

The Missing Witness

By VICTOR RADCLIFFE

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A sudden gust of wind nearly swept Victor Lloyd off his feet. With a shiver and a whang the umbrella he carried turned inside out and he cast it away, a wreck. The first drops of rain struck his face. He started to run, making for the only house in view just beyond a bridge spanning a narrow stream. Midway across the structure a second gusty of the rising breeze raised his hat from his head, whirled it aloft and then to the surface of the river and in dismay, unable to recover it, Lloyd saw it submerged.

The suit he wore was a light one, his shoes were low cut, a drenching boded wretchedness and disaster. He had wandered beyond the city limits. The nearest refuge was the house he had noticed. Bareheaded he dashed through its gateway, halted under a tree for a moment or two, and then as the rain came down in real earnest, slantingly assailing him on all sides, Lloyd made for a covered porch. Even there, however, the downpour penetrated.

"Perhaps you had better come inside," spoke a silvery voice, and the screen door was pushed half open and a sunny face invited with a friendly smile. Lloyd's hand went mechanically to his head to lift the hat that was not there. The girl could not repress a light laugh. Lloyd joined in it, entered a hallway, followed his guide into a neat little parlor and, ruefully remarked:

"I am bringing in some wet," and he hesitated as to taking a chair.

"Do not mind that," replied the young lady. "If you would help me close the windows. The rain is beating in on all sides," and with alacrity Lloyd sprang to the task invited.

He was not sorry now that he had lost his hat, for in a way he had lost his heart to the vision of loveliness before him. She was the most winsome creature he had ever met, and treated him as though amid her loneliness she was glad to have a visitor to alleviate the tedium.

Their conversation was only general, but from the same, Lloyd learned that her father was a merchant in the wholesale quarter of the city, and he imparted the information that he was a broker in the financial district.

"I have intruded too long already," he observed after a delightful half hour. The storm has passed and the sun is coming out."

"You have been very welcome," spoke Inez Bolton. "But you cannot go back to the city today. I will see if I cannot find something that will answer in the way of headgear until you reach home."

The young lady left the room and returned with a hat evidently belonging to her father, but when Lloyd tried it on he found it too large. His fair companion brushed it neatly, went to a desk and selected what seemed to be several circulars from a drawer, folded them and placed them in the lining, and Lloyd declared that the fit was perfect.

"I will have the hat returned with many thanks," he told Miss Bolton. "I hope we shall meet again."

"I hope so, too," she replied readily, and Lloyd went home with pleasant thoughts and anticipations. He got the hat ready to return by a messenger. Removing the folded papers and placing the hat in a box, he chanced to notice that they were printed circulars, all alike.

"Why, this is queer!" exclaimed Lloyd.

What he held in his hand was evidently a circular sent to lawyers in various cities containing a description of one Mark Steele, and signed by Robert Bolton. It stated that Steele was a missing witness in a most important law case and offered a reward for his recovery.

"And I know the man—saw him only last year when I was camping out in Idaho. Name and description exactly tally. Why, here is certainly an excuse to hasten back where I came from and learn if my knowledge will be of any benefit to the father of that delightful little Miss Bolton."

It was a glad return journey that Victor Lloyd made, because he hoped that his results would bring him nearer to the fair young girl who had so attracted him.

He wore his own hat this time, carrying that of Mr. Bolton neatly done up. His daughter was seated on the porch this time. She left the side of a dignified man, evidently her father, to greet Lloyd, noticing the parcel in his hand.

"Oh! you should not have hurried to bring the hat back," she said. "Father, this was our visitor of the afternoon I told you about."

Mr. Bolton bowed courteously, but with no effusion, and studied Lloyd rather critically as though always on guard as to his daughter's acquaintances, but he aroused into excited activity as Lloyd said:

"I made a discovery when I got home—the circulars in the lining. I was somewhat surprised, for I know Mark Steele."

"And where he is?" cried Mr. Bolton eagerly.

"Yes. I hope my knowledge may be of value to you."

"Of value," repeated Mr. Bolton in an intense tone. "Why, upon his testimony depends half of my real estate."

Victor Lloyd never asked for the reward offered for the discovery of the missing witness—he wanted only Inez, and won her.

ACCORDING TO FIXED DESIGN

Variety of Reasons Advanced for the Arrangement of Paint on the Cheeks of Clowns.

All pantomime clowns paint their cheeks and mostly they do so according to certain designs handed down from generation to generation. But as to the why and the wherefore opinions differ.

According to one authority the scarlet triangles, red fishtail and half moon, originated from dabs of vermilion placed here and there on the cheeks at haphazard to represent a naughty boy who had been at the jam pot.

Another says that the pantomime clown's reddened face is intended as a burlesque of the rouge-tinted cheeks of the pantomime Columbine; while yet a third has it that the crimson patches are a survival from the early mystery plays, when the clown was a demon, and red all over.

The theory has also been held that the modern clown in pantomime is a direct descendant of Momus, the god of mockery of the early mystery plays and masques, who was always represented with a huge gaping mouth. The red fishtail is merely the survival of that part of the medieval makeup which aimed at producing an apparent enlargement of the mouth.

These curious scarlet symbols are only found on the cheeks of pantomime clowns. The ordinary circus clown does not paint his cheeks.

He paints only his nose, with a view to poking fun at the "boss," the ringmaster, whose nasal organ, in regard to the old-time circuses at all events, was more often than not apt to be highly colored.—Pearson's Weekly.

PUT THEIR WITS TO WORK

Spanish Post Office Clerks Did Really Creditable Job in Solving Rebus on Envelope.

A curiously addressed letter passed through the post office at Madrid, which was deciphered and correctly delivered, notwithstanding all difficulties, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The address was a perfect rebus. At the left hand side was the figure of a lady; it was clear, therefore, to which sex the recipient should belong. Over the lady's head the sun was rising; hence her name was inferred to be Aurora. For her surname stood a hill, with a castle at its foot, which gives us "Montes y Castello."

Next comes the town, for which the plan of a city was drawn, on which the Alhambra was legible. This indicated Granada; but in order to leave no doubt possible, a pomegranate was drawn beside the plan. To complete the address a number was indicated in one of the streets of the city plan.

The postal authorities took three days to study this curiosity and then triumphantly delivered the letter to "Senorita Aurora Montes y Castello, Azacayas, No. 20, Granada," and so far from censuring the sender, they had the envelope photographed and a copy printed in the Madrid newspapers, as a proof of the intelligence of the department.

Piano Requires Fine Timbers

There is no other industry for which a greater variety of fine timbers is required, and none in which the timber must be seasoned more carefully than piano-building. The varieties include Canadian spruce, American oak and whitewood, Honduras mahogany and best English beech. Sounding boards are made of Swiss pine, the "Ahlies Excelsa," which is nothing but the Christmas tree with which we are all so familiar. All this timber has to be seasoned in a special heating chamber, where it is subjected for days together to a powerful draft of dry air. It was not until more than half of the eighteenth century had passed that the piano became popular.

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Youth and Age.

Nobody, so far, has found a real substitute for youth, although some surgical experiments are asserted to have been successful in restoring vitality and youthful spirits. Youth, after all, is a state of mind as well as a span of years. Men and women are not old at sixty; they are not old at seventy, and when eighty is reached many of them refuse to be shelved. One's outlook upon life is likely to determine whether one is to continue real living or go to seed. Years ago men retired at forty or fifty and were not worth much to their communities after that. Now a man stays in the harness, alternating work and play. So, in reality, he never grows old in spirit, regardless of an accumulation of many years when birthdays come. Old age is something of a habit. It is easy enough to acquire if one seeks it, but if youth is desired one may have it, and forget about the birthdays.

Strayed—Dark iron gray mare from the farm on the Birdwood sometime in May. 4-years old, weight about 1400 Guy Coleman, North Platte.

RARE BARGAIN IN HIGH GRADE PIANO

We have in our possession stored in North Platte, a high grade piano, which if taken at once will sell at a large discount. Terms to responsible party. If interested write quick for full particulars to The Denver Music Company, Denver, Colorado. \$1-4

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT TO THE PUBLIC.

My name having been filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln County for the office of County Commissioner in the Third District: This being the second time I have been drafted for this office I want my friends to know I fully appreciate all that has been done.

I will accept this nomination and am a live candidate from this time until the polls close. If I am elected, I will render to the voters of Lincoln County my best efforts in filling the office of County Commissioner. GEORGE M. CAREY, Hershey, Nebr.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having been asked by a number of voters of Lincoln County, to run for County Commissioner from the Third District by petition, I have consented to allow my name to be placed on the ballot and will appreciate any support given me. If elected I will devote all the time necessary to carry on the business of Lincoln County and will do the best I can to give it good service. JOHN W. FOWLER

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I desire to announce that I am the Republican candidate for Commissioner of Lincoln County from the Third District. HENRY COKER, Sutherland, Nebr.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

For construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, arches, approaches and fillings:

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of North Platte, Nebraska, for the construction of sidewalks, crosswalks, arches, approaches and filling, said work to be done according to plans, specifications and grades as on file and given by the City Engineer.

All bids must be on file with the City Clerk on or before November 2nd, 1920, at 5 o'clock p. m. of said day. Dated this 20th day of October, 1920 O. E. ELDER, City Clerk.

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We will begin selling our Winter Apples on October 1st. at the Glenburnie Fruit Farm, four miles north of Sutherland. No sales made on Sunday.
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A GOOD PLACE TO EAT

It is really hard to find these days, but we can assure you we are that place. Nothing fancy or elaborate about our restaurant—just good plain food, the freshest and best in the market, served in a cleanly and appetizing way for you, at no profiteering prices. Why not try us?

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On or about Sept. 23 on my premises in Graceland Addition One Bay Shetland pony, with three white feet. Owner can have same by setting cost of feed and advertising.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Charles Perry, Lizzie Gantt nee Perry, the heirs, devisees and legatees of David W. Perry, deceased all of Lot 5 Block 2 Miller's Addition to the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and all persons claiming an interest of any kind in said estate or any part thereof, will take notice that on the 18th day of October, 1920, Jefferson H. Thompson, the plaintiff herein, filed his Petition in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, against said defendants and each of them, the object and prayer of which is to quiet and confirm the title of the plaintiff in and to the real estate above described and to exclude and enjoin each and all of the said defendants from a right, title, claim or interest in and to said property or any part thereof. You and each of you are required to answer said Petition on or before the 29th day of November, A. D. 1920. Dated this 18th day of October, 1920. JEFFERSON H. THOMPSON, By Hoagland & Carr His Attorneys. 019-4wks

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT.

Florence Hayes, defendant will take notice that on the 30th day of June, 1920, Frank Hayes, Plaintiff, filed his petition in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from the said defendant on the grounds that the defendant willfully abandoned the plaintiff without good cause for more than two years immediately preceding the filing of his petition. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 22d day of November 1920. FRANK HAYES, Plaintiff. 012-4wks

NOTICE TO PAVING CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the City of North Platte, Nebr., will receive bids for paving and curbing where necessary in Paving Districts Numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 in said city according to plans and specifications adopted and

now on file in the office of the City Clerk and Reinforced Concrete pavement of said City.

Said bids to cover paving of the following described materials to-wit: Vertical Fibre Brick, Sheet Asphalt, Asphaltic Concrete, Wauwauite Bituminous.

The City Engineer's estimate on the cost of paving said four districts comprising approximately 69,900 sq. yds., is as follows:

Vertical Fibre Brick on Concrete base \$4.85 per sq. yd.
Sheet Asphalt on Concrete base \$3.77 per sq. yd.
Asphaltic concrete on Concrete base \$3.28 per sq. yd.
Wauwauite Bituminous on Concrete base \$4.58 per sq. yd.
Reinforced Concrete \$3.80 per sq. yd.

Bids must be on file with the City Clerk on or before eight o'clock p. m., of October 29, 1920, at which time they will be opened.

They must be made on the proposal in the specifications furnished by the City Clerk and accompanied by a certified check for an amount equal to two per cent of the bid made.

Said specification furnished upon application to the City Clerk for a fee of Five Dollars, said amount to be returned when plans and specifications are returned. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated October 7, 1920.
O. E. ELDER,
City Clerk.

Legal Notice.

Mary E. Wolf, Charles L. Wolf, her husband, Hattie Long and Frank Long, her husband, defendants, will take notice that on the 21st day of September, 1920, George E. Slade, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the District Court, Lincoln County, Nebraska, against said defendants

the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendants Mary E. Wolf and Charles L. Wolf to the plaintiff upon the following described real estate situated in Lincoln County, Nebraska, to-wit: The North-east quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19) Township Eleven (11) North of Range Thirty-two (32) West of the 6 P. M. to secure the payment of a certain promissory coupon note dated June 1st, 1915, for the sum of \$700.00 due and payable on June 1st, 1920, and five certain interest coupon notes thereto attached for the sum of \$42.00 each, one payable June 1st, 1916, one payable June 1st, 1917, one payable June 1st, 1918, one payable June 1st, 1919, and one payable June 1st, 1920, and also to secure the payment of taxes which the plaintiff did pay after default and neglect of said defendants to pay the same; that there is now due upon said notes and for taxes paid and on this mortgage the sum of \$826.38, for which sum with interest from this date plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You and each of you are required to answer said petition on or before the 15th day of November, 1920. Dated this 4th day of October, 1920. GEORGE E. SLADE, Plaintiff

By Hoagland & Carr,
05-4wks. His Attorneys.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION—1920.

By virtue of the authority in me vested and by direction of the laws of the State of Nebraska in such case made and provided, I, A. S. Allen, County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim that on Tuesday, the second day of November, 1920, during the hours designated by law, there will be held a general election at the usual voting places in said county for the election of the following officers, to-wit:

One (1) President of the United States.
On (1) Vice President of the United States.
One (1) Governor.
One (1) Lieutenant Governor.
One (1) Secretary of State.
One (1) Auditor of Public Accounts.
One (1) Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings.
One (1) State Treasurer.
One (1) Attorney General.
One (1) Superintendent of Public Instruction.
Two (2) Railway Commissioners.
Two (2) Regents of the State University.
One (1) Member of Congress, Sixth Congressional District.
One (1) State Senator, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District.
One (1) State Representative, Sixty-eighth District.
One (1) State Representative, Seventy-seventh District.
One (1) Judge of the Supreme Court
One (1) Chief Justice.
One (1) Judge of District Court, Thirteenth Judicial District.
One (1) County Judge.
One (1) Clerk of the District Court.
One (1) County Commissioner, First District.
One (1) County Commissioner, Third District.
One (1) Police Magistrate for the City of North Platte.
One (1) Precinct Assessor for each Precinct.
One (1) Overseer of Highways for each Road District.
Two (2) Justices of the Peace for each Precinct.

At the same time and places, a referendum on the Primary Law (House Roll No. 223, 1919) will be taken.

Said election will be held on the second day of November, A. D. 1920, at the several polling places within the county, between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Given under my hand and official seal this 4th day of October, A. D. 1920.

A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk
08-30da (SEAL)