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PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

Rush City Scorched

Last Friday evening at about 7:30 word was received here by telephone that a fire had broken out in the Ramberg flour mill at Rush City that threatened the whole of the west side of the railroad track. The fire department of that place was powerless after the mill got beyond control as their pumping station was located in the mill.

The word received here asked the department of this place for aid, the local was just pulling out when the word was received, if the message had of been few minutes earlier the department would have stopped the engine and made them take them to Rush City at once. As soon as the word was received, the fire alarm was sounded and the engine and hose carts loaded on flat cars and about a hundred of our citizens including a goodly number of the fire laddies were ready to board the special when it arrived with the Hinckley gasoline engine and a hose cart. The special arrived here at about 9:30 and in just thirteen minutes from the time they pulled past the depot, landed the train in Rush City.

The work of unloading was a matter of but a few minutes and before ten o'clock there was three streams of water playing on the fire. Two from the steamer from this place and one from the gasoline. In about twenty minutes after the engine commenced all danger was passed and the people of Rush City that had property in the line of the fire breathed freely.

The St. Paul department arrived at about 11:15, but as the fire was under control, it was thought best for them not to unload, they remained until about four o'clock Saturday morning when they were taken back to St. Paul. The St. Paul boys did good work assisting the boys from Hinckley and this place with the hose and showing them just how to fight fire successfully.

The west side of the track was swept from the Ramberg flour mill to the Johnson block, entailing a loss of about \$200,000 and destroying fifteen business places.

At about one o'clock a supper was served by the Royal Neighbors in the basement of the Auditorium for the waiting firemen and those from out of town.

Rush City did herself proud in the manner she entertained those who came to her relief, especially when everything was in such confusion.

We understand that preparations for rebuilding are under way, and that out of the ashes the Rush City of the future will surpass the Rush City of the past, as the buildings will all be of brick.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remainder uncalled for in P. O. Pine City, Minn., for week ending Sept. 28, 1908:

Patrick Denden, Mrs. Annie Baker, Mrs. Hulda Anderson, Mr. Clifford Stevens, Mr. James Peters.

In calling for the above letters please say "Advertised," giving the date of this list.

J. Y. BRECKENRIDGE, P. M.

NOTICE

The Ladies' of Emily J. Stone Circle will meet in the Grand Army hall Tuesday October 6th, 1908. All members are requested to be present.

FLORENCE M. GRAY, Secretary.

SCHOOL NOTES.

[BY E. P. GOTTRY.]

The 4th had a test in geography Monday.

Rosabel Squires has been out the past week.

Emma Polk and Alonise King are out this week.

Leo Polanka has been out the past two days.

Tests are in order this week in the third grade.

Olga Polanka is back, after a weeks absence.

Ruth Wiseman has been out on account of illness.

Monthly tests are all the go in the third grade this week.

Lorena Bede has been out the last two days due to a sore foot.

William Ling was out three days last week and the first of this.

Miss Lewis intends spending Sunday at her home in Minneapolis.

Thomas Fitzgerald and Robt. Gordon were out Monday afternoon.

The A Division of the first grade have been sewing their attendance cards.

All school children were admitted onto the Fair grounds free Tuesday afternoon.

The pupils had Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon to attend the County Fair.

The beginners in the Primary room have been doing free hand cutting this week.

Mrs. Froehlich entertained Miss Kuntz, Miss Garyn and Miss Hriberton at dinner Monday.

Leonard Henderson, Edward Carol, Frank Ling, Loyd Sherwood, Carl Stutzman were out Monday.

A number of pupils captured first prizes on their exhibits at the County fair. A full report will be published next week.

MEADOW LAWN.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hamlin were county seat visitors Tuesday.

Quite a number from around here attended the county fair at Pine City Tuesday.

D. W. Scofield departed yesterday for Flandreau, S. D., to remain for a few days.

E. A. Scofield is having his house lathed and plastered, getting ready for cold weather.

E. A. Scofield, who has been working at Beaver Creek for the past two months, returned to his home Saturday.

R. Bartholomew, who has been at work at Straubville, N. D., returned Wednesday, and has busied himself since husking corn.

John Nordstrom was driving mail route No. 3, the fore part of the week, while W. C. Stephan, the regular driver was taking in the county fair.

We were all surprised to see the snow storm Monday evening. It made us think that winter was here and our potatoes not yet out of the ground.

Mattie Lahart, who is working at Dr. R. L. Wiseman's in Pine City, came home Saturday evening and spent Sunday with her parents, M. T. Lahart and wife.

Although the night was bad, the basket social that was given for district 80, last Saturday evening, was quite well attended, and the neat little sum of \$14.25 was realized.

The baskets all sold well, and those attending report having had a good time. When the weather gets settled again another one will be held, due notice of which will be given in these columns.

The republican campaign will open up for Pine county at Hinckley next Tuesday evening in the Village hall. Hon. Moses E. Clapp and F. M. Nye will be the speakers. At 8 o'clock the speaking a free dance will be given, so that those who have to spend the time in a social manner, Pine City and vicinity republicans should turn out en masse, and help make this opening one long to be remembered in Pine county.



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Otto Kowalke Passes Away

What has been expected for some time, but which when it did come was a sad blow to his many friends in this place, occurred at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, Sept. 27th, 1908, when Otto Kowalke passed peacefully away. Mr. Kowalke was born in Germany the third day of June 1863, came to this country with his parents when but four years old; they came to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where Mr. Kowalke remained until a young man. He was married on the tenth day of October, 1885 to Miss Lucretia Minneapolis, to whom five children have been born, one of whom preceded its father to that bourne from which no traveler ever returns.

Mr. Kowalke came to Pine City nineteen years ago and up to about three years ago was one of our most prosperous business men, he running the O. K. sample rooms during that time.

About two years ago Mr. Kowalke took ill with a complication of diseases and has been a great sufferer for the greater part of the time.

Mr. Kowalke was a dutiful son, a kind husband and an indulgent father and a good friend and neighbor, and will be greatly missed by the majority of our citizens.

He leaves an aged father and mother, wife and four children, three brothers, two sisters and numerous friends to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held from his late residence at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Bro. Knudson, of New Duluth, officiating. The pall bearers were Jas. Hurley, W. Perkins, J. H. Wandel, R. J. Hawley, F. A. Holgo and D. Greeley.

The remains were tenderly laid to rest by the side of his child in Birchwood cemetery.

Those present from abroad to attend the funeral were Louis Kowalke and wife, father and mother, Gust Kowalke, wife and child, brother, and Conrad Kowalke, also a brother of his S. Superior, Wis. Mrs. Chas. Moves, of La Crosse, Wis., a sister, and Mrs. Hector Langhin and husband of St. Paul, also a sister. One brother, Emil, is a Mill worker in China.

The floral offerings were very beautiful.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during our hour of deep bereavement, we hereby return our heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. OTTO KOWALKE, AND FAMILY.

The Pine City High school football team go to Milaca to play the high school team of that place tomorrow. The boys from Pine go by train to Brookpark and there catch the train for Milaca at about nine o'clock. The football team have been practicing every night for the past couple of weeks with Dr. K. W. Knapp as coach, and themselves give a good account of themselves at this the first game of the season. Here's a hoping.

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Announcement

I am the Republican candidate for the office of County Commissioner for the second district, at the ensuing November election. If elected I will strive to attend to the duties of the office, and work for the best interests of my constituents.

HERMAN JOHNSON, Pine Town.

HUSTLETOWN

Most of the farmers around here have their potatoes dug.

Fred Klechner drove down to the copper mines Monday, on a business trip.

John McAdam, of Meadow Lawn, transacted business in this vicinity Monday.

Clarence Holler and Reuben Nichols called at the Carrier home last Friday.

Capt. Scavay, of Pine City drove out this way Monday looking for chickens.

The Purdy Bros. are threshing here this week. Talk about early risers, you had ought to see the Hustlers hustle.

Rev. J. J. Parish will preach his farewell sermon in the school house next Sunday afternoon at 2:15. Everybody welcome.

Chas. Dile, of Meadow Lawn came over to Frank Kunz on Monday to help on the Purdy Bros thresh machine for the balance of the week.

There was no school here Monday, as Miss Wright, the teacher, took a school exhibit to the county fair, so that school was adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Frank Kunz drove over to the Chas. Dile farm at Meadow Lawn Sunday, after a lamb he purchased at the Powell auction sale. He must be going to feed his threshers on mutton.

ROYALTON SQUIBS

Joe Osen departed for St. Paul Sunday evening.

Alex Paugerli has improved the looks of his place by giving his house a coat of paint.

Potatoes in Royalton would yield from 350 to 400 bushels per acre. If bushels were pecks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Erhart and Miss Kate Paugerli were visitors at the J. P. Davis home Friday evening.

The farmers around here are digging ditches from their swamps so that the frogs wont drown next summer.

Alice Davis and Myrtle Northrup moved to West Rock Monday morning, where they will make their home for the winter.

Bert Davis is building a house and barn for Henry LaTourelle on the north side of the river. Bert will soon be a carpenter.

School has now started in the Royalton school house in district No. 7. Miss Florence Hockstuhle has been engaged as teacher for the term.

NEWS BOY.

VALUE OF AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER
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Battlers in the business world are given equally as careful attention—the daily reports of the Duluth Board of Trade, the Duluth Produce Exchange, Live Stock Market, the Duluth Iron and Copper Stocks and the doings of Wall street make the Herald of particular value to our people.

The upbuilding of Northern Minnesota has been The Herald's persistent object for years. The Duluth Herald is the paper for this, as the Herald is the paper for that, as the Herald is the paper for this, as the Herald is the paper for that, as the Herald is the paper for this, as the Herald is the paper for that.

Republican Rain!
At Hinckley
Tuesday, Oct. 6

Hon Moses E. Clapp and Hon F. M. Nye will be the speakers. Free Dance in the evening. Everyone Come!

ENEMY OF TARIFF.
Labor World Sees Danger in Bryan Plan of Tariff for Revenue Only.
Workmen and producers generally should not delude themselves with the belief that, if Mr. Bryan shall be elected President, his plans for revision of the tariff will present no menace to the country. Mr. Bryan is the professed enemy of the tariff system. He would impose duties, if at all, for revenue purposes only. On articles competing with what he chooses to call trust-made goods he would have no duty at all. Any apparent deficit in import duties arising from revised schedules he estimates would be more than made up by increased imports. Of course, his hope is to strike at the great protection States, which happen to be Republican in politics like Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, etc. It does not seem to matter to him that every dollar's worth of foreign goods in the competitive class coming into the United States on a revenue or free trade basis necessarily by so much reduces the demand for home goods, thus displacing just that much American labor. What he wants to do is to rebuke and avenge himself upon protected manufacturers who do not agree with him in politics and who have no voice of him at the polls, says an exchange.

But while Mr. Bryan is aiming for protected industries and Republican States, once his proposed tariff law should be in force it would fall alike upon all sections of the country, the only differences between one State and another being in the degree of hardship imposed.

We hear of workmen saying that this time they intend to vote for Mr. Bryan, because for the past ten months we have had hard times. But what good will that do? How is a tariff for revenue ignoring the protection idea altogether going to open the shops and mills? How will the election of Senators by direct vote start the wheels of industry? Or the publication of campaign contributions? Or the further harassment of the railroads? Or the reorganization of the House, so that the speaker may be powerless? Why open this country now to the markets of the world when we have not sufficient demand to consume what we ourselves manufacture? Under Republican rule we have just had ten years of unparalleled prosperity. Under Democratic administrations we have never had prosperity for any period, long or short.

Can't Disaffect the Farmers.
The failure of Bryan's desperate attempts to curry favor with the farmers is illustrated by the manner in which he was received at Crookston, Minn. According to Congressman Halvor Stevenson the event went off as follows: "Bryan's speech at Crookston was a great disappointment. He actually stood ground there for Democracy. Thousands of people were there to hear him, and waited till ten o'clock in the evening before he appeared. The address was a narrow appeal to farmers, a harangue trying to prejudice them against Republicanism. It didn't take at all. Only once was there the slightest symptom of applause. He spoke to a silent, disappointed audience."

Campaign of Education.
In the great battle of 1896 the Republican party again stood for the maintenance of the integrity of the nation. The fight was against odds, against a great industrial depression, and against the most sophisticated arguments. The Republican party maintained a campaign of education among the wage-workers and the farmers, which ultimately led to the complete defeat of this second financial horsey which has threatened the integrity of our business structure.—Hon. Wm. H. Hart, at Kansas City, Mo.

Statement of the Condition of First State Bank, Pine County, at Pine City, Minn., at Close of Business on September 23, 1908.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Loans and discounts, Cash and checks, Cash on hand, Deposits, and Total Cash Assets. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, and Total Liabilities.

Contest Notice
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Duluth 9 Minn., July 19, 1908.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed with office for entry south-west quarter against homestead entry No. 2487, St. Cloud office, under the act of April 20, 1906, No. 102, looking to north quarter 10 W. of Arthur Olson's quarter, in which it is alleged that Arthur Olson has not cleared said land, he is hereby notified that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, and that he is hereby notified, to appear, respond and offer evidence touching the above allegations at 9 o'clock, a. m. on Sept. 24, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Duluth, Minn., of the said contest having, in a proper and lawful manner, been made known to the parties interested and directed that such notice be given by and under proper publication.

NEIL B. JOHNSON, Receiver for the U. S. Land Office, Duluth, Minn.

Citation for Hearing on Petition for Probate of Will.
Estate of Jacob Youngbauer.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jacob Youngbauer, Deceased.
The State of Minnesota to Johanna Youngbauer, Louisa Youngbauer and all other persons interested in the above-entitled estate, and to the heirs and assigns of the said decedent, do hereby give notice that the following Youngbauer being duly cited in this notice, the said Jacob Youngbauer being deceased, court representing that Jacob Youngbauer, now a resident of the county of Pine State of Minnesota, died on the 28th day of June 1908, leaving a last will and testament, which is presented to this court with said petition, and praying that said testament be allowed as the last will and testament of said decedent, and that letters of administration, with the will annexed be issued thereon to James H. Wadsworth.

THE CARD TRAINS. PINE CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA.
No. 91, Morning Express, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
No. 92, "Lake Superior Line," 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
No. 93, Night Express, 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
No. 94, Morning Express, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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Bride of the Yellowstone

By FRANK LOVELL NELSON

How Carlton Clark Solved a Strange, Weird Mystery in the Western Country.

His Telepathic Suggestion Tells of Strange Condition of Affairs— Detective Proves Worth of His Theory When Man is Confronted—Master Mind Finally Triumphs.

THE man was English; that was evident at first glance. Moreover he was of that ubiquitous type of sneering, fault-finding Britisher whose favorite tittle has won him, in the far east, the opprobrious title of "Linsajuter." The woman—well, we had more difficulty in classifying her. The accent and the clothes were English beyond the possibility of the most charitable error. But the plump, and face, the cool, brown eyes, the cheeks of dark but wholesome and even color, the full red lips, the small and delicately molded features, these were legacies perhaps of French ancestors, more likely tokens of that conglomerate strain now called the American type, but English, never.

As she came opposite my elbow she raised her head and gave me a look full in the eyes, a look so full of helpless appeal that it startled me.

Our drawing-room connected with the stateroom of the English couple by a door so that the two might on occasion be thrown together in a suite. I looked down and saw the corner of an envelope appear. I called Clark's attention and we watched it until the entire envelope, a long, white one, stuffed so full of papers that it went under the door with difficulty, lay on the floor at our feet.

"Our pretty lison progresses," whispered Clark. "There is a billet dore for you."

I hastily seized the envelope and emptied its contents on the reading table. And then Clark and I stared and gaped in helpless and idiotic astonishment. Before us lay bonds of the United Zinc Corporation to the value of \$750,000.

With them was a single sheet of note paper with the crest of the Los Angeles limited at the top. Clark and I read it silently.

"To Mr. Carlton Clark: I am taking what I believe to be my only course to save these papers and my life. By the time we reach Old Faithful Inn I hope to devise some disposition to ask you to make of them. Until then guard them well. I know I can trust you. Destroy this note at once. Lady Ethelbert Snively."

After breakfast at Yellowstone station the next morning the entire party, numbering about 50, were loaded into the big M.-Y. stages for the 32-mile drive to the Upper Geyser basin and Old Faithful Inn. Clark and I had a surrey to ourselves in charge of one Bo Hughes. "Ho" being Yellowstone slang for driver. We also traveled "special." That is, we were exempt from adhering to the regular schedule laid down by the stage company.

We reached the Fountain lunch station and the Lower Geyser basin in advance of the rest of the party and Clark roused to his duty sufficiently to walk out with me over the "formation," as the acres of limestone deposit made by the geysers is officially and technically known. Here again we met my lord and lady when the rest of the tourists came up, and were grouped reverently in a circle to watch the Fountain geyser play. Lady Snively clasped her hands in plea as the boiling water, throwing clouds of seething steam, shot 50 feet in the air.

The shadows of the western snow-peaks were lengthening when we drew up, in advance of the rest of the party, again by virtue of the "special," before the big portals of that wonderful pile of forest architecture, Old Faithful Inn.

I was assigned to room 17 and Clark to room 18. Lord and Lady Snively followed us and drew No. 19. Whatever the destiny that bound us together it seemed unbroken.

"This would be a dangerous place to travel about at night, ho," said to Hughes as we clambered up and down the mountains of calcareous deposit, between bottomless pools of boiling water, piercing down into the gloving, sulphurous depths of the "frown and the Outas," (threatening the treacherous and precipitous sides of the "Grotto") and feeling beneath our feet the hollow crunch of the crust that seemed but a thin partition between the beautiful world above and the regions of the inferno beneath.

"You're mighty right," answered Hughes. "I never knowed of but one man that ever come over here at night and he wandered out of the

hotel, drunk er crazy er somethin', and never showed up no more. No sir, I reckon there's a devil awaitin' at the bottom of every one of these here holes with a hook. Why, even the swatties, that's the soldiers, you know, what's detailed out here, like that fellow over there, to see that the tourists don't carry off none of the formation, they couldn't no more be dragged out here at night than you could get a cow puncher to herd sheep."

"It was all innocent enough at dinner. "But my dear," drawled the husband, "you surely can't believe all that beastly rot. Can't a fellow have capable of killing me just as you did those other women?"

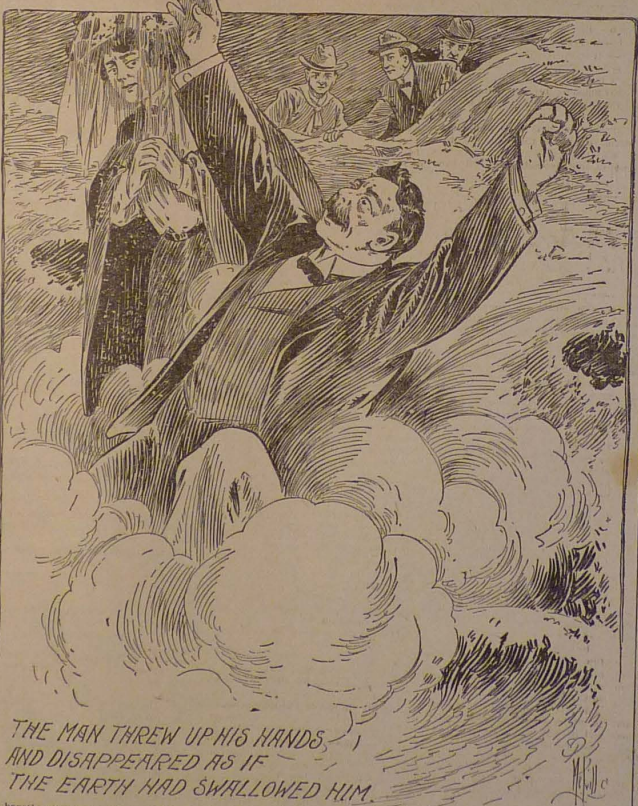
"Great guns, she's making for the formation!" It's suicide! I whispered. We reached the edge of the treacherous sea of alternate limestone and boiling water. There, already far out upon it, was the woman dashing blindly and heedlessly along with instant and awful death on either side of her. Behind her the man picked his way carefully and cautiously.

And so in Indian file we started, following Hughes and picking our way singly between the spurting jets of steam. The woman had stopped her head-

argonized fear. The man threw up his hands and disappeared as if the earth had swallowed him up. Veritably it had, for when we rushed to the spot where we had last seen him we found only the boiling, swirling waters of "The Devil Well."

"Thank God!" she exclaimed. "I fear it is wicked to feel so, but it is better than suicide for me or hanging for him."

The absence of Lord Snively would be a difficult thing to explain at the hotel and none of us relished the idea of an inquest with its consequent delay, to say nothing of the incriminating colors with which suspicious



THE MAN THREW UP HIS HANDS, AND DISAPPEARED AS IF THE EARTH HAD SWALLOWED HIM.

long light and was kneeling on the plain, clasping his hands in prayer. In her elated, uplifted hands we saw the glint of polished metal. Behind her the husband crouched with outstretched arms. Closer and closer he came, but she seemed un mindful of his presence. Were we to witness a murder or a suicide prevented? It was hard to tell, for we could do nothing but stand by and await the denouement. He cried out, to advance, would he but associate the tragedy. Clarke dropped on one knee and drew a careful bead on the advancing man. Hughes did the same. As for me I was too fascinated for action. Suddenly there was a scream of

tion, which had penetrated even into the Yellowstone, and Bo Hughes, whose straight story admitted of no doubt. Without the knowledge of a single one of our fellow passengers it was quietly arranged that we should all proceed in the morning for a special stage in charge of Hughes to Mammoth station at the northern end of the park there to make report to the cavalry colonel in command. This plan admitted of a few hours sleep of which we hastened to take advantage.

"And now, Lady Snively," began Clarke, when we were comfortably seated away in the stage the next morning, "perhaps you can tell us your story and we can advise you as to the future."

"Please do not call me Lady Snively," answered the brave little woman. "That name was my maiden and henceforth I am content to be plain Alice Hathaway. The story is brief and it would only prove a warning to all foolish, ambitious girls. I would feel that I have not lived it in vain. My father died when I was 18. He was one of the organizers of the United States Zinc Corporation, but before his death he had converted all of his stock into bonds. I was an only child and I suddenly found myself in the possession of the bonds which you have now. That was two years ago. I was young and foolish and my ideas of life had been gained from reading fiction, not the best. I believe, when a man asked me to marry him, I was innocent enough to believe I was making a great match.

"We went first to London. The world and the future looked lovely for a time, but the dream was soon dispelled. Suspicion began to gnaw upon my happiness when, instead of proceeding at once to his ancestral castle in Surrey as he had promised, we suddenly packed in an hour and made a hurried return to the United States. On the passage home I found in his luggage a newspaper clipping that set me thinking all the harder. It was the story of some villain in England who, under various names, was suspected of marrying a number of women, securing possession of their wealth and then murdering them."

"J. Frederick Bamister was it not?" interrupted Clarke. "Do you know, Sexton, I rather suspected from the first it was him. He was a sort of English Johann Hoch and went under a number of aliases."

"Yes, Bamister was one of the names used and the description in the paper fitted him so perfectly that struggle as I might against the awful thought I could not get it out of my mind. He knew of my wealth and knew the safe deposit company with which it was kept. I determined to draw it out secretly and place it elsewhere. I had secured the papers when, with the suddenness that marked all his movements, he told me we were going to the Yellowstone. I had no opportunity to place the bonds anywhere, so, closely did he know I had them on my person for our journey was a constant series of quarrels over the question of my placing all my fortune in his hands that he might redeem from mortgage his ancestral estates."

"During one of these quarrels, about the time we reached Chicago, I charged him directly with the clipping I had found in his luggage. His first look of terror and anger told me the shaft had struck and then he became the same insatiable, oily villain as I knew. But I knew the truth and I knew that upon my wits alone rested the safety of my fortune and my life."

"When you gentlemen entered the train I studied you closely. Then I learned Mr. Clarke's name and it was at once familiar to me because Mrs. Richard King, whom I know quite well, had told me of your wonderful work and how you had rescued her and her husband from the wiles of a worker of black magic. I knew I could trust you."

"You received the note I slipped into the crack in the wall, Mr. Clarke, affecting the disposition of my fortune in case of my death?"

"Yes, I received it all right," answered Clarke. "But now I have the happiness to be able to restore it to its rightful owner living."

We found the commandant at Mammoth a most reasonable man. He was fully satisfied with our story, exacting only the promise, readily given, I assure you, that we would keep him advised of our whereabouts in case powers above him should wish to inquire more closely into the matter. The stage company also treated us with marked consideration in insisting that we should resume our interrupted tour as their honored guests. Lady tot, or Miss Hathaway, as we now called her, we saw safely on the train at Granger bound for the east, her fellow passengers no doubt little suspecting that she carried with her almost a king's ransom.

"Do you know," remarked Clarke, after his own and our slighting, "women are always unreasonable. If she really wanted to make away with herself why did she wander over almost three-quarters of a mile of formation with certain death in her eyes, and her to do it with a pistol?"

As the question involved a problem that dates from Adam's loss of a rib it necessarily remained unsolved.

We never saw Miss Hathaway again, but twice each year Clarke and I receive each a check on the United States Zinc Corporation, I suppose the bonds stand in our names, else why should they send us the interest? But I am sure neither of us is conscious of having earned any such reward.

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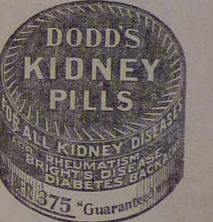
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