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BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

THE ESCAPEE

A POST MARITAL ROMANCE

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SYNOPSIS.

The Escapee opens, not in the romance following the marriage of Ellen...

less eye; held on, although he saw Ellen's boat in a few moments would intercept the ship; held on, when he saw that boat disappear on the lee side of the ship; held on when he saw the ship thrown into the wind to make a half board so that her way was practically checked; held on when two figures appeared upon the deck of the ship, and one, a boyish looking youth, walked over to the weather gangway and stood in full view of the approaching cutters...

It was my lord's nature to hold on doggedly so long as there was the faintest possibility of success and beyond. And he kept up the chase of the big ship even though she suddenly covered with light canvas and, catching the full force of the breeze, greatly accelerated her motion. He held on even though a slant of the wind brought the breeze over the quarter of the big ship as she bore away on her course to the eastward. Carrington marked that with sudden surprise. The ship was not going to America apparently.

But it was evident, even to the most sanguine mind, that the game was up. Strathgate's boat was suddenly put about. The earl had abandoned the chase and was going back to harbor. Carrington was not so easily daunted, or perhaps he was more blind to the possibilities, for he strove to persuade the boatmen to continue the chase. He would have sailed to France, or to America, or to the end of the world, in whatsoever boat he was on so long as it would float. But the boatmen were not so minded. They were not provided for such a cruise nor prepared for it. Not even the incentive of unlimited financial rewards with which Carrington strove to dazzle them could make them agree to continue the pursuit. They were clamorous for putting back to Portsmouth, seeing plainly that they had failed. It was only the personal authority of Carrington's rank and station which kept them from summarily dispossessing him from the helm.

"I'll Kill You."



They were not quite ready for that when Strathgate's boat came rushing down toward them.

It was Carrington's opportunity. Balking in his chase of his wife, he determined to wreak his vengeance upon the earl. As the boat drew close to his bows, by a sudden sweep of the helm he sent his own heavier cutter crashing fair into it. The force with which he struck the other boat caused Strathgate's smaller vessel to hang on the bows of Carrington's boat. There was no loss of life, for Strathgate, scarcely worse for the disaster, followed by Cooper and the lad, scrambled aboard Haight's cutter.

White with passion Strathgate pushed aft, snaking his fist at Carrington, who sat laughing bitterly in the stern sheets. At Strathgate's back were Cooper, furious over the deliberate wrecking of his boat, and the boy eager to join in the fray.

"By heaven!" cried Strathgate, fiercely, "what did you mean by that?"

"I should think that my meaning was obvious even to you," says my lord, indifferently, although he was seething with anger to see his adversary within his reach.

"I don't know you, sir," cried Cooper, shaking his fist, "but you sunk my boat. You done it deliberately. I'll cost you a matter of £50."

"Tis cheap at the price," answered Carrington. "Don't worry, my man. Just pipe down," he continued, as Cooper opened his mouth to expostulate. "I'm Lord Carrington. You shall be paid for your boat and something for your trouble."

"Payment is not enough to compensate me, Carrington," cried Strathgate, furiously.

"No," returned Carrington, "there's nothing that I might offer you that would pay you for what you've done, you dastard!"

opened audience which crowded around them.

"She did go with me," continued the runaway.

"It looks like it this morning. If she went with you, how did she come to be on yonder ship while you were here?"

Strathgate laughed evilly.

"If you must know it, my lord, your wife fled in my company."

"Damn you!" cried Carrington. But Strathgate went on without heeding.

"An accident, a broken coach wheel stopped our journey. I rode on ahead to make arrangements for our passage to some happier land on yonder ship. Lady Ellen elected to go by water."

"I don't believe a word of it," returned Carrington. "If it were true," asked my lord again, "I ask you why you were not on the ship?"

"I overslept myself this morning, with the consequences which you see."

"You haven't seen the end of those consequences, my Lord Strathgate," continued Carrington.

"No?"

"Not by any means. We'll settle the question as to which of us is to live—"

"And have Lady Ellen?" interrupted Strathgate.

Carrington whipped out his pistol. "Another word like that and I'll kill you without giving you a chance for defense."

"You threatened to murder me on the wharf an hour or so ago," and Strathgate, equably. "What prevents you from doing it now?"

"A thing of which you know nothing," answered Carrington.

"And what is that, pray?"

"A sense of honor."

"Indeed," answered the earl, "I had understood that your honor was in Lady Ellen's keeping."

The sweat stood out on Carrington's face. He locked his jaws until the muscles rose like whiplashes. He was under the strongest possible constraint a man may put upon himself.

"My honor is in her ladyship's keeping," he said slowly at last, "and I am confident that she will never put it at the hazard of a blackguard like yourself."

"This time it was Strathgate who gave way."

"You have another pistol at your belt. Give it to me. Take you one end of this boat and I the other. We'll see then who has the right to live and love."

"I dishonor myself," said Carrington, rising and abandoning the tiller, which was instantly grasped by one of the crew, "by meeting you in this way, but I'll do it. Here!"

He extended one of the pistols.

"I would prefer a choice," said Strathgate, not extending his arm to take it.

"As you will," returned Carrington, extending both of them to him. "You honor me in doubting my good faith," he remarked as Strathgate took one of the pistols. "Haight," said Carrington, "take your station amidship, out of range and count three. There shall be no firing done by either of us until after the word 'three.' Are you agreed, Lord Strathgate?"

"Entirely," returned the other, stepping forward.

But Master Haight did not propose to have his vessel turned into a field of honor, which would be a field of blood. He interposed a vigorous objection.

"Gentlemen," he began, "I'll have no murder done here."

"There shall be none," said Carrington. "Tis a fair duel with each man a chance for his life."

"I don't know about that, my masters," returned the sailor, "but I say this: This boat's mine, I'm the captain of it, and I'll have no fightin' aboard. Savin' yer honors' graces, it can't be done. You agree with me, Cooper? You, Jack? You, Ned?"

"Ay, ay," returned the others, closing about Haight and interposing between the would-be combatants.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BRIDE BALKED AT THE ALTAR.

Massachusetts Girl Refused to Wed Count and Denounced Him.

At St. Stanislaus church, Fall River, Mass., Angela Pawlow, daughter of a merchant, absolutely refused to go on with the marriage ceremony that was to unite her to Basil Mullinski, who says he is a Polish count and the owner of an estate in Russia.

The marriage had been set for eight o'clock. The church was crowded with friends and relatives. The bridegroom had answered an exultant "Yes" to the usual question, and the bride, in a white silk wedding dress with long veil and wedding bouquet, seemed to smile as Father Basin turned to her and asked: "Will you take unto thee this man to be thy lawfully wedded husband?"

The bride dropped her hand from the arm of the bridegroom. She turned and faced the crowded church and answered loudly:

"No; he has been unfaithful to me before marriage. I will not marry him."

Then the girl ran down the aisle to her mother. The audience was dumfounded. Before it really appreciated what had happened the church officials had cleared the church.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

WHAT NEBRASKA IS GROWING

Commissioner of Labor Ryder Finds Politics Slow in Comparison With Crop Matters.

Corn is King.

"Republican and democratic speakers, orators and nation savers all agree, says Labor Commissioner Ryder, that they never saw so little public interest in politics or candidates. The contract price of corn or the average date of early frost in Nebraska are the engrossing subjects."

"Talking of prices, I was told by an Aurora man who has several farms that he has been offered 60 cents for all the corn he will deliver. He refused the offer. And let me say the government estimate of our corn crop is too high, while some of the railroad estimates are away off, in my judgment. We have several hundred reports here in the office now, that bear out this statement and I have been in a large number of fields on foot. A great deal of corn is thin and uneven, and fully 10 per cent of the total acreage planted has been lost. Nebraska will have probably 70 per cent of a full normal crop, not more."

"This must be said, however. Where we have good corn this year we have as fine a crop as heart could wish. A yield of 60 bushels to the acre can be looked for in some fields, barring a hard frost within two or three weeks. Forty bushels will be the tally in a great many instances, and 20 to 30 bushels will be realized in many more fields. But the big expectations of some folks on aggregate yield are due for a hard tumble."

Omaha in Evidence at Fair.

People of Omaha have always attended the state fair. But Thursday was the first time Omaha came down in a body. It was the first time Omaha come down headed by its Commercial club, its magnificent Ak-Sar-Ben and its leading business men. It was the first time that it was impossible to turn around on the ground without running into Omaha men. And the Omaha delegation did not look a bit different from the owners of the live stock exhibited at the fair, the men who raised the fine county exhibits, or the men who put up the magnificent horticultural exhibit. In fact, in this last department Charles Saunders of Omaha was in charge, he being the president of the society. It was a great day for the fair and a great day for Omaha. The day was called "Omaha day," and from the big city several trainloads of people came down, while many came in automobiles.

Study of Tuberculosis.

The officers of the Eaton laboratory for the study and prevention of tuberculosis in children will hold an executive meeting in a few days at which plans for the completion of the laboratory will be taken up and acted upon. Concerning this matter Dr. H. W. Orr says: "Lincoln is behind hand in this movement so far and we are very anxious to make a showing which will be of sufficient importance to report to the international congress in Washington, October 1."

STATEMENT BY TREASURER.

Expenditures More Than Receipts During Month of August.

During the last month State Treasurer Brian paid out \$200,452.23 and received \$163,226.72. He has a balance on hand of \$496,821.93, as against a balance of \$524,047.43 the first of the month. He has, as shown by his monthly statement, in the permanent school fund uninvested \$91,840.06. Following is the monthly report in detail:

Table with columns: Funds, Balances, Aug. 1, Aug. 31. Rows include General school, Permanent school, Temporary school, Permanent univ., Ag. col. endowment, Temporary univ., Normal interest, Ag. and Mech. arts, U. S. exper. sta., Cash on hand, Cash on deposit, Trust funds invested, Permanent school, Permanent univ., Ag. college endowment, Normal endowment, Total, Warrants, Inquiry About Insurance.

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NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Burglars of late have been very active in David City.

Mrs. Mary A. Gilmore of Otoe county went insane and was taken to the asylum. She is very violent and had to be strapped down.

A young man of Milford, named Burkholder, was arrested by Sheriff Gillan for attempted assault on a young woman named Erb.

Elmer Tuttle, a young man raised in Salem, was run over by a west-bound Burlington train and killed. He is said to have been intoxicated and was lying on the track.

A reward of \$100 has been offered for the capture of a thief who stole a horse from Hodges & Baldwin's barn in Fremont. The animal is a big bay weighing 1,750 pounds.

C. M. Earnest was arrested in Sedaw by Sheriff Gillan for having stolen a team June 8 in Holt county. He sold it at Krolbach. He was taken to O'Neill by the sheriff of that county.

F. Erickson and family of Menahga, Minn., arrived in Fremont in an automobile. They came to visit Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, who reside south of the city. They drove the whole distance in an automobile.

Richard Prettie made an application to Clerk Mundy at the district court of Dodge county for hearing under the dipsomaniac act. Prettie says he is a dope fiend and he wants to take the state treatment at the Lincoln asylum.

The five people who were injured in Keith county, when the tank house collapsed, are all alive. Frank Kalviet, the young man employed by Mr. Girman in his meat market, is the most seriously injured. His leg may have to be amputated.

The peach and apple crop is so heavy in this section, says a Nebraska City dispatch, that the canning factory has contracted to put up something like fifteen carloads of these two kinds alone. The tomato crop was fair, but the corn crop short.

Fremont's new \$60,000 Y. M. C. A. building was opened to the public last week. A big crowd filled the lobby, corridors and the gymnasium. The swimming pool in the basement called out the admiration of the small boys and many others of larger size.

The union labor lodges of McCook observed Labor day with a big picnic, an address by Congressman G. W. Norris and several unionist speeches, music by the High school band, a ball game and numerous other games.

Mrs. Seigart of Hastings, who several weeks ago was injured in Doniphan, is still in a serious condition and a suit may be instituted against the village of Doniphan or the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad for having improper lighting.

Mark Selts, one of the progressive young farmers of Pawnee county, was so seriously injured as to cause his death. He was engaged in building a new residence on his farm, three and one-half miles east of the city. While upon him fatal injuries.

Harry T. Martin, Fred Thomas, Larry Mullin and Lulu Wolfe, who were arrested at Decatur by Sheriff Phipps, charged with selling liquor without a license, were taken before Judge Sears where they all pleaded guilty and were fined \$200 and costs, which they paid.

With his arm in a sling as the result of a collision with a Mexican bicycle rider, D. E. Thompson, ambassador to Mexico, arrived in Lincoln in his special car. He is on leave of absence and will remain in this country several weeks. This is the second time the same arm has been fractured and Mr. Thompson said it had caused him considerable discomfort and inconvenience.

According to the report of County Superintendent R. C. King, there were thirteen schools, in Otoe county that were not able to open on account of the shortage of teachers and these schools will have to remain closed until teachers have been secured. A month ago there was a shortage of forty-seven teachers, but since then the shortage has been cut down to thirteen.

One of the heaviest real estate sales to occur in this section, says a Sutherland dispatch, in a long time, was consummated during the past few days, when the famous "Daek Brand" ranch, lying in the east part of Keith county, a few miles west of this place, passed from the ownership of C. F. Nevin to P. P. Maddux of Miller, this state. The ranch embraces 75,000 acres of deeded lands and is well stocked with cattle, horses, etc.

The story of the killing of a Mr. Perlick by George Boyer has reached Bridgeport. Boyer, who is well known throughout that part of the country, was engaged in setting a post on the section line between his place and that of Mr. Perlick, when the latter appeared and demanded that the post be set back several feet, alleging that it was not on the correct line. Hot words followed and in the quarrel which ensued Boyer struck Perlick on the head with a heavy tamping stake he had been using.

The corn crop is maturing rapidly in Thayer county. Grain men say Thayer county will produce more corn this season than ever before. The crop is so far advanced that frost would do little damage.

Orpha Cook, a Kipkader, living in north Deuel county on his homestead, put his team up at a livery barn in Ogallala and slept in the loft. Next morning at 4 o'clock he got up in the darkness, stepped through a hatchway, falling to the floor below. The spinal column is dislocated, his lower limbs are paralyzed. The doctors say he will not recover.

A TEXAS CLERGYMAN

Speaks Out for the Benefit of Suffering Thousands.

Rev. G. M. Gray, Baptist Clergyman, of Whitesboro, Tex., says: "Four years ago I suffered misery with lumbago. Every movement was one of pain. Donan's Kidney Pills removed the whole difficulty after only a short time. Although I do not like to have my name used publicly, I make an exception in this case, so that other sufferers from kidney trouble may profit by my experience."

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ON THE MOVE.



Timid Bard—Does poetry go around here?

Cruel Editor—Some of it does. That last batch you submitted just went out of the window.

THREE CURES OF ECZEMA.

Woman Tells of Her Brother's Terrible Suffering—Two Babies Also Cured—Cuticura Invaluable.

"My brother had eczema three different summers. Each summer it came out between his shoulders and down his back, and he said his suffering was terrible. When it came on the third summer, he bought a box of Cuticura Ointment and gave it a faithful trial. Soon he began to feel better and he cured himself entirely of eczema with Cuticura. A lady in Indiana heard of how my daughter, Mrs. Miller, had cured her little son of terrible eczema by the Cuticura Remedies. This lady's little one had the eczema so badly that they thought they would lose it. She used Cuticura Remedies and they cured her child entirely, and the disease never came back. Mrs. Sarah E. Lusk, Coldwater, Mich., Aug. 15 and Sept. 2, 1907."

Critical Eye for Babies.

The five-year-old daughter of a Brooklyn man has had such a large experience of dolls that she feels herself to be something of a connoisseur in children.

When it was put into her arms the five-year-old surveyed it with a critical eye.

"Isn't it a nice baby?" asked the nurse.

"Yes, it's nice," answered the youngster hesitatingly. "It's nice, but its head's loose."—Lippincott's.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

No Genius.

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