



The IRON TRAIL

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CHAPTER IX. Gordon Shows His Teeth. AFFAIRS at Hope were nearly if not quite as prosperous as those at Omar, for Curtis Gordon's advertising had yielded large and quick returns. His experience during the previous summer of being his richest stockholders north had been a great success. They had come ostensibly at his expense and, once on the ground, had allowed themselves to be fairly hypnotized.

He entertained them on a scale that was almost embarrassing, and when they returned to their homes they outdid one another in their praise of the financial genius who was leading them to the promised land of profits and preferred stock. As a matter of course they one and all advised their friends to buy, vouching for the fabulous richness of Hope Consolidated, and since their statements were backed by a personal examination of the property, subscriptions came pouring in.

All in all, the excursion had proved so profitable that Gordon had arranged for another, designed to accommodate new investors and promising "prospects." Preparations for their welcome were under way when Natalie arrived. The girl and her mother talked late that evening, and Gordon saw on the following morning that Gloria at least had passed a trying night, but he gave himself no uneasiness. Emotional storms were not unusual. He always disregarded them as far as possible, and usually they passed off quietly. During breakfast he informed them:

"I received a letter from Miss Golden yesterday's mail. She is to be in of the new party."

"Did you invite her to return this summer?" Mrs. Gerard inquired.

"Yes."

"I wish I looked upon the matter as you do," she said slowly. "But other people haven't the same social ideas as you. I'm—crushed, and she—Poor child! I don't know how she had the courage to face it. Now that she has heard the truth from my own lips I'm afraid it will kill her."

Gordon laughed. "Nonsense. Natalie is a sensible girl. Disillusionment is always painful, but never fatal. Sooner or later the young must confront the bald facts of life, and I venture to say she will soon forget her schoolgirl morality. Let me explain my views of it."

"Never!" cried the woman, aghast. "If you do I shall"—She checked herself and buried her face in her hands. "I feel no regrets for myself—for I drifted with my eyes open—but this is different. Don't you understand? I am a mother. Or are you dead to all decent feeling?"

"My dear, I am the most tender hearted of men. Of course I shall say nothing, if you prefer, for I am subservient to your commands in all things. But calm yourself. What is done cannot be undone."

"In more even tones Mrs. Gerard said: "You seem to think the matter is ended, but it isn't. Natalie will never allow us to continue this way, and it isn't just to her that we should. We can't go on, Curtis."

"You mean I must marry you?" She nodded.

He rose and paced the room before answering. "I always supposed you understood my views on that subject. Believe me, they are unalterable and in no way the result of a pose."

"Nevertheless, for my sake and Natalie's, you will do it. I can't lose the one thing I love best in the world."

"It would seem that Natalie has filled your head with silly notions," he exclaimed impatiently.

conduct. Her actions with that upstairs have been outrageous."

"Remember, I refuse to share the same roof with her. You wouldn't ask it of your wife."

"I can't give up Natalie. I would give up much, for we women don't change, but"—

"Not by any wish of mine," he assured her. "You are quite welcome to stay. Things will run along in the usual way—more smoothly, perhaps, now that we have attained a complete understanding. You have no place to go nor means with which to insure a living for yourself and Natalie. I would hate to see you sacrifice yourself and her to a Puritanical whim. For I love you much happiness, and I'm sure I should miss you greatly. Some one must rule, and since nature has given me the right I shall exercise it. We will have no more rebellion."

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"Yes, yes!" The girl took her in her arms and tried to still the ceaseless trembling which shook the mother's frame, while her own tears fell unheeded.

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"Yes, dearest! But where?"

"You—love me still?" asked Gloria.

"I suppose you need me, too, don't you? I hadn't thought of that."

"Every hour!" The round young arms pressed her closer. "You won't think of leaving me?"

"Mrs. Gerard shook her head slowly. "Not I suppose that must be part of the price. But—penitence! Friendless! Where can we go?"

"Mr. O'Neill's Irish prince," faltered the daughter through her tears. "Perhaps he would take us in."

"What about your own actions with the Golden woman?" cried Mrs. Gerard, reverting with feminine insistence to the subject of their first difference. "What are you going to do about her?"

"Nothing."

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Local News

From Friday's Daily. Gaillen and Glenn Rhoden motored in yesterday afternoon from their farm and spent a few hours here with friends.

Mrs. Will Fitzgerald and babe returned to Omaha this morning after a short visit here with relatives and friends.

Henry A. Schneider returned home this morning from Benkelman, Neb., where he has been for the past few days looking after some matters of interest near that place.

George W. Snyder came in yesterday afternoon from his farm home and spent a few hours here with friends as well as looking after some trading with the merchants.

Misses Lillian Bajek and Florence Richardson were among those going to Omaha this morning to visit for the day with friends and accompany Miss Pheme Richardson that far on her journey to Colorado.

C. D. Keltner, John A. Whiteman and son, John, motored up last evening from Nehawka to make the final arrangements for the holding of the Ancient, Order of United Workmen picnic at that place on August 5.

J. E. Thompson returned home last evening from Rochester, Minn., where he has been taking treatment at the Mayo hospital in that city. Mr. Thompson is feeling in much better shape and his friends will be pleased to see him return home feeling so well.

George M. Porter and wife and sister, Mrs. Van Petten, and Dr. E. D. Cummins motored down from Lincoln this morning to spend a few hours with the old friends and expected to attend Hiatt funeral but were too late. Dr. Cummins departed this afternoon for Omaha for a few hours while the other members of the party will return to Lincoln by auto.

From Saturday's Daily. J. R. Vallery came in this morning from his home, near Mynard, and spent a few hours with his friends in the county seat.

Frank Blotzer, jr., motored in last evening to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business with the merchants.

Jack Patterson of Union was in the city for a few hours last evening enroute home from Omaha where he had been on some matters of business.

Henry Horn and son, Harry drove in this morning from their home near Cedar Creek to visit for a few hours looking after the week-end shopping.

James McCullough, of near Murray, was in the city today for a few hours looking after some trading with the merchants and visiting with his friends.

Joe Hunter and family of Havelock are in the city for an over Sunday visit here at the home of Mr. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hunter.

J. H. Donnelly came in last evening to enjoy an over Sunday visit in this city with his family and friends and take a brief rest from his work as state bank examiner.

Mrs. B. W. Livingston and little daughter were among those going to Omaha this morning where they will spend the day in that city looking after some matters of importance.

Ed Dorr, the democratic war horse from near Wabash, motored down this morning in his Chalmers car, accompanied by A. N. McClure, of Lincoln, and spent a few hours in this city visiting his many old friends.

Mrs. Matt Spader of Omaha was a visitor in the city over Sunday with friends of years gone by, returning last evening to the metropolis.

S. H. Shoemaker was among those going to Omaha this morning where he was called to look after a few matters of business in that city.

Miss Louise Lohnes departed Saturday afternoon for her home at Cedar Creek where she visited over Sunday there with relatives and friends.

R. L. Propst and wife and family motored up to Blair yesterday where they spent the day there with old friends and they report a most enjoyable trip and a delightful time.

Mrs. W. R. Bryan and daughter, Miss Lucille, departed Saturday evening for Kirksville, Mo., where Miss Bryan's family will be for a few days.

GOOD AUTO ROADS — TO — OMAHA The cost of Bridge Tolls for Round Trip using our Commutation Books Auto and Driver, round Trip..... 50c Extra Passengers, each..... 5c \$10.00 Book..... \$5.00 \$5.00 Book..... \$2.50 Commutation Books Good any time and Transferable.

PLATTSMOUTH Auto & Wagon Bridge Co.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. IN MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH E. VAN LOREN, DECEASED. Notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased that hearings will be had upon the claims filed against said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, Nebraska, on the 14th day of August, 1916, and on the 14th day of February, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., each day for examination, adjustment and allowance.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA. In the Matter of the Estates of Charles Teipel, Deceased; Louise Teipel, Deceased; and Fred Teipel, Deceased. ORDER FOR HEARING. Now on this July 17th, 1916, comes Charles Teipel, and files his petition in the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, for the appointment of a resident and inhabitant of Cass County, Nebraska, to administer the estate of said Charles Teipel, deceased, and also for the appointment of a resident and inhabitant of Cass County, Nebraska, to administer the estate of said Louise Teipel, deceased, and also for the appointment of a resident and inhabitant of Cass County, Nebraska, to administer the estate of said Fred Teipel, deceased.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CASS, NEBRASKA. In Re-Estate of David L. Amick, Deceased.

NOTICE. To Ruth M. Amick, Theodore L. Amick, and to all other persons interested: You are hereby notified that a petition alleging the death intestate of David L. Amick, a resident and inhabitant of Cass County, Nebraska, on May 17th, 1916; that he left his surviving as his sole and only heir at law, the above named persons, and praying for the appointment of Theodore L. Amick as administrator; that a hearing will be had upon said petition at the office of the County Judge, Court House, Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, on August 15th 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m. before which hour, all objections thereto, must be filed and at which time orders will be entered in accordance with finding of the Court thereon.

By the Court this 20th day of July, A. D. 1916.

ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

W. A. ROBERTSON, Attorney.

Lucille will take treatment there at the Still hospital for a short time.

John Bergmann, one of the leading farmers of near Mynard was in the city Saturday for a few hours looking after some trading with the merchants and visiting with friends.

Frank Sebaska and mother, Mrs. Anna Sebaska, were among those going to Omaha on the early Burlington train yesterday where they visited with Walter Sebaska at the Immanuel hospital.

Morgan Waybright and granddaughters, Misses Elizabeth, Virginia and Helen Beeson, returned home this morning from Edison, Neb., after a short visit on the Waybright ranch near that place.

Asbury Jacks and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Elliott, returned yesterday afternoon from Hamburg, Ia., where they were called to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law of Mr. Jacks, which was held Saturday.

Listen, Mr. Renter, take that trip to Chase County with Rosencrans on August 13th. You will see something that will beat renting.

Fred H. Ossenkop of Louisville was in the city yesterday for a few hours taking in the base ball game and visiting with his friends.

Wheat is making from fifteen to thirty bushels per acre in Chase County. Go and see for yourself, on Aug. 13th, with Rosencrans.

Your Grandfather told your father, and your father told you, he would have been rich, if he had bought real estate. What will you tell your son? That I went to Chase County with Rosencrans on August 13th.

JNO. M. LEYDA, Attorney for Petitioners.

LEGAL NOTICE. Notice to Non-Resident Defendants, Their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and All Persons Interested in Their Estate.

J. V. Hinchman, if living, if deceased, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all persons interested in the estate of J. V. Hinchman, P. T. Moss, Alfred D. Jones, deceased, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all persons interested in the estate of P. T. Moss, Alfred D. Jones, if living, if deceased, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all persons interested in the estate of Alfred D. Jones, if living, if deceased, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all persons interested in the estate of Ella V. Davis, deceased.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned, as Plaintiff, on the 28th day of June, 1916, filed his petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, wherein you and all you are defendants; the object and prayer of which petition is that the income, interest, rent, and interest of each and every one of you, in and to:

Lots four (4) five (5) and six (6) in block eight (8), in White's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, and lots four (4) five (5) and six (6), in block eighty-nine (89) in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska.

be declared invalid and of no force and effect; that the title to said premises and to said real estate and every part thereof be quieted as against you and each and every one of you; that you and all of you be bound by all claims and all of you, against the claim of each and all of you, as persons claiming through or by you, and that it be adjudged and decreed that each and all of you are jointly and severally bound to do and to perform the several things therein set forth, if living, and if dead, the heirs, devisees, legatees, and personal representatives of each and every one of you, have no right, title, claim or interest in or to said premises and any part thereof, and that each and all of you be forever barred from claiming any such premises, or any interest or estate in and to said real estate or any part thereof, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 25th day of August, 1916.

G. FRICKE, Plaintiff.

C. A. RAWLS, Attorney.

FOUND—Yale lock key found at A. O. U. W. hall Wednesday night. Owner can have same by calling on Simon Clark and paying for this notice.

Biliousness and Stomach Trouble "Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness," writes Miss Emma Verbyrke, Lima, Ohio. "I could eat very little food that agreed with me and I became so dizzy and sick at my stomach at times that I had to take hold of something to keep from falling. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I decided to try them. I improved rapidly." Obtainable everywhere.

CHARGED WITH INSANITY From Saturday's Daily. A complaint has been filed with the county insanity board against Donahue, a resident of near Weeping Water and Sheriff Quinton motored out to that locality this morning to bring the man in for examination before the board.

Constipation and Indigestion. "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilimnton, N. C. Chamberlain's Tablets are mild and gentle in their action. Give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the agreeable laxative effect which they produce. Obtainable everywhere.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.