

The QUARRY

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(Continued from last week)

Kearney slipped back to the office, picked up the photographs from Nelson's desk, put on his hat and made his way furtively from the building.

Inspector Ranscombe was cleaning out his desk.

The end of his police career had come. He had been placed on the retired list, and an order from the new commissioner that morning had broken the news to him suddenly, viciously, that he was no longer wanted.

Leutenant Jimmy Dunn, the big kid outside, had heard the old man instructed plenty of virility.

Heights & new commissioner was entirely neglected on New York a little too long, and the gamblers and others who made their fortunes by violating the law had squeezed down on the mayor.

An election was at hand, and the mayor had to obey or retire to private life for the rest of his days.

The crowd that had frightened many a scooped detective lay heavily on his forehead, and in his eyes, as Ranscombe selected his personal papers from those that were departmental, was a glint of bitter protest.

There was a tap at the door. "Who is it? What'd'ya want?" he growled angrily.

Kearney showed his face in the door. "Come in, boss," he asked.

Ranscombe nodded and returned to his desk. "I found him, boss," began Kearney. "Found who?" snapped the inspector. "Get it out of your system and beat it!"

"Jim Montgomery, who escaped from Sing Sing," explained Kearney, twisting a felt hat nervously in his hands.

The inspector looked up in surprise. "Jim Montgomery?" he repeated, as he reached for a telegram on his desk. "Yes, sir, but I didn't bring him back with me."

"Oh, you didn't? That was considerable. I guess you found out that we had the wrong man in 'str.' eh?"

"No, sir. It wasn't that. I found that he was on the level all these years. He was just married, and he changed his measurements so that all I could get to prove he was the man was his finger prints. When I tried to get them from him he struck his hands in some machinery and—"

"What?"

The inspector half rose from his chair. His heavy jaws came together with a snap.

"Yes, sir. He'd made a good name, and rather than disgrace it and his wife and the people he lived among—"

"D'ya mean to say that you let him make that sacrifice?"

The inspector's face was spotted with the purple of a mighty wrath. "I didn't know he was going to do it, boss. Kearney was in a choking voice. 'I'd 'a' thrown down my job before I'd 'a' stood for that.'"

Ranscombe brought his right fist down on his desk and shot out his lower jaw as he stared at Kearney.

"You bloodhound!" he half screamed. Kearney sat down in a chair beside the desk and half covered his face with his big, red paws.

"Boss," he groaned, "Montgomery was the kind of man who would be crucified for those he loved."

"How did you trail him?"

"I went to his home town and found that his mother was dead," explained the man hunter. "I looked up the cemetery and found that the keeper was being paid for caring for the grave. I traced the letters inclosing the money and found that the son—"

"Didn't you have heart enough or brains enough to stop?"

"When I reached him I wanted to stop. I wanted to stop, boss. But you told me never to let up."

Ranscombe kicked back his chair and paced the room, holding in his hands the telegram he had taken from his desk. He shuddered when he paused before his sleuth whom he had trained so well.

"Read that," he said, handing him the telegram.

"What's the matter?" he demanded. "Ye're none too soon," said one of them.

The others began to croon softly to themselves. He knew what that meant.

The grip fell from his hand, but he steadied himself and entered the house, mounting the stairs slowly. He walked into the kitchen of the little flat and found it spotlessly clean.

An old woman sat in a chair by the window, the beads of a rosary passing through her withered fingers.

She was not his mother! Kearney removed his hat and crossed the threshold of his old mother's bedroom. She lay in bed, and at first he thought her asleep.

Her hands, like brown wax, were clasped about the last copy of the "Key of Heaven" he had bought for her.

Beside the head of the bed two holy candles burned on a little table. A priest knelt on the floor, praying for the soul of the departed.

Kearney fell upon his knees and crossed himself once, twice and a third time.

A cry of distress came from the bottom reaches of his heart in a low, pitifully sad wail.

"Ale, ale, ale!" it sounded. "It was the plaint of an animal with a soul."

CHAPTER XVI.

Restitution.

THE last act of Inspector Ranscombe, before turning over his office to his successor, was to send to John Nelson the original police records taken of James Montgomery. He offered his services in any step that he might take to have the courts of New York right the wrong that had been done him. The inspector also wrote confidentially to the governor of the state giving full details of the case.

Nelson, his hands again healed, and his wife and her family grateful that he had not been permanently crippled, took Mr. Bryan into his confidence and placed the whole matter before him, asking his advice.

The police of Tucson provided the New York authorities with ample details of the confession of the dying yegg. He was too far gone to send out a prisoner. When Nelson learned of this he asked that efforts be made to let the man die outside of prison. The yegg's own maker had taken his case from the hands of the law.

Mr. Bryan engaged eminent counsel in New York to care of the case of James Montgomery formally reopened by the appellate division of the supreme court. A reversal of the verdict found by the lower court was entered in the records and "Acquitted" replaced the word "Convicted."

The name of Nelson had its value in the world, a value made by the effort, by kindness, by compassion, by struggle and by intellect. The woman he loved had taken that name. The people among whom he had worked had accepted it as representing all that was fine and high and noble.

The supreme court of South Carolina in chambers gave to James Montgomery the right to have legal use of the name of John Nelson. This document from the court was placed in the archives of the state without publicity.

While the last of these details, clearing away the past and making straight the future for Nelson, were being attended to by lawyers, John Nelson himself, his wife and her parents were walking impatiently up and down the station platform of the Southern railway in Greenville.

Mr. Bryan's finest horses and traps, his negro coachman in the freshest of livery suits and brown straw boaters, were there also. Guests—and very important guests, evidently—were expected.

The crowd that always gathered to greet the express train from the north fledged with impatience. Perhaps a party of famous millionaires or renowned statesmen was coming to Greenville. The Bryan family had never turned out so conspicuously at the station in all its history.

The faint shiver of the locomotive in the distance brought the riders nearer the tracks to peer northward and get a glimpse of the oncoming train.

Molly Nelson clasped her hands with delight. Mr. Bryan's face was wreathed with smiles. The coachman flicked the ears of their fine teams and started them to capering jauntily and gayly.

If the president of the United States and his cabinet had been coming to Greenville on that train no finer welcome could have been given them. The train thundered up, and white capped porters jumped from the steps of the coaches.

Among the passengers were two old people, one a bent, white haired man with long arms and a face that would have been grotesque in its ugliness but for a smile of patience and gentleness that played about his clean shaven lips; the other was a slender woman well beyond middle age, dressed in black, with a dolman and hat that had been long years out of fashion.

To this homely and humble pair the Bryans and the Nelsons rushed with cries of joyful greetings.

The Bryan servants fought to win the honor of carrying their two pieces of luggage. The coachmen made their horses dance afresh.

The crowd exclaimed in one long drawn "Ah!" as the pretty Mrs. Nelson deliberately kissed the bent old visitor and then put her arm about the waist of the woman who had come with him.

A strange word of greeting for the ears of the rich and the fashionable came from the lips of the old man to John Nelson.

"Kid!"

"Bill!" was the reply. The stately Mrs. Bryan was making as much of the fustered, little, old woman whom the crowd heard called by the name of Jennie as Mr. Bryan and Mr. Nelson were making of the homely man called Bill.

The train pulled out on its way to Atlanta, and the party bundled into the fine carriages.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins were taken to their new home—their first real home. It might have been called a cottage in the south, but to the woman from Corlears Hook it was a mansion such as

she had never dreamed of entering, even as a servant.

Fresh and spick and span in new paint, its garden a tangle of glorious blossoms, its piazzas wide and cool and its grounds stretching a good ten acres about it, Bill and his wife thought it the home of the Bryans.

They entered the house. It was silver, but modestly furnished. Bill glistened on the sideboard, and vases and jars of cut glass were filled with freshly cut flowers. Everywhere was a touch of femininity and coziness, showing the hand of Molly Nelson.

There were comfortable desks and easy chairs, lamps that hung low and spread soft lights for old eyes and many rugs. There was even a fat, sleepy tabby dozing on a cushion in one of the window seats.

Molly took Mrs. Hawkins to her bedroom, a front room with a veranda. She threw wide the deep windows, and the east side woman gazed out into the loveliness of the garden.

"It's grand!" she gasped. "Mrs. Nelson, it's grand, ma'am. Central park never had anything on this."

Nelson had brought behind them his old friend and helper, the man who was of the type that society had given up as unrecuperate. The demands of his probation from Sing Sing had all been met. The rest of his life was to be what he would make it for himself. Nelson signaled to Molly to come to him.

"We are going to leave you two together for awhile," he said to the old probationer. "This is your home and your wife's home."

Bill's shaggy eyebrows were raised in surprise. "You mean for a visit?" he asked. "I mean forever," replied Nelson. "You will find the deeds in your desk downstairs."

Nelson drew Molly from the room. As they closed the door they heard Mrs. Hawkins sobbing.

THE END.

County Correspondence

TOWN LINE

Leon Wright and wife, who have been employed by Frank Presley, Signet of Poor Farm in Ithaca, has resigned and they are now living in Alma.

Mrs. Milton Veeder and Mrs. James Edwards visited Wm. Veeder and family over Sunday in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stitt, who have been visiting their daughter in Pompeii for the past few days, have returned home.

Mrs. E. Harter of Alma spent Sunday with Dell Wright and wife.

James Tockler of Brice has been visiting Giles Isham and family. Cora Isham accompanied him home to visit among relatives for a few days.

S. W. Wilson and Mr. Allen of the Masonic home of Alma, were the guests of L. H. Church and wife on Thursday.

L. Muhn, who has been to Vernon to visit his brother-in-law, James Jones and family and other relatives, has returned home.

A daughter is born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nelson on Tuesday. Mother and child are doing well.

Ray Madden and wife, C. Nelson and wife of Alma called on Lyle Nelson and wife on Thursday.

Mrs. John Snyder, Cora Isham and Mrs. Barney Sawyer called on Mrs. Wm. Sullivan and Mrs. Frank Ellis of Forest Hill on Wednesday.

Hamilton Gee and wife were in St. Louis the first of the week visiting with their niece, Mrs. M. Husted and children. Mr. Husted's friends will be pleased to learn that he has accepted a government position in Washington, D. C. and will soon move his family to that city.

Miss Ida Mapes sister of Mrs. Husted of Shepherd has accepted a position in St. Louis and is staying with Mrs. Husted. They will be remembered as former Alma girls.

Frank Eaton has gone to Courtland New York to see his daughter, who has had another stroke of paralysis.

Geo. Webb's sale was well attended on Friday. Everything brought a good price. Mrs. Webb is still confined to her bed and they will stay on the farm where they are living until she is better.

Mrs. Wm. Rogers went to Ionia the first of the week to care for her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Jennings, who is sick.

Last Saturday occurred the wedding of Etta Stevens and William Clark in Ithaca. At the wedding the newly wedded left for Ashley where they remained until Saturday when they returned home. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stevens of Arcadia township and is a very popular young woman. She has many friends in Alma and here.

The groom is the son of Edwin Clark of Arcadia township and has a host of friends. They will make their home in Arcadia where Mr. Clark will build a home across from his father's farm. Their friends extend congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

William Veeder and daughter of Mt. Pleasant visited with relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. Carrie Schnepf spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Louis Enghart. Mrs. Schnepf who has been living on one of the Nelson farms is moving to Riverdale.

Mrs. Lottie Moulton, who lives near Horton, died last Monday. She will be remembered as a frequent visitor in this vicinity at the home of her brother-in-law, E. R. Moulton. During that time she has gained many friends. She had been in poor health for the past few months and had been living with her son. She was an Advent and a good Christian woman. She leaves four children, two daughters, Ruth and Edith, and two sons, Grant and Jay of Jackson county.

Mrs. Ed. Ferris and Mrs. J. Kinney attended the Aid Society in Elwell on Wednesday. Dinner was served at the W. E. church where the meeting was held.

who will wish them a long and happy married life.

Mrs. Lyle Nelson states that her mother, Mrs. W. Stanton of Lansing but formerly of this vicinity who has been very sick with an abscess, is slowly improving.

MIDDLETON

A. L. Blair spent Thursday in Ithaca. E. A. Smith of Alma was in town Tuesday.

Miss Lydia Resseguie is visiting friends in Detroit. Fred Greeler made a business trip to Bowling Wednesday.

Mrs. John Hudson was quite ill a few days last week. Mrs. Winnie Smith and son Harold returned here from Alma, where they were visiting.

E. Mertz owns a business caller in Cayuga City Saturday. A. H. Duffo has the wall laid for his new house.

Mrs. E. McKnight returned Friday from Pompeii where she has been visiting her son, Rolie. Mrs. B. N. Greaser and Mrs. Ren. Smith were callers in Ithaca Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Moss visited the latter's parents in New Haven Saturday. B. J. Shong was in Detroit the latter part of the week on business.

Miss Madge Resseguie spent Wednesday Thursday and with her uncle's family, near Buttertrot. J. R. Hudson made a business trip to Jelling and Grand Rapids the last of the week.

Mrs. Ray Grubough and little daughter, spent Friday in Ashley with relatives. Mr. B. J. Shong was ill a few days last week.

Mrs. Clarence Terrell of Buttertrot was a visitor here Tuesday and Wednesday. The High School Play is to be played at Mertz Hall, Friday evening. April 23.

Miss Bessie Hill went to Milford, Saturday for a few days visit with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reynolds and baby spent Sunday with the Frank Jersey family in North Star.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blair and Mrs. Rolie Blair spent Sunday with the Lewis Blairs family in Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Moss and children spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Everett of New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson spent Sunday with George Neidreth and daughter Lydia. The Elshin Councillor family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Lealie of Newark.

Misses Virna and Vida Lipley of St. Louis spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lipley. Mr. and Mrs. N. Greaser and two children and Mrs. Winnie Smith and son spent Saturday and Sunday in Alma with friends.

Mrs. Pearl Newton of Pompeii is visiting her sister, Mrs. Basil Chaffin. Mr. and Mrs. Oneil Reynolds and Mrs. Geo. Garner spent Sunday with the Newtons, Garner family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Naldrett and children of Ithaca spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellsworth. Miss Thirza Pendall spent Saturday with friends in Alma.

Dr. F. C. O'Neill has purchased a new Hupp touring car. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Naldrett spent Sunday with the latter's brother, Frank Jersey in North Star.

Miss Lucille Eagle was the guest of friends in Pompeii Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. G. W. Barrett and children of North Shade, spent the latter part of the week with her mother Mrs. Z. Allen.

Miss Agatha Kenney of Perrinton is assisting at the Gleaner Elevator office in the absence of Miss Hill. Mrs. Wm. Mertz, who recently underwent an operation, is able to be out in a wheel chair.

Mrs. Erford Martin of Sheridan is assisting at the Middleton Hotel. Mrs. F. L. Baker went to Pompeii Saturday to help care for James Cushman, who is seriously ill.

Arthur Lacke, who has been visiting relatives in the vicinity has returned to Lansing. Mrs. Harold Miller went to Saginaw Friday to attend the funeral of a cousin.

A number from here attended the funeral of Wm. Hull Sr., held Wednesday at the U. B. church in North Shade. The Leurs Guernsey family are occupying the rooms recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Focker.

Mrs. Clyde Plank of Alma spent a few days last week with her brother, Cleon Blount and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garner of Brice were in town Monday, enroute to Pompeii to see the latter's mother who is in the hospital there.

The Social Circle met last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Smith, who lives north of town, the attendance was good. Mrs. F. C. Dodge spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Francis, near Perrinton. Her mother underwent an operation that day.

A number of young people here attended the shower given Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Verno Wagner, at their home northwest of town. The Redk and Needie clubs were very pleasantly entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Wood.

The Thursday club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. E. Richard. An enjoyable time was spent. Wm. Mertz had the misfortune to lose another valuable horse last week.

Mrs. Cleon Blount entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening at her home in honor of her husband the occasion being his birthday. About thirteen were present and all enjoyed the evening very much. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake, was served.

Miss Ruth Greene entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home Tuesday evening. A novel feature was a mock wedding, participated in by the girls, refreshments were served and all spent a jolly evening.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The teachers' examination will be held at the Court House in the village of Ithaca, April 29th, 30th, and May 1st, 1915, commencing at 8:00 o'clock a.m. Standard time.

If interested, write the school commissioner for bulletin no. 16. Howard A. Potter, Commissioner of Schools.

HATCHING EGGS—BABY CHICKS

—Order now. Lately purchased some E. C. Rhode Island Red cockerels from a good strain. Pallets selected 75 per cent fertility guaranteed. Eggs 50c per 100—50c postpaid; \$3.00 per 1000 at village. Baby chicks 10c each. Mrs. Wm. Williams, Big Four farm, Rosebush, R. F. D. 3, Bell phone 65—Weidman, adv. 1834-4p.

Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Gratiot.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT.
In Chancery.

William E. Hendricks, Complainant,
vs.
William Finley, Jr., of his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns,
Thomas G. H. Henderson, of his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns,
and the unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns of Henry M. Henderson, deceased,
and the unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns of James Fraser, deceased, and the wife, if any, of Ephraim S. Williams, Defendants.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House in the village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 8th day of April A. D. 1915.

PRESENT THE HON. KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.

This suit is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to lands described in said bill of complaint as follows:

The north west quarter of the south west quarter of section thirty-three, township eleven north of range one west, Michigan, and the north east quarter of the north east quarter of section four in township ten north of range one west, Michigan.

It is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the complainants cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six successive weeks, the first publication to be made on or before the 11th day of October A. D. 1915, before the 11th day of October A. D. 1915, and in case of their appearance that they cause their answer or answers to complainant's bill of complaint to be filed in this cause and a copy or copies thereof to be served on complainant's solicitor within twenty days after service upon them of said bill of complaint and in default thereof said bill of complaint be taken as confessed by said defendants or so many of them as may be in default.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the complainants cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six successive weeks, the first publication to be made on or before the 11th day of October A. D. 1915, before the 11th day of October A. D. 1915, and in case of their appearance that they cause their answer or answers to complainant's bill of complaint to be filed in this cause and a copy or copies thereof to be served on complainant's solicitor within twenty days after service upon them of said bill of complaint and in default thereof said bill of complaint be taken as confessed by said defendants or so many of them as shall be in default.

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