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CHAPTER XVIII. Appleton Confronts Gordon,

"Please don't.' You have been very good and sweet to me, but"- She shook her dark head, "You couldn't marry me-even if I cared for you in that way."

"Why? I intend to marry you whether you want to or not."

"Oh, Dan, it wouldn't do! You know up. Somebody would speak of it some time.

Dan's blue eyes went cold and smoky as he said:

"It would take a pretty brave person to mention the subject in my presence. urged her toward the hall. I don't care a whoop for anything Gordon or your family may say or do."

into the library. Recognizing Natalie's caller, he frowned.

"What is this?" he inquired coldly. "A proposal? Do I interrupt?" "You do," said Dan; then, after a

pause, "I'll finish it when you leave." Gordon entered and spoke to his stepdaughter. "What is this man doing in my

house?" "He is here at my invitation," she

"Why don't you tell me?" cried Dan. "I don't need an interpreter."

"Young man, don't be rash. There is a limit to my patience. If you have the indecency to come here after what you have done and after what your sister has said about me, I shall cer-

tainly"-Dan broke in roughly: "I didn't come to see you, Gordon. You may be an agreeable sight to some people, but you're no golden sunset in my eyes. Eliza flattered you."

Natalie gave a little terrified cry. for the men were glaring at each other savagely. Neither seemed to hear her-

"Did you read that article?" "Read it? I wrote it!" Gordon's face flamed suddenly with rage. He pointed to the door with

trembling fingers and shouted discharged you once. Get out?"

utterance was rapid and thick Dan smiled mirthlessly, dangerously.

In a soft voice he said: "I haven't finished proposing. I ex-

me, I know."

"Will you go, you"-Dan turned to the girl, who after bound, her face pale, her eyes shining, and seized the steering wheel as the "Natalie, dear," he said earnestly,

"you can't live in the same house with this beast. He's a cheat and a scoundrei. He's done his best to spoil your | said, "There's a sky pilot in Omar, life, and he'll succeed if you stay, so and pressed her to him. come with me now. Eliza loves you and wants you, and I'll never cease loving you with all my heart. Marry me and we'll go"-

Gordon uttered an inarticulate sound and came forward with his hands

his shoulder, and his white teeth | were so sincere, his manner so hearty gleamed in sudden contrast with his | that Dan forgot his embarrassmen tan. "No man could love you as I do. | and took a shameless delight in adver dear"- Gordon's clutch fell upon him i tising his happiness. Nor did Murra and tightened. Dan stiffened, and his stop with mere words; he summone his flesh became unbearable, Whirl- night with a celebration such as it had ing, he wrenched himself free. He | nover before known. The company was like a wild animal now. Body | chef had been busy all day, the com and spirit had leaped into rebellion at | missary had been ransacked, and the contact with Gordon. His long re- | wedding supper was of a nature to in sentment burst its bounds. His lean | terfere with office duties for many nauscles quivered. His frame trembled | days thereafter. Tom Siater made as if it restrained some tremendous | congratulatory speech-in reality, pressure from within.

and brushed the sleeve where his ene- openly confessed that his digestic my's fingers had rested as if it had was now impaired beyond relief. Oth

thing unclean. He battered down the but seldom in the weeks that followed. big man's guard; right and left he rained blows, stepping forward as his vic- clusion had but one meaning-the man tim fell back. Gordon reeled, he paw- was broken hearted. She did not coned wildly, he swung his arms, but they | sider that there might be other reasons encountered nothing. Yet he was a for his constant presence at the giaheavy man, and, although half stunned | ciers. by the sudden onslaught, he managed | Of course since the unwelcome pubagainst the heavy mahogany reading story O'Neil had been in close touch retreat ended there; another blow and ment had convinced the Englishman price. But we must know definitely WANTED-Man and wife for farm his knees buckled, his arms sagged, of his imporence in the affair. A vigor-Then Dan summoned all his strength ous investigation might have proved have a great deal of capital tied up in with me. Lady to care for house. and swung. Gordon groaned, lurched disastrous; but, fortunately, Curtis Gor. the interior; we can't wait," forward and sprawled upon the warm don lacked leisure in which to follow

red velvet carpet, face down, with his limbs twisted under him.

His vanquisher stood over him for SUPPOSE you know I can't get an instant, then turned upon Natalie along without you," said Dan. a face that was now keen and cruel and predatory.

> "Come! We'll be married today," he said. And, crossing swiftly, he took her two hands in his. His voice was harsh and imperative. "He's down and out, so don't be frightened. Now, hur-

ry! I've had enough of this nonsense. "I-I'm not frightened," she said about mother. I've nearly died of dazedly, "But-I"- Her eyes roved shame, and it would be sure to come past him as if in quest of something. "Here! This'll do for a wrap." Dan

whipped his fur overcoat from a chair and flung it about her. "My hat, too!" He crushed it over her dark hair and. slipping his arm about her shoulders.

"Mother! She'll never"-"We'll call on her together. I'll do There was a stir in the hall outside, the talking for both of us." He jerked and the speaker turned to behold Cur- the front door open with a force that tis Gordon himself in the doorway. threatened to wrench it from its hinges The latter in passing had been drawn and thrust his companion but into the by the sound of voices and had looked bracing cold. Then, as Gordon's Japanese butler came running from the rear

of the house, he turned. "Hey, you?" he cried sharply. boss has gone on a little visit. Don't stumble over him. And tell Mrs. Gordon that Mr. and Mrs. Appleton will call on her in a few days-Mr. and Mrs. Dan Appleton of Omar!"

It was but a few steps to the pier. Dan felt that he was treading on air, for the fierce, unreasoning joy of possession was surging through his voius "Tell him to leave. I won't have Fis old indecision and doubt were gone. hostile glance, staring after him in bewilderment.

But as he lifted Natalie down into the launch he felt her shaking violent ly, and of a sudden his selfish exulta tion gave way to a tender solicitude. "There, there!" he said gently

all right." She raised her face to his, and his head swam, for he saw that she was

radiant. "I'm not crying; I'm laughing, I-

I'm mad-insane with happiness. He crushed her to him. He burled his face in her neck, mumbiles he name over and over. And neither of them knew that he was rapturously kissing the coonskin collar of his own great coat. The launchman, motor "Get out! I'll not have you here. I crank in hand, paused, staring. He was still open mouthed when Dan

catching sight of him, shouted: "What's the matter, idiot? Is you back broken?"

"Yes-no, sir!" The fellow spun th pect to be accepted. You'll pardon flywheel vigorously. The little craft began to vibrate and quiver and ther

swung out from shore. A moment later and the enginema that first outery had stood as if spell- | yelled. He came stumbling forward

> boat grazed a buoy. "That's right, you steer," Dan laugh ed, relaxing his hold. To Natalie be

> "It's a long way to Omar," she ar swered, then hid her face against hi breast and said meekly, "There's on O'Neil behaved handsomely when h was told what had happened.

He hurried into town on the follow "Don't interrupt!" warned Dan, over | ing morning, and his congratulation words ceased. Then the touch upon all his lieutenants and Omar rang that mournful adjuration to avoid the bi "Pon't do that;" he cried boarsely falls of matrimonial inharmony—an ers followed him; there were music Gordon snarled and stretched out his laughter and a riotous popping of corks hand a second time, but the younger and over it all O'Neil presided with man raised his fist and struck. Once, grace and mellowness. Then, after the twice, again and again he thing his two young people had been made thor bony knuckles into that purple, dis- oughly to feel his good will, he went torted face, which he loathed as a back to the front and Omar saw him

To romantic Eliza this self sought se

to retain his feet until he brought up lication of the North Pass and Yukon

the matter up. The truth was that own fences to spare time for attempts our mistakes." upon his rival. Consequently, the story was allowed to die out, and an option?" O'Nell was finally relieved to learn that had been forced into an iniquirous bar | the work." gain, and, since he had taken the first chance to free himself from it. the



"Come! We'll be married today," he

question of abstract right or wrong was not a subject for squeamist, con-

It was at about this time that the began to bear fruit. One day a keen MRS, JOHN BECKER VERY faced, quiet stranger presented a card at Murray's office with the name 'Henry T. Blaine."

Beneath was the address of the Heidlemann building in New York, but otherwise the card told nothing. Something in Mr. Blaine's bearing, however, than ordinary consideration.

inspected the huge concrete abutments. The glaciers stood as silent and in- spaired of by the family as she is that beamed them in. Down into the very bowels of the river the men denature of the bottom, the depth and those about her, and is gradually sink- us without too heavy loss, but they away. ed the character of that bar which lay has been in very poor health for the above the bridge site and pointed out the heavy layers of railroad iron with forced.

"I spent nearly two seasons studying stroke has been a very great shock this spot before I began the bridge." to the family. Mrs. Becker was he continued. "I had men here night seated in a chair, conversing with and day observing the currents and her relatives, when, without a sound, the action of the ice. Then I laid my she sank down apparently lifeless. piers accordingly. They are armored and re-enforced to withstand any shock."

"The river is subject to quick rises, believe," suggested Blaine.

"Twenty feet in a few hours." "The volume of ice must be almost

irresistible." pleted."

questions searched to the depths of the Hastings, Nebraska. back in camp he said:

"Of course you know why I'm here?"

need the Heidlemanns now." "We are prepared to reopen negotiations."

"Why?" opposition of a kind we respect. But Muir, Secretary. that man stirred public opinion to such we'll resume work at Cortez next Architects.

mestion." "This route depends upon the bridge." "Exactly."

"It's a two years' job."

"You offered to complete it this winter, when you talked with Mr. Herman Heidlemann."

und-I can." "Then we'll consider a reasonable where we stand by next spring. We work. Will occupy same dwelling

"This delay will cost you something."

Mr. Blaine shrugged. "You made after his public exposure at Eliza's that point plain when you were in New * hands he was far too busy mending his York. We're accustomed to pay for \$ IN PLATTSMOUTH

"Will you cover this in the shape of -

"That's what I'm here for. If you its effect had been killed. Precisely finish your bridge and it stands the how Illis had effected this he did not spring breakup we'll be satisfied. I know nor did he care to inquire. Illis shall expect to stay here and watch' somest, prettiest, shiniest new buggy

> . O'Nell agreed heartily. "You're very welcome, Mr. Blaine. I like your brand of conversation. I build railroads; I don't run them. Now let's get down to figures."

The closing of the option required vigilantes. several weeks, of course, but the outcome was that even before midwinter arrived O'Neil found himself in the position he had longed to occupy. In effect the sale was made and on terms per cent profit. There was but one proviso-namely, that the bridge should be built by spring. The Heidlemanns were impatient, their investment up to date had been heavy, and they frankly chasm on time would convince them that the task was hopeless. In a way this was unreasonable, but O'Neil was they knew to be certain, even though more expensive. He did not argue that the task was of unprecedented difficulty, for he had made his promise and was ready to stand or fall by it. coming out. It is doubtful, however, if any other contractor would have undertaken the work on such time; in fact, had it been a public bridge it would have required four years in the building. Yet O'Nell cheerfully staked his fortune on comdering it in eight months.

With his option signed and the task squarely confronting him, he realized weight of responsibility that rested I expect that before this you have against untried conditions, a desperate race against the seasons, with ruin as the penalty of defeat.

(To Be Continued.)

LOW WITH HEART TROUBLE

John H. Becker, one of the old residents of the county, was suddenly "I should like to go over your work," stricken at the home of her daughter, ay locked in its winter slumber now. what revived, but her recovery is deactive as the show mantled mountains suffering very severely from the scended, while O'Neil described the she is unable to speak or recognize character of his foundations and the ing into the sleep that will know no held us there twelve days, until sofmeasure of his progress. He explain- awakening on this earth. Mrs. Becker diers came to our relief. There are fifty-six years ago, where her parents, past year and her family and friends which his cement work was re-en- have been greatly worried over her condition, but the suddenness of her

PROPOSAL.

the school board, District No. 102, of the victims, brought here for sons in the capital city. To mourn Cass county, Nebraska, up until noon, safety. I start home tomorrow, which the loss of this good woman there "Almost," Murray smiled. "Not the 6th day of September, 1916, for is fifty miles distant. The Indians are left seven children, four daughquite. Our ice breakers were especial- the furnishing of all material and have stolen six horses from me, and ters, Mrs., May Green, Mrs. Joseph ly designed by Parker to withstand labor in the construction of a high any weight. There's nothing like them school building in accordance with the anywhere. In fact, there will be noth- plans and specifications prepared by ing like this bridge when it's com- R. A. Bradley & Company, Architects, Blaine offered no comment, but his Exchange National Bank Building,

builder's knowledge. When they were All bids for this work must be made out on blank forms which will be supplied by the Architects. Said "Your eard told me that, but I don't plans and specifications will be on file with the Secretary of the Board and the Architects on and after July 5th, 1916.

"My people are human; they have All bids must be accompanied by an feelings. You read Gordon's lies about unconditional certified check for Two us and about that fight at Beaver can- Hundred Dollars, (\$200.00) on an you? Well, we're used to abuse, and Alvo Bank, payable to the order of S.

a point that there's no further use of Any contractor or contractors deheeding it. We're ready to proceed siring to figure on the above named with our plans now, and the public can building and desiring a set of plans go to the devil till it understands us until date of letting shall deposit with better. We have several men in jail at the Architects a certified check for Cortez charged with murder. It will Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) as a cost us a fortune to free the poor fel- guarantee that the contractor will not lows. First the Heidlemanns were enly return plans but submit a bona public domain; now they have become fide bid to the Board of Education on assassins! If this route to the interior or before the date of letting, otherwise proves feasible, well and good; if not the deposit will be forfeited to the

spring; Kyak, of course, is out of the Full instructions will be found in the specifications. The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed,

S. MUIR, Secretary.

Call Murray Tel. Exchange. E. R. Always beam Queen, Plattsmouth, Neb. 8-21-tfw.

FORTY YEARS AGO. -

Dr. Schildknecht has got the handyou ever saw, and Kelly is happy.

berger on Sunday last. Burglars are

having any hostile intentions. The wife, who caused him some trouble. first persons that were killed were my nearest neighbor and two hired men, one mile from my place. It was done SUDDEN DEATH OF his horses and ran down the river some eighteen miles and joined a band of fifty others; all of whom started back, killing every man they could Last evening about 7 o'clock Mrs. find. Many of the men had wives who were mercilessly abused; one woman and infant were stabled to death and then burned in her house. about 500 Indians on the war path so Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mockenhaupt, sr., far as we know. The soldiers and had been very early settlers, and here volunteers are getting to the front she had passed the greater part of IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE daily, and fights are frequent. Our her lifetime, and was married in this loss will reach 100 men; that of the city to Mr. L. E. Skinner, who was be as heavy. I have no idea how long practice of law and the conduct of an of Edward G. Dovey, deceased: this is going to last, but think it can- abstract office. About twenty-three not last very long, unless some of the years ago the family removed to Linadjoining tribes take a part in it. Busi- coln, where they have since made ness of every kind is stopped and their home and where Mr. Skinner statement falsifying and every one is trying to look out for his died eleven years ago. Since the said report filed by wig. I came to this place yesterday death of the husband and father, Mrs. of Jane A. Dovey, deceased Sealed proposals will be received by with a widow and four children of one Skinner had made her home with her gad took a lot of my blankets and clothing. | Smith, Mrs. Kenneth Hobbs, Lincoln; From John Day Creek. Walter B. Mrs. Elmer Rogers, Joplin, Mo.; three

CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

From Wednesday's Daily.

R. L. Kronstedt, a bye; Ed Fricke Henry Mockenhaupt, Sterling, Neb. the doubles, Larson and McClusky will be in a cemetery there. drew a bye; Marshall and Kronstedt Persons wishing to witness the differ- of life's bitterest hours. ent matches should get in touch with some of the players, as the tournament is not large enough to warrant continuous playing. Announcement will be made as to when the finals are to be played. The prizes are on display in a window at Stanfield's book store. Fred Speck plays Ensil Wurl at 5 o'clock.

Signature of hat H. Thickers

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OLD TALKS OF EARL PIONEER LIFE HERE

Mys. Elizabeth Herold, one of the Two good watches were stolen very earliest pioneers of Plattsmouth, from the house of Valentine Egen- relates the following bit of early his- areas, personal representatives and al tory: James O'Neill, the father of becoming too common. Turn out the Mrs. Herold, came with his family from Hocking county. O., in a covered One of the box cars of the B. & M. Missouri bottoms, on the Iowa side. wagon, in 1849 and located on the "" was broken open near the transfer just east of Plattsmouth, where he last week, and about \$700 worth of and Samuel Martin were associated in legatees, percent representatives and goods taken therefrom. A sharp look- business. Martin had been on the tate of John Joe, first real na which netted him and his backers 100 out for the thieves is being prosecuted. frontier semetime earlier and was fat known, decensed; Samuel H. Jones, also which netted him and his backers 100 out for the thieves is being prosecuted. Uncle Stephen Hooson and Captain miliar with the Indians, having taken Jones, first real name unknown; the Marshall are running the apple pre- an indian wife. In 1858 Martin de- enknown heirs, devisees, legatees, perserving business now pretty strong, cided to establish a trading post on sons interested in the estate of Samuel When Uncle Stephen can't keep ap- the west side of the river, and during declared that failure to bridge the ples they must be a mighty mean lot, the winter of 1853-4, he and O'Neill legaless. The premises of three of our best hauled logs across the river on the ice. tale of Mr. farmers, near Mt. Pleasant, were en- In the spring of 1854, they erected a willer, a partnership composed of Spen tered by thieves last week, and de- two-story log house near the present delay or a third failure. Unless his spoiled of valuable property. Mr. Site of the Burlington depot, in which known beirs, devisees, legatees, Martin opened a store for trade with route was proved feasible without loss | Winslow lost \$21 in money and a gold the Indians and supplies for freightof time they would abandon it for one watch, Mr. Linch \$13 in money and ers and traders on their way to the some goods, and Mr. Andrew Pitman gold fields. Before crossing the river lost \$175. This thing must be stopped Samuel Martin tried to send his In- titler; the unknown being devisees, leg say they, and the old shotguns are dian wife away with a tribe passing through. He and his Indian wife of THE INDIAN WAR IN IDAHO. | quarreled, and she attacked him with | a large knife, when James O'Neill ap-We are allowed to make the follow- peared on the scene just in time to in ing extracts from a letter received by rescue Martin. She had Martin cornered and the knife drawn to strike Mr. George Holmes from his brother, the fatal blow when O'Neill seized her Walter, who has been in that country arm and took the knife from her for some time: Washington, Idaho hand and threw it away into the grass, devisees an with fresh force its bigness and the Co., I. T., July 15th. Dear Brother: Mrs. Herald then eight years old, ran the state of Susanah Drake, deceased and picked it up and took it in the bouls upon his shoulders. He began the most seen the account of the Indian out-house. Martin's squaw wife left with known dramatic struggle of his career, a fight break in Idaho. We are having exciting times; the Indians raised and was lost. Mrs. Herold was well acmassacreed some twenty of our citi- quainted with Peter A. Sarpy, the Inzens before we were aware of their dian trader, who also had an Indian

Last evening a message was rethe stranger announced, and O'Neil Mrs. George A. Kagenberger, on High In the meantime, I, with some twenty ceived in this city announcing the branks, because of her adverse possession by beyond in Lincoln stone by beyond stone by beyond in Lincoln stone by beyond in Lincoln stone by beyond in Lincoln stone by beyond stone by beyon School hill, and for a few minutes it men and thirty women and children, sudden death at her home in Lincoln then were lowered into the heart of was thought that Mrs. Becker had had got together and fortified the best of Mrs. Susie Skinner, a former resithen were lowered into the heart of was thought that birs. Becker had then were lowered into the heart of was thought that birs. Becker had the were lowered into the heart of was thought that birs. Becker had the could and gathered such arms as dent of this city for many years, and claiming any right, title, lien or interpretable the giant caissons which protruded passed away, but medical assistance we could and gathered such arms as dent of this city for many years, and claiming any right, title, lien or interpretable the giant caissons which protruded passed away, but medical assistance "Don't cry, honey, It's all right. It's from the frezen stream. The Salmon quickly arrived and she was some- we could get, though very poor ones, a sister of Chris Mockenhaupt and to repel the red devils when they Mrs. J. R. Kelley. The death of Mrs. should come. But they did not attack Skinner came very suddenly, as a reus. About one hundred came one day sult of heart failure and before it stroke, that has paralyzed her so that and viewed our works, but came to was possible for the family to give the conclusion that they could not take any assistance the mother had passed

sons, Arthur Skinner, now ill in the as are lawfully entitled thereto army hospital at Mercedes, Texas; of which you will take due notice. Tom Skinner of Lincoln, and Nelson Skinner, whose residence is not Dated July 25, 1916. known. The brother and sister re-The drawings for the City Tennis siding here are also left to share the IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE tournament were held yesterday grief of her death, as well as Mrs. COUNTY OF CASS, NEBRASKA morning and resulted as follows: H. James O'Neil, Council Bluffs; John G. McClusky plays Junior Marshal,; Mockenhaupt, Louisville, Neb., and In the matter of the estate of Henry

plays Ellery Vroman, Fred Speck The funeral of Mrs. Skiner will be To all Persons Interested in the Esplays E. A. Wuri, A. L. Cockie, a bye; held at the late home in Lincoln, on Ray Larson plays F. M. Druliner. In Saturday morning, and the interment

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CASS, NEBRASKA.

oanna Baxter, Plaintiff.

ars E. Young, also known as Clara Ellen Young et al., Defendants. Notice of Suit to Quiet Title.

the defendants Clara E. Young known as Clara Ellen Young: Doe Young, first real name un-in: bushand or widower of Clara oung also known as Clara Ellen Clara E. Young Doe, real name than Clara E. Young unknown: thoe, first and real name unknown and or widower of Clara E. Young rested in the estate of Clara E. Cole ore, Etta Moore, Isabelle Moore and), in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter NW1-4) of section twenty-four ownship eleven (II), north

County of Cass, Nebraska. For are hereby notified that on April D. 1916, plaintiff flied her suit in the above described lands, to-will ractional lots six (6), and the northeast quarter (NE1-1) of the north range thirteen (13), east of the

This notice is made pursuant Yan are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, October 2 L. D. 1916, or your default will be duly intered therein. JOANNA BAXTER

A. EOBERTSON,

COUNTY OF CASS, NEBRASKA. the matter of the Estate of Edward

You are hereby notified that there is ow on file in the County Court of Cass Nebraska, the final special administrator of the estate. You are further notified that on the d day of August, 1916, at the office of County Judge, in the Court House, Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebras-

ing and surcharging said report, h orders and decdees will be entered rein as to the court may seem prope n said hearing, including the distribution of the residue of said estate if any there be found, to such person

ALLEN J. BEESON.

W. Enton, Deceased.

tate of Henry W. Eaton, Deceased: You are hereby notified that petition for administration has been The death of Mrs. Skinner will be filed in the above cause alleging play Druliner and Cockle; Speck and learned with the greatest of regret among other things that said de-Froman play Wurl and Fricke. The by the many friends in this city who ceased died intestate in Cass County, draw resulted in several tight situa- have known her since girlhood, and to Nebraska, on the 29th day of July, tions. Four of the most active play- the children, grief-stricken in the 1916, leaving as his only heirs at law ers of the city meet in the first round death of the kind and loving mother, his widow Margaret Eaton, and two and there should be some mighty the deepest sympathy of the old grandchildren Paul I. Eaton and Marhard-fought games in this round. friends will be extended, in this, one garet N. Eaton, and asking that administration of said estate be granted to Dorothy M. Lynch.

A hearing on said petition will be had at the office of the County Judge. Court House, Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, on the 11th day of September, 1916, at ten o'clock a. m., all of which you will take due notice.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1016. By the Court. ALLEN J. BEESON.

County Judge.

Lost-Between Murray and Union 4 a bunch of keys on ring, valuable to owner. Finder please return to Journal office and receive reward. 2td