

A PERSON OF SOME IMPORTANCE

LLOYD OSBOURNE

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PROLOGUE.

Lovers of Romance, attention! Here's a story you will like. It tells of mystery under the dreamy moon of the Pacific islands...

You know, of course, about the author, Lloyd Osbourne. He learned how to write in a worthy school, for he is a stepson of Robert Louis Stevenson.

CHAPTER XIV.

A Startling Discovery.

Lloyd had passed since the tug cast them off beyond the Golden Gate and with three toots of farewell left them to shift for themselves...

Schwartz, though less of a reader than Brandels or the others, very soon ran dry as a conversationalist. He became bottled up and uncommunicative, spending hours at a time in his cabin or walking up and down the poop in a brown study...

This familiarity between officers and men was new to Matt. Mr Brandels was not above mixing with them under the tarpaulin and adding his cigar and book to that sprawling circle...

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.

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

It was more than a moment, however, 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 account for.

It was an astonishing sight that met his gaze. Forward of the foremast was a sort of hut constructed of mattresses, forming a windbreak or shield, open only to the fore-castle.

Wireless. Of course it was the wireless. Matt had read of it, but had never seen it before in action. Zl-si-zl-zl-zl-zl-zl-zl!

"They're working a wireless apparatus," he answered. "Wireless, Matt! You don't mean a wireless telegraph?"

"Yes, inside a lot of mattresses by the foremast to deaden the sound, of course, and keep us from hearing. We're prisoners on this ship, Chris. They've kidnaped us."

"But isn't that a terrible thing to do?" "For us—yes. But couldn't they all be punished and sent to prison?"

"Possibly, if the Oregon ranged alongside. But where is your Oregon? Chris, this whole ship and the whole crew must have been waiting for us in San Francisco, like a lot of spiders for two little flies, Tokelaus. We'll never see any Tokelaus. That was all part of the scheme to hoodwink us—to get us away."

"But what could they want with us?" "Want with us! Why, they want John Mort!" "Oh, Matt!" "Yes. The same people who are running this ship are the same that drove me out of Manaswan. Bribing me failed, force failed, but they were cunning enough to know that rather than starve I'd double back to the islands. So there was Schwartz all ready with his ship and his blarney

and his spider's web 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 myself."

She whispered something back that blanched his face. For a moment he was silent. It had never come to him that their devilry 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 the home of the vice president, Miss Edith Range.

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IN PLATTSMOUTH FORTY YEARS AGO

Items of Interest to Our Readers Gleaned from the Newspaper Files of Many Years Ago.

J. T. Lloyd of Eight Mile Grove called on the Herald.

Mr. L. Furlong of Mt. Pleasant made us twice happy one day not long since.

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

Sam Chapman goes over to Iowa to court—law court we mean.

The Rev. Mr. Boag of Afton, Iowa, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening.

Gen. Cunningham just arrived in Plattsmouth after nearly two months' absence in Washington, D. C.

The "O. K." barber shop is still running and prospering, and Mr. E. M. Black, the genial proprietor, has just received a very able assistant, Mr. Chas. Murry, a young freeman from Baltimore.

Sheriff Cutler, Deputy Dick Straight, Geo. Fickler, and half the horsemen in town are out after horse thieves.

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.

The Papillion Sentinel wants another railroad from the U. P., near Papillion, south to a junction with the B. & M.

Hon. Wm. E. Porter was present at the meeting of the executive committee of the aid society last week at Omaha.

We have noticed elsewhere that the Chicago Board of Trade appropriated \$2,100 to the grass-hopper sufferers.

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applied for an injunction, and the court allowed an injunction to the extent of 9 mills. The papers here show for themselves the nature of the case.

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

And now on this 12th day of August, 1874, to which time the hearing had been adjourned, this cause came on to be heard.

By order of the court, Geo. B. Lake, Judge.

INTERESTING DEBATE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY

The debate yesterday afternoon at the High School between the members of the senior American history class and the sophomore class on the subject of "Woman Suffrage," attracted a great deal of attention.

The members of the senior class taking part in the debate were Byron Arries, Violet Freese, Waldemar Sebnichsen and Sophia Ulrich.

The sophomores were represented by Elizabeth Hall, Raymond Larson, Frances Morley and Paul Handlar.

The occasion was one, however, that greatly pleased all the students of the High School and the residents of the city who attended and it is to be hoped that more meetings of this kind can be arranged for in the future.

LEGAL NOTICE. In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

Maggie E. Davis, Plaintiff. To Maggie E. Davis: You are notified that Frank A. Davis, on the 5th day of August, A. D. 1913, commenced an action for divorce against you.

LEGAL NOTICE. In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, In the Matter of the Estate of William H. Betts, sr., Deceased; Notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased that hearings will be had upon claims filed against said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, on the second day of February, A. D. 1914.

O. Sandin, D. V. M., graduate of the Kansas City Veterinary College, is permanently located in Plattsmouth.

Owing to the belief that the additional 5-mill tax, levied to meet school expenses, and other city expenses was illegal, Mr. Dovey applied for an injunction...

COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 16, 1913. Board met pursuant to adjournment.

County Treasurer instructed to cancel tax for year 1912, also tax sale thereon on lot 18 SW of SW Sec. 1-7-10, same land as lot 15 Reed's Add. to Weeping Water City.

County Clerk M. C. Morgan, County Clerk. The following claims were allowed on the General fund:

W. E. Heebner, salary and mileage \$ 47.85 J. P. Falter, agent, insurance on poor house 24.40 C. H. Jordan, salary and mileage 45.50

The following claims were allowed on the Road funds:

Henry Wessel, hardware for road district No. 2 1.75 J. W. Wessell, same, No. 12 16.05

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, C. H. Jordan, C. E. Heebner and J. H. Johnson, County Commissioners.

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Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 13th day of January, 1914, and on the 15th day of July, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m., each day for examination, adjustment 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.

In District Court, Cass County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of George Schuldie and Harry Schuldie, Minors.

Now on this 30th day of November, 1913, this cause came on to be heard upon the petition of Albert Schuldie, guardian, praying for license to sell each of said minors one-twelfth interest in the following lands, to-wit:

Lot eighteen (18), in Section seven (7), Township twelve (12), Range fourteen (14), in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds thereof to a better advantage for said minors.

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

JAMES T. BEGLEY, District Judge.

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