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CHAPTER II. Abner's Decision.

HOWARD and Cora had reached the veranda in the rear and were quite alone and unobtrusive. Obediently a sudden impulse, he took her face between his two hands. His fine eyes were full of passion as he raised her lips toward his. Suddenly he paused, dropped his hands, and his lips grew firm, his jaw set. "I shall not kiss you," he said bluntly. "Other men have kissed you. You admitted it once, and you had no idea how it stabbed my dream to the core. If I were to kiss you, Cora, I'd never leave you."

bed before a wide open window. "I wonder," she mused, "if I do love him? I don't know, and yet—and yet!"

After breakfast the next day Howard sauntered out on the street and looked about him. Several white hooded wagons from the mountains were standing near to the sidewalk, their owners passing from store to store with samples of produce. Clerks were sweeping out the stores and displaying their wares. It was a busy, attractive scene. With a fresh pang at heart Howard realized that there was only one other day before him and all this would be out of his life. In a group of farmers and clerks in front of Tarp's widely advertised "emporium" he noticed a tall, brawny farmer shaking hands with everybody that passed. It was Pole Baker, who, with a valise in hand, had just alighted from the south bound train. He had laughing brown eyes, a great shock of stiff chestnut hair and a bushy mustache. Seeing Howard, he came to him with his bronzed hand extended cordially. "How are you, Howard, old boy?" he said. "Didn't look for you home so quick, did you—after our long talks about Texas? Here I am back on the old stompin' ground, an' they tell me, by gum, that you are jest gettin' ready to go."

ed slightly, dropped her eyes and then smiled sweetly.

"Early for me to get in, isn't it?" she asked. "Uncle Ab was coming and brought me along in his buggy. I have some things to buy for mother."

He took her hand and experienced a certain reluctance to releasing it. She had often comforted him in trouble, and he yearned now to open his heart to the boundless sympathy he knew she would lavish for him.

"I looked for you at the dance last night," he said, turning and walking along with her. "I thought you were to be there."

"Mr. Tarp asked me, but I was too tired to go," she said. "I had worked hard all day making a dress for my mother. At the last minute I sent him word not to come for me. I was completely fagged out. The ride would have finished me. I could not have danced a step. I did not know till today that it was given partly in your honor or else I should have come. I thought it was intended wholly for that Atlanta girl."

"Whom you never liked," he smiled significantly.

"I hardly know her," Mary averted her eyes. Her tone was cold and her pretty lips were set sensitively. "The day I dined with you at the hotel I heard her say she had no use for women—that she liked only men. I am not finding fault, but I can't get on with a girl who talks like that. She had an eye for everything I had on and seemed to me to be sneering at my poor clothes."

"Oh, you girls, you girls!" Howard laughed. "You don't want to understand one another. Cora Langham is not a bit like that, and I've no doubt that she may misjudge you also."

"I shan't tell you all I think about her," Mary answered. "It would do no good, anyway, since you are going away."

"I know you think she is a flirt," Howard returned half tentatively. "You hinted at something of the sort when she first came to Darley."

Mary shrugged her shoulders, and her lip curled slightly. "Why are we always discussing her?" she demanded coldly. "Is there nothing else for us to talk about the day before you leave? You are coming out to see your mother before you go, aren't you, Howard?"

"Yes; oh, yes," he said, with a frown. "and my father too. I am not going to part with him in anger if I can help it."

"Oh, I'm so glad to hear you say that," Mary's eyes shone as if from rising tears. "After all, he is your father and cannot help feeling as he does. He belongs to an earlier age than ours, Howard."

They were now at the door of Tarp's lively establishment. The young proprietor, a man of medium height and weight, was directing two clerks in arranging great stacks of dress goods on the sidewalks. He was partly bald, wore a brown mustache and had a merry, active air. Seeing the two friends, he greeted them smilingly, shaking hands with Mary with a slight touch of awkwardness.

"I cut that dance out, Miss Mary," he said. "When I got your message I kept on my working clothes and spent the time checking off the invoice of a big shipment of notions that had just come from New York. I closed the front door and kept hard at it till after midnight. I could hear the sawing of the fiddles, but it didn't bother me. A live business man can't keep pace with these nimble toed society chaps. I've got to make this thing go." He waved his hand toward the interior of the store. "I'm making this sleepy old town up with modern business methods. I hold that the best field for energy is in the slow places. You see, every move you make and every ad you put out attracts attention. If I was Howard, now, I'd think twice before I quit old Darley. If I was him I'd rake up the seeds and start me a sheet of my own that would make the Clarion take a back seat and quit altogether."

"That's what I've often told him," Mary answered, with a timid glance at Howard, "but he has made up his mind to go."

Leaving Mary to make her purchases, Howard turned away. At the postoffice he met Abner Daniel with some papers and letters in his hands. Abner touched him on the arm and drew him to one side. "Have you bought yore ticket yet?" he asked.

"No, not yet," Howard answered. "It is ready for me, though. I can get it at any moment."

Abner seemed to hesitate. He rolled his quid of tobacco between his short, yellow teeth and said: "I want to ax you a favor, Howard. You may think it peculiar an' I ain't quite ready to explain, but would you mind not buyin' yore ticket till I see you?"

"Ah, you are thinking of going with me, Good!" the young man exclaimed joyfully.

"No, that hain't it," Abner said. "I won't say now why I want you to wait, but will you do it? I'll see you ag'in today."

"Of course I will," Howard promised. "I was not going to get my ticket till tomorrow anyway."

"All right, I'll see you after awhile," Abner said in a tone of relief, and he turned away.

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the longest one the Lord ever made from the chin to the little knot she wears on top, an' I begin to think it's got sense in it. She contended that Texas wasn't a bit better for a man with a wife an' whole raft o' children than this section. Well, that went on till she finally agreed to let me go see what it was like. I had a mule an' a horse both, an' I sold the mule for enough to buy a round trip prospector's ticket. Then I bought a new suit o' clothes—this un I got on—from Tarp in that on a credit an' started off, an' I had rotten luck from the start."

When Baker left him Howard's morbid discomfiture increased. The man's account had quite completed his disillusionment over his project. His better judgment told him that he had been wrong in making such an important decision in anger, and yet he had too much pride to admit his error. He did not want to leave home now, but he saw no way out of it.

On the corner of the street he suddenly met Mary Trumbley. She flushed slightly, dropped her eyes and then smiled sweetly.

NEHAWKA.
News.

F. L. Nutzman left Tuesday afternoon for a business trip in western Nebraska.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George Bates, Wednesday, March 22, a daughter.

G. E. Young went to Kansas City Tuesday afternoon, where he will receive medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stone came down from Elmwood Saturday to spend a short time at the home of D. C. West.

Mrs. Stuart Rough was a passenger to Falls City Saturday to spend a few days with her daughters, Ethel and Genevra Rough.

Mrs. S. M. Cox returned to her home in Lincoln Monday after a week's visit with her son, Allen Cox, and family, taking Geraldine with her.

R. Kettlehut took his small son, Vilas, to Omaha Tuesday in his car, where Vilas underwent an operation. Herbert Opp accompanied them.

A bouncing baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cox early Monday morning. The little miss weighed seven pounds and will be known as Ruby Gertrude. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Last Wednesday afternoon occurred the marriage of Chester Bashford and Miss Karin Kindblom at the office of County Judge Bishop in Nebraska City. They were accompanied by Miss Fae Fulton and Harold Kindblom, brother of the bride, who were witnesses.

UNION.
Ledger.

Joseph Childester and family of Fort Crook came down last Sunday and spent the day visiting with Union relatives and friends.

Matt McQuinn departed last Friday afternoon for the northern part of the state to visit relatives and attend to some business matters.

Mrs. K. D. Clark came down from Weeping Water last Sunday to spend the day with relatives and friends in and near this village.

Mrs. Cecil Finlayson and children came down from Lincoln last Sunday and made a short visit with her parents, A. H. Childester and wife.

D. B. Chapman departed last Friday for Lincoln to spend a few days visiting, after which he will go to Ashland to make a visit with his son and family.

Will Reynolds, who is employed in Omaha as auditor for the American Telephone & Telegraph company, came down last Saturday and visited over Sunday with his parents, J. T. Reynolds and wife.

Mrs. Harry Thomas and children came down from Plattsmouth last Saturday to make a visit with Mrs. Nancy Garrison. Harry took a few hours off Saturday evening and came down to make a short visit here, and was a caller at the Ledger office.

Earl Ross of Lyons, Neb., died at his home last Monday after an illness of only a short duration. Earl was well known here, and was a son of John Ross and wife, former residents of Union, but now living at Walthill, Neb. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

J. P. Becker of Wichita, Kansas, a brother of our "Honest Abe," and well known here, suffered a stroke of apoplexy on Wednesday night of last week, and for a time his condition was very serious, but at last reports received from there he was recovering slowly, and some hopes were entertained for his recovery.

LOUISVILLE.
Courier.

William Lehnhoff came down from Lincoln Tuesday morning to visit the old farm south of town and call on old-time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stander drove to Greenwood Sunday to spend the day with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Berger.

A. L. Gash of Elmwood drove over Thursday. He has bought a home in Elmwood, and reports all kinds of business in that vicinity flourishing.

Judge J. W. Brobst returned Wednesday from a nine days' stay at the hospital in Omaha, where he was treated for heart trouble. He is much improved in health.

Scott McGraw has purchased two lots east of the school house and is having a five-room bungalow erected into which he expected to move his family within the next six weeks.

T. E. Parmele has just received word from his niece, Miss Marjorie Agnew, of Lincoln, that she is in

Honolulu for a short stay, having gone there a few weeks ago with a party of friends from Lincoln.

Charles A. Hoover, who has been in the employ of the Missouri Pacific as bridge carpenter, for the past six years, has resigned and accepted a position with the Minneapolis Threshing company at Lincoln.

Charles Urwin was at Omaha last week where he underwent an operation on his nose for the removal of a growth. This is about the fifth operation for the same trouble, as the operations have never proven permanent.

We note by the Plattsmouth Journal that County Commissioner Julius A. Pitz and bridge have returned from their wedding trip, which included an extensive southern trip. The Courier extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

WEeping WATER.
Republican.

Charley Meyers shipped a car of fat cattle to the South Omaha market Tuesday that sold for \$9.20 and brought \$126.78 per head.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vandenberg of Murdock, spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Jones, and family.

Dr. W. O. Colburn and wife came down from Lincoln in their auto Sunday and spent the day at the home of the doctor's aunt, Mrs. Henry Hubbard.

Mrs. E. W. Leavitt and little daughter Lois of Bethany, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. C. Lyle, returned home Tuesday morning.

Miss Maude McNamee was visiting her brothers, Clyde and Arthur, at Falls City, from Friday until Sunday evening. She was accompanied home by her brother Clyde and his wife, who will spend the week here.

Mrs. P. S. Barnes and her daughter, Mrs. Lena Ralston, returned Friday morning from an extended visit in California and the coast country. Mrs. Barnes had been gone five months; her daughter was not gone so long.

Harold Marshall and James Miller left Saturday for the northwest in search of homesteads. Their first stop will be in Alliance and if they don't find one of Uncle Sam's free farms to suit they will journey on to Wyoming, Montana and possibly Dakota.

Fred Wildrick and family, who were reported as moving to the country last week have moved back to town. The country climate or atmosphere was not agreeable. We understand several other families have tried the same altitude this spring with the same result.

Cecil Davis received a broken collar-bone last Thursday while helping Dan Switzer load hogs. One fat porker tripped Cecil and he fell so hard his collar bone was broken. Cecil has played foot ball and has had many a hard fall, but it seems as though no foot ball player ever tripped him so hard as that porker.

ELMWOOD.
Leader-Echo.

Mrs. Fred Schaefer was operated on at a Lincoln hospital Wednesday. Attorney Deles Demier went to Lincoln Wednesday to attend Masonic grand lodge, and also to look after some legal business.

W. C. Bartlett left Thursday morning for New Sharon, Ia., in answer to a message announcing the serious illness of his mother from pneumonia.

George Penterman and E. J. Jeary made a business trip to Chase county Wednesday of last week. They returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion McCrocy received word from Houston, Tex., last week announcing the birth of a nine pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilcockson on March 12.

B. I. Clements is at work this week breaking the old building west of the American Exchange bank where he will build a nice brick structure. He is being assisted by Dennis Sharpless.

W. R. Ryan, county assessor, was here Tuesday looking after matters pertaining to the real estate assessment. He was also greeting his friends in the interest of his candidacy for county treasurer on the democratic ticket at the coming primary election.

The school board met Monday evening at the school house and received the signatures of teachers who contract to teach during the next school term. They are Prof. Parmenter, and Misses Ethel McAfee, Louise McNerney, Madeline Clayton, Gladys Marshall and Eva Pickwell.

J. G. Wunderlich of Nehawka, was in Elmwood last Saturday in the interest of his candidacy for sheriff of Cass county at the coming primary election. John is an all round clean fellow, and is capable of filling with credit the office to which he aspires. A

vote for him is a vote for a good and efficient sheriff. He is a pleasant gentleman and will appeal to the people, and from the present indications will receive good support throughout the county.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The undersigned will offer for sale at Public Auction at the Propst home in Mynard, commencing at 1:30 P. M. on

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH.

The following described property, to-wit:

- One black mare, 12 years old, weight 1,300.
- One black horse, 12 years old, weight 1,200.
- One black team, 6 years old, weight 2,300.
- Three cows with calves at side.
- Two yearling steers.
- Two heifers, coming two years old.
- Three steers, coming two years old.
- Seven heifers, coming yearlings.
- One bull, coming two years old.
- One pure bred gilt, eligible to register, bred for May farrow.

Farm Implements.

- One Kingman two-row machine.
- Two J. I. Case riding listers.
- One tongue Avery cultivator.
- One New Departure cultivator.
- One sod disc.
- One new J. I. Case disc.
- One new Kingman corn planter.
- One top buggy.
- One new top buggy.
- One overhead pump jack.
- One new buggy pole.
- Three pairs new buggy shafts.
- One set 1 1/2 inch harness, brass mounted.
- Two sets 1 1/2 inch harness.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; on sums over \$10, a credit of eight months will be given, purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing eight per cent interest from date. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises.

W. E. PROPST.
R. L. PROPST, Clerk.

INJURED WHILE ENGAGED IN PAINTING A BOX CAR

The further particulars of the accident which befell James Higley, jr., a few days ago at Muskogee, Oklahoma, have been received here by the relatives of the young man. It seems that he was engaged in painting a box car in the railroad yards at Muskogee and while a very high wind was blowing which dislodged a large timber from the pile on the car and this was blown over the side where James was working and in falling struck him a severe glancing blow on the head, which rendered him unconscious as well as inflicting a bad laceration of the scalp. The injured man was placed on a train and hurried to Sedalia, Missouri, where he was placed in the railroad hospital in that city. It required several stitches to close the wound but the patient is reported as doing nicely at the present time and it is not thought that the injury will prove at all serious.

W. A. ROBERTSON,
Lawyer.
East of Riley Hotel.
Coates' Block,
Second Floor.

Office supplies at the Journal office.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, J. L. Russell, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the State of Nebraska and praying that a license may be issued to the said J. L. Russell for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on lot six (6), in block thirty-three (33), in the Fourth ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

J. L. RUSSELL, Applicant.
March 16, 1916.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, Wm. Henriksen, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the State of Nebraska and praying that a license may be issued to the said Wm. Henriksen for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on the west half of lot twelve (12), in block twenty-four (24), in the Fourth ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

WM. HENRIKSEN, Applicant.
March 16, 1916.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, Ed. Donat, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the State of Nebraska and praying that a license may be issued to the said Ed. Donat for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on the west half of lot twelve (12), in block twenty-nine (29), in the First ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

ED. DONAT, Applicant.
March 16, 1916.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public that the undersigned, Adolph Giese, has filed his petition and application in the office of the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, County of Cass, and State of Nebraska, as required by law, signed by the required number of resident free-holders of the said city, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the State of Nebraska and praying that a license may be issued to the said Adolph Giese for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from the date of the hearing of said application in a building situated on the west half of lot six (6), in block thirty-four (34), in the First ward of the said City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

ADOLPH GIESE, Applicant.
March 16, 1916.

NOTICE OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE.

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

Sidonie Reames, Plaintiff,
vs.
George Mackie, et al., Defendants.

To the defendants, George Mackie, Mrs. George Mackie, first real name unknown, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of George Mackie, deceased, first real name unknown, deceased; Charles Stoll, Mrs. Charles Stoll, first real name unknown, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Charles Stoll, deceased; the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Mrs. Charles Stoll, first real name unknown, deceased, the unknown owners and unknown claimants of lot three (3), in block five (5), in the Village of Cedar Creek, Nebraska.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1916, Plaintiff filed her suit in the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska, to quiet plaintiff's title in the following described real estate to-wit: Lot three (3) in block five (5), in the Village of Cedar Creek, in the county of Cass, Nebraska, because of her adverse possession by herself and her grantors for more than ten years prior to the commencement of this suit to enjoin each and all of you from having or claiming any right, title, lien or interest therein, or any part thereof, or to said land or any part thereof, to require said land to set forth your right, title, lien or interest therein, if any, either legal or equitable, and to have the same adjudged inferior to the title of plaintiff and for general equitable relief. This notice is made pursuant to the order of the Court.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, April 10, A. D. 1916, or your default will be duly entered thereon.

SIDONIE REAMES, Plaintiff.
W. A. ROBERTSON, Attorney.
3-26-16wks

If you have anything for sale advertise in the Journal.