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THE EVENING STORY

JANET'S REWARD.

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It was hard to say which was the most noted—the Wilton pearls or the Wilton temper.

Euphemia, the youngest Wilton girl, had inherited both, together with much land, many stocks and bonds, not to name revolutionary relics quite equal to a patent of nobility.

Both her brothers had married and had sons of lusty young Wiltons, but Clara, the eldest who shared with Miss Euphemia tenancy of the big home-stead, had only stepchildren. She had married a minister with the traditional family. It was remotely through this family that the affair of the pearls came to happen.

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"Sure, laughing makes you the prettiest," Janet said, with just the faintest touch of brogue. "When she chose, her English was crystalline, but she had found out that the Irish inflection pleases the stately lady."

"He would say he was in luck," a voice said from the opening door. After a half minute it went on, the speaker meanwhile walking to the fireside. "Upon my soul! Is this prophetic? Are you really going to do it at last?"

"I don't know what you mean," Miss Euphemia said crossly. Dr. Archibald bent slightly bald, and his hair was a inch lower than last Miss Euphemia. He had played with her in short frocks, being but a year her elder, and son to a close family friend.

"You never will come to things where people dress like Christians," Miss Euphemia said, still crossly, but a Janet lurked in between them saying gaily: "Children! Children! Mind your manners! And your medicines! But isn't she the love?" This to the doctor: "To think of wearing a string of pearls like that only once in a while! I call it sinful!"

"You'd wear them every day—to market, mill and muster," the doctor laughed. Janet grew slightly pale. "I shouldn't dare to wear them at all—or to keep them," she said. "They are worth so much; and the money!—it would build houses and homes and warm cold little children, and comfort, oh, so much! I'm glad to be spared such trials! It would be awful to have them—and a wifuller to give them up."

"Run away, you young anarchist," Dr. Bently said, shaking his head. As she vanished he took Miss Wilton's hand. It was hot and tremulous—so much so he looked startled. Instantly he called Janet, also summoned Miss Wilton's maid and had her put to bed as quickly as possible. "Grip! No danger unless complications develop," he told Janet as he took his leave.

Mrs. Pay was away with her husband; therefore Janet had to be the family head. "Nursing is pretty much everything," the doctor went on. "There's where you come in—she won't have a professional. Keep her quiet and send for me if the fever mounts. Don't lose your head. She's

got all the chances. Wish I could say as much for the cases down by the mills. "Morning midnight Miss Wilton was out of her head. Dr. Bently found her playing with the string of pearls, talking to its component parts and occasionally fondling it. "You—you won't take it to give Janet?" she asked in a fearful whisper as the doctor bent over her. "Janet would sell it, but we won't let her."

She fell into drugged sleep, with the pearls huddled under her cheek. Janet, watching also slept, fitfully, but heard neither sound nor stir. "Morning found Miss Wilton raving—and the pearls gone. Janet hardly gave them a thought—all her thought was for the sick woman. Two days, another night, half the next day she sat by her, battling with fever, with delirium. Complications had developed—there was pneumonia. Though others came and went, ministering and helping, Janet did not leave the sick room. For the briefest spaces until the crisis was safely passed, Miss Wilton clung to her even in the wildest moments. She was very white and heavy-eyed when the doctor looked up at her to say with his finger on the thready pulse:

"Young woman, we've won—by the help of the Lord. Then she felt like fainting, like crying, like screaming, but instead, she dropped down, white and weak, her hands over her face. She crept away to sleep, a long heavy sleep, and awoke remembering the pearls. They were surely still in Miss Wilton's apartments—no sea-sprite could have been cruel enough to snatch them while a sick woman and her watcher slept. But as the days slipped by, each bringing Miss Wilton health and healing, Janet grew more and more impatient. Search as she might she could not find the necklace. Doctor Bently saw that something was amiss—what, he could not discover. He watched Janet narrowly every time he came. Miss Wilton, in turn, watched him—and drew her own conclusions. She was more than ever beautiful with the transfiguring fairness of convalescence, but she did not realize it.

The day she sat up first, fully dressed, and the doctor had come, she said to Janet: "Come out here. Fetch my pearls. I want them—and you." "Why do you want them?" Dr. Bently asked quickly. Over her shoulder he had seen the panic in Janet's eyes. "To give to your wife—you will marry Janet," she said tremulously. "You deserve her, Archibald. I wish you joy."

"Sorry—but I don't want her—don't want any woman so long as you are about ground. Pheny," Dr. Bently said, taking her thin hand in his. Her eyes closed, great tears welled from beneath them and involuntarily her head slipped to his breast. But it rose almost instantly. "I—I—there is something," she said, pressing her hands hard above her brow. "Oh, I remember—the pearls! I put them in that old vase, the very last thing before I drifted out of myself. Take them down, Janet, and tell me they will console you a little."

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Words That Survive. London Chronicle.—How the world survives when the thing has vanished! The railway "guard," "coach," "book-keeping office"—all are here, survivals in an iron age of the coaching era. And the sun is said to "rise" and "set," though we know it doesn't, and steamers "sail" by the force derived from fiery stockholders. The election, too, brings its survival in the "carpetbagger." Who ever saw a man in those latter days, carrying that, obsolete thing? Unless it were a cricketer with the implements of his game. Yet is the candidate who swoops down on a constituency by the midway express still a "carpetbagger," though it would puzzle you to find such an article in all the cloakrooms of the kingdom's railways.

NO TRACE OF ROBBERS. Authorities Have Not Yet Apprehended Burglars Who Entered Rutledge Postoffice. The robbers who entered the postoffice at Rutledge Wednesday night and stole \$50 in cash have not yet been apprehended by the federal authorities. Because of the frequency of losses felt at this office, the postoffice department has decided to discontinue service at Rutledge, and the residents of that section will be helped by the rural route carrier on No. 5 out of the city. The office will be abandoned March 31.

BLOOMFIELD. Mrs. Elizabeth Gnash died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Shelton. Funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Interment in the Milton cemetery.

BLOOMFIELD. Miss Florence Stoke of Moulton returned home Thursday from a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mather, who live four miles south of town. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ebel of near Pulaski passed through this city Thursday enroute for Ottumwa, where they visited.

BLOOMFIELD. Dr. Clara Cronk returned Thursday from a professional visit in Des Moines. Dick Swinney was a passenger to Ottumwa Thursday. His father Isaac Swinney of that place is very ill. Wm. Hasenpflug has sold his two real-estate properties near the normal, the larger one to Geo. Hutchings, who lives southwest of town and the smaller one to County Recorder U. S. Scott.

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Monthly Statement on Exports and Imports

Washington, D. C., March 18.—The monthly statement of imports and exports issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor today presents figures for February and the eight months ending with February, 1910, compared with like periods in 1909. The February imports were \$129,886,000, an increase of \$11,232,474 over those of February, 1909; exports \$125,517,540, a decrease of \$534,194 compared with February, 1909. For the eight months ending with February, 1910, the imports were \$1,021,079,710 an increase of \$204,926,751 over the corresponding months of last year; exports \$924,210,205,125, an increase of \$23,402,615 compared with the same months of last year. The excess of exports over imports in the eight months ending with February, 1910, is \$189,125,415, a decrease of \$152,524,136 when compared with last year. Dutiable imports in the eight months ending with February, 1910, were valued at \$512,355,490, against \$432,865,786 last year, an increase of \$80,489,704; imports free of duty in the eight months ending with February, 1910, \$507,724,220 against \$538,287,419 last year, an increase of \$124,437,047. Dutiable imports during the month of February, 1910, were \$70,536,648, against \$63,332,269 in February last year; free imports in February, 1910, \$59,349,257, against \$55,321,257 in February of last year.

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to increase the capital stock from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars. Hon. J. Hughes, Jr., is president of said bank.

Humphrey Thomas took out several loads of lumber Wednesday for a new barn on his farm in Pilot township. Fred Jones and list of who reside on a farm west of the city visited Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Jones's sister, Joseph Dubishar of Pilot township visited recently at the home of his son, Joseph, Jr.

Richard Thomas has moved his family into his property recently purchased in the south part of the city. Owen and Stanley Yates of Des Moines and Robert of Ottumwa were visiting recently at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Yates.

James Oliver of West Troy transacted business in the city Wednesday and visited with old time friends. Daniel Collingwood and wife visited Tuesday at the home of the former's brother Seth.

William Pugh of York township visited recently at the home of his brother on the farm east of the city. J. A. Daniels of route No. 1 who has been proscribed for the past three months, has so far recovered that he was able to come to the city Wednesday and visit for a short time with his brother.

Lizzie Evans returned to Cedar Falls after spending the spring vacation in Russell. A. V. Ervorn of Richland has been visiting his brother J. A. Brower. G. B. Van Arsdale and wife of Chariton spent Sunday in Russell. Ben Larimer went to Spokane Wash., Monday afternoon where he has secured employment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goltry a daughter on Saturday March 12. The Presbyterian Aid society was pleasantly entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the manse. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Del Hancock, a daughter. Helen Van Arsdale and Nellie Handlin of Chariton spent Sunday at the home of P. A. Rockey.

John Goltry who has been staying with his brother, C. P. Goltry at West Plains, Mo., is spending a few days at Russell. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKinley a son on Saturday March 12th. Mrs. Harrison who has been visiting her brother, W. S. Roeder returned home at Oskaloosa on Monday evening.

School election was held on Monday. W. L. Werts and G. S. Boyd were the candidates. The results were a tie. Being straws Mr. Werts was successful. Mrs. P. H. Steck returned home on Wednesday from Moulton where she had been called by the death of a nephew.

William Webb is in Geneseo, Ill., this week visiting with his parents. Another wolf hunt was held Tuesday going over the same ground as last week previous to the latter success as that wolf was captured. Miss Woodruff of Denmark, Ia., is visiting this week with her friend Miss Ethel Cassity.

D. C. Baker, who has been teaching at the State Normal school at Mound left Tuesday for his home at Indianola. John Jackley who has been visiting relatives left Tuesday for his home at Pierre, S. D.

Perry Simpson of Knoxville, and Miss Mabel Storms of Russell, were united in marriage in this city at the late home at Kirkville Sunday. M. E. parsonage performed by Rev. Dr. LaPorte. They expect to reside on a farm near Russell. Both are highly respected young people and will have the best wishes of many friends for the beginning of their pilgrimage through life together.

The Misses Alpha and Esta Peterson of Rice Lake, Wis., arrived Wednesday for a visit with the Misses Freda and Ed Anderson. Mrs. J. H. Carroll visited in Lucas Wednesday with her brother. Mesdames John and Chester Pough of Benton township, visited Wednesday for a visit with the Misses Clara and Ed Anderson.

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NO SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED

INTERMEDIARIES IN PHILADELPHIA FAIL TO REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Philadelphia, March 19.—Although several conferences were held yesterday by the intermediaries interested in securing a settlement of the strike against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company an agreement seems as far off as when the men left the cars almost a month ago.

W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, issued a statement last night saying the idea that the men would be satisfied if the company reinstated the 173 discharged employees, whose dismissal precipitated the strike was a misconception.

Must Protect Men, He Says. He said the union would not be a party to any agreement that did not properly protect the men in their organization. C. O. Pratt, national organizer for the carmen, stated that while there had been plenty of talk of peace there had not been any definite statement from the company of what it was willing to concede.

The committee of ten having charge of the sympathetic strike today continued its preparations for a state wide strike and announced that it had received further indorsements from all parts of the state. Recess in Mine Conference. Cincinnati, O., March 19.—Relief in the form of a two days' recess came last night to the operators and miners of the central competitive field, who have been battling for the last ten days.

Following the report of the scale committee to the joint conference of miners and operators of Ohio, Indiana, and western Pennsylvania, that they could not agree, the conference referred the matter back to the scale committee and the committee announced that it would not meet until Monday morning. The conference yesterday was open and a number of impassioned speeches were made, but neither side appeared to waver in its determination to hold out.

MAY BUILD TO SEYMOUR Rumored That Des Moines Short Line Will Extend its Line and Connect with Milwaukee. Iowa Falls, March 19.—(Special)—It is reported here that the Des Moines Short Line will build to connect with the Milwaukee road at Seymour on the latter's line to Kansas City. It will cut the mileage between the Twin Cities and Kansas City.

7 resulted in the election of Fred Cook director. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Allison visited at the Lent home at Kirkville Sunday. John Ross called at the Joe Allison home Sunday. Kirk Newell has hired to Ora Carnes for the summer. Mrs. Joe Allison and children visited at the Samuel Allison home Monday.

R. Williams spent Thursday in Oskaloosa on business. Mrs. Seward Bateman and Mrs. Chas. Clark spent Monday in Oskaloosa shopping. Six new men from Given started to work in the mine this week. Mrs. Ted Coryell of Wright spent Monday in town at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan.

A. A. Morgan of Bloomfield took charge of the store on Wednesday, having purchased the interest of A. W. Fairchild of Douds. He moved his family into the Adam Thompson house near the post office. Mrs. Wm. Druze spent Thursday in Oskaloosa shopping.

J. M. Ball, the general manager of the mine was in town on Tuesday looking after mining matters. He will move his family from St. Paul to Oskaloosa and make that his permanent home. Mrs. Wm. Badger and granddaughter Dorothy Badger left yesterday for a visit in St. Joe with her daughter, Mrs. Jos. Best.

Mrs. Hayes Gillespie and two children of Benton township went to Humeston to visit at the home of the former's father J. M. Jamison. The many friends in Chariton will rejoice to learn that J. R. Hurford of this place, who has been spending some time in Eldorado Springs, Mo., is seriously ill at that place with pneumonia.

Jeff Ward of Nebraska is visiting at the George Ward home. Mrs. Wm. Myers of Eddyville route No. 3 is on the sick list. W. J. Brown visited recently at the Jasper Allison home near Plano, Ia. Miss Viola Ross was shopping and visiting friends in Kirkville Wednesday.

Miss Anna Ross is visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. Jasper Allison near Plano, Ia. Miss Gertha Courtney of Kirkville is on the sick list. Chester Funk was a caller at the Isaac Cook home Tuesday of last week. Isaac Cook visited at the John Ross home Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Alice Lent and Mrs. Anna Plummer called at the Mary Courtney home in Eddyville.



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TRAXELL IS FOUND GUILTY

BLOOMFIELD MAN IS ADULTERER—WOMAN IN CASE AT THE POINT OF DEATH. Bloomfield, March 19.—(Special)—After being out twenty-four hours the jury in the case of Ed Traxell, charged with adultery, returned a verdict of guilty this morning. T. A. Goodson, assisted County Attorney Davis and P. Pence conducted the defense. The case consumed five days. The case dates back to last July when Traxell and Blanche Snoddy, wife of Bert Snoddy, ran away. They were some five months ago. Traxell returned about two months ago and her husband took her back. Traxell continued to write letters to the woman after she had returned and these letters were forwarded. March 1 Traxell returned and on the afternoon of March 2 he was discovered with the woman and the case was put before the grand jury, then in session. Indictments were returned against both Traxell and Mrs. Snoddy and both were arrested, but Snoddy refused to appear against his wife and she was acquitted. Yesterday Mrs. Snoddy took poison and she was reported to be at the point of death since. It is not believed she can recover. The time for passing sentence on Traxell has not been set.

"WETS" ATTACK "DRYS" Move is Made to Induce Chicago Election Board to Keep Issue Off Ballot. Chicago, March 19.—A petition alleging that 47.9 per cent of the signatures of the local option petition are illegal, that the petition lacks 25,004 signatures of the number required by law, and praying the election commissioners not to submit the prohibition question to the voters at the election April 5 was filed with the board late yesterday afternoon. Hearing on the petition was set for 9 o'clock this morning.

The petition was filed by Mayer, Myer, Austin & Platt, counsel for the executive committee of the United Societies, and cites that of 74,026 signatures on the "dry" petition only 35,507 are duly registered voters; that 32,126 are not duly registered voters; that there are fictitious signatures to the number of 2,193 and 1,200 duplications, making a total of faulty signatures to the number of 35,519. The number required by law to make the petition legal is 65,511.

STONE AT CHICAGO President of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Attending Mediation Proceedings. Chicago, March 19.—Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, arrived today to represent his order in the mediation proceedings involving the firemen and engineers and railways. It is believed the mediation will end early next week.

The decision of the state board of arbitration in awarding Chicago switchmen the two cents per hour increase, but refusing time and one-half for overtime, has been generally accepted as final by the railroad employees.

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