A PERSON OF SOME IMPORTANCE

LLOYD OSBOURNE

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PROLOGUE.

Lovers of Romance, attention! of love in the shady lanes of New England-and what more can a George, he was going to see what it story reader want? The mystery, was! Follow Schwartz and find ont. of course, is introduced early in It was an astonishing sight that met close after. Together they go hand in hand through the pages the love remains.

You know, of course, about the author, Lloyd Osbourne. He that gawky youth. His expression learned how to write in a worthy was keen; his hand moved the key school, for he is a stepson of with lightning precision; he had an Robert Louis Stevenson. And no greater story teller than the latter ever lived.

CHAPTER XIV. A Startling Discovery.

N days had passed since the tug cast them off beyond the Golden Gate and with three toots of farewell left them to shift for themselves - ten days of heavenly peace, with the sails searcely touched and rustling softly before an unfailing breeze. In all there were seven men forward, who might have been seven authors, from the assidu ous way they read-grave, oldish mefor the most part, always glued books under that tarpaulin in th

waist. Herman was the only youth among them-tall, whitey-blond Herman, who tried to make friends with the passengers till he was squelched by the mate.

Schwartz, though less of a reader than Brandels or the others, very soon or walking up and down the poop in a brown study none dared to disturb. This was the only prerogative of a captain that he treated himself to, beyond taking his place at the head of the tabie. Mr. Brandels took all the observations, gave all the orders, shortened sail or ran up kites without even go ing through the form of consulting his superior. He was the virtual commander of the ship and made very little pretense that he was not. Matt noted that Schwartz stood no watch, but allowed his to be taken by the second mate, a ponderous individual of sixty, with white side whiskers, who was called Krantz and berthed forward with the men.

This familiarity between officers and men was new to Matt. Mr. Brandeis was not above mixing with them under the tarpaulin and adding his cigar and book to that sprawling circle Matt had to admit that the mate did not appear to lose caste in consequence. On the contrary, he was treated with great respect, and Herman in particular never failed to spring up at his approach.

The two Japanese, Yonida, the steward, and Fusi, the cook, were not behindhand, either, as readers.

An indefinable suspicion was beginning to creep into Matt's mind that there was something wrong with the ship. The transformation of Schwartz from an amiable, talkative, friendly little man into the taciturn creature who paced the poop or wrote for hours in his cabin struck oddly on Matt's attention. The gruff mate was gruffer than ever and showed an increasing disinclination to let Matt see the chart as the vessel's course was plotted from day to day. And these white and whiskered patriarchs? Was it a floating old men's home or what?

The humorous view with which these things were at first regarded changed imperceptibly as time wore on. Who was this strange Schwartz and this strange Brandels, and what had been the secret of the former's impulsive good will in San Francisco? Nothing now was heard of old south sea captains standing together. The amazing fact dawned on Matt that Schwartz was no seaman at all, but a landsman masquerading as the master of the vessel. Was it possible that they were prisoners on this singular ship-comfortable, well fed, politely treated pris-

oners? To increase Matt's misgivings, Chris. who was a lighter sleeper than himself, had been hearing "noises" in the middle of the night. She described them as "funny, snapping sounds" that commenced after Schwartz had passed their door and looked in, as though to assure himself that they were asleep. She was so positive of this that Matt determined to stay awake one night and see and hear for himself. If it were fancy on Chris' part the sooner she was undeceived the better, for she moments of passionately wishing they lands. So there was Schwartz all had never set foot on the Esmeralda.

Midnight struck-eight bells. Half after midnight-one bell. One o'clock -two bells. Half after 1-three bells. He grew drowsier and drowsier. Sud-

denly Chris clutched him. "He's coming," she whispered, "Matt, he's coming-I heard the door."

Matt held his breath. Schwartz was tiptoeing past their door. No, not past it, for the man stopped on his way and cast a quick glance within. He was in his pajamas. His face was a study of furtiveness and caution. Then he tiptoed on and was seen no more. "Didn't I tell you?" murmured Chris.

"In a moment the noises will begin." "Sh-h-h!" returned Matt. "Sh-h-!" It was more than a moment, how ever, before the quiet was disturbed. "There, there!" exclaimed Chris. A peculiar jarring sound became

faintly audible, as though some machinery had been set in motion. But it was too irregular for machinery and had an indescribable thrilling quality that Matt was at a loss to ac-Here's a story you will like. It count for. The cabin shivered with tells of mystery under the dreamy it. It was as fine as the lash of a moon of the Pacific islands and whip and as vicious, as it seemed to sting the air. Matt leaped from the bunk, despite Chris' entreaties. By

the tale, and the love- follows his gaze. Forward of the foremast was a sort of hut constructed of mattresses, forming a windbreak or shield open only to the fo'castle. Within it, of the story, never parting com- seated on a box, was Herman, bent pany until the-final chapter. over an apparatus and causing it by There the mystery departs, but means of a small brass handle to emit that astounding buzzing as well as an incessant sputter of sparks and flashes. There was no listlessness now in unmistakable air of mastery and skill as of a man engaged in something he

Wireless! Of course it was the wireless. Matt had read of it, but had never seen it before in action. Zi-sizizizizi-zi-zi-zi-zi zi zi! The brass lever darted up and down, lingered and snapped amid a splutter of sparks and flashes; the captain, holding a sheaf of papers with his thumb, reeled off sentence after sentence in a low, vibrant voice; the lantern light flickered over the yellow sheets, over Herman's bent head encased in a curious harness. over the gleaming apparatus. Occa- for sale at all times, for the nex sionally Schwartz was warned to stop. 100 years, unless I die in the The machine no longer transmitting, would receive. Zi, zizi, zi-zi-zi-with this time Herman repeating, word by word, the message thus mysteriously caught from space, while Schwartz harness and saddle. listened darkly, with preoccupation, seeing the unseen, weighing and understanding what was being told him.

Matt returned as he had come, more concerned than ever not to betray himran dry as a conversationalist. He be- | self. The discovery had daunted him; came bottled up and uncommunicative. he was in the grip of terror. He was spending hours at a time in his cabin so agitated that he could scarcely spending hours at a time in his cabin so agitated that he could scarcely speak, as Chris, on guard at the door, shut it behind him and breathlessly asked what he had seen. "They're working a wireless appara-

tus," he answered. "Wireless, Matt! You don't mean a 4 Common Sense Counts as 4

wireless telegraph?" "Yes. Herman's operating it, and ...

Schwartz is sending messages." "You actually saw them?"

"Yes, inside a lot of mattresses by the foremast to deaden the sound, of



It Was an Astonishing Sight That Met | . and accommodation of the . His Gaze.

they've kidnaped us."

"For us-yes."

and sent to prison?" alongside. But where is your Oregon? Chris, this whole ship and the ery when required from spare, will make up a bundle, and

wink us-to get us away." "But what could they want with us?"

John Mort!" "Oh. Matt!" "Yes. The same people who are de short notice. running this ship are the same that . WESTERN MACHINE AND . grumblers will hold their peace, . Veterinary College, is per- . In the Matter of the Estate of drove me out of Manaswan. Bribing ... me failed, force failed, but they were ... cunning enough to know that rather . Platts, 'Phone 362. was nervous and frightened and had than starve I'd double back to the isready, with his ship and his blarney

and his spider's wen across the road I was bound to take."

"Why hasn't the captain tried to make you tell-tried to force you to tell?"

"That's coming. As sure as I am alive that's coming when we reach the people who are answering our wireless. There's trouble ahead, Chris." "Well, in that case, you'll simply

have to take the only way out." "I'll never do that-never." "But, Matt, they might- Rather than have you hurt I'll tell everything called on the Herald.

myself." "You shan't."

"I will, Matt. I will!" "You don't know where this island is. You don't know the bearings. What could you tell them that they don't know?"

She whispered something back that blanched his face.

For a moment he was silent. It had never come to him that their deviltry might be turned against Chris. "I'll sink the ship first!" he cried.

(To Be Continued

ENTERTAINS THE "JOLLY SEVEN CLUB"

from Friday's Daily. At 8 o'clock last evening the Jolly Seven club" assembled at he home of the vice president Miss Edith Ramge. The diain oom was decorated with the club colors, while the other rooms louse and the girls enjoyed much leasure in searching for them. Other interesting games were dayed and at the right hour the nostess served a delightful threeourse luncheon. Shortly after his the guests departed, all one of the most delightful of the west. entertainers in the city.

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Mr. L. Furlong of Mt. Pleasant nade us twice happy one day not ong since.

Capt. Palmer has just returned from an extensive trip east.

lowa to court-law court we mean.

ing and evening.

Gen. Cunningham just arriv d e to by after nearly two onths' absence in Washington, good once more.

B rger-Johnson-At the resilence of the bride's father i mond G. Dovey, the said tax of 5 o k Bluffs, on he evening of vere hidden throughout the Bluffs, Cass county, Nebraska,

The O. K." barber shop is still unning and prospering, and Mr. E. M. Black, the genial proprietor, has just received a very able asstant, Mr. Chas. Murry, a young rishman from Baltimore, whom agreeing that Miss Ramge was be calls the champion hair-cutter

> he horsemen in town are out afer horse thieves. Two fine mares and stolen Tuesday night from 'r, Carnes, near Rock Bluffs, and he officers of justice are in hot INTERESTING DE-

Dan McKinnon, our lively handsome and hard-working county clerk, has left us for a short trip to Salt Lake and Denver for his health. Hope Dan will come back with the bloom of the

The Papillion Sentinel wants at the High school between the

of this engine will be oropriated \$2,400 to the grass- Steger, who gave the seniors their hopper sufferers. On the 26th a decision by three points. The fast as the business war- & Bros., Fargo & Co., and a num- The sophomores were representher of the most prominent firms ed by Elizabeth Hall, Raymond in the city are represented on that T. prson, Frances Morley and Paul

vid and Relief society leads us to and the residents of the city who h-lieve that no better men could attended and it is to be hoped that ... ratio havitable and im- be arranged for in the future. "tant work We feel that neh of the complaint emanates from those who do not give-and We're prisoners on this ship. Chris, & pairs or equipment that & prove constitutional grumblers. may be wanted. In addi- our people are no t yet fully "But isn't that a terrible thing to tion to our regular work we saware of the immense work that who suffer with weak back, dizzy

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> Omaha 'Phone D-5837. & ditional 5-mill tax, levied to meet + Office 606 Main. school expenses, and other city

applied for an injunction, and COMMISSION to the extent of 9 mills. The papers here show for themselves he nature of the case. Marquette, Sprague & Wheeler, for plaintiff; Chapman & Walker for the city. The injunction on furnace bonds, school bonds and general revenue funds was denied:

Order of Judge Lake-Edmund G. Dovey vs. the City of Plattsmouth, et al., Order at Cham-

And now on this 12th day of August, 1874, to which time the hearing had been adjourned, this cause came on to be heard, upon he motion of the plaintiff for a temporary injunction upon the etition, answers and exhibits, Sam Chapman goes over to and was agreed by counsel for both parties and the cause therefrom was taken under advisement by me, until Monday, the 17th day The Rev. Mr. Boag of Afton, of August, instant. And now lowa, will preach in the Presby- having considered the case, and terian church next Sunday, morn- having fully advised in the premises, it is ordered that the defendants, Jno. C. Cummins,

msurer, Cass county, and the can! Wm. Wintersteen. casurer, City of Plattsmouth, be D. C. His hearty hand-shake feels and they are severally enjoined from collecting by distress or sale of either of the real or personal operty of the said plaintiff, Ed-

the I vied for the payment of November 26th, by Elder C. Alton, the principal and interest of five vere elaborately trimmed in Mr. James W. Berger to Miss street bonds, issued to said Mc-Ihristmas decorations. Presents Susan C. Johnson, both of Rock Fntee, for work done on Chicago avenue in said city, and also the f ur mills general improvement " " so called, until the further der of the said court, but as to all other taxes mentioned in said James retition, the injunction is denied | and the order heretofore made, so far as it relates to said list menfurther ordered that the plaintiff give an undertaking as required James Robertson, State va. Albert Stevens State va. by law in the control of the control Sheriff Cutler, Deputy Dick by law, in the sum of \$200 se-Streight, Geo. Fickler, and half curity, to be approved by clerk of said district court.

Geo. B. Lake, Judge.

BATE AT THE HIGH

From Saturday's Daily

nother railroad from the U. P., nembers of the senior American near Papillion, south to a june- nistory class and the sophomore tion with the B. & M. near the old creek class on the subject of E. G. Hansen, road work, road Cedar Island crossing. All right, wo ahead and get it, or coax the Trunk road to build down this way.

Woman Suffrage, attracted a great deal of attention and the school auditorium was crowded with many visitors eager to hear district No. 12

Nicholas Opp, same Farmer's Grain Co., coal, road district No. 16

R. S. McCleery, concerte work, road district No. 9, Commissioners' road fund. the young men and women handle Hon, Wm, B. Porter was pres- this question, which is becoming (Formerly Chopie Gasoline . ent at the meeting of the ex- such a vital one in this country. cutive committee of the aid so- Both sides on the debate handled ciety last week at Omaha and their parts in an able manner and H. A. Funke, same At the solicitation of our & gave it as his opinion that the while the decision of the judges friends we have taken over range could and would under- was in favor of the seniors, who the above works with a view is take the distribution of seeds, appeared on the negative side of of expanding the business of etc., next spring; but did not the question, the decision was along conservative lines. Only think it advisable for the grange very close and the defeated We shall continue to + 'o take up the work of the aid so- sophomores have cause to feel manufacture the Patent diety, which has been well and proud of the fine showing they also Gasoline Engine heretofore delivery ably performed—and the Hon. W. made and the manner in which the debate was handled. The judges of the debate were Misses We have noticed elsewhere that Newbranch and Moore of the be Chicago Board of Trade ap- High school faculty and Rev. J. H. mmittee from the principal members of the senior class tak- district organtile houses was formed, ing part in the debate were Byron he will soit on the firms in their Arries, Violet Freese, Waldemar inc. viold Leifer & Co., Keith Soennichsen and Sophia Ulrich. -the the are normal acquaint- mandlar. The occasion was one, on with -ost of the board of however, that greatly pleased all onegers of the Nebraska State thes tudents of the High school " and in our state, to have one meetings of this kind can

YOUNG WOMEN: NUMBER SURPRISING.

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Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 16, 1912. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, C. R. Jordan, C. E. Heebner and Julius A. Pitz, County Commis-sioners; D. C. Morgan, County Clerk, Minutes of previous session read and approved, when the following business was transacted in regular form:
County Treasurer instructed to cancel tax for year 1889, also fax sale thereon on lot 18 SW of SW Sec. 1-70-10, same land as lot 15 Reed's Add to Weeping Water City. Taxes having been paid on lot 15, Reed's Addition.
The following claims were allowed on the General fund:
C. E. Heebner, salary and mile-Minutes of previous session read as C. E. Heebner, salary and mile-

P. Falter, agent, Insurance on poor nouse . H. Jordan, salary and mile-The University Publishing Co., examination papers, third quarter frs. A. L. Marshall, care of Mrs. A. L. Marshall, care of Mack Barger, September 20 to December 20, 1913 Burrows Adding Machine Co. Ribbon to County Treasurer A. Bach, mdse, to J. Monroe. A. Bach & Co., mdse, to Mrs.

Kushinsky James Robertson, State vs. Herman Julius A. Pitz, salary and mileecd & Taylor, agents, insur-ance on court house Nebraska Lighting Co., gas to jail, court house and street jamp Stander & Stander, burial of E. Hefmile B. I. Clements, inquest E. Plattsmouth Journal, printing

Johnson, mdse to Mrs. Archer, State vs. Joseph Roe D. Quinton, same lames Robertson, fees ames W. Probpst, State vs. Perry Briggs Clevelaid Robertson, State vs. ames Robertson, Kuhny & Jacobi ames Robertson, John McGee State State vs. Robertson. Walter Carter, et al.... mes Robertson, State James Roberts Wm. Bratton Robertson, State vs. Robertson, State vs. ames Robertson, State vs. James Biddlecomb ames Robertson, State vs.

C. W. Clark, meals to puspers 2.60 The following claims, were allowed on the Bond funds: Wm. Muenchau, same, No. 16., Fred Muenchau, same Dan Muenchau, same

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C. Hatsook, same
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work, road district No. 12
E. Allen, same, No. 16
ee Arnett Co., culvert, road
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R. S. McCleery, same

Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, December 17, 1913. D. C. MORGAN, County Clerk.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 17, 1913.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.
Present, C. R. Jordan, C. E. Heebner and Julius A. Pitz, County Commissioners: D. C. Morgan, County Clerk.
When the following business was transacted in regular form:
The following bonds were approved:
H. D. McNurlin, constable, Weeping
Water City.

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received by the county clerk of Cass county on or before noon January 1st, 1514, for furnishing the following Books, Risaks and Stationery for said county during the pear 1914.

CLASS A—BOOKS
1-8 quire Chattel Mortgage Record, 1-5 quire Claim Register (printed head). Water City. A. F. Seybert, road overseer, road district No. 2.
P. S. Barnes, justice of the peace, Weeping Water City.
E. B. Taylor, same.
Fred Spahnle, constable, Tipton precinct.

1-8 quire med. Deed Record (printed page).
Lands (printed head).
1-6 quire med. Index to Delinquent Lands (printed head).
1-8 cuire med. Deed Record (loose

C. F. Vallery, same, No. 1.

E. Manspeaker, deputy county county criff.

3. I. Clements, county coroner.

The following claims were allowed the General fund: hey Bros. material for tem. B. I. Clements, county coroner, The following claims were allowed on the General fund:

Richey Bros., material for temporary home at poor farm. \$259.75

E. Ratnour & Co., casket for Johnson \$2.00

I. H. Tams, extra labor at poor farm. \$259.75

M. Sheldon, laying sewerpipe at farm. \$259.75

Succeed T. Comer, quarantine smallpox and scarlet fever. \$259.75

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In County Court.

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Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 13th day of Junuary, 1914, and on the 15th day of July, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., ach day for examination, adjust-

ent and allowance, All claims must be filed in said court on or before said last hour of hearing.

Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 9th day of December, 1913. (Seal) ALLEN J. BEESON,

County Judge, C. E. TEFFT, Attorney.

12-15-iwks 47.85 In District Court, Cass County,

Nebraska. In the Matter of the Guardianship of George Schuldice and Harry Schuldice, Minors:

Now on this 30th day of November, 1913, this cause came on 13.00 to be heard upon the petition of Albert Schuldice, guardian, pray-5.00 ing for license to sell each of 20.00 said minors one-twelfth interest \$.00 in the following lands, to-wit: Lot eighteen (18), in Section 26.95 seven (7), Township twelve (12), 60.00 Range fourteen (14), in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for the purpose 14.75 of reinvesting the proceeds to so thereof to a better advantage for

s. ss said minors. It is ordered that the next of kin of said minors and all per-30.30 sons interested in said matter 6.83 appear before me at the District 5.85 Court Room at Pinttsmouth, in 41.25 Cass County, Nebraska, on the 4.83 30th day of January, 1914, at 9 o'clock a, m, to show cause why 10.20 a license should not be granted to 7.00 said guardian as above set forth.

That notice of the time and 11.95 place of said hearing be given by 7.00 publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal for three weeks prior to the 30th day 7.00 of January, 1914. 10.10

JAMES T. BEGLEY, District Judge. 12-4-3wks

1.75 16.35 In Re Frinte of Orin P. Monroe,

In Pe Pointe of Orin P Monroe,
Deceased.

To All Persons Interested:
You are bereby notified that on
December 3, 1913, Anna Amelia Monrec flied her petition in the County
of Court of Cass County, Nebrasha, requesting the appointment of N. K.
Peoples as administrator of the estate
of Orin P. Monroe, deceased, and alleging that said deceased died intesaid petition at the office of the County Judge, Court House, Platiamouth,
Cass County, Nebrasha, on Jamusry 1,
1914, at align o'clock a.m., before
which hour all objections thereto
must be flied.

By the Court.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
Chanty Judge.

RAWLS & ROBERTSON, Judge.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the County Court in and for Coss County, Nebruska. 10.40 In the Matter of the Estate of Harvey
D. Travis, Deceased.
To the Creditors of the Above Estate:
You are hereby notified that hearings upon all claims against said estate will be had at the office of the

> By the Court.
> ALLEN J. BEESON. RAWLS & ROBERTSON,

head). Lomeyer, road overseer, road 1-8 quire med. Deed Record (loose No. 5.

Rubber Bands, assorted, No. 100, per box.
Red Writing Fluid, per quart.
Separate bids must be made on each class of supplies in the estimate.
The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.
Bids will be addressed to County Clerk and marked 'Proposals for Books, Blanks and Stationery.
Hidders must file good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of their contract.

hearings will be had upon claims extra fine Christmas seals and filed against said estate, before cards can be found at the Jour-