

IT MADE HIM A HERO.

AN ACT THAT BROUGHT A LAWYER FAME AND FORTUNE.

It Looked Like an Exhibition of Pure Nerve and Daring, but in Reality It Was Simply an Outcome of His Nearsightedness.

"A person who enjoys good eye-sight," said a man who most decidedly does not, "would be greatly astonished to know how little is seen by those who are nearsighted even in a moderate degree. The average shortsighted man, of whom there are hundreds in every large city, sees nothing distinctly more than a foot away from his nose. Beyond that distance the outline of objects becomes hazy and indistinct, growing rapidly more and more so until everything is finally merged into one general blur. The faces of people across the street are mere pink blotches, their figures are destitute of detail, signs are decipherable 30 feet away, and the whole movement of traffic and passing show of the thoroughfare is a misty panorama, in which nothing much smaller than a cab can be definitely distinguished.

"Of course a nearsighted person can see as well as anybody through properly fitted glasses, but a great many folks regard them as such a disfigurement that they prefer to do without their aid. That kind of pride is certainly very foolish because it causes one to miss at least nine-tenths of what is going on, to say nothing of being an open invitation to accident. Yet, oddly enough, I know of a case in which it actually saved a man's life and laid the foundation of a fortune.

"The hero of the episode was a lawyer in a city in Ohio where I spent my boyhood. He was beyond middle age at the time, but was straight as an arrow and a decidedly handsome, soldierly looking personage. These good looks of his were his weak point, and although he was extremely nearsighted he was vain enough to deny himself glasses and kept the fact of his infirmity a secret. The consequence of this folly was a wide reputation for haughtiness, as he rarely recognized anybody on the street, and it undoubtedly damaged him in his practice. At any rate, he had never made anything more than a very modest living when the curious incident I have in mind occurred.

"The city government had been for a long time under ring rule," continued the story teller, "and it finally became so bad that the decent people revolted and organized a reform movement. The good looking lawyer—call him Colonel Jones for convenience—was one of the reformers, and, among other things, he made himself active in securing indictments against a number of gambling house keepers.

"The boss ringster of the place was a typical bully and ward politician named Harding, who was politically interested in several of the games and naturally furious at any interference. He was a giant physically, he would fight at the drop of a hat, and the personal fear he inspired was really the secret of his influence. After the gambling indictments were found he proceeded to use his 'pull' to have them pigeonholed, and learning what was going on, Colonel Jones was rash enough to write a newspaper card in which he scolded the authorities for allowing such a ruffian to defeat the ends of justice.

"The colonel looked like a soldier, but he was really a very bland and peaceable gentleman, and he never dreamed that his little effusion would get him into personal difficulty. On the morning the card appeared he was walking calmly to his office when Harding rushed out of a bar across the street, called him by name and at the same time leveled a six shooter at his head. At that distance all coons looked alike to the nearsighted lawyer, and, turning in the direction of the voice, he made out the vague figure of a man with outstretched arm apparently beckoning him to come over.

"A little surprised, but still perfectly placid, he started to cross the street. Harding glared at him in amazement and once or twice was on the point of pulling the trigger, but the spectacle of that serene and dignified figure calmly advancing straight on the muzzle of the gun was too much for his nerves, and before the colonel traversed half the distance he dropped the weapon and ignominiously fled.

"Needless to say, the episode made a tremendous sensation, and Jones, who had sense enough to hold his tongue, was the popular hero of the hour. Harding, on the contrary, was ruined, for his prestige had disappeared like a flash of lightning, and unable to stand the disgrace of the affair, he quietly sold out his belongings and left the city. That broke the back of the ring, the reformers went into control, and the colonel was elected mayor by a tremendous majority. He served two terms, built up one of the biggest law practices in that part of the state and died worth nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

"In explanation of my inside knowledge of the case I don't mind saying that he was a distant relative of mine, and in the family circle, where his nearsightedness was well known, he owned up to the facts as a good joke. He said he had a vague idea when he started across the street that Harding was a farmer client who had promised to pay him a fee that morning."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Not Troubled.

Into Tenant—I asked you when I rented this place if you had ever been troubled by chicken thieves, and you said no. Every one of my chickens was stolen last night, and I am told that the neighborhood has been infested with chicken thieves for years.

Suburban Agent—I never keep chickens.

He Hacked Off His Leg.

Caught in a bear trap on the bank of the Athabasca, near Millford, Mr. John McLeod, a lumber scaler, was obliged to take out his jackknife and cut off his leg. The trap was too tight to move and was sprung in such a way that he could not reach over and unlense it. He was far from any human being, and the only way out of it seemed to be to cut off the leg.

"That was done easily, because the wound which he operated was of wood. But when he stumped back to camp, made him mad to hear the jeers of the French-Canadian cook of the lumber crew.

"Why you no take off you wood leg, ah? You get out um thing, and no spill you wood leg tall, ah?" Such a way out of his difficulty had not occurred to McLeod before.

Skill in Throwing Off Mail Bags. The busiest clerk in any crew or office is the one who is detailed to receive and throw off the sacks and pouches. To lift a heavy mail sack and throw it from a car moving at the rate of a mile a minute is a matter of good timing, shooting. "Looks easy enough," commented one of the veteran clerks at a letter case, "and it does seem as if a man should be able to hit a station platform without much difficulty, but you see that station is passed and gone in about one second. Then, the suction of a train running at this speed is something terrific, and until the knack of throwing a pouch is learned a man is liable to feed the wheels with a few letters."—Saturday Evening Post.

Origin of the Word Sterling. The origin of the word "sterling" is very curious. Among the early miners of coin in northern Europe were the dwellers of eastern Germany. They were so skillful in their calling that numbers of them were invited to England to manufacture the metal money of the kingdom. The strangers were known as "esterlings." After a time the word became "sterling," and in this abbreviated form it has come to imply what is genuine in money, plate or character.

Quits. He—You women have such a ridiculous habit of screaming "Oh" on every occasion. She—And you men have such a ridiculous habit of saying "I" on every occasion.—Indianapolis Press.

Other Allurements. Mr. Goodman—Why don't you take the pledge, my good fellow? Jagsby—Because there are too many other things to take.—Denver Times.

The worst mosquito infested neighborhood in the world is the coast of Borneo. The streams of that region are at certain seasons un navigable because of the clouds of mosquitoes.

The horseshoe in China as well as in other countries is looked upon as a harbinger of good luck. For that reason Chinese mandarins when buried have horseshoe graves.

LOCAL WANTS.

We have just received a job lot of silks, 102 yards, at half price, price \$1.25; sale price 65 cts. Chas Full.

For Sale.

A "Gunn" folding bed. Best made. "Won't go off." Perfect condition. Cheap. W. C. SHORT.

Horses Wanted.

Wanted to buy some good farm horses, 1300 pounds or over, must be cheap. A. L. & T. A. MILLER. 13 St. Thomas, N. D.

House for Rent.

I have the G. W. Ryan house to rent until the first of June. T. I. W. C. SHORT.

For Rent.

A large and comfortable barn. Enquire at this office.

Dentistry.

Dr. Falloon, resident dentist of Pembina, will be found at his office above the PIONEER EXPRESS from the 10th to the end of each month. 10c

House and Lot for Sale.

A desirable residence. Inquire of QUACKENBUSH & HART.

What A Tale It Tells.

If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, it's liver trouble, but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c at T. R. Shaw's drug store.

Oyster room opens at Corbell's tomorrow. Sold in bulk or by the dish. leave orders at once. *12

Dental Notice.

Dr. C. Stoddard Smith dentist, will be in his office over Price's store about the 20th of the month and during the week following. See local column for date.

Farm to Rent.

We have a number of improved half section farms that we wish to rent for the next season. Good men can have easy terms and can take possession this fall. 12-15 OAKS LAND CO.

A. H. Anderson, the photographer, will be at his studio, above the drug store, Pembina, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and Tuesdays of each month.

The laws of health require that the bowels move once each day and one of the penalties for violating this law is piles. Keep your bowels regular by taking a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when necessary and you will never have that severe punishment inflicted upon you. Price, 25 cents. For sale by T. R. Shaw.

"Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a running on of the bowels and sickness of the stomach," says O. P. M. Holliday, of Deming, Ind. "His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house and gave him four drops in a teaspoonful of water and he got better at once." Sold by T. R. Shaw.

A good girl wanted for housework. Mrs. T. R. SHAW.

Stops the Cough and Works on the Colds. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

Free With The Pioneer Express The Farmer, or The New York Tribune.

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT.

Table with financial data for the year ending December 31, 1900, including items like Gross Premiums, Deducts, and Total Net Admitted Assets.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA. OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE. I, Ferd. Leutz, Commissioner of Insurance of the state of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the original statement now on file in this office.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA. OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE. COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. Whereas, The Minnesota Mutual Farm Insurance Company of Minneapolis, state of Minnesota, a corporation organized under the laws of Minnesota, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 1900, conformable to the requirements of the laws of this state, regulating the business of insurance; and

CITY DRAY LINE. Contract for large lots taken and goods delivered on short notice. Orders can be left at the Pioneer Bakery. Ice delivered to any part of the City. WM. FOWLER, Prop.

Wodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat. This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many stomachs of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gases in the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Distinct unnecessary. Pleasant to take. It can't help but do you good.

Sewing Machines. A new lot, including Cabinets and drop tops and others with plainer finish. We sell the prettiest machine ever displayed in Pembina and you know the make (Wheeler & Wilson) there are none better. Runs easier, because it has ball bearings, and sews faster because it has rotary shuttle, than any other machine on the market. Call and see them. Some Snaps In New and second hand bicycles which must be sold before the season closes. G. G. THOMPSON.

Announcement! WE wish to Announce to our many Patrons and to the Public that we Have Bought out the Bathgate Roller Mills And have Added New Machinery, and have Thoroughly Overhauled and Repaired the Mill. The Mill is now running Every Day and will soon be running Night and Day. Mr. George Stewart, Our Head Miller, formerly Head Miller of the Cavalier Roller Mills, is one of the Best Millers in the State, which means that having Good Machinery, Good Wheat and a Good Miller, we cannot help but make Good Flour. We guarantee Every Sack of Our Flour. Bring us in a grist and give us a trial. Feed Chopping a Specialty. G. Perrault, P. Garripy, R. Demars, Proprietors. CHAS. PERRAULT, Manager. BATHGATE, N. D.

Notice of Sale of School and Institute Lands, situated in Pembina county, and state of North Dakota, will be offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the court house, in the city of Pembina, county of Pembina, state of North Dakota, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, the 9th day of October, 1901, said sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. and to continue from day to day, until all lands herein described have been sold or offered for sale.

Table with columns: PART OF SECTION, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE, ACRES, VALUE PER ACRE. Lists various land parcels with their respective details.

Notice to Creditors. In the matter of the estate of James Bush, deceased: Notice is hereby given by the undersigned John H. Emerson, administrator of the estate of James Bush, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said administrator at Joliette, Pembina County, North Dakota.

Final Proof. Land Office, Grand Forks, N. D., Oct. 1st 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before A. L. Airth, Clerk of the district court of Pembina County, at his office in Pembina, N. D., on November 15th, 1901, viz: Kristjan Halldorson for his SW 1/4 of sec 21, Twp 15S, R. of range 81 W., in Pembina county. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Sigvald Larsson, Gudjon Kristianson, Larsson Gudmundson, Joliette P. O., N. D., and James Sharp, Hamilton P. O., N. D.