

Seven Keys TO Baldpate

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"You are still going to get the money for me?"

The bright fell on her lips, her hair, her eyes, and Mr. Magee knew that his selfish bachelorhood was at an end. He stooped to her.

"Give me, please," he said, "the benefit of the doubt." It was a poor speech compared to what was in his heart, but Billy Magee was rapidly learning that most of the pretty speeches went with puppets who could not feel.

CHAPTER XVI.

The Enquete Mr. Hayden.

BLAND and Max came in from a brisk walk on the veranda. The mayor of Reuton, who had been doing near the desk, came.

Miss Norton rose and ascended the stairs. Still the protesting Magee was at her heels. At the head of the stairs she turned.

"You shall have your final chance," she said. "The mayor, Max and Bland are alone in the office. I don't approve of eye-droppers at Baldpate in the summer. It has spoiled a lot of perfectly adorable engagements. But in winter it's different. Whether you really want to help me or not, I'm sure I don't know, but if you do the conversation below now might prove of interest."

"I'm sure it would," Magee agreed.

"Well, I have a scheme. Listen. Baldpate inn is located in a temperance county. That doesn't mean that people don't drink here. It simply means that there's a lot of mystery and romance connected with the drinking. Sometimes those who follow the god of chance in the card room late at night grow thirsty. Now, it happens that there is a trapdoor in the floor of the card room, up which drinks are frequently passed from the cellar. Isn't that exciting? A hotel clerk who became human once in my presence told me all about it. If you went into the cellar and hunted about you might find that door and climb up into the card room."

"A belly-idea," agreed Mr. Magee. "I'll hurry down there this minute. I'm more grateful than you can guess for this chance. And this time—but you'll see."

Magee hurried to the cellar and with the aid of a box of matches found a ladder leading to a door cut in the floor above. He climbed through dust and cobwebs, unfastened the catch and pushed cautiously upward. In another minute he was standing in the chilly little card room. Softly he opened the card room door about half an inch and put his ear to it.

The three men were grouped very close at hand, and he heard Mr. Bland speaking in low tones:

"I'm talking to you boys as a friend. The show is over. There ain't no use hanging around for the concert—there won't be none. Go home and get some clean collars and a square meal."

"If you think I'm going to be shook off by any fairy story like that," said the mayor of Reuton, "you're a child with all a child's touching faith."

"All right," replied Mr. Bland. "I thought I'd pass you the tip, that's all. It ain't nothing to me what you do. But it's all over, and you've lost out. I'm sorry you have, but I take Hayden's orders."

"Dash Hayden!" snarled the mayor. "It was his idea to make a three act play out of this thing. He's responsible for this silly trip to Baldpate. This audience we've been acting for—he let us in for them."

"I know," said Bland. "But you can't deny that Baldpate inn looked like the ideal spot at first—secluded, off the beaten path, you know, and all that."

"Yes," sneered the mayor, "as so-called as a Sunday school the Sunday before Christmas."

"Well, who could have guessed it?" went on Mr. Bland. "As I say, I don't care what you do. I just passed you the tip. I've got that nice little package of the long green. I've got it where you'll never find it."

"How did you get hold of it?" inquired Mr. Lou Max.

"I had my eye on this little professor person," explained Mr. Bland. "This morning when Magee went up the mountain I trailed the highbrow to Magee's room. When I busted in, unannounced by the butler, he was making his getaway. I don't like to talk about what followed. He's an old man, and I sure didn't mean to break his glasses nor scratch his dome of thought. There's ideas in that dome go back to the time of Anthony J. Chamber. But—he's always talking about that literature chair of his—why couldn't he stay at home and sit in it? Anyhow, I got the bundle all right, all right. I wonder what the little fossil wants with it."

"The Doc's glasses was broke," said Max, evidently to the mayor of Reuton.

"Gee," came Cargan's reply.

"Bland, how much do you make working for this nice, kind gentleman, Mr. Hayden?"

"Oh, about \$2,000 a year, with pickings," replied Bland.

"Yes?" went on Mr. Cargan. "I ain't no Charles Dana Gibson with words. My talk's a little rough and sketchy, I guess. But here's the outline, plain as I can make it. Two thousand a year from Hayden. Twenty thousand in two seconds if you hand that package to me."

"No," objected Bland. "I've been honest—after a fashion. I can't quite stand for that. I'm working for Hayden."

"Don't be a fool," sneered Max. "Of course," said the mayor, "I appreciate your scruples, having had a few in my day myself, though you'd never think so to read the Star. But look at it sensible. The money belongs to me. If you was to hand it over you'd be just doing plain justice. What right has Hayden on his side? I did what was agreed. Do I get my pay?"

(To be Continued.)

FINANCIAL WORLD TERRIFIED.

WAR SCARE HOLDS GRIP ON TRADERS.

New York Alone of All Great Markets, America's Commercial Centre Maintains Its Poise.

New York, July 29.—The New York stock exchange today moved in a direction contrary to that of most other financial markets of the world. It gave no heed to the alarming condition prevalent all over Europe where securities of all classes, including government funds, fell to a lower level because of the Servian situation.

The local market not only took further foreign offerings in large volume, but bought heavily for its own account, much of the buying representing investment purchases of a more substantial character than had been witnessed for years.

Berlin was almost the only foreign centre where anything like normal conditions prevailed, London and Paris doing their utmost to restrict trading, while other foreign exchanges suspended operations. Of the day's total business, which aggregated about 800,000 shares, Berlin probably took 25,000, while Paris, London, Vienna, Amsterdam and some less important centres were said to have sold fully twice that amount on balance.

A wavering tendency was shown here at the outset with declines of 2 to 5 per cent. After the first offerings were absorbed the influence of the investment demand became effective and an all-round rally ensued, which held to the close.

The end of the day found the short interest much reduced and the technical condition of the market correspondingly stronger. Further gold engagements to London and Paris were negotiated with a sharp rise in call loans to 5 per cent and some stiffening of long time accommodations.

Clarendon County News.

Manning Times. During an electric storm last Saturday about midday, the barn and stables of Mr. Julius S. Davis, who lives about five miles southeast of Manning, was struck by lightning, killing one mule outright, stunning another, and destroying the barn with its contents. Dr. Davis like a careful business man, carried some insurance. He had \$800 on the contents of the barn, and \$150 on the mule. The building belonged to his father, Mr. J. Elbert Davis, and was without insurance.

Deput N. D. Thomas returned from Atlanta last Sunday night bringing with him Jerry Cantey, charged with burglary and larceny. Cantey is alleged to have broken in the depot at Pinewood the night of November 12th, 1912, and made good his escape, only to later get into the hands of the United States authorities for stealing from the mails. He served a term in the federal prison at Atlanta for that. Sheriff Gamble has been on the alert for this fellow, and as soon as his time was out in Atlanta, Cantey was re-arrested upon a warrant sent by our sheriff. Friday last Deputy Thames went to Atlanta and received Cantey from the Georgia sheriff, and brought him here where he will remain in jail until the next term of court. Cantey is an old offender.

The ravages of the cattle tick has given Mr. J. L. McLeod considerable trouble and caused him to lose several fine cows. He applied to Clemson college, and Dr. W. K. Lewis, representing jointly the college and the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, sent an inspector who arrived here yesterday, and this expert will have constructed what is known as dipping vats for the purpose of giving the tick infested cattle treatment. The vats wherever located are to be for the accommodation of the public so that all may take advantage of the treatment prescribed by the authorities. The recent session of the general assembly appropriated the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose and this sum is augmented by the United States government.

WARBURG MAY NOT APPEAR.

Some Senators Believe Hitchcock's Mission Failed.

Washington, July 28.—Despite predictions at the capitol today that Paul M. Warburg would go before the senate banking committee to discuss his financial affiliations in view of his nomination to the federal reserve board, some Democratic senators tonight expressed conviction that he would not appear.

Senator Hitchcock who, as acting chairman of the banking committee, sent the invitation to Mr. Warburg, conferred with him last night, but members of the committee professed not to have learned the result of the conference. The Nebraska senator is expected back tomorrow.

At the White House it was reported nothing had been heard from Mr. Warburg and there was renewal of reports that the president was considering A. Barton Hepburn, of the Chase National Bank, for appointment in his place.

CANDIDATES URGED TO ATTEND.

Generally Seem to Be Opposed to "Elimination" Arrangement Suggested in Aiken.

St. George, July 28.—Lowndes J. Browning, John G. Clinkscales, Robert A. Cooper, Richard I. Manning, Charles A. Smith and Mendel L. Smith, candidates for governor, today received the following telegram from Aiken:

"You are cordially invited to attend conference in Columbia July 31, and urge your attendance as no harm can result from a friendly consultation regardless whether you submit to action of conference or not.

"(Signed) B. F. Holley, H. P. Dyches, John C. Hunter, committee." Those candidates who have committed themselves state that they may go provided the meeting is not held behind closed doors. Another candidate said that he did not think he could be present. On the whole, however, the scheme is condemned.

TO ENCAMP AT BATESBURG.

Four Companies of 2d Regiment to March to Camp.

Columbia, July 28.—Col. A. E. Legare, of the 2nd regiment, National Guard of South Carolina, tonight issued an order whereby three Columbia companies, Governor's Guards, Brookline Light Infantry and Richard Volunteers, and the Camden company will encamp at Batesburg during August.

Leaving Columbia August 8, the Columbia troops will march to Batesburg, thirty-two miles. They will escort a baggage train. The hospital corps will accompany the marchers.

The march will occupy two days and one night. The encampment will be conducted in accordance with accepted instructions for camp standards. Camp will be broken on August 15. Col. Legare and staff will inspect the troops at Batesburg, prior to an inspection by Gen. Willie Jones.

STAYS DEATH SENTENCE.

Motion for New Trial for Thad Thompson.

Greenville, July 28.—The death sentence imposed upon H. Thad Thompson by Judge Mauldin at the May term of criminal court, following his conviction of criminal assault committed on one of his own flesh and blood, will not be carried out next Friday, July 31, as was decreed by the court. A motion for a new trial has been made by counsel for the condemned man and the sentence has thereby been automatically stayed. The case is one of the most revolting in the annals of Greenville county.

His Indigestion Cured at Last.

After spending hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment for indigestion an constipation with only temporary relief, C. H. Hines, of Whitlow, Ark., was permanently cured by Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

A Howl From Georgetown.

Maybe those Charleston boosters whom we entertained a short while back saw our Santee river commerce and then went home and boosted a scheme to chisel us out of it. Not only would they damn the Santee but damn everything that doesn't pay tribute to Charleston. Naturally Charleston would like to have a sunken damn built across the Santee, so as to cut off steamboats from Georgetown to Columbia. That is the only way Charleston can ever get the Columbia water freight away from Georgetown and Charleston isn't a bit backward about slapping the candy out of a small sister's hand so she can suck it herself. That characteristic is one of the reasons why Charleston is not popular with the rest of the State. She wants to hog everything.—Georgetown Times.

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A. F. LEVER.

The Senate.

I am a candidate for re-election to the State senate from Sumter County in accordance with, and subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

JOHN H. CLIFTON.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for election to the State Senate from Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

R. D. EPPS.

House of Representatives.

I am a candidate for the house of representatives subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

J. C. DUNBAR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

D. D. MOISE.

Believing that my four years experience and my study of the State's affairs have put me in a position for effective service, I am a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

R. B. BELSER.

I am a candidate for the House of Representatives from Sumter County subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.

A. K. SANDERS.

For Auditor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as Auditor of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

R. E. WILDER.

For Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as Treasurer of Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

B. C. WALLACE.

For Supervisor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Supervisor subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.

W. S. THOMPSON.

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Supervisor, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

P. M. PITTS, Supervisor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor for Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

L. E. WHITE.

County Superintendent of Education. I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Superintendent of Education of Sumter County and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic primary.

J. H. HAYNSWORTH.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education for Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

S. D. CAIN.

For Coroner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Coroner of Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

S. W. RAFFIELD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Sumter County subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.

WILLIAM J. SEALE.

For Magistrate.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the magistrate's office, 4th district, Sumter county.

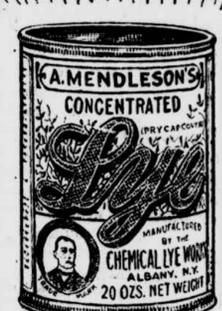
J. A. HODGE.

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