The Grand Promoter A Stranger Plays Him a Low Down Trick By M. QUAD

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There was some one outside of Major Crofoot's office door. A knock, knock, knock.

"Come right in!" "I'm looking for the Major Crofoot that has all sorts of good things to invest in." said the caller.

"Then you have come to the right place. Have a chair."

"Thanks. Now, then, I don't wish to take up your valuable time. Have you got anything good on hand? I want something perfectly safe that will return 9 or 10 per cent on the

"My dear sir, I have got half a dozen of the best things going. When you speak of 9 or 10 per cent dividends it makes me smile. I don't deal in such small fish. Anything I take hold of must pay 30 per cent or I drop it." "Good Lord!" ejaculated the caller as

he sat up. "Thirty per cent at least, sir. What would you say to stocks paying dollar

for dollar?" "But I'm willing to take 40 per cent," replied the man. "Gee whiz, but what man can ask for more than

"Very fair, very fair," loftily replied the major, "but nothing to brag of. Being you have come direct to the office I want to pick out something extra. Let me see. The Universal Glass Eye company paid 60 per cent dividends two years ago, but last year dropped down to 30. It will be still less than that this year on account of hard times. Lots of one eyed people stick a patch over the eye and let it go at that. If you'd come in a month ngo I could have let you in on the ground floor of the Magic Rat and Mouse Destroyer. The stock went like wildfire, and the last was sold at \$200. We figure it will pay 400 per cent dividends for the next twenty years."

"And I can't get in. Thunder, but why didn't I know about it! But you must have something for me," insisted the caller in anxious tones.

"Let me see! Let me see! How absentminded I am this morning. Just as you knocked I was making up the incorporation papers for my last and best scheme. It's one that'll lay over all others. I was saving it to begin the year on."

"Good, good! What is it? By George, old fellow, if you put me on to something good you shan't lose by it!" "You know what delicacles turtle

soup and turtle steak are considered?" "I do." "And you know the high price frogs

legs bring?"

"Well, that's the basis of the Great Western company, just organized. We are going to rent nine square miles of and turtles and can them on the spot. They will be canned in champagne, and the labels on the cans will be handsome enough to frame and hang in any one's parlor. Three turtle can. Killing and canning take place every day. We shall control the market of the world."

"What dividends do you figure on?" "Well, last night I was figuring on a straight 100 per cent, but this morning I thought I ought to make a little allowance. Many turtles die of homesickness, you know, and a certain per cent of the frogs are bound to jump the wire fences and get away. To be very safe and conservative I have put the dividends at 95 per cent. I think that is a rather neat figure, don't you?" "Great! Great Scott, I've been lend-

ing money at 6 per cent!" "How-how much were you thinking of investing?" asked the major in a voice that trembled in spite of himself.

"Twenty thousand dollars perhaps." "And you-you will pay something down to secure the stock?"

"A hundred dollars. Here's a check the stock. By George, but I'm in luck! Just think of getting hold of something paying 95 per cent dividends! Why, my wife will think me crazy freeze me out, will you?"

"No. You shall have the stock." "And I'll remember you. I'll buy your knees." you a pearl pin out of the first dividend. If you want, when you get started, I'll show you how to catch frogs for canning. There's a peculiar way of getting hold of them by one hind leg. Ninety-five per cent! I can't help but dwell on it!"

"Yes, it's a good thing," replied the major as he shoved the folded check into his vest pocket in a careless way. "You will be in tomorrow?"

"Sure, Mike! If I was a Frenchman I'd kiss you for luck, but as I'm not we'll shake hands and I'll say ta, ta. Tomorrow! Ninety-five per cent! Whoop!

When he had gone the major walked up and down to calm his raging heart. It didn't seem possible. He couldn't credit his good luck. Then at last he took the check from his pocket and looked at it to see what bank it was drawn on. His eyes opened wide, and he uttered a moan and staggered to a

It was drawn in favor of "A. Sucker," indorsed by "Another Sucker" and

signed by "Uncle Rube." Then the light went out, and the grand promoter bowed his head and knew the bitterness of the green persimmon.

MRS. DOLBY'S DEED

Pickle Barrel Suicide Threat Leaves Her Husband Unmoved. By M. QUAD Copyright, 1914, by Associated Lit-erary Press.

After supper, when Deacon Dolby took the kerosene can and started for the store, he left Mrs. Dolby singing the hymn that she had a home over there. She hadn't been so cheerful in many weeks.

When the deacon returned an hour later there was no singing. The lamp on the kitchen table was turned low down, and the house seemed to be de-

"Gone over to Brown's," said the deacon to himself as he turned up the

Then his eye caught sight of a note, and he half groaned. The note was brief and concise. It

I have heard all about you and the bull calf, and you will find my drowned body in

the pickle barrel down cellar. "Nice pickle she'll make." grunted the deacon as he pr-ceeded to the sitting room and turned up the lamp there. He had brought with him four

big apples. It was rather foolish of Mrs. Dolby to choose the pickle route to that better land when there were so many bet-

ter ones, he thought. He had finished his first apple and begun peeling the second when Mrs. Dolby appeared in the kitchen door

and in a hollow voice exclaimed: "Samuel Dolby, the dead speaks to

Samuel didn't jump out of his chair. He didn't even give a start of surprise. "Samuel, one day last fall, when you were pulling the carrots, a man came along the road with a bull calf. Do

you remember it?" The deacon remembered, but he didn't admit that he did.

started off downtown with the two. I Gilbert. called and called you, but you never even looked back.

It was true, but the deacon wasn't going to say so. He wasn't going to say anything at all.

"When you got back home you had a skinned nose and was breathing hard. All you would say about it was that you fell down. Samuel Dolby, you lied to your confiding wife!

"While you were downtown this evening Mrs. White came in and told me all about it. It seems that the man was taking the bull calf to sell to the butcher. When he got there there was a dispute about the calf's weight. That was where you butted in. You never owned a bull calf in your life, but you had to butt in and offer to bet \$2 to \$1 that you could lift him."

The deacon grinned, but the grin was hidden from Mrs. Dolby.

"The man bet with you and you lost. You could no more lift that calf than Lake St. Clair flats and raise our frogs | you could lift a barn. You heaved and grunted and tugged. And when you claimed you had lifted it when you hadn't and you refused to hand over the bet both men called you a liar and the owner of the calf skinned steaks and two dozen frogs' legs every your nose and chased you a quarter of a mile!"

The deacon cringed, but chewed vigorously to hide it. He honestly be lieved that he had lifted the calf, but the others were against him.

"There is the case, Samuel, and do you blame me for jumping head first into the pickle barrel?"

The deacon had finished his third apple and he was fuft. He therefore shut and pocketed his jackknife and gave a sort of gulp to signify that he was full.

"I thought I could die and not say anything about it," continued Mrs. Dolby, "but I just had to back out of that barrel and let you know that your perfidy was discovered.

"I have done my duty, Samuel, and I go back to my pickle barrel. I don't want the angels to say I was too hard on you, and so I will admit that I have heard of cases where men were half I'll indorse over to you, and I'll come in crazy about bull calves. That may tomorrow and pay the balance and get have been what alled you that day. If

you think it was, why-why"-The deacon may have thought so, and he may have repudiated the suggestion with scorn, but he had a wise when I tell her about this. You won't old head on his shoulders and mainlet Morgan buy the whole thing up and | tained slience except for a yawn or two. "If you were bull calf crazy then I might forgive you if you got down on

"Humph!" said the deacon to him-

"Samuel, you needn't mind about a large funeral for me. I deserve one. but I don't want to put you to needless expense. Being as I drowned myself in the pickle bar'l, why not use that as my coffin?"

The deacon may have thought it a good idea, but be didn't say so. There was a long minute of silence, and then: "I don't know but what it is my duty to stay here on earth, Samuel. When a husband gets to running after bull calves, who should watch out for him but his wife? If you would only get

down on your knees"-The deacon made no move to rest on his marrowbones.

"Or if you would promise to let bull calves alone for the rest of your life"-The deacon yawned and stretched. "Or if you would just say you was

sorry"-The deacon didn't say it.

"Well," said Mrs. Dolby as she wiped her tears away, "I know by your looks that you are sorry, and so I am going to forgive you. Samuel, would you like buckwheat cakes and maple 'lasses for

And Mrs. Dolby was saved again!

Funerals In Peru.

According to social usage, women in Peru cannot attend funerals, and they do not appear at weddings unless they are very intimate friends. When a funeral procession passes through the streets the coffin is carried upon the shoulders of the pallbearers, who are followed by an empty hearse drawn by two, four or six horses, according to the means of the mourners and their desire for display. All the male members of the family and friends of the deceased follow on foot, with a line of empty carriages behind them. As long as they are in the presence of the dead it is considered a proper and necessary evidence of respect to walk. After the body has been committed to the grave those who attend the funeral are brought home in the carriages.

Never Again. A man, who had been sick, told a friend that he was being treated by a

certain physician. "Don't you know," said the friend, "that that doctor allows all his patients to die on his hands?"

"Well, if he lets me die on his hands. I'll never patronize him again!" replied the other indignantly.-Indianapolis

In One Lesson. He-Your sister said she couldn't dance.

She-Well, can she?

"Yes; I made her. We hadn't been on the floor a minute when I stepped on her foot. You just ought to have seen her."-Yonkers Statesman.

Pretty Snappy.

Brown-I am very conservative regarding my amusements. Green - I haven't much money, either. - Woman's Home Companion.

The gain which is made at the expense of character should be set down as loss .- Publius Syrus.

Misses Dorothy Rosencrans and Hazel Slocum, of Cozad, arrived in the city Friday afternoon to visit over Sun-"After a little talk with him you day with the former's sister, Mrs. I. A.

An Antiolimax. Sir Henry Irving was frequently a

victim to the interjections of gallery gods. When playing "Macbeth" one night he had reached that dramatic moment in the banquet scene when in dreadful fear he bids the ghost of Banquo to vanish:

Hence, horrible shadow! Unreal mockery, hence!

he exclaimed and, shuddering convulsively, dropped to his knees, covering his face with his robe. As the ghost vanished a shrill voice in the gallery broke the momentary silence, "It's all right now, 'Enery; he's gone"'-Lon-

Social Puzzle. Why is it that a man will willingly wait a half hour for a girl to get ready for a show before they are married and then fuss because the breakfast is ten minutes late after they have been married a year or so?-Macon Telegraph.

Feminine Intuition.

Hattle-I'm positive George loves me and wants me to be his wife. Ella-Has he told you so? Hattie-No, but he has taken such a strong dislike to mamma.-Chicago Tribune.

His Weak Point.

The Stage Manager -- He can play "drunken parts" better than any man on the stage. The Business Manager -Yes, but he's too fond of rehearsing. -Illustrated Bits.

Everybody Does It.

"I understand he's writing a play." "Oh, yes. Everybody has to go through that period of life."-Detroit Free Press.

Better be poisoned in one's blood than to be poisoned in one's principles. -Confucius

Transformation. "Hymen is a great magician!"

"Prove it!" "See how often he turns a turtle dove into a snapping turtle.-Judge.

Nothing is difficult; it is only we who are indolent.-Benjamin R. Haydon,



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ORDER OF HEARING.
The State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, ss.
In the County Court.
In the matter of the estate of John H. Guther-

less deceased.

To the creditors, heirs, legatees and others interested in the estate of John H. Gutherless.

Take notice, that Mary Gutherless has filed in the county court, a report of her doings as administrator of said estate, and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing the 12th day of May.

A. D. 1914 before the court at the hour of 9 o'clock, a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and accept to and contest the same.

terested may appear and accept to and content the same.

Notice of this proceeding and the hearing thereof is ordered given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a semi-weekly news paper printed in add county for three consecutive weeks prior to said date of hearing.

Dated April 17th, 1914.

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JOHN GTANT, County Judge.

Notice for Bids

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of North Platte, Nebraska, up to 5 o'clock p. m. May 5th, 1914, for the construction of a lateral sewer in sewer district "D" in said city according to the plans and specifi-cations now on file in the office of the

city clerk of said city.

Approximate estimate of cost of sewer lateral as per report of city engineer is \$1360.00.

Local labor to be employed as far as racticable. Certified check on local bank of 5 per cent of amount bid will be required to nsure entering into contract.

Satisfactory bond to be given when ontract is signed. Mayor and council reserve right to reect any or all bids.

By order of the city council. Chas. F. Temple,

City Clerk

Notice for Bids Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of North Platte, Nebraska, up to 5 o'clock p. m. May 5th, 1914, for the construction of a lateral sewer

in sewer district "C" in said city ac-cording to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the city clerk of said city. Approximate estimate of cost of

sewer lateral as per report of city engineer is \$1655.80. Local labor to be employed as far as far as practicable.

Certified check on local bank of 5 per cent of amount bid will be required to insure entering into contract. Satisfactory bond to be given when

contract is signed. Mayor and council reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Mayor and council.
reject any or all bids.
By order of the city council.
Chas. F. Temple,
City Clerk.

Notice For Bids. Notice is hereby given that sealed olds will be roceived at the office of the City Clerk of North Platte, Nebraska, up to 5:00 o'clock p. m., May 5th, 1914, for the 3rd ward hose house building.

per cent of amount of bid will be required to insure entering into contract. Mayor and Council reserves the right

to reject any or all bids.

By order of City Council.

Chas. F. Temple, City Clerk.

Notice For Bids.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of North Platte, Nebraska, up to 5:00 o'clock p. m., May 5th, 1914, for the bell now located in the tower of the 3rd ward hose house building, situate on the rear of lot 4, block 132 of this city. Said bid to cover the bell where it is now located, the fortunate bidder to take the bell down from the tower and must be done at once upon the acceptance of the bid.

Certified check on local band for 10

decree that said detendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount due. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 25th day of May, 1914.

Dated April 10th, 1914.

By Wilcox & Halligan, his Attorneys.

Certified check on local band for 10 per cent of amount of bid will be reuired to insure entering into contract. Mayor and Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of City Council. Chas. F. Temple, City Clerk.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given-that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of North Platte, Nebrasha, up to 5 o'clock, p. m., May 5th, 1914, for the construction of a lateral sewer in sewer district "J" in said city according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the city clerk of said city.

Approximate estimate of cost of sewer lateral as per report of city engineer is \$1066.40. Local labor to be employed as far as

practicable.

Certified check on local bank of 5 per cent of amount bid will be required to insure entering into contract. Satisfactory bond to be given when contract is signed.

to reject any or all bids. By order of the city council.
21-2 Chas. F. Temple, City Clerk.
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Application for Liquor License. Matter of application of Patrick G. Haynes for liquor license.

Notice is hereby given that Patrick G. Haynes did upon the 14th day of April, 1914 file his application to the Village Board of Trustees of Brady, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors on lots 13, 14, and 15, in block 6, in the village of Brady, Lincoln county, Nebraska, to begin at the municipal year of 1914 and to end with the same in the

spring of 1915. If there would be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 17, A. D. 1914, said license

will be granted PATRICK G. HAYNES, Applicant.

Sheritf's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure rendered in said court wherein Milton White et al is plaintiff and G. B. Jewell et al are defendants, and to me directed, I will on the 9th day of May, 1914, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the east front door of the court house in North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said docree, interests and costs, the following described, property, to-wit: South half of section twenty-two [22] Township twelve [12] Range thirty [30] west of the 6th P. M. Lincoln county, Nebraska.

Dated North Platte, Nebr., April 6th, 1914.

A. J. SALISBURY, Sheriff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Serial No. 05087

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

United States Land Office

North Platte, Nebraska, March. 25, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that John D. Brose, of North Platte, Neb., who on March 22, 1911, made homestead entry No. 05087 for WNM, Section 34, Township 15 N. Range 30, W. of 6th Principal Meridan, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before the register and receiver at North Platte Nebraska, on the 22nd day of May. 1914.

1914.
Claimant names as witnesses: George Alexander, Orson Coville, Fred Bremer and Dennis Breen, all of North Platte, Nebr.
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J. E. Evans. Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Serial No. 04646 Department of the Interior. Department of the Interior.

U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Nebr.
March. 11, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Nellie Weeks, of Tryon, Nebr., who, on March 4, 1910, made Homestead Entry No. 04646, for all of Section 20, twp. 17, N. rge. 20, west of the 6th 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, at North Platte, Nebr., on the 15th day of May, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: David N. Callender, Harry E. Callender, Henry V. Rickley, Berl Hudson, all of Tryon, Nebr.

J. E. Evans, Register.

for the 3rd ward hose house building, which is now located on the rear of lot 4. block 132 of this city, being just back of the Mutual Building & Loan Association building. Said bid to cover the building. Said bid to cover the building just as it is and where it now stands, the bidder, whose bid is accepted, is to move the building off and clean up the lot.

As the city is advertising seperately for bid for the bell now in the tower in said building, with the understanding that the bidder, whose bid is accepted on the bell is to take it down, this bid will not cover the bell or the taking of the same down and the bell is hereby reserved from said bid.

Certified check on local bank for 10 per cent of amount of bid will be re-

LEGAL NOTICE

William E. Funkhauser and Lillian O. Funkhouser, defendants, will take notice that on the 10th day of April, 1914, Loren Sturges, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the District Court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against said defendants and other defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the above named defendants to the plaintiff upon lots seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), in block three [3], of Gamble's Addition to the town of Hershey, Lincoln county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note, dated March 6th, 1911, for the sum of \$1,000.00 due and payable in ninety days from the date thereof. That there is now due upon said nots and mortgage the sum of \$1,228,85. For which sum with interest from June 15, 1914, plaintiff pray- for a decree that said defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to seatify the amount due.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEBRASKA.
Notice of hearing of probating of a foreign will.
To all persons interested in the estate of C. A. arpenter, deceased.
Whereas, Ed Hicklin, of Louisa county, Iowa.

Whereas, Ed Hicklin, of Louisa county, Iowa, has filed in my office a petition praying to h ve a duly authenticated copy of what purports to be the last will and testament of one C. A. Carpenter, who died in Louisa county, Iowa, on or about the 5th day of October, 1913, admitted to probate as a foreign will. Which will purports to have been admitted to probate by the probate count of Louisa county, Iowa, on or about the 4th day of November, 1913. Which will relates to both real and personal property, and especially to the north one-half [N\(^1\)] and the soatheast quarter [SE\(^1\)] of section nine [9], township thirteen [13], range thirty-one [31] and the east one-half of section 22, township 13, range 30, in Lincoln gounty, Nebraska, and the north one-half and the southeast quarter of section 25, township nine, range 20, braska, and the north one-half and the southeast quarter of section 25, township nine, range 25, in Dawson county, Nebraska. I have therefore appointed Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 1914, at 3 o'clock in the forencen at the county court room in said county as the time and place for the hearing of said petition. At which time and place you and all concerned may appear and contest the admitting of said will to probate as a foreign will. It is further ordered that said petitioners will give notice to all persons interested in said estate of the pendency of this petition, and the time and place of hearing of the same by causing a copy pf this order to be published in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, a newspaper printed and published in said county for three weeks successively, prior to the time set for hearing.

ontract is signed.

Mayor and council reserve the right hearing.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 13th day of April, 1914.

JOHN GRANT.

County Judge