

HER LATEST BOOK CLAIMS LITTLE SON A QUEER ACCIDENT THE CLIMATE IS FINE CHANGE OF VENUE HIS ONLY AMBITION

The Following is Taken from the New York Outing Publishing Co.

It is a story of delightful humor and tender pathos that Gene Stratton-Porter tells under the title "At the Foot of the Rainbow." The author will be recognized as an Indiana writer who is an enthusiastic student of nature and a lover of outdoor life. It is not surprising, therefore, that her present work reflects much of the spirit of her fondness for field, wood and water. The scene of the story—in Indiana, along the banks of the Wabash—affords her broad opportunity for the introduction of comments that disclose her close and appreciative observation, but these are never intrusive. On the contrary, the reader will find them slipping in before he is aware and delighting him with their freshness before he has realized they are, in a sense, apart from the story itself. Three characters appear in the novel—an Irishman, a Scotchman and the wife of the former. Mrs. Stratton-Porter has sketched them all in a quaint and charming style and dressed them in homespun to act the simple parts she has fashioned for them in her idyllic love story. Jimmy Malone and Dannie Macnou are friends, though they were rivals for the hand of the same girl, and they reside on adjoining farms in the bottom lands of the Wabash. Here the scenes in their little domestic drama are enacted. Jimmy is an irresponsible man and his marriage to Mary has altered this in no degree. Dannie undertakes to exercise a gentle but effective guardianship over him, not only because of his friendship for the Irishman, but because of his love for Mary as well. Jimmy's fatal appetite for liquor, however, finally gets the better of him and, suffering exposure in one of his debauches, he falls ill and dies. It then develops that Mary had been won by him through a misrepresentation of Dannie and Dannie's suit for her hand. In the end the two are brought together and both find happiness "at the foot of the rainbow."

The happy go lucky Malone is a rare character, but far more impressive is Dannie. His fidelity to his friend, his simple, abiding faith in him, his unselfish love for Mary, his care of her, and finally his triumph over his impulse to make known his affection for the woman are all vividly presented. There are many affecting scenes and incidents and through them all a pleasant, gentle humor that the reader will appreciate. Mrs. Stratton-Porter has written no better story than this.

MILITIA COST SOME MONEY

State Will Pay Out \$18,000 for Muncie Strike.

According to an estimate furnished by Major General W. J. McKee, commanding the Indiana National guard, the recent military supervision in Muncie will cost the state something like \$18,000. This, however, does not include the expenses that accrued through the operations of the civil authorities, and they probably will amount to \$4,000. The guardsmen will receive pay from the time they were called to arms until they mustered out, which, of course, includes the fourteen days of service in this city. The special trains that brought the troops here, the operation of the subsistence department and the pay of the officers will have to come out of the state's funds in addition to the pay of the soldiers. The local expenses are sundry, but the bulk of them are represented in the pay of the 600 men who served as sheriff's deputies. Many citizens waived their claims, but the majority will ask wages. Sheriff Purdie has filed a claim of \$3,800 with Treasurer Ralph H. Clark, which will be brought before the county council at its February session. An appropriation will be obtained and then the claims will be allowed by the commissioners.—Muncie Star.

The grain market is again being quoted by Niblick & Co., through the columns of this paper and the farmers who are interested would do well to look the same over. They will continue to quote the market from this time on.

Monmouth literary society is growing in interest. A good program has been arranged by the committee for next Friday evening. The crowning question being: Resolved, That foreign immigration should be restricted. Speakers on the affirmative, Frank McConnel and Will Evans. On the negative, D. M. Rice and Melton Fuhrman.

Within Few Months Mr. Light Has Lost Mother, Sister and Son

Luther Daniel, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Light, who reside at Steele's park, died Wednesday at ten o'clock, after an illness dating back several weeks, death resulting from pneumonia. The little son was eighteen months of age and had just reached that point in life where it had become a household pride and the fond parents are grief stricken over the turn of affairs. The babe first took sick with an attack of lung fever, which gradually ran into a rank case of pneumonia, and owing to its already weakened condition the child was unable to battle against the ravagings of the latter disease and last night death relieved it from all earthly suffering. During the past few months Mr. Light has lost his sister, Mother and now the baby son. Surely this family are having more than their quota of sorrow.

BY EUTERPEAN CLUB

Miss Grace Miller, Formerly of Decatur, and Miss Eliot—"Tennyson"

Miss Grace Miller, formerly of Decatur, and Miss Etta Elliott will fill an engagement at the library hall, Thursday, January 30. This entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Euterpean club and the patronage of the public is earnestly solicited. Tickets may be obtained of the club members or of Miss Fannie Kite, the secretary, at twenty-five cents. The program is as follows:

I.  
Tennyson's Lyrics:  
(a) The Brook..... Dolores  
(b) The Milkmaid's Song... Foote  
(c) The Bugle Song.... Metal  
Miss Grace Miller.

II.  
Enoch Arden, with musical setting by Richard Strauss, as arranged and presented by Miss Etta Elliott.  
III.  
Crossing the Bar..... Neldlinger  
Miss Grace Miller.

THEY WANT MORE MONEY.

Township Trustees Held a Meeting at Indianapolis.

The Indiana township trustees who arrived in Indianapolis to attend their seventeenth annual meeting in the senate chamber at the state house, have come with the conviction burning deep in them that their services are worth more than \$2 per diem in their townships. Probably the principal fruits of the trustees' meeting this year will be a lobby in the next legislature will again urge an increase of their pay from \$2 to \$3 a day, and will also again urge a change in the laws that will permit re-election of township trustees. Both of these bills were pushed by their lobby before the legislature last year and were bowled out. The trustees will also probably make another effort for the enactment of the Wood bill, legalizing the acts of township trustees when approved by advisory boards and when made in good faith and in the absence of evidences of fraud or collusion.

J. S. Buchanan brought his feathered possessions home from the Decatur poultry show last week, and to say that he was in high feather because of the accomplishment of his fowl, is making a mild expression indeed. His famous Buff Plymouth Rocks, three in number, walked off with prizes as follows: First on cock, first on cockerel and first on pullet. He was given a special prize also for the best Buff Plymouth Rock in the show. This makes three years in succession that he has won 1st on cockerels and pullets, which is positive proof of the quality of his stock.—Willshire Herald.

From the number of wagon loads of tile that are at present being hauled from the Krick, Tyndall and company's mills, it would seem as though the farmers surrounding Decatur were taking advantage of the mild winter weather and were improving their farms in the way of putting in new drains. At least ten load have been hauled every day from these mills for the past two weeks.

Joe Johnson, the venerable farmer, who resides south of this city and who several weeks ago was quite badly injured by being run over with a wagon loaded with coal, was in our city yesterday for the first time since receiving the injury. Mr. Johnson is still sore and hardly able to move about.

Oil Stove Set Fire to Wagon  
—Government Mail Was Saved

Miss Maude Magley, rural mail carrier on route eight Wednesday had the misfortune to have her delivery wagon destroyed by fire while driving over her route, and as a result she was forced to borrow a buggy to complete her trip. The accident happened near the home of Milford Miller, who resides on route eight where Miss Magley has been in the habit of partaking her noonday meal, and it was while busily engaged in this repast that Mr. Miller happened to glance from the house and saw that the wagon was in flames. They all hurried to the barnyard and tried to extinguish the blaze, but their efforts proved fruitless, and the outfit was completely destroyed. During the winter months the various carriers have been in the habit of rigging up a small stove in their wagons and are thus afforded much comfort on cold days and can make their long drives without suffering from the cold, and it was from this source that the fire originated in Miss Magley's rig. The stove became overheated and as a result the frame work of the rig caught and as the wagons are light and of very combustible material, it was not long until the outfit was a wreck. Miss Magley was fortunate enough to save the U. S. mail in the rig and as soon as possible she borrowed a buggy completed her route, then came to Decatur and reported her loss to the postoffice authorities. The loss sustained by Miss Magley will reach in the neighborhood of one hundred dollars, which she will have to lose.

IN SPECIAL CAR

Appropriately Decorated With Banners—Crowd Had Picture Taken

Decatur sent a big delegation to the district meeting of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Bluffton. They left here at ten o'clock this morning in a special car over the interurban. The car was decorated appropriately, large banners on each side and at the end windows bearing the inscription "Decatur K. of P. Boosters." Before starting the crowd was photographed by J. E. Moser, the car forming a background for the crowd. The big special car was packed from one end to the other and without doubt the boys enjoyed the day thoroughly. Among those who formed the crowd were: From Decatur—Samuel Shamp, Orval Harruff, Dan Bailey, Frank Dibble, John Meyers, Albert Butler, Kurt Brown, Harvey Harruff, Noah A. Locke, Chas. Hower, Fred Mills, Jas. Hurst, William Hurst, John F. Lachot, F. C. Koeneisen, J. D. Meyer, Wilson Lee, Jacob Atz, O. Vance, Martin Miller, Chas. Patton, J. C. Patterson, Luther Hower, Dora Erwin; from Berne, F. E. Cottrell, R. A. Hunter, Samuel Tetter, W. E. Lord, Morse Brown, William Tuckey, Ed Muter, F. C. Forman, H. S. Mischaud; Otis Judy, of Geneva; J. W. Gillespie, of Grover Hill, Ohio; J. M. Gillespie, of Grover Hill, Ohio; E. U. Johnson, of Monroe; A. Fensler, of Geneva; Chris Borne of Preble; C. B. Brown, of Berne. Albert Kelsey, of Steele, Ind.; William H. Patterson, of Steele, Ind.; S. E. Shepherd, of Monroe, Ind.; Ralph Knoff, of Chicago.

BUYS HIS OLD BARBER SHOP.

M. P. Burdg Purchases Interest in the Russell Shop.

A deal was made Saturday evening whereby Arthur Russell disposed of a half interest in his barber shop, located on Second street, to M. P. Burdg and Monday Mr. Burdg assumed his duties at that place of business. The barber shop is one of the leading shops in Decatur, and during the past year has done its share of the business. Mr. Russell made a ten strike in securing Mr. Burdg as a partner, as he is a first class barber in every respect and is a business getter. The boys ask a share of your patronage and promise you that they can clip whiskers in an artistic manner.

Jacob A. Blue, who conducted a blacksmith shop here years ago, leaving Decatur in 1893, has returned and has purchased the Gessinger blacksmith shop on Third street, taking possession next Monday. He is one of the best workmen in the line in the country and will be well remembered by many of our citizens.

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Accompanied by Kansas City Friend on Prolonged Absence

Miss Bess Wherry Chosen Deputy Recorder—Two Cases Dismissed

Eli D. McClellum filed a petition to be released as surety on the bond of Tazewell Fritz, guardian for George A. Fritz et al. The notice was made returnable February 3rd.

The case of Henry Schindler et al. vs Julia Betzell, suit on note, attachment and garnishment has been dismissed and the cost paid.

Elmer Eaton vs Cora Hooker Eaton, submitted, find and decree for a divorce to the plaintiff. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

Charles McConnell vs Florence and Clinton B. Giner, a case brought here from Jay county to replevin a restaurant located at Portland. The grand canyon from Panafato to San Luis Potose, will then be visited, after which the ladies will see the pyramids of the sun and the moon at Pueblo. The volcano Popocatapetl the second highest in the continent, will then be visited and the hot belt in which the growing and shipping of coffee is the principal industry will be given attention by the party on their way to Lake Chata, which is the second highest lake in the world being between 5,000 and 6,000 feet above sea level and only being exceeded in height by the lake at Yellowstone park. Plaxcola, the place where Christopher Columbus built his boats when he went to the city of Mexico in the sixteenth century, is the next historical spot that will occupy the attention of the ladies. They will then make a short stay in Vera Cruz, sailing from there to Progresso, Yucatan, returning to Miami, Florida, by the way of Havana, Cuba. They will then travel along the eastern coast for a short visit, returning home therefrom. The trip to be made is a most extensive one even more so than indicated in this article, as there are many places in Mexico these ladies expect to visit that have not been mentioned.

Mrs. Morrison has already visited some of the places they expect to make but this trip will be one of the most extensive journeys ever taken by Mrs. Morrison and it takes in innumerable historical places that will indeed prove interesting to her and her friend. They will return some time in May.

The jury was discharged for the term last evening, there being no other cases for their consideration. A divorce case for Friday and another for Saturday will wind up the term.

A marriage license was issued to Samuel D. Henschen, aged twenty and Florence F. Yaney, aged nineteen, of Kirkland township.

LAND OPENING.

February 5th, 1908.

IN DAMAGE SUIT

Is Asking \$15,000 for Injuries Sustained in Wreck at Jeffersonville

New Albany, Ind., January 15.—A new trial was today granted the Rev. Charles Preston Foreman, formerly of this city, now living at Winona Lake, by Judge W. C. Utz, of the Floyd circuit court, in his suit for \$15,000 damages against the Louisville & Northern railway company for alleged personal injuries sustained by the overturning of an interurban car in Jeffersonville, while returning from a meeting of the Presbytery at Charles town in September, 1906. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant last October, and Mr. Foreman's attorneys filed a motion for a new trial. Judge Utz sustained the motion today on the ground that the verdict was contrary to the evidence.

Rev. Foreman conducted services at the Presbyterian church here for several months prior to January 1st. He has not recovered from the accident by any means and his friends will be glad to learn that he has been given another chance, for they believe him entitled to a verdict. He left Winona recently to take a country charge near Indianapolis, hoping to recuperate during the year.

F. E. France returned last evening from Huntington, where he was visiting with his brother, J. Fred France and family.

From the present outlook, Bluffton who has been figuring upon getting into the Indiana Ohio league this season, may be left out in the cold. The latest report is that the fans of that city must raise a hundred dollars between now and January 20th, which must be posted at Indianapolis as a guarantee that they will finish the season. From all reports the fans who have the ready money are not taking very kindly to the situation. It now seems sure that Decatur will not be in the league.

Chris Vogt, city civil engineer, left this morning for Indianapolis, where he will meet with the waterway and canal commission as a delegate from this county. Mr. Vogt was appointed by Mayor Coffee to whom was delegated that power by the commission and Mr. Vogt readily consented to go and take an active part in the meeting.

ORINO Laxative Fruit Syrup

HOLTHOUSE DRUG COMPANY

To Bring Democrats Together and Win Victory in Indiana

Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 15.—U. Jackson, the new state chairman of the democratic party issued a formal statement of his position and in the coming campaign he declares he is controlled by no man and will be dictated to by no man.

The following written statement was issued today:

"To the Democrats of Indiana assuming the duties of chairman of the democratic state committee, it is my duty to communicate to you the rank and file of the party as of my aims and purposes. You are interested in my convictions and shall have them without reservation."

"I shall perform the duties of my position, having in mind only the welfare of the democratic party, conscious that victory can be won only by harmony. If there any man in Indiana who expects to aid him for his personal ambition, or if any class or caste expects to use me or my position to assist in any selfish purpose or of that class or interest, they will have misjudged me."

"I will allow myself to be led by no man, nor will I be controlled by any faction within the party, by any faction either within or out of the party."

"In this campaign all democrats who will loyally support the candidates and principles will be welcome and all such will be welcome headquarters, for I will need the operation of all."

Refute Falsehood by Action

"It has been charged by the republican newspapers that I was elected back one man and two or three instead. I can only refute these monstrous falsehoods by performing duties of the position in such a partial manner and with such a party as to demonstrate how basely false this is, for you fellow democrats, will watch my movements."

"I owe my full allegiance to democratic party. All my life, in son and out of season, in victory out of victory, I have worked for democratic success. I put all my grand old party, and venerate its traditions."

Ambition is Bryan's Eleventh

"If I can only contribute this year to the election of William Bryan to the presidency I will have reached the summit of my ambition and will be more than repaid by my labor which I intend to do these ends."

"Democrats, on behalf of those dear to my heart, I earnestly call for co-operation and support in organizing for victory. Without your enthusiastic support, our cause will be well nigh powerless."

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(Signed) "U. S. JACKSON  
Chairman of the State Democratic Committee."

WILL GIVE A RILEY PROGRAM

Epworth League Will Furnish an Interesting Evening

This evening the members of the Epworth league will render a program at the M. E. church during the delightful social given for the benefit of the church as well as church. Every one invited to attend. The program will include a piano duet, Misses McGehee and Sketch of life of Riley. Mr. Clegg Reading ..... Class Quartet ..... Mesdames Walters, Vail, Reading ..... Flossie, Piano solo ..... Flossie, Reading ..... Della, Wayne, as a visitor.

Mrs. M. H. Barnett, 100 Wayne, as a visitor.

Cleanses the skin thoroughly and removes all pimples and blemishes.

It is guaranteed to be safe.