

SENSATIONAL STORY

Of the Desertion of a Bride by a Fairmont Lawyer.

HE SAYS THE TALE IS FALSE AND OLD

The Story as Printed in St. Louis and his Denial—A Missouri Girl the Alleged Victim of his Peculiar Conduct—It may be a More Sensational Version.

The following interesting story appeared in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat one day last week:

A story of a pretty bride, deserted almost at the altar by a man who had won her love, is now in circulation here. It is remarkable not only on account of the prominence of the parties involved and the apparent heartlessness of the groom's act, but also of the mystery with which the affair is enshrouded.

The girl in the case is the handsome and accomplished niece of Mrs. S. J. Edwards, an ex-school teacher of Kirkwood, and the man who has wantonly caused her so much grief gave his name as "Lee P. Watson," of Fairmont, W. Va. The family of that name living in Fairmont is one of fine social standing in the community, the father of Lee P. Watson being a man of considerable wealth and prominence. Lee P. Watson is related by marriage to Gov. A. Brooks Fleming. It is possible that some one may have personated young Watson, who is a married man, but no defense of that kind is set up.

The man who successfully wooed the Kirkwood girl first met her in the East at one of the watering places while she was yet a student at Vassar. She had already graduated from the University of Missouri. They became great friends and kept up a regular correspondence, and he finally proposed marriage and was accepted. Mrs. Edwards' niece had in the meantime graduated from Vassar and accepted a position as teacher of physical culture at Washington, Mo.

Watson represented himself to be an attorney for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, an elder of the Presbyterian Church at Fairmont, W. Va., and an ex-judge of the supreme court. He was about 38 years old and said he was a man of means, and apparently his statements were accepted without question, for preparations were made for the marriage, which was to come off June 1. The young lady's brothers sent her money for her trousseau, and quite an elaborate outfit was prepared at Vandervoort's.

In due time a letter came announcing the time he was expected to arrive in St. Louis, and making an appointment to meet her at the Union depot on May 14, where, everything being in readiness, they were to be driven to the nearest clergyman, get married and start at once on their wedding tour.

When the day for her lover's arrival came the young lady was on the ground promptly at the appointed hour, but the train was not. There had been some delay and the train was several hours late. She waited patiently until it arrived and was rewarded by the appearance of her affianced. He appeared somewhat excited and embarrassed, however, and acted rather strangely until he found courage to speak out boldly and explain the cause of his embarrassment to his intended bride.

It appears from the story related by the would-be bridegroom that he had been the victim of a series of misfortunes while en route to the place where he was to meet the future partner of his joys. He had experienced some difficulty in collecting a fee of \$5,000, which he had recently earned, and had drawn heavily on his bank account in Fairmont, W. Va., and hurried on to keep his engagement here. He stopped over night in Cincinnati, where he had in his haste to catch an early train got up and left his gold watch and all his money under the pillow of the bed in the hotel, arriving here entirely out of funds. The explanation was perfectly satisfactory to the lady, who being well supplied with means, forced upon him a loan of \$20, which he reluctantly accepted, giving in exchange his check for the amount on the National Bank of Fairmont. Apparently this has been honored. He proposed an immediate marriage, as he said he had to return to Fairmont, but the marriage license office was closed for the day. He then urged that they take the train East and marry on the way, but she refused to do that and went to the house of friends in this city. Two days later he left the city, after bidding her good-by, saying he had some very pressing legal business that required his immediate presence at Fairmont, but promised to return June 1 and get married.

On the day before the day fixed for the wedding, the young lady received a letter from her lover, dated at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York, May 28, stating that he was there very ill, and that he would not be able to come west at the appointed time. The young lady became frantic with grief, and would have gone to him, believing him to be dangerously ill, but her friends, who were less credulous, interposed their objections and prevented what appeared to them a very rash proceeding. The gentleman's actions had aroused their suspicions as to his sincerity, and investigation proceedings were instituted to ascertain his real character and purpose. A telegram was sent to the clerk of the Metropolitan Hotel, inquiring about Mr. Watson, and an immediate reply received stating that he was not, and had not been, at that hotel and was not known there. Since then nothing has been heard from Mr. Watson, and the young lady, whose affections have been so cruelly trifled with, is still with her friends here, almost brokenhearted with despair.

Mr. Edwards telegraphed to the Presbyterian minister at Fairmont, who answered that Watson was not an elder, and that he was a married man with several children.

The only word received by the Globe-Democrat from Fairmont in answer to frequent requests for information was the following peculiar dispatch:

FAIRMONT, W. Va., June 18.—Mr. Watson was asked about the St. Louis charge against him and said: "The story is sensational and groundless. It has been attempted at various times since 1878. I supposed it was dead long since."

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LOCAL BREVITIES

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

The alumni of Ritchie school will give their annual banquet at Wheeling park next Wednesday evening.

It is intended to build a mission chapel of the English Lutheran church in the Eighth ward before long.

JOSEPH BRENNING is excavating for a three story brick business block on the northwest corner of Market and South streets.

YESTERDAY the German Kriegerverein gave an excursion down the river on the steamer Liberty. The Etanville band accompanied them.

OTTO BRISDEL was arrested yesterday by Officer West for disorderly conduct at the Hotel Windsor. Another disorderly case was also locked up.

JOHN L. KIMMINS on Saturday qualified as executor of the will of Jane L. Kimmis, deceased, and gave bond in \$500, with W. J. W. Cowden as surety.

CLERK HOOK on Saturday admitted to record a deed made June 24 by L. A. Rolf and wife to Michael Freismuth, in consideration of \$225, for lot #43 at Parkview.

St. STEPHEN'S German church, of the Eighth ward, had a largely attended and very enjoyable picnic at Selbert's garden Saturday, for the Sunday school children.

At 1 o'clock this morning a heavy, but short rain storm sprang up, for a change, and there was a little thunder. The promise was good for a showery morning.

SUSAN HENNEGAN's house of ill fame was pulled last night by Officers Donovan, Fahay, Moran and Fitzgerald, and the landlady, three girls and three men were arrested.

Dr. T. M. FANSHU, of Farriah & Peyton, owners of the Hotel Windsor, is negotiating with Mrs. D. M. Carey with a view to purchasing her interest in the Hotel Windsor.

STELLA WOODS' house on Market street was raided by Officer Watson and Lukins Saturday night, and the landlady, two women and one man gave security for their fines.

In the police court Saturday John Wenzell was fined \$11 and costs for illegally maintaining a slaughter house in the city limits. He gave notice that he would take an appeal.

The Knights of the Mystic Chain gave an enjoyable entertainment at Westwood's hall Saturday night, and after the programme was finished refreshments were served by the ladies of the members' families.

The work of laying the underground conduits on the Main street bridge for the telephone cables, is making good progress. The conduits are of sewer pipe, each carrying one cable, and four are laid side by side.

The half-past two o'clock motor coming in from Elm Grove yesterday struck buggy in which two women were seated and broke a wheel. Nobody was hurt. The horse was frightened at sight of the train and backed the vehicle up against it.

CHARLES DOBBS, a foreman for Hallock Bros., was caught between two heavy derrick timbers at the Main street bridge Saturday while the derrick was being removed, and badly crushed. Dr. Charles Frisell attended to his injuries.

THERE is renewed talk of establishing a gold cure sanitarium in Wheeling for alcoholism—or rather of establishing two, one as a branch of the Duncan institution at Charleston, this state, and the other by Rev. Dr. Smith, of Ohio, who uses the Keeley cure.

The chief of police of Wheeling has issued an order that will put an end to the tin horn blowing during the campaign. If there ever was a nuisance it is the tin horn in the mouth of a small boy during a red hot political campaign.—Bellevue Independent.

VIRGINIA lodge of the Amalgamated Association has elected the following officers: President, Willis Watt; vice president, Charles Diehl; recording secretary, James Boycott; guide, Charles Dunn; inside guard, Charles Gahart; outside guard, Frank Brannigan.

The Beethoven singing society left on the 7 o'clock train over the B. & O. road yesterday morning for Pittsburgh, where they spent the day as the guests of two local societies. Prof. Arbenz accompanied the party. The day was spent in singing and social recreation.

The Wheeling Turners and their friends who will take in the Bezirks Turnfest at Pittsburgh, commencing tomorrow and continuing three days, will leave on the Pan Handle train this afternoon. They will be escorted to the station by the Opera House band.

A YOUTH named Melvin Tagg was arrested by Officer Watson late Saturday afternoon for bathing in the river in daylight, and at the matinee police court he was fined \$1 and costs. The officers have resolved to break up this practice, of which there is much complaint.

M. L. WAYMAN, of Fourteenth and Jacob streets, informed the police yesterday that at 5 o'clock in the morning he had detected a man in the act of breaking into the store, and had shot at him. People passing by at that time, say they knew of no excitement and had heard no shot. The man wasn't hit.

A WHEELING GIRL

said to be in Trouble in Cincinnati—Who Knows Her?

A peculiar case is being investigated by headquarters detectives, says Sunday's Cincinnati Enquirer.

The pointer came in a letter received by Chief Deitch yesterday morning. The writer was Chief of Police Mahon, of Parkersburg, W. Va., and he informed the chief that last March a girl named Minnie Shaefer came to this city to hide her shame. She returned to Parkersburg several days ago and called on Chief Mahon, to whom she related a peculiar story.

She says that when she arrived in this city she entered a lying-in hospital conducted by Mrs. Dr. J. Barre, on McMillan street, near Oakley. When she was ready to leave she says that her trunk was held because she did not have \$24 which Mrs. Barre claimed was due, besides the \$28 she had already paid.

The girl also intimated that a criminal operation had been performed upon her, and she claimed that a number of girls had been treated the same as herself. Among them she mentioned Kate Shay, who lives at the Dennison Hotel, and Jennie Sewer, of Wheeling, W. Va.

Picnic at the Fair Grounds by the Mark Twain Rod and Gun Club on Thursday, June 30.

The stockholders of the Street Railway are requested to attend a conference at the company's office, on Tenth street, Wednesday, June 29, at 2 o'clock p. m.

MAKE arrangements to attend the Mark Twain Rod and Gun Club picnic at the Fair Grounds on Thursday.

LEADING THE PARADE.

A Burning Question Debated in the Trades' Assembly.

AND LEFT TO THE COMMITTEE

To Decide Upon—Boycotts on Cigars and Crackers Discussed and a Vigorous Prosecution Ordered—No Organization to be Required to Pay for the Honor of Leading the Parade.

The Trades Assembly held a long session yesterday afternoon, but most of the time was consumed in talk and very little business was transacted. A communication from Bakers' Unions Nos. 29 and 119 of Pittsburgh was read, calling attention to the boycott placed long ago on the product of the S. S. Marvin Baking Company, of Pittsburgh. The communication was received and filed, and the boycott ordered pushed. At the request of one of the delegates for information, it was stated on the floor of the Assembly that the crackers and bread of the United States company were also on the list of boycotted articles.

The question of carrying on the boycott against boycotted cigars and stogies was vigorously discussed. It was the opinion of the delegates that the most good could be done by deterring men to watch the stores in question, to talk to the customers and endeavor to dissuade them from purchasing at those places, and by printing and distributing circulars containing full information.

Owing to new contingencies that have arisen, especially since the boycotting of the U. S. Baking company's products, it was decided that the Trades Assembly's committee should have a conference with a committee of members of the Grocers' association.

A communication from Garfield assembly was read. The cigarmakers claimed that they were entitled to the right to lead the parade on Labor day, though, if the assembly decided otherwise, they would take any position assigned them in the procession.

WHO WILL LEAD THE PARADE?

They further said that the general committee on Labor day arrangements intimated that they would have to pay \$50 toward the cost of a band. As they intended to hire a band of their own, they did not think it just that they should also contribute \$50 to the cost of the band to be hired by the Trades Assembly. A motion to lay the protest on the table was lost and a long and vigorous discussion ensued.

About an hour was spent in this unprofitable discussion, but the cigarmakers came out victorious in the end. A member of the general committee said that the printers had paid \$50 for the privilege of marching first in the parade, whereas a printer delegate arose and claimed that the printers, in being required to pay this money, had been unjustly treated, and that that precedent was no reason for forcing another union to make a payment that was not just.

The right of the general committee to make such a charge for the exercise of a privilege that was inherent in every local union was denied, and the motion to accept the protest was carried. A delegate moved that Garfield assembly be allowed to march first in the Labor Day parade, without money and without price. President Donley declared this motion out of order. A motion to refer the matter back to the general committee was defeated. One delegate asked why the committee should decide who was to lead and the chief marshal have the placing of all the other organizations who were to take part. Why, he asked, could not the whole matter be left to the chief marshal? Another delegate answered this by saying that it had always been the custom for the committee to designate who was to lead the parade, while the chief marshal attended to the other details. This argument was the decisive one, and the assembly decided to leave it to the general committee. But no union shall be required to pay any money for the honor.

WANTED HIM DISCIPLINED.

Some more speechmaking was indulged in over a communication from a miners' union. This union objected to the action of a member of the carpenters' union who had called their mine boss a Stonewall Jackson and had called their employer Jesus Christ. They wanted him tried for the offense, or at least rebuked by his union. A carpenter delegate claimed that the words had been used in a quarrel, and not from malice or thought on the part of the offender. He had already been spoken to about the matter and had promised not to offend again. The complaint was laid on the table.

The following resolution by the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union were taken up:

Resolved, That we will not support any candidates for the legislature, who will not publicly declare their opposition to the election of any man to the United States senate, who is interested in the continuance and growth of monopolies and trusts.

Most of those who spoke on the subject deprecated taking action in the matter, because both parties had already nominated their candidates for the legislature, and that it would be absurd to pass the resolution, as these candidates had already no doubt pledged themselves to support certain candidates for the senatorship.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was declared out of order by the president, who stated his reasons on an appeal from his decision. He said that it had been customary for the president, when he thought a motion was made for the purpose of cutting off debate, to declare it out of order, and as he looked upon the motion just made in that light, he had rendered his decision accordingly. The chair's decision was sustained, and a motion to adopt and endorse the resolution was carried.

The general committee fixed the price of admission to the labor picnic at ten cents a head, one horse vehicle fifteen cents and two horse vehicles twenty-five cents.

On the first meeting of next month the new delegates to be elected to the Trades Assembly will take their seats, and a chief marshal for the parade will be elected.

Trades Mark Twain Rod and Gun Club will give a picnic at the Fair Grounds June 30.

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ABOUT PEOPLE

strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks About.

Will N. Dovener has returned from a trip to Kansas City.

John M. Sweeney and wife are off on a northern and western tour.

Miss Francis J. Jordan is visiting the family of Ira J. Post, at Clarksburg.

William N. Smith, of Canal Dover, O., is spending a few days with his mother, on the island.

Capt. B. E. Dovener got home Saturday night from Tucker county, laden down with trout.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, of Vermont street, left for Charleston, W. Va., Saturday for a stay of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Adams are at St. Clairsville, where Mr. Adams' mother will celebrate her birthday to-day.

Stephen McCullough has returned from a trip to the north west, where he purchased a large stock of lumber.

Mr. Clark Hamilton and his sister, Miss Mollie Hamilton, of Grafton, left yesterday for Chicago and the west.

Hon. N. B. Scott left Saturday night for Washington City to attend a meeting of the Republican national committee.

Mr. George Elacus, of this city, was in the terrible wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad last Friday, but was fortunately not injured.

Will and Dan McPhail, of Wheeling, are in the city to attend the funeral of the little daughter of Dan and Nellie McPhail.—Steubenville Herald.

Capt. Thomas Prince is home from the lower Mississippi, where he had been for six months, looking after his extensive steamboat interests.

David Ingraham, formerly of this city, now a resident of Cincinnati and a member of the "Fair Rebel" company, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Regina Wingerter is home from Clarksburg, where she graduated last week from St. Joseph's academy. Mrs. Wingerter attended the commencement exercises.

Assistant City Clerk Will Fee, W. C. Beane, of the Register, W. W. Whitmyer, of the News, and Percy Harden got home from the Chicago convention early yesterday morning. They were about the last arrivals of the Wheeling contingent.

The New Cumberland Courier says: "S. G. Smith, Esq., is one of the four Republican nominees for the house of delegates from Ohio county. We hope S. G. will get there in good shape. You can't keep a Hancock county boy down unless you knock the stuffin' out of him."

THE ARION AT THE PARK.

The Rosenmont Sommerfest there To-morrow Evening.

The Arion society's members and their families and friends will have the annual Rosenmont Sommerfest at Wheeling Park to-morrow evening.

The Opera House orchestra will render a choice musical programme, and at intervals there will be fireworks and other attractions.

The success of the affair is guaranteed, from the fact that it is in the hands of the following committees: Committee on invitation—Louis C. Stifel, A. Rolf, Dr. Aschmann, Dr. Stifel, H. Bieberson, Frank Woosier, A. E. Marschner, John Friedel, F. H. Lange, Judge Jeffers, George Hook, A. A. Franzheim, Prof. Killmeyer, George Eckhart, I. J. Bayha, Charles Schmidt, Ed. W. Schaefer, J. A. Hess, F. Driehorst, G. A. Beuter, George Bromer, E. E. Schambra, C. Vieweg.

Committee on promenading and dancing—F. Diegmuller, L. A. Rolf, Milton Mabis, Oswald Schreiber, Frank Klives, Louis Lase, William Kirbach, Joe Hoffmann, H. F. Behrens, Charles Ebeling.

Committee on amusements—F. Rieker, Edmund Booking, C. A. Schaefer.

Free Trains to the Glendale Sale.

Persons thinking of attending the sale of property at Glendale to-morrow will do well to remember that a free excursion train will leave the Baltimore & Ohio depot at 9 o'clock a. m. Tickets for that train will be furnished on application at the Baltimore & Ohio ticket office, good to return on any train during the day on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

A similar train will leave the Ohio River railroad depot on Water street, at 1:30 p. m., and returning, leave Glendale at 5 o'clock p. m. Round trip tickets will be furnished for that train on application at the Ohio River railroad ticket office, good to return on any train on that road during the day. These excursion trains, on both roads will stop at the new stations at the parks at Glendale. They will also stop, on signal at least at all regular stopping places between Wheeling and Glendale. The regular trains on both roads still stop at the old stations at the north line of Glendale. The date for the change of stopping place of regular trains from the old to the new station on the Baltimore & Ohio is announced for July 1. The date of change for regular trains on the Ohio River railroad is not yet announced.

As the sale to-morrow begins at ten o'clock a. m., we advise all who can do so to take the Baltimore & Ohio special at 9 a. m. We particularly advise persons who are not familiar with the grounds and improvements to go by that train. They will find little enough time to get acquainted with the place.

A free lunch will be furnished at noon on the ground. There will be carriages on the ground for the free use of those desiring to look over the property.

The 1:30 train on the Ohio River road is for those who cannot go earlier.

To avoid confusion about the hours of these special trains, and the roads they run on, and where the returning trains start from, you had better cut this out and preserve it for reference.

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DEAD.

STRAIGHT—On Saturday, June 25, 1892, BRAS J. STRAIGHT, in the 56th year of his age. Funeral on his late residence, No. 30 Fifth street, this (Monday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited.

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