

IN A COMPROMISING SITUATION

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"Hide me for goodness' sake!" There was only one hiding place in the room, a cupboard disguised by the name of pantry. As I closed the door on her Mrs. Ralston knocked and entered. I saw her glance wander round the room as she said blandly: "So glad you are in my dear Gerald. Have you seen Sylvia this afternoon?"

"I managed to lose sight of her just now in Fifth avenue, and it occurred to me that perhaps she had met some one she knew, possibly yourself. But if you have been in all the afternoon of course my surmise is incorrect. She has probably gone home. Will you see me down to the carriage? What charming chambers!" She raised her eyeglasses. "What is this? A letter addressed to Sylvia? Shall I take it to her?" She was about to pick it up when there was a terrific crash and a faint scream, unmistakably in Sylvia's voice. "Sylvia!" she exclaimed in majestic accents as Sylvia emerged, disclosing a vista of broken crockery.

"I am sorry, aunt," I said gravely, "that Sylvia should be found in such a compromising situation; but, after all, there is a very good way out of it." Mrs. Ralston's horrified gaze removed itself from Sylvia's face to me and demanded my meaning. "She can always as a last resource become engaged to me," I continued, hardly. "Of course I am a very bad match for her, but we are very much attached to each other—as you see—"

"And it's the least I can do after breaking her tea service," said Sylvia, taking my arm. "Railway Net Earnings Decrease. In a comprehensive article, in review of the railway situation and the plea advanced for governmental regulation through the agency of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the New York 'Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin' says: 'When in March, 1904, the Senate requested the Commission to report the principal changes in tariff rates since June 30, 1899, with an estimate of the effect of such changes upon the gross and net revenues of the railway corporations during each fiscal year since then, * * * and also to report the changes in cost of operation and maintenance of the railways for said years, the Commission replied that, comparing 1899 with 1903, there was an addition to the gross earnings, due to an advance in the tariff rates, amounting to \$155,475,592. 'This statement was shown to be grossly erroneous by railroad critics and to involve an overstatement to the extent of about \$88,000,000. The Commission failed to answer the request for information regarding the net revenues and cost of operation and maintenance, on the ground that the returns for the fiscal year 1903 had not been compiled, though the figures of operating expenses were quite as much in their possession as those in regard to gross earnings. As a matter of fact, increasing expenses have exhausted the increased gross earnings of the railroads, so that while the latter showed in 1904 an increase of \$65,000,000 over 1903, the net earnings decreased more than \$7,000,000 as compared with the previous year.'"

Many Pianos and Organs Sold. Parkins & Hughes, the well known dealers in musical instruments at The Dalles have been doing a very large business in the sale of pianos and organs lately. This firm represents the Gilbre Music Company of Portland and last month placed orders for no less than fifteen instruments. No better sign of general prosperity in a community is wanted than the fact that its inhabitants are purchasing material for the development of the accomplishment of music. The list of purchasers is as follows: Mrs. C. R. Egberts, organ; D. L. Bolton, organ; J. P. Watson, organ; E. M. Doyle, Weller Bros. piano; G. W. Miller, Hobart M. Cable piano; W. Holst, Halleck Davis piano; C. A. Mixer, Mitchell, organ; R. H. King, Grass Valley, Hobart M. Cable, piano; Mademoiselle Handmaker, Portland, Weiser Piano; K. P. Lodge, Flamber Piano; O. P. Weber, Kimball organ; A. C. Chapman, Goldendale, Wash., Kimball piano; Frank Bridgfarmer, Goldendale, Wash., Brinkenhoff piano; John Hornbrook, Goldendale, Lagonda piano; Arthur Thompson, Centerville, Burdett organ; Alex Hamilton, Goldendale, Crown piano; Harry Leonard, The Dalles, Bailey piano; Chas. E. Burnett, Goldendale, Buelley organ.

Report of Grand Jury. In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon for Wasco county. In the matter of the report of the grand jury. We, your grand jury, beg leave to submit the following report: We have been in session four days and have returned two not 'rus bills. We have inquired into several other matters, some of which we have referred to the district attorney and some we didn't deem worthy any further mention. We also examined the city and county jail, and do not find them kept as neatly as we deem necessary for the health and comfort of those confined therein. We would, therefore, recommend that in the future greater care be taken for the comfort of the prisoners. Having completed the work before us, we now ask the court to be discharged. Foreman of Grand Jury, ANDY M. ALLEN, The Dalles November 16, 1905.

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Improvements For The Dalles. It is rumored that the O. R. & N. is going to make some improvements in their property at The Dalles shortly. Among other things it is said that they contemplate building a new round house to house the large locomotives which they have recently put in use on this division, and that a tank holding 30,000 gallons will be constructed to contain oil for their use. A new depot is also said to be on the list of improvements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of John W. Murphy, deceased, has filed his final account in the county court of the state of Oregon for Wasco county, and that the court has fixed and appointed Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settling thereof, and has further ordered that notice of said hearing be given by publication of a notice for four successive weeks in the Hood River Glacier. All heirs, creditors or other persons interested in said estate may, on or before the day appointed for such hearing and settlement, file their objections to said account or to any particular item therein, by filing the same with the court at Hood River, Oregon, this 6th day of November, 1905. GEORGE T. PRATHER, Administrator.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Wasco county, state of Oregon, executrix of the last will of James Graham, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, to me at the office of A. A. Jayne, in the city of Hood River, Wasco county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. MARGUERETTE GRAHAM, Dated Nov. 9, 1905. 1907 Executrix.

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