

# A TRAMP PARTNERSHIP

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One summer's day as a lone widow was driving an emigrant wagon along the dusty highways of Colfax county bound "for Kansas or bust" she was met by Deacon Pegrum, farmer. He ascertained that she had a few hundred dollars in cash and knew little about agriculture or soils, and after inviting her to his home for a stay of a week he sold her the very poorest farm in all that country, noted for its fertile soil.

One sunny day in March as she stood at her gate a tramp came slowly up the road and paused before her. Things looked poverty poor to him, and he had no thought of asking for anything to eat. He looked at the widow, and she looked at him, and he presently said:

"If you were a man you could turn tramp and do better than farming. I passed here last summer, and I saw you were having a hard time of it."

"Did you stop on purpose to tell me that?" was queried in reply.

"Oh, no. I just felt like chinning a little. You didn't know much about land when you bought this, I guess."

"And what do you know about the land yourself?"

"Well, a little bit. Mebbe I wasn't always a tramp. This farm was being worked a hundred years ago. The soil is exhausted and dead. It wants bringing back. Here's a ten acre lot that would raise near a thousand bushels of taters if treated right."

"An' the ternal bugs would eat up every vine as soon as it showed above the ground," replied the grouchy widow.

"Um! Um! Woman, let's talk. Let's talk business. Let's talk of a thousand bushels of taters."

They talked for an hour. The widow had been cozened once and was very chary, but the tramp talked straight, and she finally became interested. From that she came to believe. There must be some money raised for working capital. She mortgaged the team of old horses and agreed to board the tramp for his work and divide any profits with him in the fall. It was to be ten acres of potatoes and nothing else but a little garden truck.

As soon as spring opened the ground was prepared. The tramp had a silver watch he had "picked up" somewhere. It went toward getting the field ready. The last of the widow's money went for seed. There were a great deal of laughter and ridicule over that partnership. That soil would grow mullets and thistles, but as for potatoes, nix, so all the passing farmers said.

The potato bugs came along in due time. It was the seventh year. Some farmers had forgotten the date, while others had laid in a proper store of paris green. The tramp had said that no would be needed on the ten acres. Not a pound was bought. Dire disaster was predicted. The bugs were numerous. They swept over half the state, and they hit Colfax county worst of all. Farmers drew the green powder for ten miles, and their women and children sowed it on to the vines by daylight and by moonlight, but the bugs seemed to revel in it. No vine got six inches above the ground.

When the word went forth that the tramp farmer was not using a single ounce of preventive and that not a dozen bugs could be found in his big field there were callers in plenty. He was offered as high as \$50 for his secret, but he smiled and kept on with his work. When he made any reply at all it was that luck happened to be with him. With a hoe in her hand, the widow worked beside him, finishing her row at the same time he did. Sometimes they talked as they worked; again they had nothing to say for half a day at a time. They had said it was to be a business partnership, and they stuck to it.

In time that ten acre field attracted more public attention than the new county courthouse. Potatoes were only 20 cents a bushel before the bugs came. Then they went to 50. When the first were fit for market they sold for 75 cents. When it was known that the state crop was a failure the price jumped to \$1. Then one day a speculator came along and offered a price for the tubers in the ground. It was accepted. It was a greater sum than any farmer in the state had made from all his crops put together. The widow could lift the chattel mortgage on the horses, renew and repair and no longer scrape the bottom of the flour barrel.

There was an even divide of the money at the kitchen table. The tramp took the \$50 and put it away and laid the balance on the widow's pile.

"Fifty will last me for a hundred years to come," he said.

"But you must take your half," was protested.

"You can be my banker till I come this way again. I just wanted to see if I had become entirely worthless to the world and myself, and as a student of agricultural chemistry I wanted to experiment with old Mother Earth once more. I've got the wand dearest strong on me again, and it's goodby."

The widow wanted to say many kind words to him, for he had been considerate, strong and industrious and in every way reliable, but when she had prepared his supper and looked for him he was not to be found, nor did he come again with the passing years.

## To the High School Boys and Girls

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#### DR. H. C. BROCK, DENTIST.

Over First National, Phone 148

F. W. Herringhausen returned Sunday from a trip to Texas.

Mrs. Albert Naveraux, of Lexington, is the guest of relatives in town.

Mrs. R. W. Smith is visiting relatives and friends in Kearney.

Carl Lemmer returned Sunday from a visit with his parents at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Wiley Crane has gone to Omaha to accept a position at the Brandies theatre.

Miss Helen Patterson, of Denver, has been visiting friends in town for a couple days past.

Guy Congdon is combing business with pleasure in Chicago, having left for that city yesterday.

Mrs. Guy Swope has returned from a visit with her sister Mrs. L. C. Hansen, at Broken Bow.

Mrs. Wade, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was called here by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wade.

R. L. Kokjer left yesterday for Clarks, Neb., to be present at the wedding of his sister which will occur January 18th.

Loren Sturges, of Hastings arrived in town last night and left this morning for Hershey to look after his real estate interests.

Sheriff Miltonberger went to Maxwell yesterday to serve restitution papers on Wm. Stone, but found that he had left the county.

Ira W. Whittaker, who had been a guest at the Schiller residence for several weeks, left this morning for his home in South Dakota.

The dancing party under the auspices of the Lady Hostlers at the Masonic hall last evening was attended by twenty-five or more couples.

The "Joshua Simpkins" band will give a burlesque parade at noon next Saturday, and the play will be presented at the Keith in the evening.

Bert Morgan, colored, charged with being an accessory to horse stealing appeared in the county court yesterday and a continuance taken for thirty days.

Wanted—A girl for general house work. Inquire at 417 East Fifth street.

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shuck, who live on the south side, died Sunday at St. Luke's hospital, where he had been taken to receive treatment for pneumonia.

O. H. Thoelecke left last night for Lincoln to attend the state meeting of real estate dealers, and will also transact business in Omaha, not returning home until Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Murphy has gone to Paxton to attend the Brogan-Thaliken wedding which takes place at the Catholic church in that village tomorrow morning.

Percy O'Brien has returned from Omaha where he served the last year of his apprenticeship in the Union Pacific shops. He has been given a position in the round house.

The Ladies of the Altar Society will hold a social Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edwin a Schatz, who will be assisted by Mrs. Gregory Schatz, Mrs. Albert Schatz and Mrs. John Herrod.

Frederick H. Ison Garlow Jr., arrived yesterday morning and was given a hearty reception. The mother and son are reported to be doing nicely, and F. H. says the world seems brighter and better.

Mrs. P. W. Sitton left Sunday for Chicago, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. W. L. Park and family for an indefinite period. Mrs. Sitton has been in rather poor health for some time and hopes to receive benefit from the change of climate and the treatment of specialists.

#### Everglades Bargain.

Parties unable to continue payments on contracts for 10 acres choice Everglades and town lot, will accept \$300; part cash, balance monthly. Alternate sections now selling at \$500, for 10 acres and town lot. Contracts I offer carry features making them worth \$650. You save \$350. Investigate this. F. L. McGready, General Agent, Box 284, Allegheny, Penn.

#### DR. O. H. CRESSLER.

Graduate Dentist.

Office over the McDonald State Bank.

#### It is the Same Old Story.

Bratt & Goodman are offering the best bargains in real estate. One nice 5 room house, barn and other out buildings, nice lot. Only \$1150.00. \$350.00 cash, balance easy terms, will buy this. One section farm fenced with eight room house, good buildings, water piped in house. Only 12 miles from city. Cut to \$11.00 per acre for quick sale. See BRATT & GOODMAN.

The Episcopal guild will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. M. Grimes. C. T. Whelan went to Omaha this morning to transact business for a few days.

Mrs. Guy Robinson returned to Grand Island Sunday after a two weeks' visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald expect to join Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Park on a trip to Panama next month.

Mrs. Kate Daly went to Grand Island this morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Thos. Gorham, for a couple of weeks.

Wanted—A good girl for general housework, good wages, no washing. Mrs. Alex Meston, 704 West First street.

C. A. Howe, who had been looking after his business interests in town for a week or so, returned to Oshkosh Saturday.

Chas. Bogue returned Sunday from Omaha where he spent several days on business connected with B. of R. T. matters.

Farm for Rent—Inquire at North Side Meat Market.

City Supt. Tout returned Sunday from Lincoln, where he attended the convention of city and county school superintendents.

Harry Dixon and son Charley were delayed a few days in their trip to San Diego, Cal., and did not get started until Sunday night.

Wanted—A girl to do general house work, permanent employment. Mrs. W. P. Snyder, Experimental Sub-Station.

The town is pretty quiet these days, very little occurring to be worthy a "heading" in a newspaper; but this is to be expected at this season of the year. In business circles the same quietude is noticed, and this condition may be expected for the next thirty days.

Wanted to sell—One three year old black Percheron Stallion. Registered No. 52422. L. E. Ebricht, two miles west of Experimental farm.

Baled hay is selling in the local market at about \$9.50 per ton on car. The shipments at present are not very heavy, the hay men holding back for higher prices. The amount of hay shipped out of Lincoln county this winter will not be more than sixty per cent the usual tonnage, this being due to the lightness of last season's crop.

Never before in the history of North Platte have such prices been placed on Men's Hats, Ladies' and Misses' Suits and Cloaks as they are now sold at our sale. THE HUB CLOTHING DEPT.

The "Joshua Simpkins" company, carrying their own special scenery, a band of music and fine orchestra, will produce the great pastoral comedy drama of that name at the Keith next Saturday evening. The piece deals with country life and people, three acts of the play being laid in one of the many quaint villages of Vermont. The second act (in three scenes) portrays Uncle Josh's visit in Washington City. In the third act a sensational saw-mill effect is shown, being nothing more or less than a complete saw-mill in full operation, cutting up genuine timber. The saw is a genuine buzz or circular saw, and cuts real timber at a lightning speed.

#### A Good Place For Dairy Farm.

We have a section of land situate four and one-half miles from town. About 200 acres of good farm land, the balance good grazing land. Would make ideal place for dairy farm. For a short time only at \$10.00 per acre. See us quick.

Temple Real Estate & Ins. Agency, 1 & 2 McDonald Block.

# Lots and Small Tracts of Land

For Sale Now in Water Co's Third Addition to

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Lots 50x140 feet from \$30.00 to \$200.00 each.

Tracts of 2.14 to 4.42 acres from \$80 to \$500 each.

According to Location.

EASY TERMS. Seven per cent interest on Deferred Payments. Apply to

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5 room house with bath room, pantry, closets and good cellar under house, situate on West Third street, right across from West End school house. Full 66 ft. corner lot with nice shade trees. Barn 16x20 feet. Good chicken house and yard. Cement walk in front and around house. Call at office for prices and terms or phone Red 46.

Temple Real Estate & Ins. Agency,  
1 & 2 McDonald Block

#### Poe's Short Stories.

There are in the best of Poe's brief tales a constructive skill, a command of design and a gift of decoration rare in any literature and almost unknown in English, which is ever unduly negligent of form. And no one need wonder that Poe's short stories wandered swiftly out of our languages into French and Italian and Spanish, into German and Scandinavian and Bohemian, into strange tongues where no other American author, except Fenimore Cooper, had ever before penetrated. His weird psychologic studies have influenced later writers as unlike as Maupassant and Richeplein, Fitz-James, O'Brien, Robert Louis Stevenson and Rudyard Kipling. His tales of a mystery solved at last by observation and deduction have been imitated by Dumas and Sardou, by Gaboriau and Boisgobey, by Wilkie Collins and Conan Doyle, and Sherlock Holmes, the only fictitious character to win international recognition in the final years of the nineteenth century, is the reincarnation of a figure first projected by Poe—Brander Matthews in Century.

#### Making a Cake With the Bible.

The following unique recipe for Scripture cake is copied from an old English cookbook. For the ingredients and directions for making the cake you must refer to the Bible, in the chapters and verses given herewith. It may be added that by carefully following the directions you will be able to make a most delicious cake—the very best thing for a Sunday afternoon tea:

Four and a half cups of I Kings iv, 22; half pound Judges v, 25; two cups Jeremiah vi, 20; two cups Nahum iii, 12; two cups I Samuel xxx, 12; two cups Numbers xvii, 8; two teaspoonfuls I Samuel xiv, 25; to taste, II Chronicles ix, 9; six Jeremiah xvii, 11; one and a half cups Judges iv, 19; two teaspoonfuls Amos iv, 5; one pinch Leviticus ii, 13; directions, Proverbs xxiii, 14; bake one and a half to two hours. Baking powder may be used instead of yeast or leaven, as it is termed in the Bible.

#### The Handkerchief Came From Italy.

A writer in a French review points out that the handkerchief does not come to us from China, as has been generally believed, but from Italy. It is only 300 years ago that the handkerchief of a Venetian lady was considered a great curiosity. The handkerchief crossed the Alps and was received with great favor at the court of France. Handkerchiefs were then made of cambric or lawn and bordered with Venetian or Alencon lace. Under Henry III of France the sachet was introduced. The handkerchief was taken into Germany a little later and was known as the "fazzellettin," after its Italian name. Only persons of quality used it, and an edict in 1595 was published at Dresden interdicting the use of the handkerchief among the trading classes.—London Globe.

Do you not know that fully nine out of ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, and require no internal treatment whatever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely and see how quickly it gives relief. Sold by all dealers.

Keith Theatre. SATURDAY, JANUARY 21,

BIG FUN SHOW

Mr Frank O. Ireson in

"Joshua Simpkins."

See The Great Saw Mill Scene.  
The Funny Farmer Band Parade.

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#### Were Kind to Him.

A West Philadelphia man who was severely injured some months ago when his horse took fright at an automobile and bolted, upsetting the carriage, has only recently been released from the hospital. He is well now and in the best of spirits notwithstanding the fact that severe operations were necessary in order to save his life.

A few days after he left the hospital a friend asked him if he had been kindly treated.

"Oh, yes," he said. "Oh, yes, indeed! Considering the fact that they amputated both my feet, removed my collar bone, cut off my left thumb, trepanned my brain, took out a piece of my underjaw and saved my left hip bone in two, I got along very nicely. They were most kind to what was left of me."—Philadelphia Press.

#### Beaconsfield the Dandy.

The dandyism Benjamin Disraeli affected in his dress is the subject of many pen pictures in Monypenny's "Life of Beaconsfield." At the age of nineteen he is described as wearing a black velvet suit with ruffles and black stockings with red clocks. A later portrait, in 1830, comes from a friend's diary, which has the following entry: "March 20.—B. D. to dine with me. He came up Regent street when it was crowded in his blue sturcut, a pair of military light blue trousers, black stockings with red stripes and shoes. 'The people,' he said, 'quite made way for me as I passed. It was like the opening of the Red sea, which I now perfectly believe from experience. Even well dressed people stopped to look at me.'"

#### Haroun-al-Raschid to Charlemagne.

The only sovereign of the time who could compare with Charlemagne was the famous Haroun-al-Raschid who as the head of the Moslem world sent the keys of Jerusalem to the head of the Christian world, besides a striking clock, an ape and an elephant—things which impressed the imagination of those times as typifying that Charlemagne had been invested with the sovereignty of Jerusalem and the lordship of the world.—T. A. Cook in "Old Provence."

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by all dealers.

#### Strayed or Stolen.

From my place five miles east of North Platte, near Gannett sidetrack, between Christmas and New Years, a dark grey horse colt, coming two years old this spring. A liberal reward will be paid for the return of the animal or for information leading for its recovery. George Kopf or J. R. Fay, North Platte postoffice.

#### Death in Roaring Fire

may not result from the work of fire-bugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It soothes inflammation. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers, or piles. Only 25 cents at Stone Drug Co.

#### Old Soldier Tortured.

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25 cents at Stone Drug Co.

#### Last Chance To Get A Good Homestead

Fort Berthold Indian Reservation Information Bureau, Ryder, N. D., will furnish you information regarding the opening of same.

#### Notice to the Public.

Sealed bids will be received at the county clerk's office at North Platte, Neb., until noon on the 1st day of February, 1911, for the rent of southeast quarter section 14, township 13, range 31, known as the Lincoln County Poor Farm. Terms to be cash rent.

Dated North Platte, Neb., Dec. 31, 1910. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

#### ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR OR ADMINISTRATRIX.

State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss. In the county court. In the matter of the estate Rachel Brittingham, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Carrie Brittingham praying that the administration of said estate may be granted to Clyde Trotter as administrator. Ordered, That Feb. 6th, 1911, at 2 o'clock a. m., be assigned for hearing said petition when all persons interested in said matter may appear as a county court to be held in and for said county and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for six successive issues prior to said day of hearing. Dated January 16th, 1911. W. C. ELSON, County Judge. By Katherine F. Clark, Clerk County Court.