

# GREAT RICHES

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Chapter 16  
**SARAH MAKES A CALL**

JAMES' second courtship did not progress by leaps and bounds as Miss Julia and Melissa so confidently expected. He gave the summer to it. Most of the courtship took place on horseback.

James already had a riding horse, a handsome black gelding with one white foot. He bought a beautiful little bay mare, guaranteed to be gentle, and hunted up a saddle. Almost every late afternoon, occasionally in the early mornings, Miss Julia would see him passing her house, astride Ted and leading Lady.

Leslie was always ready and waiting for him. James would dismount, lift Leslie into the saddle and off they would go. Leslie clinging timidly to the saddle horn. James assuring her that there was nothing to be afraid of.

Once Miss Julia, frankly overheard from her basement window heard Leslie say, "I'm an awful coward. But I'm not really afraid as long as you keep close to me. If you get a foot ahead I'm panicky."



scion of the house of Harris. So when James comes here Father sticks around to see that James doesn't."

"Humph!" said Miss Julia. "Would it make it any easier if Sarah Stimson called on you and your mother?"

"It might. I'm not sure. But don't worry, Miss Julia. I'm not the silly young thing I once was."

"Leslie," said Miss Julia humbly, "I've always wanted to ask your forgiveness for what I did to you and James. . . years ago, going out of my way to interfere in what was none of my business. I was an old fool. Perhaps you didn't know."

"Yes, I know. It hurts me. . . rather a lot. But do you suppose I would have let you and Mrs. Millard and Miss Sarah and the rest of you take James away from me if I hadn't been willing?"

"Then you didn't honestly care for him?"

"More than my life. That isn't an exaggeration. I sacrificed James to my silly, silly pride. It isn't you I have to forgive but myself. If I could live a thousand years I don't believe I'd ever be able to forgive myself."

"You've already done a lot to make up for it. Why, he's a different man these days. But for my part I

won't feel satisfied until I see you two safely married and settling. Don't let him wait too long, Leslie. That's passing."

At that time later Miss Julia went to see Mrs. Sarah and they had a long talk. Miss Julia told her about the horse and the saddle and how she had found Leslie. Mrs. Sarah was very kind and said she would help her in any way she could.

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**LAKEVIEW TO RETAIN FEDERAL LAND OFFICE**

SALEM, May 8.—(AP)—The district land office in southern Oregon will remain at Lakeview for the time being, President Roosevelt today informed Governor Merrill by letter.

Protests against transferring the office from Lakeview to Klamath Falls have been made, and the president stated "in the light of additional information tending to show the removal of the land office to Klamath Falls would not be in the interest of public land administration in that district, a further study would be made." In the meantime, he announced the office would remain at Lakeview.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN UNTOUCHED

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—Donald Rieberg, chairman of the NRA board informed congressional leaders today that he felt the supreme court's decision against the railroad retirement act had cast no serious doubts on the constitutionality of the administration's social security program.

President Roosevelt, meanwhile, began a study of the decision to ascertain if another railway pension bill could be prepared which would be upheld.

There were reports that an effort would be made to get around the supreme court decision by basing new legislation on the federal taxing power rather than the right to regulate interstate commerce.

## UNION MEN FOIL PAYROLL BANDITS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Two would-be robbers escaped without loot today after an unsuccessful attempt to carry away a \$1300 strike benefit payroll of the Brewery Workers' union.

The two men apparently had followed three members of the union from the First National bank, where the money had been obtained. They

## Pelicans Bring Good Cheer For Drought Region

WEST POINT, Neb., May 8.—(AP)—A flock of pelicans brought cheer to farmers near this northeastern Nebraska town.

The fish-eating birds were reported seen on roadside ponds and farmers declared they refute the theory that the midwest will become a desert some day.

An editor reported the pelicans' visit and concluded "there would hardly be any cause to assume that this section is doomed for an arid fate."

entered the Red Men hall, but were frightened away when Paul Dobrenz, one of the money escorts, disregarded pointed guns and ran into the hall for aid.

Charley Pless and Wayne Dillaboy, Dobrenz' companions, were unharmed.

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## CIRCUS MEN IN SHOOTING FRAY

SALEM, May 8.—(AP)—Richard Shank of Independence, Mo., was in a local hospital today suffering from a gunshot wound in the abdomen, and Ernest Womack, Russell Springs, Ky., was in the city jail, following an argument between the two men near the state fair grounds early this morning.

Shank identified himself and his assailant and told police that Womack shot him during the course of an argument. Sergeant Asa Fisher of the local police force said. Shank disclosed further that he and Womack had engaged in several previous disputes.

Both men were employees of the Tom Mix circus, which was in Salem Monday, Fisher said.

Shank was reported as being in a critical condition at the hospital.

## THE SUN SPOT

