

# The Lady OF THE Mount

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bring us half an hour before them to the ruins! Let us take it!"

A light seemed suddenly to break on her companion, and he sprang airily to his saddle. "As my Lady wills!" gallantly.

"Then call to the commandant, and tell him we'll meet them there!"

The Marquis obeyed, and, without awaiting answer, or demur from the officer in charge of the guard, the girl flicked her horse and sent him over a low bush into the narrow way.

Fairly in the path, she rode fast, and pressing hard behind, my lord soon found reason for doubt as to the advisability of that route, and a suspicion of regret at his own assent to the departure from the main thoroughfare. As their surroundings grew wilder and the slender green figure flitted more and more recklessly before him, he even ventured to voice his misgivings—advise greater care. A shake of the fair head was all he received for answer and, regardless of the increasing roughness of the way, she continued to sweep on, now uphill, then down, avoiding by a quick turn one obstacle here, leaping another there! From a black ambush, a branch like the arm of a Titan reached out to seize, but adroitly she swayed from its grasp and only the twigs and leaves touched lightly the bent figure.

My lord, however, they struck sharply, and at the sudden smart and a quick realization of falling behind, frowningly he drove his horse harder. The tete-a-tete he had naturally expected from her request to pursue the lonelier way promised now not to materialize; the idea that she was fleeing, he pursuing, possessed him. The forest, a tangle of shrubs and strange creepers, was the scene of the idyl; she, a sprite of the greenwood, danced illustriously through the maze. At length when my lord had begun to grow weary of vainly endeavoring to overtake her, fate favored his efforts; brought to a standstill, at the edge of a torrent, the object of his pursuit.

"Are you mad, Elise?" A shadow on his brow, the Marquis rode down. She made no reply; regarded only the water.

"I hope it is not in your mind to attempt to cross," he went on, a shade of petulance in his accents.

She urged her horse forward; it stopped.

"Elise! I beg of you! It is dangerous; better go back, and around!"

But the girl set her red lips, raised her whip, and brought it down hard. The animal sprang into the foam; breasting the current, it slipped once or twice, recovered, and, after an effort, managed to reach the bank opposite. My Lord—less blithely than he had first embarked on the adventure—followed; the cold waters surged around, and he almost expected to be swept away. At length, however, chilled by the icy touch of the torrent and somewhat more out of humor, he found himself on the other side. Near the top of the bank, where the Governor's daughter had now the grace to await him, he rejoined her, disapproval on his face, reproach in his eyes. Yet still did the girl remain unconscious of her lover's wounded sensibilities; her own eyes, like stars beneath the flurry of hair, were turned, not to the young man, but away, toward a gaunt-looking ruin that had suddenly uplifted itself, as if by magic, through a rift in the forest. But a few hundred yards distant, the black crumbling walls bristled with rough, jagged edges—big, broken teeth that snarled at the rim of the ever-young wood. The very brightness of the day seemed only to emphasize the ominous aspect of the place; to reveal more plainly the solitary character of its wildness.

"The monastery, I suppose?" following the direction of her gaze, the Marquis, after a pause, grudgingly vouchsafed.

"Yes," said the girl in a low tone; "yes!"

"Shall we go on?"

Her eyes, passing over a tangle of shrubs, bushes and thick, natural screens, slowly settled on a spot, not far away, where a wild bird, about to alight, fled off with a scream.

"Shall we go on?"

With a start the girl turned; the clear-cut features were very grave; in her gaze shone sudden compunction. She raised her hand. "My veil!" she said quickly. "I—dropped it. Do you mind? You—you will find it on this side of the stream—a little way down."

"Mind?" He regarded her doubtfully a moment; then moved by the irresistible appeal in her eyes, rather abruptly he wheeled, and as he did so, she gathered up the reins. Ere proceeding farther upon this errand of gallantry, my lord looked around.

"You seem to set great store on this veil," he observed suspiciously. "And I believe you were about to ride off!"

He added, noting her expression, when, as he turned, a heavy body surmounted the bushes, near at hand, and a gruff voice called out.

"Stand where you are!"

The nobleman's face changed; his gaze, as if fascinated, now rested on a score of rough figures who, following the order, so unexpected and startling, sprang simultaneously from neighboring thicket or covert, and advanced to surround them. Held by their grim aspect—the desperate determined visages; the black, threatening looks—in the surprise of the moment, too late my lord's hand sought the sword at his side. Roughly plucked from his horse, he found himself flung to the sward; unceremoniously pinioned, and heard the voice of my lady raised in

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**Clear Creek Items**

Harvey Haddix is spending a few weeks in this vicinity visiting relatives and old friends.

Mrs. Frank Potter received a visit last week from her sister, Mrs. Laura Clay.

George and Harry Zahn were busy putting up ice last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Haddix are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home.

Adam Zahn was a Litchfield visitor Friday.

Russell Adams and Glen Smith helped Mr. Van Dyke dehorn cattle Saturday.

A dance was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haney Saturday evening.

Miss Grace Adams was a Broken Bow visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Coppersmith Sunday.

Lawrence Lowry returned to his school work at Broken Bow the first of the week.

Mrs. Fielding of Tecumseh, Nebr., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winfield Haddix.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Edson and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fielding visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Haddix Sunday.

Victor Lowry returned to Purdum, Neb., Tuesday.

A few of the young people of this vicinity attended the masquerade ball at Mason City Friday evening.

W. E. Miller was hauling corn Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Runyon and Willis Runyon of Mason City and Miss Grace Adams spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Zahn.

Sam Hammond shelled corn for Mr. Van Dyke Tuesday.

George Shaw is reported as being sick with the mumps.

A dance was given at Mr. Jewell's Monday evening.

Mrs. Warren Edson and children spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hager.

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**Homeseekers Excursions:**  
These are announced for the first and third Tuesday of each month during the spring and summer, to the south, west and northwest, including Wyoming and the fast developing Big Horn Basin country.

**Colonists Rates, March 15th to April 15th:**  
Early announcement is made of the very low one-way settler's rates, such as \$30 from Omaha and Nebraska to far Northwest and California, and \$25 to Utah, Central Montana and Idaho.

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The attractive scheme of southern tourist rates together with the beautiful hotels and resorts is developing a heavy volume of winter patronage to that locality.

**Made in Nebraska Show, Omaha March 5, to 16.**  
This will be a very interesting exhibition of Nebraska's manufactured products: Convention of Nebraska retailers; meeting of State Manufacturer Association.

**Annual Automobile Show Feb. 24, to Mar. 1.**  
A \$500,000 exhibit of the latest patterns of automobile, auto trucks, etc.

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Remember, this free offer is for one day only.

Married ladies must come with their husbands and minors with their parents.

# FINE SPECIAL AWARDS

## For Early Efforts in the Northwestern's BIG AUTOMOBILE CONTEST

### SPECIAL PRIZES TO BE AWARDED MARCH 5th TO THE HUSTLING CANDIDATES

One Genuine Diamond Ring, Set in 14 Karat solid gold mounting, One Gold La Valliere, English finish chain and Pendant. These prizes were purchased from Lou Schwaner, one of Loup City's Leading Jewelers. They are on display in his window and are guaranteed by him.

These two special prizes will be awarded to the two contestants who turn in the largest amount of money, over \$25.00 collected on new and renewal subscriptions. Any contestant turning in \$25.00 during this special period will not win one of the above special prizes, will receive a beautiful locket. This special prize period dates from the beginning of the contest, February 3rd and closes March 5th at 6 o'clock p. m. All money turned into this office by the subscriber will count for the contestant whom he voted for. The regular schedule of votes will be issued

on every subscription turned in. These votes will go toward winning the grand prize. Remember it is the money that counts in this special offer. Contestants who live in other towns outside of Loup City can send their money via mail, but the post mark must show that the subscriptions are mailed not later than March 5th at 6 o'clock p. m. Every contestant has an opportunity of winning a special prize for a special effort.

**Schedule of Votes on Subscription Contest**

1 year \$1.50.....300 votes	6 years \$9.00.....3300 votes
2 years \$3.00.....700 votes	7 years \$10.50.....4200 votes
3 years \$4.50.....1200 votes	8 years \$12.00.....5200 votes
4 years \$6.00.....1800 votes	9 years \$13.50.....6300 votes
5 years \$7.50.....2500 votes	10 years \$15.00.....7500 votes

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I hereby nominate and cast 1000 votes for

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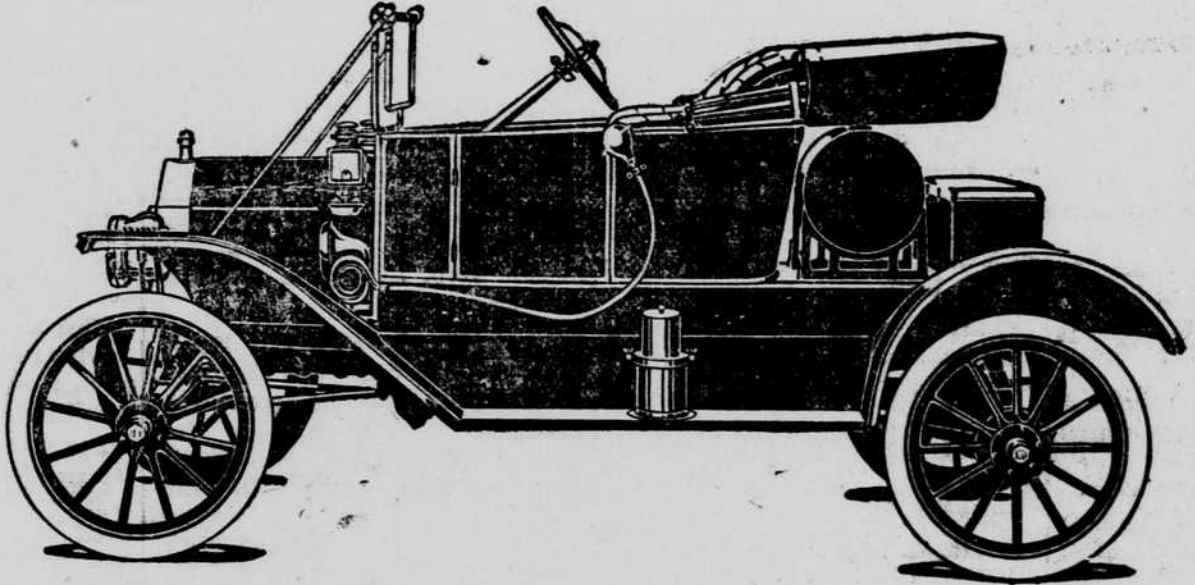
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as the most popular candidate in the Northwestern voting contest.

Signed.....

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**Ford Automobile**



**Grand Prize**

**Rules Governing This Contest**

Any lady is eligible, providing conditions set forth below are complied with, but the contest manager reserves the right to reject objectionable nominations.

No candidate will be permitted to transfer votes to another after receiving them for herself.

Ballots sent in for names not properly nominated will be destroyed uncounted.

Every candidate should be regularly nominated on a blank printed in this paper or a similar blank furnished by the Northwestern.

A coupon will be printed during the first weeks of the contest. This coupon will count for the votes designated therein. All coupons will be dated and will be void unless received at this office on or before the expiration of the time set as printed.

All ballots must be sent to the contest manager, care of the Northwestern with postage prepaid.

No employe of the Northwestern will be eligible as a candidate.

Any questions or controversies that may arise are to be settled by the Contest Manager.

In accepting nomination, all candidates must agree to abide by above conditions. In case of a tie vote

prize of equal value will be awarded, or the prize so tied sold and money equally divided. The Contest Manager reserves the right to govern the closing date in case of sickness or death.

The way to secure votes is by paying money for subscriptions or cutting out free votes from the Northwestern. Positively no notes will be sold for cash without subscriptions to the paper. Candidates may solicit votes in any part of the United States.

The regular vote schedule below will not be increased during the contest except in special ballot periods.

No young lady should hesitate to go into this contest, as everyone has a fair chance to win a handsome and valuable prize. The main object of the Northwestern has in view is to get subscribers and the girl who works the hardest is the one we want to have the best prize.

Don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors whether they take the Northwestern. Hustle and there will be nothing to defeat you.

The list of candidates nominated will be published next week. Read them over; probably your name will be among them.

**Note**

When properly filled out and mailed or delivered to the Contest Manager the nomination blank will count for 1000 votes for the candidate nominated, except that but one nomination blank will be accepted for each candidate. Nominations written on an ordinary sheet of paper will be accepted, names of parties making nominations will not be divulged only when requested. In next week's issue we will publish a list of candidates whose nominations have been received up to the time of going to press.

**Nominate a Candidate**

Cut out this nomination blank, write in the name of a popular young lady or girl, sign and send to the Northwestern and upon receipt of same the young lady whose name appears upon it will become a candidate and is eligible to compete for the grand prizes offered. Only one nomination will be accepted for each candidate. Each candidate nominated will receive 1000 vote as a starting standing. Make a nomination now! Help some candidate win an auto.

If you have not started in the contest, then do so at once. One of the best opportunities in a lifetime to win a **Ford Roadster FREE**

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**J. W. Burleigh  
Proprietor**

# Contest Manager, Care Northwestern

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