

# Half A Chance

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"Goodby." "Goodby." He spoke in a low voice. "As I told Captain Forsythe, you—you need not feel concern about the story ever coming out!"

"Concern? What do you mean?" "Your telegram to Captain Forsythe, the fear that brought you to London?"

"The—you thought that?" swiftly. "What else?"

The indignation in her eyes met the surprise in his.

"Thank you," she said—"thank you for that estimate of me!"

"Miss Wray?" Conitron, doubt, amazement, mingled in his tone.

"Goodby," she said coldly.

And suddenly, as one sees through a rift in the clouds the clear light, he understood.

"You will go with me? You?"

"Why, as for that?"

Fleece of gold! Heaven of blue eyes! They were so near!

"And if I did you who misinterpret motives would think?"

"What?"

"That I came here to—"

"I should like to think that."

"Well, I came," said the girl. "I don't know why. Unless the boy who was taking down the signs had something to do with it."

"The?"

"He said to go 'straight up,'" she laughed.

He laughed, too; all the world seemed laughing. He hardly knew what he said, how she answered, only that she was there, slender, beautiful as the springtime full of flowers; that a miracle had happened, was happening. The mottled blur in the sky had become a spot of brightness; sunshine filled the room; in a cage above a tiny feathered creature began to chirp.

"And Sir Charles? Lady Wray?" He spoke quietly, but with wild pulsing of temples, exultant fierce throbbing of heart. He held her from all the world.

"They?" She was silent a moment, then looked up with a touch of her old bright imperiousness. "My uncle loves me, has never denied me anything, and he will not in this—that is, if I tell him!"

"What?"

Did her lips answer or was it only in her willful, smiling eyes that he read what he sought?

"Jocelyn!"

Above the little bird, with a red spot on its breast, bent its beaklike eyes on them, but neither saw, noticed. Besides, it was only a successor to the bird that had once been hers, that had flown like a flashing jewel from her soul to his in that place, sea washed, remote from the world.

THE END.

**Farming is So Easy.**

A Jackson county farmer serving on the jury recently stood in the hallway of the criminal court building, stretching and yawning and complaining about not getting enough exercise out on the farm.

"You fellows around the city do a lot of walking and shifting about," the farmer commented to a city man.

"When I was on the farm plowing and cultivating the soil I had no complaint to make about not getting enough exercise," was the suggestive comment of the city man.

"You lived away back there at a time when a man followed the plow and lifted it around at the end of the furrows after having carried it to the field on his back and such things," the farmer explained. "We ride and plow these days, you know. Almost everything else is done by machinery. Why, we have to construct a gymnasium on the farm to get a little exercise when we get up in the mornings and before we go to bed at night."

Then he stretched and yawned again, while the city man kicked himself—metaphorically—for having to work so hard.—Kansas City Star.

**Music Hath Charms.**

Ignaz Pleyel, a musician held in high repute in his day and a Viennese by birth, was appointed kapellmeister at Strassburg in 1783. During the troubled times of the French revolution he lost his post, and his life was in grave danger.

He escaped death and satisfied his accusers that he was not an aristocrat by writing music to some most revolutionary stanzas, which were placed before him for the purpose, while beside stood two gendarmes with fixed bayonets.

Another instance, proving that "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," is that of Alessandro Stradella, an Italian composer of the seventeenth century, who carried off a lady named Ortesia from the home of a nobleman of high rank. Two assassins who were hired to kill him followed them to Rome. Entering a church where an oratorio of his was being performed, they were so moved by the music that they warned Stradella of his danger and allowed him to escape.

If it's a job for a want ad don't leave it to a placard!

## CENTRAL POINT NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth entertained Mr. and Mrs. Trombly at dinner last Sunday. Mrs. Trombly expects to leave for her old home in Pennsylvania next week.

J. B. Welch of the Meadows was transacting business in town today. He will visit Medford before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Garvin and family and Miss Grace Garvin enjoyed an outing at Gold Ray dam Monday afternoon.

J. C. Barnard of Ashland was here on a business mission today.

J. F. Hale, president of Hale's piano house, Medford, did a musical turn of business here Tuesday evening. Mr. Hale succeeded, in selling a piano in less than ten minutes after arriving. The instrument was purchased by Mrs. C. L. Gant, to be used in her music school.

Wick Welch was so unfortunate as to be mixed up in a runaway last Saturday night near town and was quite badly jammed and bruised. The gentleman who was with him was quite badly hurt.

Master Paul Tex has been quite ill for the past few days, but is, it is believed, improving rapidly.

Dr. Pollnitz called at Medford professionally Tuesday evening.

Mrs. William E. Kahler and son are enjoying camp life at the Southern Oregon chautauqua at Ashland. They will remain through the entire week and William at home will play domestic solitaire.

William A. Cowley, J. O. Isaacson and other prominent men got busy today on a Y. M. C. A. project which gives every promise of being a success. A committee of five on membership was appointed and started out to secure membership, 200 mem-

bers being necessary to carry out the plans of the committee, and far above 100, we understand, was secured the first few hours. Two hundred members at a \$10 membership fee is the plan, and when this number is effected. Mr. Cowley donated to the association a fine building lot on Pine street between Fifth and Sixth. When seen by your correspondent Mr. Cowley expressed himself as confident of the success of the committee and the ultimate establishment of a live Y. M. C. A. in Central Point.

The fire laddies, which are as fine a bunch of young men as any town can produce, are preparing for strenuous practice as soon as water can be had for practice purposes. We look forward to a time when our boys will be the pride of the valley as fire laddies.

James Grieve, while still very weak, is steadily improving, but it is feared will never again be able to stand any great amount of heat and physical exertion.

Mr. and Mrs. Brick Peart have returned from an extended visit to California. They are very fond of the land of perpetual sunshine, but "O, you Central Point!"

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cornelius are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, the stork having come their way today. Mr. Cornelius is the obliging and competent agent of the Southern Pacific Railway company at this point.

Fred H. Kollogg of Friday Harbor, Wash., is visiting in Central Point. Mr. Kollogg is an engineer of the donkey variety, having charge of a yarder in the lumber woods of Washington, and is here on a vacation.

Hawkins for Health.

## WILLAMETTE GROWERS TO ASK AID OF STATE

SALEM, July 13.—The Willamette Valley Applegrowers' association has finally adjourned, after selecting directors and naming a committee of three to draft a bill for presentation at the next legislature. The bill will ask for an appropriation to be used under the direction of the experiment station in investigating horticultural troubles, particularly as to fungus growths.

Representative Hawley, who was also present, will secure samples of these fungus growths and forward them to the department of agriculture at Washington for the purpose of securing federal aid in this investigation. The committee to draft the state bill includes C. L. Dick, L. E. Reynolds and Charles A. Park, all of Salem.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS OF HIBERNIANS ARE IN BUTTE

BUTTE, Mont., July 13.—The national officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, together with 60 delegates from the east, en route to Portland, Or., to attend the national convention of the order, are guests of the Hibernians of Butte today. The party arrived last night. The visitors were entertained at a banquet last night.

Today the party is being shown the sights of Butte. The delegates will resume their journey tonight after being the honored guests at a banquet to be tendered by the Knights of Columbus.

The national convention convenes at Portland Monday.

## ELKS HIT DROUGHT IN CONVENTION CITY

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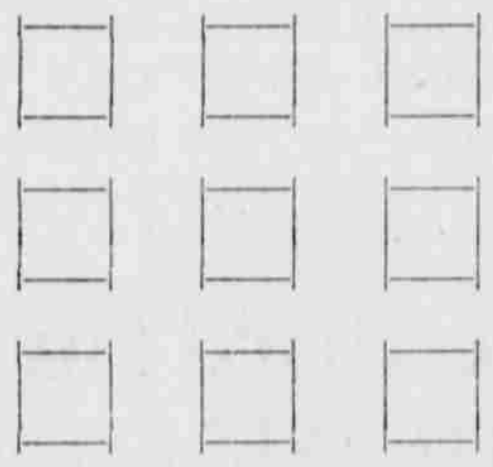
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