

Through the Wall

By CLEVELAND MOFFETT

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All this Coqueuil had done on a chance, without positive knowledge, save for the assurance of the black whiskered valet that the baron wrote frequently in a diary which he kept locked in the safe. Coqueuil was certain that in this diary would be found records that would prove valuable evidence in fastening the guilt of crime on the unprincipled nobleman. And the result of his dangerous quest proved the great detective to have deduced correctly. On one of the shelves of the safe, among valuable papers



"FACE AGAINST THE WALL! HANDS HIGH!"

and securities, the detective found a thick book bound in black leather and fastened with heavy gold clasps. It was the diary.

With a thrill of triumph, Coqueuil seized upon the volume, then closed the safe carefully.

Coqueuil now paused, opened the diary and began to read. There were some 400 neatly written pages—brief, separate entries without dates, separate thoughts, as it were—and as he turned through them he found himself more and more absorbed until presently he forgot time, place, danger, everything. He was absolutely lost in a most extraordinary human document—in one of those terrible utterances, shameless and fearless, that are flung out once in a century or so from the hot, smolder depths of a man's being:

"I—I have kept this diary because it amuses me, because I am not afraid, because my nature craves and demands some honest expression somewhere. If these pages were read I should be destroyed. I understand that, but I am in constant danger of being destroyed anyway. I might be killed by an automobile accident. A small artery in my brain might snap. Besides, I have no fear, since I regard my own life and all other lives as of absolutely trifling importance.

II—Half the great men of this world are great criminals. The Napoleons of war murder thousands; the Napoleons of trade and finance plunder tens of thousands. It is the same among beasts and fishes, among birds and insects, probably among angels and devils. Everywhere we find one inexorable law, resistless as gravitation, that impels the strong to plunder and destroy the weak.

III—I, in five years since I committed what would be called a monstrous and cowardly crime. As a matter of fact, I did what my intelligence recognized as necessary and what was therefore my duty. However, let us call it a crime. I have been interested to watch for any consequences or effects of this crime in myself, and I have discovered none. I study my face carefully and fail to find any marks of wickedness. My eyes are clear and beautiful; my skin is remarkably free from lines. I am in splendid health. My nerves are absolutely steady. I have a keen sense of humor. I am certainly a better man, better looking, better feeling, stronger in every way, than I was before I committed this crime. It is absolute nonsense, therefore, to say that sin or crime—I mean intelligent sin or crime—puts an ugly stamp on a man. The ugly stamp comes from his health, bad surroundings, bad conditions of life, and these can usually be changed by money, which I have!

IV—Last night, July 4, I shot a man, Martines, at the Ansonia hotel. I observed my sensations carefully and must say that they were of a most commonplace character. There was no danger in the adventure, nothing difficult about it—in fact, it was far less exciting than shooting moose in the Maine woods or tracking grizzlies in the Rockies or going after tigers in India. I was getting nothing so tame as shooting a man!

V—I have the most tremendous admiration for myself, for the use I have made of my opportunities. I started as the son of a broken down nobleman, my material assets being a trumpery title. My best chance was to marry one of the vain and shallow rich women of America, and I succeeded in marrying the very richest of them. She was a widow with an enormous fortune that her husband, a rapacious brute, had wrung from the toll of thousands in torturing mines. Following his method, I disposed of the woman, then of her daughter, and came into possession of the fortune. It would have been a silly thing to leave such vast potential power to a chit of a girl unable to use it or appreciate it. I have made myself a force throughout Europe. I have overthrown ministries, averted wars, built up great industries, helped the development of literature and art—in short, I have made amends for the brutality and dishonesty of the lady's first husband. I believe his name was Mike.

VI—I am afraid of this girl's dreams. I can control her body, and when she is awake I can move or less control her

mina, but I cannot control her dreams. Coqueuil was pressing on through the pages when a harsh voice broke in upon him. "You seem to have an interesting book, my friend."

Looking up with a start, M. Paul saw Dr. Heidegger-Bruck himself standing in the open doorway. His hands were thrust carelessly in his coat pockets.

"Hands up!" And Coqueuil obeyed. "My pistol is on you in this side pocket. If you move I'll shoot through the cloth. Stand over there!" came the order. "Face against the wall! Hands high! Now keep still!"

Coqueuil did as he was bidden. He stood against the wall while quick fingers went through his clothes; he felt his pistol taken from him, then something soft and wet pressed under his nostrils. He gasped, and a sweetish, sickening breath filled his lungs. Iron arms held him helpless. He felt himself drifting into unconsciousness and strove vainly against it. He knew he had lost the battle; there was nothing to hope for from this man—nothing. Well, it had been a finish fight, and one of the other had to go. He was the one; he was going—going.

CHAPTER XX. A GREAT CRIMINAL.

AS Coqueuil came back to consciousness he moved his arms and legs and discovered no injury; then he reached out a hand and found that he was lying on a cold stone floor, with his head on a rough sack filled apparently with shavings. He caught a sound as of rustling paper, then a faint scratching.

Finally he spoke aloud in playful reproach. "It's a pity, baron, to write in that wonderful diary of yours with a lead pencil."

The baron's voice showed his interest. "Where do you think you are?"

"In a deep underground room where you store firewood."

"How do you know we are underground?"

"By the smell of the floor and because you need a candle when it's full daylight above."

Coqueuil was now looking about him wonderingly, noting the damp stone walls and high vaulted ceiling of a large, windowless chamber. By the uncertain light of the baron's candle he made out an arched passageway at one side and around the walls piles of logs carefully roped and stacked together.

(To Be Continued.)

CITY NOTICES.

\$33,000.00 CITY OF MEDFORD IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

The city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, will receive sealed proposals for \$33,000.00 of city of Medford, Oregon, six per cent, ten year improvement bonds.

Bids to be filed with the city recorder not later than 4:30 o'clock p. m. June 7th, 1910, and to be accompanied by a certified check equal to five per cent of the amount bid for; check to be made payable to the city treasurer of said city.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

NOTICE TO GRADING CONTRACTORS.

The city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, will receive sealed proposals for the grading of Knight street, from Vermont avenue west to the east boundary line of Fairmount addition. Write to or call on the city engineer for further particulars.

All bids to be filed with the city recorder of said city before 4:30 p. m., June 7th, 1910, and to be accompanied by a certified check equal to five per cent of the amount bid for; check to be made payable to the city treasurer of the city of Medford.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon: That notice is hereby given that a special election in and for the city of Medford, and in and for the territory hereinafter described, has been ordered by said council to be held, and the same will be held on the 24th day of May, 1910, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said city at said election the following question:

Shall the boundaries of the city of Medford be altered by including therein the following described territory, to-wit:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section 36, township 37, range 2 west of the Willamette meridian; thence south on the east line of said section 36 to the north line of donation land claim No. 85, in said town and range; thence west along the north line of said donation land claim No. 85 and donation land claim No. 84, of said town and range to the northwest corner of said donation land claim No. 84; thence north to the north line of said section 36, being the present boundary of said city of Medford; thence

east along said north line of said section 36 and the present boundary of said city, to place of commencement; all in Jackson county, Oregon.

The following are hereby designated as the places in said city at which the polls will be open within said city:

- First ward—Commercial Club rooms.
 - Second ward—Nash hotel.
 - Third ward—City hall.
 - The following is hereby designated as the place in the territory above described at which the polls will be open:
 - Fourth house from south city limits, on west side of county road extending east from the crec of Newtown street in said city.
- The following have been and hereby are, appointed and designated as judges and clerks of said election:
- First ward in said city—L. L. Damon, Judge; G. P. Lindley, Judge and clerk; C. W. Davis, Judge and clerk.
- Second ward in said city—L. B. Warner, Judge; J. Bellinger, Judge and clerk; William Ulrick, Judge and clerk.
- Third ward in said city—M. F. McCown, Judge; Scott Davis, Judge and clerk; H. B. Cady, Judge and clerk.

In the territory heretofore described—C. W. Rinaberger, Judge; R. A. Johnson, Judge and clerk William Murray, Judge and clerk.

The electors of said city of Medford, and the electors of the territory hereinbefore described, are hereby invited to vote on said proposition by placing upon their ballots, "for annexation" or "against annexation" or words equivalent thereto.

Resolved further, that this notice be published in the daily Mail Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in said city of Medford, and in territory above described, for a period of four weeks prior to such election, and also four copies thereof be posted in four public places in said city, and four public places within the territory above described, for a like period, by the city recorder or under his direction.

The foregoing resolution was passed on the 19th day of April, 1910, by the following vote: Merrick, aye; Emerick, absent; Wortman, aye; Elfert, aye; Demmer, aye; Welsh, aye.

Approved, April 20, 1910.

W. H. CANON, Mayor.

Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

ORDINANCE NO. 336.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$33,000.00 of the Improvement Bonds of the City of Medford, Jackson county, Oregon, and directing the advertising of the same for sale in accordance with Chapter V of Title XXVII of Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of the State of Oregon.

The city of Medford doth ordain as follows:

Section 1. Whereas, the city of Medford has heretofore duly caused certain streets of said city to be improved, and has duly assessed the cost thereof to the property benefited thereby in accordance with the charter of said city:

And whereas, certain owners of sundry pieces of property each assessed for such improvement in a sum exceeding twenty-five dollars, have duly made and filed application to pay said several assessments in installments, in accordance with section 2727 of said Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes:

And whereas, an assessment and bond lien docket has been duly made in accordance with the provisions of said section and of Section 2728 of said Codes and Statutes, and the total amount of unpaid assessments for such street improvements and for which application to pay under the provisions of said sections above cited has been made and filed as aforesaid is the sum of \$33,000.00 dollars, as shown by said bond lien docket:

Now, therefore, said city of Medford doth ordain as aforesaid that there is hereby authorized to be issued the bonds of said city in the total amount of \$33,000.00 dollars, in denominations of two hundred and fifty and five hundred dollars each, as may be convenient.

Section 2. Said bonds shall be made in the following form: No. _____

CITY OF MEDFORD, Jackson County, State of Oregon.

IMPROVEMENT BOND.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the City of Medford in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, for value received, hereby agrees and promises to pay the bearer the sum of _____ Dollars in Gold Coin of the United States of America, on the presentation and surrender of this obligation on the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and _____ without grace, with interest thereon from the date hereof until redeemed, or until the time of the semi-annual interest payment next ensuing the publication of notice by the City of Medford that this bond will be taken up and cancelled and that interest thereon will cease at the interest payment period next following such publication, at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, in like coin on the _____ day of _____, and _____ year, on the presentation and surrender of the proper coupons thereon to be annexed, principal and interest payable at the office of the treasurer of the City of Medford.

This Bond is one of a series authorized by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, entitled "An Act to provide for the issuance of Bonds for the Improvement of Streets and the laying of Sewers in Incorporated Cities and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying of sewers by installments," filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 22nd 1893, approved February 28th, 1901, and is

an obligation of the City of Medford, aforesaid, and is not to be deemed or taken to be within or any part of the limitation by law as to the indebtedness of said city, and it is further certified that all requirements of law have been fully complied with by the proper officers in the issuing of this bond, and that the total amount of this issue does not exceed the limit prescribed by said act.

This Bond is redeemable at the office of said Treasurer at the option of the City of Medford upon the payment of the face value thereof, with accrued interest to the date of payment at any semi-annual coupon period at or after one year from the date hereof, as provided in said act.

For the fulfillment of the conditions of this obligation the faith and credit of the City of Medford are hereby pledged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Bond has been signed by the Mayor and attested by the Recorder of said City of Medford and the corporate seal of the City of Medford hereto affixed this _____ day of _____, A. D. 1910.

Mayor.

Attest: Recorder of the City of Medford.

Section 3. Each of said bonds shall have attached thereto twenty coupons, each of which shall be in the following form:

CITY OF MEDFORD, State of Oregon.

Will pay to the bearer _____ Dollars in Gold Coin of the United States of America, at the office of the Treasurer of said City, on the _____ day of _____, being six months interest on Improvement Bond No. _____, unless said bond is sooner redeemed as therein provided, which redemption will render this coupon void.

Mayor.

Attest: Recorder of the City of Medford.

Said coupons shall be numbered from one to twenty respectively.

Section 4. The Mayor of said city is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Bonds and the City Recorder to countersign the same by attaching thereto the seal of said city, all on behalf of said city.

Section 5. The recorder of said city is hereby directed to register said bonds and number the same on the blank provided therefor in the foregoing form in accordance with Section 2730 of said Codes and Statutes of the State of Oregon.

Section 6. The Recorder of the City of Medford is hereby directed to advertise said Bonds for sale and that the same will be sold for the highest price obtainable, not less than par and accrued interest, and in said advertisement he shall announce that he will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of said bonds or any portion thereof at his office at any time before 4:30 p. m. on the 7th day of June, 1910. He shall publish said advertisement three times in a daily newspaper published and printed in said city, and shall submit the sealed proposals received in accordance with said advertisement to the council at its next meeting thereafter.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, on the 17th day of May, 1910, by the following vote, to-wit:

Welsh, aye; Merrick, aye; Emerick, aye; Wortman, aye; Demmer, aye; Elfert, aye.

Approved May 18, 1910.

W. H. CANON, Mayor.

Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

ORDINANCE NO. 335.

An ordinance amending section 4 of ordinance No. 311 of the city of Medford.

The city of Medford doth ordain as follows:

Section 1. That section 4 of ordinance No. 311 of said city be amended so as to read as follows:

TERRA COTTA SEWERS.

Section 4. In no case shall terra cotta sewers be allowed under any building or shall any builder, lessee, tenant or occupant of any building, nor any plumber or person or persons interested in the plumbing work about such building, allow any terra cotta sewer to be laid within five feet of such building, and in all cases before a new or old building is placed or remodeled on any lot which has a terra cotta sewer which would come under any part of the foundation, said sewer or terra cotta pipe, must be laid in the plumbing work outside the building or areas.

Terra cotta sewers running parallel with any building and within ten feet must be laid two (2) feet below the foundation or level of the basement floor. Where it is impracticable to do so, cast iron pipes must be laid. All terra cotta sewer pipe used for house drainage in the city of Medford shall not be less than six inches in diameter where used for the discharge from water closets, except that inside of the property line four-inch sewer pipe may be used. Three-inch terra cotta sewer pipe may be used for wastes from small fixtures, but must be thoroughly vitrified uniform in size, straight and free from defects, and laid in trenches in as straight lines as possible, with a fall of not less than one-quarter of an inch to the foot where possible, and shall not be less than two feet below the surface of the ground.

All joints shall be made with equal parts of the best Portland cement and clean, sharp sand; each joint shall be carefully cleaned on the inside when it is laid; the cement must be pressed into the hub and beveled outside the socket and made smooth and solid and left uncovered until examined by the inspector of plumbing, said examination to be made within sixteen working hours after being notified. It shall be unlawful for any person to lay sewer pipe to connect any building with a public sewer, or private cesspool, or construct cesspools except under the direction of a bona fide master plumber, or by obtaining a permit from the inspector of plumbing and drainage, to construct cesspools, except such lateral sewers as may be put in under the direction of the city engineer of the city of Medford, and in no case shall such later-

als extend inside the property lines. When terra cotta sewer under any building becomes defective it must be replaced by an iron sewer, no terra cotta pipe shall be connected into iron pipes on any premises.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Medford on the 3rd day of May, 1910, by the following vote:

Welsh, aye, Merrick, aye, Emerick, aye, Demmer, aye, Elfert, aye, Wortman, aye.

Approved May 4th, 1910.

W. H. CANON, Mayor.

Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder.

REDUCED RATES FOR AVIATION MEET.

The Southern Pacific company has announced a rate of a fare and a third for round trip, points Roseburg to Ashland, for the aviation meet to be held here May 27, 28 and 29. Tickets returning good up to and including May 30.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of the Pacific and Eastern Railway will be held at the office of the company, in Medford, Oregon, on Monday, June 6, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m.

By order of the President.

G. P. HUMPHREY, Secretary.

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