

## The Adventure of the Norwood Builder.

(Continued.)

Holmes—that so far as we know none of the papers were removed and that the prisoner is the one man in the world who had no reason for removing them, since he was heir at law and would come into them in any case."

My friend seemed struck by this remark.

"I don't mean to deny that the evidence is in some ways very strongly in favor of your theory," said he. "I only wish to point out that there are other theories possible. As you say, the future will decide. Good morning! I dare say that in the course of the day I shall drop in at Norwood and see how you are getting on."

When the detective departed my friend rose and made his preparations for the day's work with the alert air of a man who has a congenial task before him.

"My first movement, Watson," said he as he hustled into his frock coat, "must, as I said, be in the direction of Blackheath."

"And why not Norwood?"

"Because we have in this case one singular incident coming close to the heels of another singular incident. The police are making the mistake of concentrating their attention upon the second because it happens to be the one which is actually criminal. But it is evident to me that the logical way to approach the case is upon the first incident—the curious will, so suddenly made and to so unexpected an heir. It may do something to simplify what followed. Na, my dear fellow, I don't think you can help me. There is no prospect of danger, or I should not dream of starting out with out you. I trust that when I see you in the evening I will be able to report that I have been able to do something for this unfortunate youngster who has thrown himself upon my protection."

It was late when my friend returned and I could see by a glance at his haggard and anxious face that the high hopes with which he had started had not been fulfilled. For an hour he drummed away upon his violin, endeavoring to soothe his own ruffled spirits. At last he flung down the instrument and plunged into a detailed account of his misadventures.

"It's all going wrong, Watson—all as wrong as it can go. I kept a bold front before Lestrade, but, upon my soul, I believe that for once the fellow is on the right track and we are on the wrong. All my instincts are one way, and all the facts are the other, and I much fear that British juries have not yet attained that pitch of intelligence when they will give the preference to my theories over Lestrade's facts."

"Did you go to Blackheath?"

"Yes, Watson, I went there, and I found very quickly that the late lamented Oldacre was a pretty considerable blackguard. The father was away in search of his son. The mother was at home—a little, hoy, blue eyed person, in a tremor of fear and indignation. Of course she would not admit even the possibility of his guilt. But she would not express either surprise or regret over the fate of Oldacre. On the contrary, she spoke of him with such bitterness that she was unconsciously considerably strengthening the case of the police, for, of course, if her son had heard her speak of the man in this fashion it would predispose him toward hatred and violence. 'He was more like a malignant and cunning ape than a human being,' said she, 'and he always was, ever since he was a young man.'

"You knew him at that time?" said I.

"Yes, I knew him well; in fact, he was an old suitor of mine. Thank heaven that I had the sense to turn away from him and to marry a better, if poorer, man. I was engaged to him, Mr. Holmes, when I heard a shocking story of how he had turned a calf loose in an aisle, and I was so horrified at his brutal cruelty that I would have nothing more to do with him." She rummaged in a bureau, and presently she produced a photograph of a woman shamefully defaced and mutilated with a knife. 'That is my own photograph,' she said. 'He sent it to me in that state, with his curse, upon my wedding morning.'

"Well," said I, 'at least he has given you now, since he has left all his property to your son.'

"Neither my son nor I want anything from Jonas Oldacre, dead or alive!" she cried, with a proper spirit. 'There is a God in heaven, Mr. Holmes, and that same God who has punished that wicked man will show in his own good time that my son's hands are guiltless of his sins."

(Concluded next week.)

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### TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, July 5th, 1905. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, the following persons have this day filed in this office their sworn statements, to wit:

Fay H. Damon, of Spencer, county of Marathon, state of Wis. Sworn statement No. 2889, for the purchase of the NE<sub>1/4</sub> NE<sub>1/4</sub> SW<sub>1/4</sub> NE<sub>1/4</sub> and SE<sub>1/4</sub> NW<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 19, Tp. 37 S., R. 19 E. W. M.

Gilbert W. Allen, of Loyal, county of Clark, state of Wis. Sworn statement No. 2900, for the purchase of the NE<sub>1/4</sub> SE<sub>1/4</sub> NW<sub>1/4</sub> and SW<sub>1/4</sub> NE<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 32, Tp. 36 S., R. 19 E. W. M.

Freeman G. Allen, of Oakland, county of Douglas, state of Oregon. Sworn statement No. 2901, for the purchase of the NE<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 20, Tp. 37 S., R. 19 E. W. M.

Elmer E. Rinchart, of Lakeside, county of Lake, state of Oregon. Sworn statement No. 2979, for the purchase of the SW<sub>1/4</sub> NE<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 21, Tp. 37 S., R. 19 E. W. M.

Adrie Rinchart, of Lakeview, county of Lake, state of Oregon. Sworn statement No. 2970, for the purchase of the NE<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 20, Tp. 37 S., R. 19 E. W. M.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish their claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Lakeview, Oregon, on Friday the 20th day of October, 1905.

Their names as witnesses:

H. R. Dunlap, W. A. Massingill, W. R. Bernard and Geo. H. Lynch, all of Lakeview, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of October, 1905.

28-38 J. N. Watson, Register.

### Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, July 11, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named Settlers have filed notice of intentions to make Final Proof on their respective claims before Register & Receiver at Lakeview, Oregon, on 5th day of Sept. 1905, viz:

George Weilmunster, Hd., 2919, For SW<sub>1/4</sub> SE<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 28, W<sub>1/4</sub> NE<sub>1/4</sub> & NE<sub>1/4</sub> NW<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 33 Tp. 30 R. 22 E. W. M. vir!

Fred M. Martin Hd. 2329, For SE<sub>1/4</sub> SE<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 7, NE<sub>1/4</sub> NE<sub>1/4</sub> Sec. 18 & W<sub>1/4</sub> NW<sub>1/4</sub> sec. 17 Tp. 48 R. 22 E. W. M. they name the following witnesses to Prove their Continuous Residence upon and cultivation of said land viz:

George Weilmunster of Ft. Bidwell Cal. William A. Miller " " " J. C. Dodson " Adel, Oregon Geo. B. Phillips " Cedeville, Cal. Fred M. Martin " Ft. Bidwell, J. N. Watson Register.

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