

THE QUICKENING

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CHAPTER V

On rare occasions the Major, riding to or from the cross-roads post-office in Hargis' store, would rise in his horse at the Gordon gate and ask for a drink of water from the Gordon well. At such times Thomas Jefferson remarked that his mother always hastened to serve the Major with her own hands; this notwithstanding her own and Uncle Elias' oft-repeated asseveration touching the Major's unenviable pre-eminence as a Man of Sin. Also, he remarked that the Major's manner at such moments was a thing to dazzle the eye, like the reflection of the summer sun on the surface of burnished metal. But beneath the polished exterior, the groping perceptions of the boy would touch a thing repellent; a thing to stir a slow current of resentment in his blood.

It was Thomas Jefferson's first collision with the law of caste; a law Draconian in the Old South. Before the war, when Deer Trace Manor had been a seat of heart-hardening, the black thralls, there had been no visiting between the great house on the inner knoll and the overgrown log homestead at the iron furnace. Quarrel there was none, and any shadow of enmity; but the Dabneys were lords of the soil, and the Gordons were craftsmen.

Even in war the distinction was maintained. The Dabneys, major and officers, having their commissions at the enrollment; while Caleb Gordon, whose name headed the list of the Paradise volunteers, began and ended a private in the ranks.

In the years of heart-hardening which followed, a breach was opened, narrow at first, and never very deep, but wide enough to serve. Caleb Gordon had accepted defeat openly and honestly, and for this the uneducated Major had never fully forgiven him. It was an added proof that there was no redeeming drop in the Gordon veins—and Major Caspar was as scrupulously polite to Caleb as he don't wife as he would have been, and was, to the helpmate of Tike Bryerson, mountaineer and distiller of illicit whisky.

Thomas Jefferson was vaguely indignant when Petrass came to ask his father to go forthwith to the manor-house. In the mouth of the foreman he invitation took on something of the flavor of a command. None the less, he was eager for news when the bugle came back, and though he got it only from overhearing the answer to his mother's question, it was satisfyingly thrilling.

"It's mighty near as we talked, Mars-jon," the Major lifted the railroad rail with all the other improvements, calls 'em Yankee, and h'ts his battle-flax. The engineer, that smart young fellow with the peaked whiskers and the eyeglasses, went to see him this evening about the right of way along the porch of the great house into a pony bed.

"There is going to be trouble, Caleb; now you mark my words. You mustn't mix up in it."

"I don't allow it, if I can help it. The railroad's goin' to be a mighty good thing for us if I can get Mr. Downing to put in a side-track for the furnace."

Following this there were other conferences, the Major unbending sufficiently to come and sit on the Gordon porch in the cool of the evening. The iron-master, as one still in touch with the moving world, gave good advice. Failing to buy the railroad company might possibly seek to bully a right of way through the valley. But in that case, there would certainly be redress in the courts for the property owners. In the meantime, nothing would be gained by making the contest a personal fight on individuals.

So counseled Caleb Gordon, sure, always of his own standing-ground in any conflict. But from the last of the conferences the Major had ridden home through the fields; and Thomas Jefferson, with an alert eye for windstraws of conduct, had seen him dismount now and then to pull up and drive away the beating stakes driven by the railroad engineers.

Giving the Major a second and a third chance to refuse to grant an easement, the railroad company pushed its grading and track-laying around the mountain and up to the stone wall marking the Dabney boundary, quietly accumulated the necessary material, and on a summer Sunday morning—Sunday by preference because no restraining writ could be served for at least twenty-four hours—a construction train, black with laborers, whisked around the nose of the mountain and dropped gently down the grade to the temporary end of track.

It was Thomas Jefferson who gave the alarm. Little Zor, unable to support a settled pasture, was closed for the summer, but Martha Gordon kept the fire spiritual alight by teaching her son at home, one of the boy's Sunday privileges, earned by his faultless recitation of a prescribed number of Bible verses, was forest freedom for the remainder of the forenoon. He heard the low rumble of the coming train, and it was only by resolutely ignoring the sense of hearing that he was enabled to get through, letter-perfect.

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you," he chanted monotonously, with roving eyes bent on finding his cap with the loss of the fewest possible seconds—"and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake"—and that's all. And he was off to the railroad.

"Mind, now, Thomas Jefferson; you are not to go near that railroad!" his mother called to him as he raced down the path to the gate.

Oh, no; he could not go near the railroad! He would only run up the pike and cut across through the Dabney pasture to see if the train were really there.

It was there, as he could tell by the noise of hissing steam when the locomotive reached. But the parked wooding of the pasture still screened it. How near could he go without being "near" in the transgressing sense of the word? There was only one way of finding out—to keep on going until his conscience pricked sharply enough to stop him. It was a great convenience, Thomas Jefferson's conscience.

As long as it kept quiet he could be reasonably sure there was no sin in sight. Yet he had to confess that it was not always about playing mean tricks; as that of sleeping like a log

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A gale is sweeping the Texas gulf coast and a government launch is missing.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, of Canada, will aid in the improvement of the Upper Columbia river.

The emperor and empress of Russia have arrived safely in Friedberg, Germany, on a visit.

Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, insists that Roosevelt will be the inauguratee candidate for president in 1912.

Three cars were wrecked by dynamite and four persons injured in the streetcar strike at Columbus, O.

The cholera scare in Berlin has greatly subsided, and physicians declare that it is not cholera at all.

C. F. Libby, president of the Maine Bar association, denounces the election of senators by direct vote, and also opposes the income tax.

A lone highwayman held up the stage between Ash, Wash., and Shepherd Springs, and secured about \$180 from the three passengers and the driver.

The failure of the Fidelity National bank of Cincinnati, 23 years ago, is about to be investigated by Chicago men, who claim the failure was caused by a run purposely started by a rival house.

Major Henry Reed Rathbone, who was an aide to President Lincoln and received a stab wound in trying to save the life of his chief on the night of the assassination, is near death's door in a ward of the asylum at Hildersheim, Germany, of which he has long been an inmate.

Mayor Gaynor improves rapidly and took an auto ride.

What is believed to be Asiatic cholera has broken out in Berlin.

A new comet has been sighted by astronomers from Algiers observatory.

A bi-plane carrying five passengers and the driver made a successful flight in France.

Cotton sold for 20c on the New York stock market, the highest price since the civil war.

Kaiser William explains his relation to God as being the same as any other good Christian.

Rioting continues in the street car strike at Columbus, Ohio, and 39 arrests have been made.

Colonel Roosevelt severely criticized the U. S. Supreme court in a speech before the Colorado legislature.

The British government has surveyed a railroad line into the great Bauchi tin mines of Northern Nigeria.

The daughter of a prominent New York lawyer will marry an American-Japanese and the couple will then go to Tokio to reside.

A project to widen Washington street, Portland, is meeting with approval of the property owners affected, although the move will cost many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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Eight are known to be dead and many badly injured in a train wreck near Durand, Michigan. Several more are missing.

SCORES SUPREME COURT.

Roosevelt Says Decisions Are Menace to Democracy.

Denver—Acts of the Supreme court of the United States were sharply criticized by Theodore Roosevelt in the state capitol here before the Colorado legislature. The ex-president cited two decisions of the Supreme court which, he declared, were contrary to the principles of democracy. He declared emphatically that if those decisions indicated a permanent attitude of the court, the entire American system of popular government would be upset.

Colonel Roosevelt's speech before the legislature was one of five which he delivered in Denver. Everywhere he went he was greeted by cheering multitudes which blocked the streets, interfered with traffic and packed to suffocation the various buildings in which he spoke.

The auditorium, in which he delivered his speech on conservation, holds 15,000 persons, yet it was large enough to seat only a part of the throng which clamored for admittance. The streets outside the building were crowded with other thousands who sought in vain to gain entrance.

"I just feel as if I'd like to stay here for good," Colonel Roosevelt said after he had made three of his five speeches. He added that he was taken utterly by surprise by the size of the crowds which turned out to greet him.

An unqualified indorsement of Colonel Roosevelt was given by Governor Shaffroth and Mayor Speer, both of whom are Democrats. This indorsement was given in the presence of thousands of men and women, assembled in the great auditorium which was the scene of the last Democratic national convention, where the colonel spoke under the auspices of the National Livestock association. The ovation was far more marked than that received by him at any other place in his present journey through the West.

"The great majority of Republicans throughout the West and many Democrats will not be silent until they see you at the helm of this great nation," declared Mayor Speer, in addressing Colonel Roosevelt. "You are loved because you are not-controlled. You are independent and your honesty of purpose appeals to the heart. Your courage has made your opponents wonder what you will do next."

"You have work to do, wrongs to right. May your life be spared to accomplish the great work which the American people believe you are destined to perform."

Governor Shaffroth was hardly less enthusiastic in his reference to the visitor.

"Speaking of the three essential qualities, honesty, courage and perseverance," he declared, "we have the courage of Lincoln, the endurance of Jackson and the perseverance of Grant, embodied in Theodore Roosevelt."

These references to Colonel Roosevelt just before his presentation to the great audience assembled in the auditorium called forth a demonstration which resembled that given a successful candidate on the occasion of a national convention.

FARMERS PLANT FRUIT.

Apples and Pears on Commercial Scale Popular Near Weston.

Weston—Farmers in the mountain county adjacent to Weston are preparing to plant commercial orchards, and 30 or more have contracted for trees. Visiting experts have pronounced the mountain soil to be well adapted for winter apples and pears without irrigation, and each of the farmers interested will plant from one to ten acres of these fruits this fall. Small orchards have been tried heretofore, but received no attention and frequently contained a score of different varieties to the detriment of the commercial varieties which will now be planted by each farmer, and the young trees will receive thorough care and cultivation.

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

WILDEST ON EARTH.

Pendleton Show to Eclipse Anything Ever Attempted in West.

Pendleton—Deputy District Attorney Frederick Steiwer, of Umatilla county, formerly a well known athlete at the University of Oregon, who is chairman of the committee on competitive events for "The Round-Up," which is to be given in this city September 29, 30 and October 1, has drawn up a provisional draft of the events for the big frontier show, and from that it is evident that the exhibition here will be the wildest western show ever pulled off in the Northwest. The list includes bucking contests, steer roping contests, relay races, men's and women's, and pony express races lasting over three days, wild horse races, wild mule races, wild steer races, tug-o-war on horseback, slow mule races, Indian pony races, fancy and trick shooting, hat races, horseback pistol contest, fancy roping and bulldogging of steers. Other events will be added from time to time as the committee completes arrangements, and for all of them purses will be hung up for the winners, who will receive in addition the title of all-Northwest champion. Besides the competitive events there will be Indian war dances, military spectacles, parades and cowboy band concerts.

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STATE BUYS PHEASANTS.

Birds Will Be Liberated by Game Warden Stevenson.

Corvallis—R. O. Stevenson, state game warden, has purchased 100 pairs of Reeves pheasants of Gene Simpson at \$15 per pair and will liberate them in sections of the state showing the least number of violations of the game laws. This week four pairs will be sent to each of the following and liberated by them: Bob Hughes, eight miles south of Corvallis; C. B. Gay, Medford; Eugene Wright, Grants Pass; J. D. Wilson, Yoncalla; Phillip Ritter, Albany; Paul Houser, Salem.

Others will be liberated later when suitable localities have been found and where the assurance is given that they will be properly protected.

Reeves pheasants are the largest of the pheasant family and have proved a great game bird in England, but so far as known Oregon is the first state to stock up with this variety, just as it was the first to plant the China ring-neck, which has been so prolific in its propagation. Many of the states have been wasting their money on the Hungarian pheasant.

The pheasants just bought are paid for out of the general game fund, of which there is now \$50,000 on hand. Mr. Stevenson gives it out as his intention to spend a portion of this money in an effort to restock the fields and streams.

LAND WILL YIELD OIL.

Five Drills Are Boring Fields of Eastern Oregon.

Vale—Walter S. Martin, one of the owners of the Eastern Oregon Land company, and whose home is in San Francisco, is in Vale for the purpose of looking into the development of his vast holdings in Malheur county, which will eventually lead into the placing of his acreage on the market. Demonstration farms are being established in the Cow valley country and dry farming is proving successful. Grain will this year yield from 25 to 40 bushels to the acre. Some of the corn stands over six feet high. Mr. Martin is greatly interested in the use of oil fields and is looking over the five different wells now being drilled. He is pleased with the prospects.

Goat Circus Coming to Fair.

Portland—One of the unique attractions arranged to appear at the Portland fair, September 5 to 10, is Harry J. Dunbar's famous Goat Circus from Washington D. C. This is something entirely new in the line of trained animal shows. Mr. Dunbar's \$5,000 herd of trained goats will be exhibited at the fair grounds the entire week of the fair, free to all. Those who have seen this unique performance in the East pronounce it to be the greatest success in animal training of recent years.

Electric Line Due in 1912.

Brownsville—Brownsville will have an electric line in operation between here and Albany by August 22, 1912, or within two years from the passage of the ordinance granted by the city council to the Albany & Interurban Railway company. The ordinance passed by the council granting this company a 20-year franchise to use certain streets through the city, differs in some respects from the one presented two weeks ago.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95¢/97¢; club, 88¢; red Russian, 86¢; valley, 90¢; 40-fold, 90¢; Turkey red, 88¢/92¢.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$23@23.50 per ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$18@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@21; alfalfa, new, \$18@19; grain hay, \$13@14.

Corn—Whole, \$32 per ton; cracked, \$23.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$30; shorts, \$21@22; rolled barley, \$22@26.

Oats—New, \$23@30 per ton. Eggs—Oregon candled, 29¢/30¢ doz.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 36¢ per pound; buttermilk, 36¢; country store butter, 24¢.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢/16 1/2¢; springs, 16¢/17¢; ducks, 15¢/16¢/17¢; geese, 22¢/25¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, 22¢/25¢; squabs, \$3 per doz.

Pork—Fancy, 13¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, 12¢ per pound.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, 50¢@ \$1.25 per box; apricots, 75¢@81¢; plums, 75¢@81¢; peaches, 50¢@85¢; pears, 1.25@1.50; grapes, 1.00@1.75; blackberries, \$1@1.50 per crate; huckleberries, 10¢ per pound; watermelons, \$1.25 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$2.50 @3¢ per crate.

Vegetables—Beans, 30¢/35¢ per pound; cabbage, 20¢/30¢; cauliflower, 1.50 per doz.; celery, 90¢; corn, 12¢/15¢; cucumbers, 25¢/40¢ per box; eggplant, 6¢ per pound; garlic, 8¢/10¢; green onions, 15¢ dozen; peppers, 50¢ per box; radishes, 15¢/20¢ per dozen; squash, 40¢ per crate; tomatoes, 30¢/40¢ per box; carrots, 1 1/2¢/2.5¢ each; beets, 1.50; parsnips, 1 1/2¢/2.5¢; turnips, 1.50.

Potatoes—New, 1.25@1.50 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3¢ per pound.

Onions—New, \$1.50@2.00 per sack.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5@5.25; fair to medium, \$4@4.50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$4@4.50; fair to medium, \$3.50@4; bull, \$3.25@4; calves, light, \$6@6.75; heavy, \$3.75@5.

Hogs—Top, \$9.50@10; fair to medium, \$9@9.25.

Sheep—Best Mt. Adams wethers, \$4@4.50; best valley wethers, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best valley ewes, \$3@3.25; lambs, choice Mt. Adams, \$5.50@5.75; choice valley, \$5@5.25.

Hops—1909 crop, 10¢/13¢; old, nominal; 1910 contracts, 13¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13¢/17¢ per pound; valley, 18¢/20¢; mohair, choice, \$2@3.50.

Casaca, Bark—4 1/2¢ per pound.

Hides—Salted hides, 7¢/7 1/2¢ per pound; salted calf, 12¢; salted sheep, 16¢; salted stags, 6¢; green hides, 16¢; dry hides, 16¢/17¢; dry calf, 17¢/18¢; dry stags, 11¢/12¢.

Pelts—Dry, 10¢/15¢; salted, butchers' take-off, \$1.15@1.40; Spring lambs, 25¢/45¢.

LYONS MAIL STORY REVIVED.

Descendant of Lesurques Petitions for Amnesty.

Mme. Behagne, an impoverished widow past middle age, who earns a slender living by manual labor, has, by a somewhat naive petition to the French government, reinvested the old story of "The Lyons Mail" with an interest something like that of actuality, the Berlin correspondent of the New York Times says.

The most popular compendiums of history relate how a man named Joseph Lesurques was guillotined in 1797 as one of the several highwaymen who killed the post courier traveling between Lyons and Paris and robbed him of letters and packages containing some millions of francs. It was afterward proved, at least in popular estimation, that Lesurques was innocent. This fact was made the basis of one of the most successful melodramas ever played.

Mme. Behagne, who claims to be a lineal descendant of Lesurques, declares that a perpetual pension was established about 1863 by Napoleon III. for each successive eldest female member of the Lesurques family, and that it now ought rightfully to come to her. She says it is only \$50 a year, and was last received by her great-aunt, who died in an almshouse.

Yet she also asserts that it was granted as consolation to the descendants of Lesurques for the confiscation of property said to have yielded an income of \$2,400 a year by the French government in 1797.

Apparently Mme. Behagne believes her own story, but officers of the government whose duty it is to investigate have stated that there is not the slightest documentary proof of any such pension ever being granted.

No one knows the exact spot in the cemetery at Pere la Chaise where Lesurques the victim of errant justice lies. The revival of interest in the story of Lesurques, since the publication of the claim of his great-grandchild, has led to a renewal of the pilgrimages to the monument which were popular in the early part of the last century.

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"Yes," admitted the dialect poet, "but things ain't as they oughter be. The magazines decline to run long poems or serials."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why Not?

"My constituents want some reading matter. Claim to be tired of the patent office reports I've been sending out."

"Well, prepare a speech incorporating some good, popular novel and leave to print."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Work.

Boggs—I was surprised to hear that Smith had failed. He always seemed to be very busy in his office?

Woggs—Yes; he spent more time tacking up those inspiring wall notices than any other man I ever saw.

Puck.

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