THE DESERTER.

Some years ago I was called by telegram to meet a relative in Nebraska. The last 100 miles of the journey were over a new railroad. I was the only woman aboard the train and was accompanied by a little boy, who was a lot of rough fun. The men drank and smoked until the air of the car was suffocating. The conductor reported the state of affairs, but declared himself powerless. You can picture my surprise and relief I felt when by the dawn of daylight I saw Long Pine, the railroad terminus.

I was fond to pale the greater part of the night to the boy, and, when a drunken contractor was making merry for a large company of delighted soldiers, I was but too glad to exchange the hard parlor for the car, where I did not fear for anything but a repetition of my former ride.

I was grateful to find the car almost empty. Some half a dozen men were during in various parts, and near the front I espied a little figure curled up in a corner that looked exceptionally feminine, despite the jaunty masculine headgear that adorned the closely clipped brown locks.

I seemed why the sun poured in upon this sleeping since and unpainted, and pointing upon the subject I took into much needed slumber. When I awoke, it was broad daylight. All were astir, and I soon to the subject of my speculation a charming little girl, possibly 18. She had a very pretty face and dainty air.

Before I could get into conversation a plan of forming her acquaintance a most opportunity for. He was a fine looking specimen of the genuine cowboy, though I had not then learned to recognize so unmistakably the creatures of that fraternity as I have in later years. His broad sombrero shaded a pair of dark blue eyes, and a heavy reddish brown mustache but partly hid a mouth that betokened steady determination and no surprising will. He addressed my pretty girl in an old acquaintance. An earnest conversation passed between them for a few minutes, and he withdrew, promising much better pleasure than he, and a few moments afterwards came to me and begun to chat in the most friendly manner. My curiosity regarding the child, as I mentally termed her, seemed to a fair way to be satisfied, for she was eager to talk as I to listen, but before the forenoon passed I ceased to regard her as a child or inexperienced.

"That fellow's name," she said to me, "is Brown. Did you notice that gold ring on his little finger? That is my engagement ring. I sent it back to him. They said he took on awful when he heard that I was married."

"Married!" I exclaimed in astonishment.

"Yes, I was married last Sunday. My husband is a soldier at the fort."

"But you look so young!" I said.

"Oh, I'm 18," replied the girl. "I wished to Sioux City until six weeks ago. I heard they paid so much better wages at the fort that I went up there. I got acquainted with Brown and promised to marry him, but he had to go out on the ranch—he's a soldier, you know—and I got acquainted with Sudder. He wanted me, too—and—I don't know as he's a bit better than Brown, but, you see, he was right there and Brown wasn't, so I married him. He don't make as much money as Brown. He only gets $13 a month from the army and what he can make running a faro bank. That's a good bit, but I made him promise to leave the army if I married him."

"But he can't leave," said I.

"Oh! he'll desert," said my childish informant unblushingly.

"But if they catch him," said I.

"He'll have to finish his time in Leavenworth, that's all. But then they won't find him. As soon as I get back we're going to St. Joe to start a saloon. There's money in that, I tell you, and I'll risk thirty catching him."

"Where are you going now?" I ventured to inquire.

"I'm going after my little girl," she answered promptly. "I've been married before and have a little girl 3 years old."

I did not express my surprise this time, but I think if my statement she could have made otherwise would have surprised me in the least.

"I had a stepmother," she said, "and she was awful mean to me. Our fort one of our boarders, a man old enough to be my father, said, one day, 'Come, go with me, Lily, and the old woman shan't whip you any more.' So I went. We were married and began keeping house for ourselves. He was pretty good to me until the baby came. Then he got sad because I didn't know how to take care of it, and when he was 8 months old he took it away from me and took it to his folks in Sioux City. When I found out where it was, I ran away from him and went there to work. I finally found where my baby was, and I saw her three times, but I never could get my hands on her. She's such a pretty little thing. I guess she's got a good home, and they're good to her, but she's my baby. Sudder gave me the money to see the thing through. And I'm going to have her by fair means or foul."

I did not and could not wish the young mother success in her undertaking.

Several times during the day Brown stopped to chat a moment with his enchantress and once succeeded in drawing her away for a little private conversation.

"He asked me," she said to me during her absence, "if I was coming Sudder. He'll be glad to get me yet. I'm sorry for him, but I'm not for Brown. Sudder was more and he wasn't. I couldn't marry them both."

When Brown left the train, and at Fremont I saw the last of my pretty little Lily.

In after years my mind often reverted to my trip to the Sioux and to connection with it I thought of the child. I used on the train and wondered what her after life had been.

At last accident brought me information of her further career.

Sudder and his pony with did indeed go to St. Joe and keep a saloon. They had an affair with Brown, and I was glad to believe that her friend in Sioux City was successful. In less than a year a big Kansas man came around Brown opposed upon the scene. A month later, by accident of course, Uncle Sam's officers were upon the deserter's track.

When the prison doors closed behind the disdain man, my Lily, fair too often, was free, and she and Brown were wed.—Philadelphia Times.

State Ownership of Telephones.

The proposed agreement between the postoffice and the National Telephone company, by which the former will own all the trunk lines, has not yet been signed, although it has been ready for completion nearly six months. Attention will shortly be called to the subject in the house of commons, and probably the house will refuse to allow the postoffice of the scheme and refer to a select committee the question whether the postoffice or municipal. Sooner shall control the telephone business of the country. Public opinion is decidedly strong in favor of state ownership.—London Cor. New York Sun.

Love Will Find a Way.

A. B. Myers of Hancock signed his marriage license he is holding on one in his mails. Mr. Myers like the affiliation to lose both mails. He is about to sell a woman in this county. His prospective ship is missing the last seen in the clerk of the county office here.—Lancaster

CITY ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance, Fixing the Salaries and Compensation of certain Officers and Employees of Salt Lake City.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, that the salaries and compensation of the following named officers and employees of said city be and the same are hereby fixed as follows, for the term of office to which each of them may have been elected or appointed, to wit:

Assessor and Collector of Water Rates, $1,200.00 per year.

Deputy Assessor and Collector of Water Rates, $900.00 per year.

City Attorney, $2,500.00 per year.

Assistant City Attorney, $1,000.00 per year.

Auditor's Deputy, $1,200.00 per year.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Clerk of Board of Health, $900.00 per year.

That the office of City Physician be and the same is hereby abolished.

Health Commissioner, who shall also perform the duties heretofore performed by the City Physician, $1,500.00 per year.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Chairman Board of Public Works, $600.00 per year. Each member of the Board, other than the chairman, $200.00 per year.

Clerk of the Board $900.00 per year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Fire Department, $1,800.00 per year.

Assistant Chief, $1,200.00 per year.

Engineers of Steamers, $1,140.00 per year.

Captains, each, $1,080.00 per year.

Secretary, $1,080.00 per year.

Drivers, each, $900.00 per year.

Tillermen, each, $900.00 per year.

Hose Drivers, Foremen, Ladder-men and Stokers, each $900.00 per year.

Call men for each day of actual service, $2.50 per day.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Duty Sergeants, each, $1,200.00 per year.

Mounted Police, each, $1,200.00 per year.

Patrolmen, first year, $1,020.00 per year.

Patrolmen, second year, $1,080.00 per year.

Special Policemen, $2.50 per day.

Liberty Park Policeman, $2.50 per day.

Desk Sergeants, first year, $1,020.00 per year.

Desk Sergeants, second year, $1,080.00 per year.

ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer, who shall also perform all the duties heretofore performed by the Superintendent of Sewers, $2,500.00 per year.

First Assistant Engineer, $1,020.00 per year.

That the office of Second Engineer be and the same is hereby abolished.

Chief Draughtsman in the Engineer's Office, $1,200.00 per year.

That the office of Assistant Draughtsman be, and the same is hereby abolished.

That the offices of Sewers and Chieftains be, and the same is hereby abolished.

One Inspector of Sewers, $1,200.00 per year.

One Clerk, $900.00 per year.

Engineer Steam Road Roller, $3.00 per day for each day actually employed.

Inspector of Provisions, $1,200.00 per year.

Jailer, $1,020.00 per year.

Janitor, City Hall, $720.00 per year.

Park Keeper, $720.00 per year.

Police Court Clerk, $900.00 per year.

Recorder's Clerk, $1,200.00 per year.

That the office of the Recorder's Typewriter and Office Boy be, and the same are hereby abolished.

Sanitary Inspector, $1,200.00 per year.

Sexton, $1,200.00 per year, which shall be in full for his compensation, and all monies received by him for the sale of burial lots, or from any other source, shall be paid by him into the City Treasurer.

That the office of Superintendent of Sewers be, and the same is hereby abolished.

Superintendent of Waterworks, $1,500.00 per year.

Superintendent of Streets, $1,800.00 per year.

Deputy Treasurer, who shall also perform all the duties heretofore performed by the License Inspector, $1,000.00 per year.

That the office of License Inspector be and the same is hereby abolished.

Water Master, who shall also discharge and perform all the duties heretofore discharged and performed by the Land and Water Commissioner, $1,500.00 per year.

The office of Water Master's foreman is hereby abolished.

Such salaries as are fixed by the year, month or day shall be paid in equal installments out of the City Treasury at the end of each and every month, and the salaries herein fixed shall remain as the salaries of the officers and employees herein named until changed by the City Council.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance to take effect and go into force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, January 10th, 1894, and referred to the Mayor for his approval.

G. H. HACKMAN,
City Recorder.

[SEAL.]

Approved this the nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1894.

H. S. HARDY, Mayor.

United States of America, Territory of Utah, County and City of Salt Lake, ss.

I, G. H. Hackman, Recorder in and for Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of "An ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Compensation of certain officers and employees of Salt Lake City" passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, January 10th, 1894, and returned to the Mayor for his approval, approved by the Mayor on the 19th, 1894, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, this the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1894.

[SEAL.] G. H. HACKMAN,
City Recorder.

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