

# GREAT RICHES

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**SYNOPSIS:** After the death of the grimacing, James Stinson...  
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EXPOSITION

his front door, hating to sit in the lock and open it.  
The house was still Jane's and Jane's alone and he never felt completely at ease in it. His long ago dream—the dream of his early married life—of a day he would return to the mansion, he had never so much as dared mention to his wife, although she had long since begun to complain of feeling cramped in the Tyler House and longed to remodel it or to buy a large place where she could more fittingly entertain.

The mansion was large and spacious, but any mention of it or even of past Stinson glories was almost certain to provoke Jane into a recrimination of caustically sarcastic remarks that James dreaded more than anything else.

James indeed made heroic efforts to remember just what subjects did or did not irritate Jane. Much of the time he was unsuccessful. He sighed wearily as he turned the lock, hoping that this evening would not be one of those times.

Jane proved somewhat sulky and tired and had little to say as she ate their dinner and James, after an attempt or two at conversation, ate silent, both of them when Mr. Northrup's large bulk loomed darkly before them at the foot of the steps.

Jane jumped up and kissed her father affectionately. James drew forward the largest, most comfortable porch rocker; almost ran into the house to get his choice cigars.

"THANK you. Thank you very much," said Mr. Northrup benevolently, biting off the end of the cigar and lighting it. "I am afraid I am putting you to a great deal of trouble—I am afraid so indeed. I just dropped in for a moment to offer James my congratulations. Your mother assured me that morning would do as well, but I felt I would also better if I told you both of the gratification, the extreme gratification, Mr. Preston's offer has given me."

"Mr. Preston's offer! Offer of what?" asked Jane quickly. "I haven't heard anything about it."  
"That surprises me, surprises me very much. But I was told by Ellison on the way home that Mr. J. H. Preston of Kansas City had himself informed him that he intended to engage James as counsel after hearing him argue that case—Mitchel Moore's case. I think it was. It was merely chance, one in a thousand, Ellison assured me, that took Mr. Preston into the court room. Opportunity at last has come knocking on James' door. I should call it Providential myself—quite Providential."

"Why, James, that's splendid," said Jane warmly. "You ought to get a big fee out of it. The Ellison says that Mr. Preston is worth a cool five millions. But why on earth didn't you tell me about it?"  
"Nothing to tell," said James shortly.

"You mean he hasn't yet offered to engage you?"  
"Yes—er, he offered to, but it wasn't a case I could touch with a ten-foot pole. As far as I could find out he is trying to get rid of his wife and has nothing to base his case on except that she is old and fat and hasn't been able to adjust herself as rapidly as he to their rise from nothing to five millions. Personally, I believe there is another woman in the background egging him on."

"Do you know that—or is it just surmise?"  
"I know he hasn't any grounds to divorce his wife."  
"He must have or he would not be consulting a lawyer. You don't know a single thing about Mrs. Preston. She may be a perfectly terrible person. You might at least find out why it's the opportunity of a lifetime. Did you refuse it definitely? Just what did you say to him?"  
"I told him I was not a divorce lawyer."

"But you got Sally Mitchell's divorce, didn't you? You can take a washwoman's case. I fail to see the fine distinction that keeps you from taking Mr. Preston's. Perhaps it was because Sally was just a lap or two ahead of the poor house and couldn't pay you a cent, to be good for two or three thousand dollars—perhaps more."

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Mr. Northrup offers to straighten matters out, tomorrow.

## YREKA RAILROAD DEAL AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The interstate commission today announced it had authorized the Yreka Railroad deal authorized by the Yreka Railroad company. The commission also authorized the Yreka Railroad to issue not more than \$7,500 of capital stock, consisting of 75 shares. In payment for the line acquired, the stock was ordered delivered to Carl W. Faussett, a trustee.

The commission stipulated that the Yreka, in recording acquisition of the line should not value the stock in excess of its par value and that the stock should not be sold, pledged, repledged or otherwise disposed of by the applicant without the approval of the commission.

## Silverton Starts Reconstruction

SILVERTON, April 25.—(AP)—With the ground still warm from the disastrous fire that Tuesday swept an entire city block here, Al Adams, owner of the Palace theater, one of the buildings destroyed by the blaze, began work today toward replacing his motion picture establishment. A group of men were at work today clearing away debris and excavating for the rebuilding. Adams estimated the new building project would cost \$40,000.

## Grocery Basket And \$325 Taken By Highwayman

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—(AP)—Maurice Kornblat, 25, had no intention of losing his day's receipts to bandits so he put \$60 in his pockets and hid \$325 in his grocery basket.  
Two men stopped him, took the \$60 and asked, "What's in that basket?"  
"Just groceries," smiled Kornblat.  
"Well, we eat, too," he was told. The robbers took the basket and with it got the \$325.

## HOMESTEAD SITES WILL BE SCANNED

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—A detailed survey of proposed subsistence homesteads in western states will be launched within a few days by investigators for the subsistence emergency division of the federal emergency relief administration.  
H. D. McCullough, an investigator for the division, said today he would leave for the west within a few days, making stops in Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon as well as other states which have proposed sites for subsistence homesteads.

In Utah he will visit the proposed Midvale, Carbon County and Ogden projects. No specific projects were mentioned in Oregon and Idaho, but in Washington he will look over the proposed Rosas and Grand Coulee developments.

## CLIPPER CAPTAIN ENJOYED JOURNEY

ALAMEDA, Cal., April 24.—(AP)—Clouds, headwinds and all, Captain Edwin J. Musick of the Pan-American clipper would like to have the 2400-mile air journey between Alameda and Honolulu as a regular run.

The veteran of more than 1,000,000 miles in the air made this observation today as he and the other five men of the 19-ton flying boat's crew awaited orders for further flights to follow their spectacular round trip between California and Hawaii.  
He laughed at the headwinds of near-gale force encountered on the return trip Tuesday and commented: "The flight back was fine. I'd like to have it for a regular run."  
After checking over the equipment the clipper will be ready to go over the route again. When that will be up to the officers of the company.

## Oregon Squabble Seen Nearing End

PORTLAND, April 25.—(AP)—It began to look today as if the perennial squabble over a permanent berth for the historic battleship Oregon in the Portland harbor may soon be settled.  
The city council voted 5 to 2 in favor of a site for the veteran gunboat in the Willamette river at the foot of Southwest Jefferson street. Commissioners Bennett and Clyde opposed. They favored a site at Swan Island airport.

## THE BACK OF THE CAR

THINKS HE'LL JUST HAVE TIME TO CLEAN OUT BACK OF CAR BEFORE FAMILY IS READY TO START FOR DRIVE

PICKS UP AUTO ROBE TO FOLD IT, UNCOVERING SET OF EMERGENCY CHAINS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN CAR SINCE WINTER.

ALSO DRAGS OUT OLD PICNIC BOX, BOTTLE THAT ONCE HELD OLIVES, AND SCREW DRIVER THAT BELONGS IN GARAGE

FROM UNDER REAR OF FRONT SEAT PRODUCES PAIR OF RUBBERS WHICH HE THINKS BELONG TO MRS. WIMPLE

ALSO SALVAGES AN OLD MOVIE MAGAZINE, A LONG PIECE OF STRING, A CARAMEL, AND A STRANGE PIECE OF METAL

FINDS ON FLOOR A 1932 ROAD MAP. LOOKS IT OVER TO SEE IF IT'S WORTH SAVING

ON SEAT DISCOVERS AN OLD BLOVE, AND TWO SWEATERS—ONE JUNIOR'S AND ONE THAT HE'S NEVER SEEN BEFORE

AT THIS POINT FAMILY ARRIVES, READY TO GO. PUTS EVERYTHING BACK INTO CAR

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## S-MATTER

"He didn't do anything but shut up and never act natural again all evening. I'd like to be married to Jane myself for about a week so that I could tell her what I think of her. It would take just about that long. I was so mad I went home and didn't sleep a wink."

Miss Julia tried to stand up for her young friend, but the Judge was in no mood to listen.

"You want to keep your eyes shut to the truth or you would not talk that drive. It's plain enough to anyone who wants to see it. The trouble is that Jane is a born old maid with the mothering instinct gone to seed."

"She acts as if her husband were a naughty little boy Fate or the Devil had whisked on her, bringing up and who hasn't some degree of judgment or wash behind his ears."

"Why, I was over to the Millards for dinner last week along with James and Jane and when Bill Millard asked James whether he would have his roast beef rare or well done, Jane snapped out before James could get his mouth open, that he liked it well done. James never said a word and ate what was given him, although I happen to know that he likes his beef rare."

"Seems to me that James better learn to stand on his own feet occasionally instead of letting Jane do all the leading. She probably doesn't realize just how such things sound."

"There's just one way to manage a woman like Jane Northrup and that's with a club," growled the Judge rudely. "I never said James was perfect—he isn't. But if he added wife-beating to his other qualifications it wouldn't be able to find a flaw in him. As it is I'm worried—worried sick."

"Oh, pshaw," said Miss Julia. "You're talking pure nonsense."

She sent her old friend home somewhat comforted, but she remained worried and uncomfortable herself.

JAMES meanwhile was asking himself a dozen times daily just what had happened to him and Jane. Things had gone so well for a while after their trip East. He had plunged into his work expecting soon to make another five thousand dollars and take Jane on another wonderful trip. But he hadn't made the five thousand or in fact much more than usual and a few weeks Jane began again to complain of her health or worse still to maintain queer sulky silences in his presence; to look at him as if she wished he were not there.

During the next year what little love there had been left between them seemed to die a rapid and natural death. Their relations went from bad to worse. They had come to the point where James dreaded to be alone with his wife—as he realized one warm spring evening with peculiar poignancy as he hesitated at

SCRUNCH!

AKK-KK

S-MATTER, POP?

THIS KNIFE YOU BROUGHT TO ME ISN'T CLEAN!

HUH?

IT OUGHT TO BE! I WULZ JUST CUTTIN' SOAP WITH IT!

WHEN SKEETER WAS HALTED BY ARMED MEN IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR RIO NORTE HE SUSPECTED THEY WERE REBEL SOLDIERS, AND SO HE TOLD THEM A WILD YARN TO THROW THEM OFF THEIR GUARD

"(Y) PRESIDENT OF THE LIPSMACK CHEWING GUM COMPANY, LOOKIN' FOR GUM TREES"

SENTHUR, PERAPS EET EES TROUB' YO SPEAK—PERAPS LIES—QUIEN SARE?

WE TAK' YO TO THE FOX—HE JUDGE BEST—IF YO REECH GUM NOMBRE—WOE HOLD YO' FOR RANSOM!"

NOW LISTEN—MAYBE I...

"BUT EEF YO TELLIN THOSE LIE, THEN SWAMP FOX MEBBE GET VER ANGRY—AN' FEED YO TO THOSE ANGRY..."

## TAILSPIN TOMMY—Skateboard Gets Deeper 'Into the Mire!'

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## BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Gray Ghost Returns!

BRIAR, OLD BOY, I THINK LUKE SURE IS RIGHT WHEN HE SAYS WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF EXCITEMENT AROUND LOST CANYON RANCH—

WOOF! WOOF!

WELL, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO SCARE YOU, DOES IT?

COME ON IN—HE'S BACK!

WHO, THE GRAY GHOST?

YEP! HE COME ON FOOT AN' IN THE BACK DOOR—ME HEART'S STILL POUNDIN' FROM HIS SNEAKIN' IN—THAT BIRD'S EARNED HIS NAME O' GRAY GHOST!

## THE NEBBES—The Grass

THE YOUNG BRIDAL COUPLE ARE HONEY-MOONING AT NEBB'S HOTEL

BUT HER HAPPINESS SEEMS TO BE SHORT LIVED...

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SMITHERS CRASH! THE GREAT MACHINERY CORPORATION OF WHICH JOHN SMITHERS IS PRESIDENT AND ESTABLISHED BY HIS FATHER IN 1870, WENT INTO VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY TODAY!

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY DADDY WANTED ME TO MARRY ROLAND VAN WITTER—HE WAS DADDY AND HIS FORTUNE WOULD HAVE SAVED HIM

POOR DADDY... WHY DIDN'T HE TELL ME I'D HAVE SACRIFICED MY HAPPINESS TO SAVE HIM THIS GREAT GRIEF IN HIS OLD AGE... OH, I'M SO MISERABLE

## BRINGING UP FATHER

IS TAKING YOUR FATHER TO HIS CLUB THIS AFTERNOON

ARE YOU SURE FATHER WENT WITH HIM?

I'LL CALL UP AND FIND OUT

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HELLO CHISEL CLUB—DID MR. JIGGS ARRIVE THERE YET?

YES—BUT HE IS NOW DEPARTING IN THE PATROL WAGON—THE CLUB IS RAIDED!

WHAT?

## GOLD BEACH AREA PROJECT STUDIED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—Recommendation that an official planning commission be named for commercial and recreational development of the Gold Beach area in Curry county was studied by Governor Martin's state planning board at a meeting in the Portland hotel Tuesday.  
It was understood that the state group will give its approval and forward the suggestion to the governor. Inasmuch as the recent legislature turned down a bill providing for county planning commissions, the Curry board would be unofficial.  
The Curry county proposal is connected with the plan to develop the Rogue river as a recreational playground similar to southern California resorts. The work is linked with the railroad project from Gold Beach to the point near Grants Pass.

## COW TOWN HANGS YOUTHFUL SLAYER

MILES CITY, Mont., April 25.—(AP)—Trembling slightly but otherwise unmovable, Henry John Zorn, 29-year old slayer, walked to his death on the gallows in cramped quarters of the Custer county jail here early today.  
Zorn, victim of the first legal execution this cow town has seen in all the turbulent years of its existence, was hanged for shooting to death Lester C. Jones, a member of the Montana industrial school faculty.  
Jones was slain when he surprised Zorn trying to break into a safe in the superintendent's office at the institution Aug. 12, 1934.

## Washing Machine Brings Out Gold

GRANTS PASS, April 25.—(AP)—A washing machine disintegrator was turned over here. He tossed a very soiled woman into his machine today and started the wheel turning. When he drained the tub he found flakes of gold settled with dirt on the bottom.

## SALEM, Ore., April 24.—(AP)—Governor Martin today appointed Mrs. Roberta Ulrey of Portland as a member of the state embalmers' examining board, to succeed Leo Goetsch, Portland, whose term expires