

THE DOLT
By ARLINE A. MACDONALD.

If Richard Doe had not been a poor dolt he would never have been a good soldier.

At least, so Richard himself expressed it in a letter that Abe Walton, the town clerk, received back home from "somewhere in France."

The young soldier had been the recipient of a number of congratulatory missives consequent upon a published account of his acts of heroism and daring on the western front. And the youth had read them modestly and had penned a solitary reply to Abe Walton at Kensington, knowing that Abe would take it in turn to the respective villagers. And Abe did.

Now young Doe had never borne an enviable name in the village. Tall and handsome, he regularly joined the "bangers on" about the general store, working at nothing, and giving but little promise of ever doing anything else. He made a fit subject for the gossip, of which there were many. Nevertheless, Richard Doe was always conscious that he possessed certain latent qualities which ought to be made patent. They needed only a time of trial to bring out their grit and pliability. And the time came, and Ruth Walton was responsible for it.

Ruth was the only daughter of Abe Walton, and a teacher in the village school. She was a tall, slender girl, scarcely out of her teens, whose face was one of those quite as striking for its character as its beauty.

She admired Doe, liked him for his sympathetic understanding of his fellow human beings, his sense of the dramatic, his untrammelled flow of words, which were the best perquisites of his friendship for a girl in her profession. Once he had reproved her for overindulging and had brusquely turned from Tom Whitney's proffered cigarette case. It was at the supper table that Ruth had said:

"Dick lacks the 'pep' that characterizes the modern young man. He does not smoke, he does not dance. He's too handsome to work. He's a dolt."

One day, in desperation, Doe decided that he would force the attention of the village upon his talent. He whispered something into the ear of Abe Walton, who had already given the youth a big corner in his own heart. The next morning he dropped quietly out of the village and the tongues of the gossips wagged furiously. Mrs. H—, who never meddled with anyone's affairs, reminded the neighbors that a year before she had said that Richard Doe would disappear some day and would turn up later in a penitentiary. "As for Abe Walton," she declared, "he has yielded his energy to the hypnotic influence of that loafer scallawag."

It was true that Doe's departure gave Abe more energy. He quickly got a contract from a New York Journalist for the erection of a pretentious stucco mansion on the knoll adjoining his own homestead. Time passed quickly at Kensington. June came and the robins piped their sweetest lay, and the odor of the rose and the honeysuckle stole through screened chamber windows. At the close of a balmy afternoon Ruth Walton sat alone in her own boudoir reading a war story which appeared in the newspaper.

Suddenly she remembered that there was a dance that evening in the pavilion. She arose, rubbed her face, which seemed drawn and bloodless, and hastened below to prepare the evening meal. The dance had never seemed so pretty and overcrowded. Nell Whitney, in a flurry of excitement, made some complimentary remarks about Ruth's dress.

"Richard Doe is here," she said. "And oh, isn't it dreadful, Ruth," she gasped, "his left arm has been shot off!"

This was too much for Ruth. In the stupor which almost held her brain in thrall she heard a faint "Where's Ruth?" as she tottered to the road that led to Kensington knoll.

Her hands wavered; her knees shook at footsteps she knew only too well. "Go! Go back, Richard!" she screamed. "Forgive me, I can't bear to look at you. Your arm!" she gasped. "It isn't as bad as you think, Ruth," catching her arm and trying to comfort her. "See!"

Deliberately he unbuttoned his frock, disclosing a whole arm suspended in a sling. "Force of habit," he laughed as he buttoned his coat this time with the arm outside. His joviality lapsed her to a steady calm. A thrill of pleasure surmounted her being as once again he took her hand. A fresh June zephyr swept the fragrant pine across the knoll, where, sitting against the open sky, a stately mansion bathed in a flood of silvery moonlight.

"It's yours, Ruth. I did it for you," he whispered. A solitary tear of joy stood on the cheek of the girl, who hid her face on the breast of the man who some months before she had consigned to the scrap heap of character failures.

Gently he lifted her head, pushed back her loose tresses from her face and reverently kissed her. Somewhere among the deeper shadows of a lilac bush a pair of eyes, overstrained and anxious, lit up with child-like delight, and a ruddy face brightened into one protracted smile.

"Looks like there'll be a wonderful big time in Kensington some day," said Abe Walton.

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We have stored in Alliance a high grade piano which, if taken at once, will be sold at a very substantial discount. Terms to a responsible party. If interested write at once for particulars to THE DENVER MUSIC COMPANY, Denver, Colo. 28-21-8061

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Sheep and Lambs in Liberal Supply. Broad Demand From Both Packers and Feeder Buyers and Prices Quotably Steady. Best Spring Lambs, \$17.00.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Neb., July 8, 1919.—Receipts of cattle were liberal, 7,000 head, about half western grassers. The corn-fed cattle were in active demand and 15@25c higher, best beefs bringing \$15.00. Western grass cattle were about steady. Cows and heifers were strong to a quarter higher, while stockers and feeders were generally steady with last week.

Quotations on cattle: Choice to prime yearlings, \$14.50@15.00; good to choice yearlings, \$13.00@14.00; fair to good yearlings, \$12.00@12.75; common to fair yearlings, \$9.50@11.50; choice to prime beefs, \$14.25@15.00; good to choice beefs, \$13.00@13.50; fair to good beefs, \$12.50@13.00; common to fair beefs, \$10.50@12.50; good to choice grass beefs, \$11.50@12.25; fair to good grass beefs, \$10.50@11.50; common to fair grass steers, 9.00@10.50; Mexicans, \$8.00@9.00; good to choice heifers, \$10.00@12.50; prime cows, \$10.75@11.75; good to choice cows, \$9.25@10.75; fair to good cows, \$7.50@9.25; cutters, \$6.25@7.50; canners, \$5.50@6.00; veal calves, \$10.00@16.00; bologna bulls, \$7.50@9.00; beef bulls, \$9.00@11.50; good to choice feeders, \$11.75@12.50; medium to good feeders, \$10.00@11.75; good to choice stockers, \$9.50@10.00; fair to good stockers, \$8.50@9.50; common to fair grades, \$7.75@8.50; stock heifers, \$6.50@8.00; stock cows, \$6.00@7.00; stock calves, \$8.00@10.50.

Sharp Break in Hogs. The run of hogs was heavy for a Monday, about 23,000 head, and while demand was broad, prices declined fully 10@20c as compared with the close of last week. Tops brought \$21.50 and the bulk of the trading was at \$21.10@21.50.

Sheep and Lambs Steady. A liberal run of sheep and lambs showed up, 15,500 head, and they sold at quotably steady prices all around, as demand was good from both local packers and feeder buyers. Best fair lambs sold at \$16.50@17.00 and the feeder lambs around \$12.00@12.50.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, handy weight, \$16.25@17.00; lambs, heavy weight, \$15.00@16.00; lambs, feeders, \$11.50@12.65; lambs, culls, \$6.00@12.00; yearlings, \$9.50@10.50; wethers, \$8.00@9.50; ewes, good to choice, \$6.50@7.35; ewes, fair to good, \$6.00@6.50; ewes, culls and canners, \$2.75@5.00.

Both houses of congress have approved a bill to permit the state of New Jersey and New York to construct a vehicle tunnel under the Hudson river at New York.

Packing a Trunk. When packing an old trunk or box, list each article, package or roll on a sheet of paper and fasten to the top of the box or trunk, or use a memorandum book for all, designating each receptacle. Then when wanting an article to use refer to the list, thereby saving time and trouble.

Sugar Cane Long Grown in India. In the train of Alexander the Great during his Asiatic conquests were some observant persons who made notes of what they saw, when not too busy killing off the inhabitants, and in these written documents is told the story of "a reed growing in India which produces honey without bees." Thus sugar cane evidently was well known in that part of the world in 330 B. C.

ORDINANCE NO. 254. An Ordinance to prohibit the having or keeping of hogs or swine within the corporate limits of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska: Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person being the owner or the bailee of, or otherwise having in charge any hog or swine, to keep or have the same within the corporate limits of the City of Alliance, Nebraska.

Section 2. That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not less than one dollar (\$1.00), and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and shall stand committed until such fine and costs are paid.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same hereby are, repealed. Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law. Passed and approved this 8th day of July 1919. (Signed) A. D. RODGERS, Mayor (SEAL) Mayor Attest: (Signed) GRACE H. KENNEDY, City Clerk 32-11-8104

ORDINANCE NO. 255. An Ordinance creating a Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Alliance, Nebraska prescribing the manner of their appointment, their terms of office, and their duties, providing for the levying and collecting of a park tax, and for the expenditure of the same realized thereby, and repealing Ordinance No. 201 of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Section 1. That there be, and hereby is, created a Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, which Board of Park Commissioners shall be composed of three members who shall be resident free holders of the City of Alliance, Nebraska.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council of said city shall immediately upon the passage, approval, and publication of this ordinance in accordance with law, appoint one Park Commissioner whose term shall expire upon the second Monday of January 1920; one Park Commissioner whose term shall expire upon the second Monday of January 1921, and one Park Commissioner whose term shall expire upon the second Monday of January 1922, and thereafter one Park Commissioner shall be appointed by them on the second Monday of January in each and every succeeding year for a term of three years.

Section 3. The Board of Park Commissioners so constituted and appointed shall hold a regular meeting within thirty days from the original appointment as hereinbefore provided, and on or before the first day of February in each succeeding year, and shall at each such meeting elect one of the said Park Commissioners as chairman of said board. Other meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman of said board whenever it is by him deemed expedient.

Section 4. Each of said Park Commissioners shall receive the salary of \$10.00 per annum, and each of said commissioners before entering upon his duties shall take an oath to be filed with the City Clerk, that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office, and will not in any manner be actuated or influenced therein by personal or political motives.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Park Commissioners to lay out, improve, and beautify all grounds now owned or hereafter acquired for public parks, and employ helpers and laborers as may be necessary for the proper care and maintenance of such parks, and the improvement and beautifying thereof to the extent that funds may be provided for such purpose.

Section 6. For the purpose of paying said salaries, providing funds for amusements; for laying out, improving and beautifying parks and public grounds, and providing for the payment of the salaries and wages of such board, the mayor and council shall each year, at the time of making the levy for general city purposes, make a levy of not less than one-half mill and not exceeding two mills on the dollar valuation on all the real estate and personal property within the corporate limits of such city taxable according to the laws of this state, which levy shall be collected and paid into the city treasury and shall constitute the park fund of the city. All accounts against such fund for salaries and wages of the board and its employees, and all other expenses of such parks shall be audited and allowed by the park commissioner and warrants thereon shall be drawn only by the chairman of the commissioners; warrants so drawn shall be paid by the city treasurer out of such fund.

Section 7. That Ordinance No. 201 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage, approval, and publication, according to law. Passed and approved this 8th day of July 1919. (Signed) A. O. RODGERS, Mayor (SEAL) Mayor Attest: (Signed) GRACE H. KENNEDY, City Clerk 32-11-8103

ORDINANCE NO. 256 An Ordinance creating and defining the boundaries of Sewer District No. thirty-seven (37), and thirty-eight (38), of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and repealing ordinance No. 232 of said city and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Section 1. That sewer district No. thirty-seven (37) shall include all real estate in Blocks twelve (12), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), nineteen (19), and twenty (20), Box Butte Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and Blocks H, J, M, N and P, in Sheridan Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska, together with the intervening alleys.

Section 2. That sewer district No. thirty-eight (38) shall include all real estate in Blocks twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24), Box Butte Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska; Blocks S, T, and V of Sheridan Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and Block One (1) of Hitchcock Hill and Snedcock's Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska, together with the intervening alleys.

Section 3. That sewer district No. thirty-eight (38) is hereby created in the City of Alliance, Nebraska. Section 4. That sewer district No. thirty-eight (38) shall include all real estate in Blocks twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24), Box Butte Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska; Blocks S, T, and V of Sheridan Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and Block One (1) of Hitchcock Hill and Snedcock's Addition to the City of Alliance, Nebraska, together with the intervening alleys. Section 5. That ordinance No. 232, and all ordinances or parts of

ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. Passed and approved this 8th day of July, 1919. (Signed) A. D. RODGERS, Mayor (SEAL) Mayor Attest: (Signed) GRACE H. KENNEDY, City Clerk 32-11-8102.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE AND BROKEN BOW LAND DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA. Notice is hereby given that the President of the United States, by Executive Order of April 8, 1919, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2253 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and by virtue of the authority therein given, directed that:

Township twenty-six north, of ranges 17 to 24 west, inclusive, and townships twenty-seven to thirty-five north, of ranges seventeen to forty west, inclusive be detached from the Broken Bow land district and attached to and made a part of the Alliance land district in the State of Nebraska and the business and archives pertaining to said lands transferred to the land office at Alliance.

The change of boundaries above indicated will take effect on July 1, 1919, and the Register and Receiver of the land office at Broken Bow, Nebraska, will transact no business pertaining to the lands referred to after June 30, 1919.

Given under my hand at the District of Columbia this fifth day of May, A. D., 1919. CLAY TALLMAN, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

LEGAL NOTICE In the County Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Nellie E. Taylor, Deceased.

Notice to all persons interested in said estate is hereby given, to present their claims for adjustment and allowance against said estate, to the County Court of said County, on or before the 28th day of July, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. At which time I will hear and adjust all such claims.

All persons having claims against said estate must file the same in said Court, on or before the 28th day of July, 1919, or said claims will be forever barred. Dated this 21st day of June, 1919. IRA E. TASH, County Judge L. A. Berry, Atty. June 26-41-8072

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of Interior. U. S. Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska, June 13, 1919.

Notice is hereby given that Mary Burke, one of the heirs of Mary Tierman, Deceased, of Alliance, Nebraska, who, on May 29th, 1914, made Homestead entry, No. 016763, for Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Section 4, in Township 23, and SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 27, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 28, NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 33, in Township 24, North Range 51 West, of Sixth Principal Meridian has filed notice of intention to make final three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Alliance, Nebraska, on the Twenty-first day of July, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Tierman, George G. Burke, John T. Burke, Alliance, Nebraska; Edward E. Ducker, of Bayard, Nebraska. T. J. O'KEEFE, Register.

LEGAL NOTICE. In the County Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Triplett, deceased.

To All Persons Interested in Said Estate: Notice is hereby given that at the County Court Room in the City of Alliance, in said County on the day of July, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. the following matter will be heard and considered: the petition of George D. Darling for the issuance of letters of administration upon the estate of Margaret Triplett, deceased. Dated this 27th day of June, 1919. IRA E. TASH, County Judge (SEAL) L. A. BERRY, Atty. 30-31-8081

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