

THE LOVE SONG OF THE BELLS

By D. F. Walsh

WHEN sitting on the front porch of our Fayette street home talking over the events of the day...

"In just two minutes you will hear it." The words were a warning.

"Fear what?" I asked amazed at his sudden seriousness.

"A romance," he said, "and he is at her bedside."

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A few days later we were overjoyed to hear the melody once more.

It had been a dreary day. The sky was overcast and the fall of darkness...

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"Aw, shucks! It's nothing but the chimes," I muttered somewhat disappointed.

"Sh-h—listen," warned Russ. And then we heard it, the most amazing and awe-inspiring thing we had ever experienced.

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Finally dad recovered and attempted to break the situation with a try at humor.

"Just some shuck tapping out a love song to his sweet Sheba," he offered with a hoarse laugh.

"What do you make of it? When did you discover it?" I asked.

"Just a few nights ago. I heard the melody accidentally while attempting to weave a rhyme into the notes of the bells."

"Probably somebody sending a love song, as dad says," I conjectured.

"But you haven't witnessed the strange part of it yet," Russ said.

"Of course we did not think that possible, but upon investigation the next evening we found that Russ was right."

"We were sitting on the porch waiting for the chimes that evening and were not disappointed. They were clear and unmistakable as before."

"Well, who is the bird sending love songs to his best girl?" asked dad.

"Yes, or who is the guy that gummed up the mechanism until it imitates Paderewski?" I added.

"Folks, it's a romance," Russ explained. "A beautiful little romance that has been going on under the very eyes of thousands for more than twenty years."

"You remember the gray-haired old night watchman at the town hall? Just Frank, I believe they call him. Well, he has been climbing that tower to wind his clocks every night exactly at the stroke of seven."

"Every one remembered Frank. All that knew him loved him. He was the friend of every boy in the town. He was an ideal character for such a beautiful romance."

"But," I asked, "why is it that the music cannot be heard farther down the street?"

"Because it is overtone," explained Russ. "Overtone is the disturbance of fading sound vibration and can only be heard when the vibrations reach a certain speed."

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actly the same distance from the tower as we are."

The explanation was accepted. Each evening we sat on the porch waiting for the love song.

"I wonder who scoured the old bezer out of the tower?"

"Perhaps the old lady has wrapped a frying pan around his head."

"Wonder what she'll think when she doesn't hear it?"

Many were the conjectures as to the cause of the music's failure.

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Farm Reminders

Successful Oregon farmers find it profitable to watch the health of their ewe flock. They give special care to any animal that appears to be run down.

Farmers of Oregon contemplating sowing clover or alfalfa next spring are laying in their seed supplies while there is time to have the seed tested.

Oregon is probably the leading creeping bent grass seed producing state in the union. Considerable acreages of creeping bent are being threshed each year for seed in Coos and Clatsop counties.

The annual meeting of the State Bee Keepers association will be held at Hermiston, November 17-19.

arm wet fall weather in Oregon results in potato blight. This usually shows in dead spots in the leaves and stems which result in the plants going down rather rapidly.

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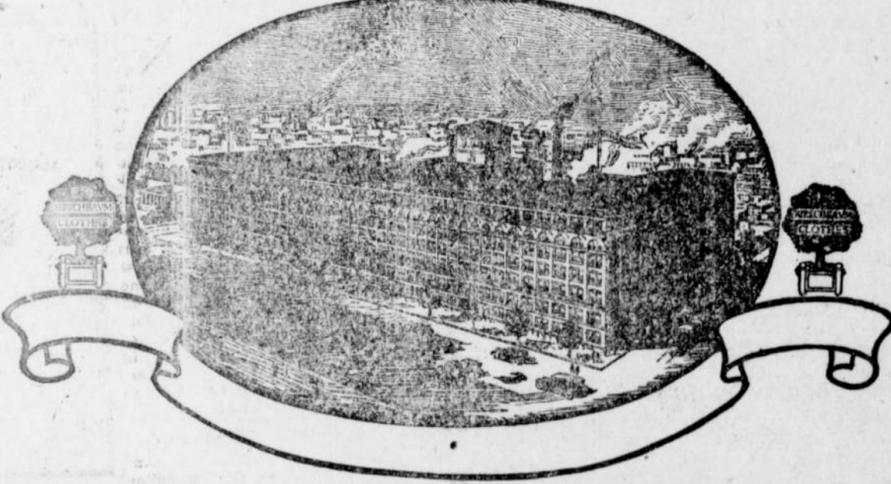
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And notice is hereby given that the said city council of said city, sitting as a levy board, will hold a meeting in the city hall in the city of Vernonia, Columbia county, Oregon, on Monday evening, October 31, 1927, at the hour of 8 o'clock P.M. at which time and place all persons, who shall be subject to such tax levy, when the same shall be made, may appear and be heard in favor of or against said tax levy, or any part thereof.

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