.

(To be continued)

Just Like a Printer

When a printer wants to buy

- some clothes
- or a few groceries
- or some electric light
- or a pair of shoes
- or a pint of booze
- or some tooth paste
- or some meat for dinner
- or a ticket to the show

He gets busy

- on the phone
- or he sends out a flock of "requests for bids"

And he says

- I want you to get busy
- and send in your samples
- and your lowest prices
- and your special discount to me

For I'm the guy that

- wants the best
- and wants it quick
- and cheap
- now show some speed
- and perhaps you'll get an order
- and don't forget that some day
- I'll want a lot of stuff
- this order is just a starter
- and it'll pay you
- to take it for nothing
- almost

Now, isn't this

- just like all the printers
- you know?

—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Heppner Contractors in Arlington

Harry Johnson and Walter Duncan, contractors of Heppner, were here on Wednesday looking over the auto park with a view of building a similar one for the city of Heppner. They report things fine in and around Heppner.—Arlington Bulletin.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for County Judge of Morrow county, Oregon, on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primary election to be held May 16, 1924.

M. R. MORGAN.
(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
To the Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge on the democratic ticket, at the primary nominating election, Friday, May 16, 1924.

R. L. BENGE.
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FOR SHERIFF
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the will of the Republican voters, at the Primary Election to be held in May, 1924.

GEORGE McDUFFEE.
(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
To the Republicans of Morrow County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination at your hands for the office of County Judge at the primary election in May, 1924. My experience of many years as County Commissioner makes me conversant with the duties

of the office I seek, and I shall greatly appreciate your support in the primary; and for all past favors, I thank you kindly.

G. A. BLEARKMAN,
Hardman.
(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY CLERK
To the Republican Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk at the Primary Election to be held May 16, 1924.

GAY M. ANDERSON.
(Incumbent)
(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Commissioner for Morrow county subject to the will of the Republican voters at the coming primary election to be held on the 16th day of May, 1924.

L. J. DAVIDSON.
46-3
(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY CLERK
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk for Morrow county Oregon, on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the primary election to be held May 16, 1924.

W. A. RICHARDSON.
46-3
(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
To the Republican Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination for County Judge, at the primary election, to be held May 16th, 1924. During my term, my policy has been to obtain efficiency in public service, with economy and fairness. If nominated and elected, I pledge the same in the future.

Wm. T. CAMPBELL,
Incumbent.
(Paid Advertisement)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON For Morrow County

Lawrence A. Perry,
Plaintiff,
vs
John J. Kelly, P. T. Murphy, Eugene Mollitor, Mary E. Gorman and G. W. Gorman,
Defendants.

TO P. T. MURPHY, EUGENE MOLLITOR and G. W. GORMAN, of 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 of the plaintiff filed against you in the above

entitled cause and Court, on or before six weeks from the date of first publication of this Summons, to-wit: on or before Wednesday, the 16th day of April, 1924, and, if you fail to so appear and answer the Complaint of the plaintiff herein, for plaintiff thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in Plaintiff's Complaint herein, to-wit:-

For Judgment and Decree against the defendant, John J. Kelly, in the sum of \$16,600.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 30th day of July, 1918, less the sum of \$1,000.00 paid thereon on December 10th, 1921, and for the further sum of \$1,500.00 attorneys' fees, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of said suit; that a certain contract, particularly described in said Complaint, and made and entered into on the 30th day of July, 1918, between the defendant, Mary E. Perry, now Mary E. Gorman, and the defendant, John J. Kelly, be decreed to be a real property mortgage lien upon the lands described therein, to-wit:

The NW 1/4 of Section 19; the S 1/2 of the S 1/4 of Section 20; the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 21; the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 28; all of Section 29, except the N 1/2 of NE 1/4; the S 1/2 of N 1/2, and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 30; the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, the N 1/2 of SE 1/4, and SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 31; the E 1/2, the N 1/2 of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, S 1/2 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 32, in Twp. 4, S. R. 24, E. W. M., in Morrow County, Oregon, and the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 25, Twp. 4 South, Range 23, E. W. M., in Gilliam County, Oregon. That the description therein, and said contract, be reformed so as to include therein the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 32, and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 31, in Twp. 4, S., Range 24, and to exclude therefrom the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 31, in Twp. 4, S., R. 24, all E. W. M.

That as so reformed said mortgage be foreclosed and said land sold, as upon execution, and as by law provided, and that the said defendants, and each and all of them, be barred from all right, title or interest or claim in or to said premises, except the statutory right to redeem, and that the money arising from said sale be applied to the payment of the costs and disbursements of said suit, to the payment of the attorneys' fees

allowed, and to the payment of the aggregate sum of \$16,600.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from July 30, 1918, less the sum of \$1000.00 paid thereon on Dec. 10, 1921, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six consecutive weeks in the Heppner Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Morrow County, Oregon, published at Heppner, by Order of the Hon. Gilbert W. Phelps, Circuit Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 29th day of February, 1924, and the date of the first publication hereof is Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1924, and the date of the last publication hereof will be the 15th day of April, 1924.

VAN VACTOR & BUTLER,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Residence and Postoffice Address: The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon. 45-51

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON For Morrow County

Cecile M. Dempsey,
Plaintiff,
vs
Thomas V. Dempsey,
Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint filed herein, against you in the above entitled court and cause, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, which is as follows, to-wit: That the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between the plaintiff and the defendant be dissolved and forever held for naught, and that the plaintiff have an absolute divorce from the defendant.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for the period of six weeks in the Heppner Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at Heppner, Oregon, by order of Hon. W. T. Campbell, County Judge of Morrow County, State of Oregon, made and entered on the 3rd day of March, 1924.

The date of first publication is March 4, 1924.

WOODSON & SWECK,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Address: Heppner, Oregon. 45-51

Good Words About COFFEE

The conclusions of a three-years investigation by Professor Prescott, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, are summed up as follows:

Coffee is an efficient, harmless stimulant

Its quality depends on how it is made

The professor says: "Coffee promotes heart action mildly, increases the power of concentration in mental effort and increases the power to do muscular work and is therefore an aid to sustained brain work. It has no depressive after effects and is not habit forming."

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