

FIERCE DUEL OF THE BORDER.

No Opera Bouffe Affair When Plainmen Meet in Battle to Death.

Their was a duel in New Mexico the other day in accordance with the code that prevails on the American frontier. It had none of the features of the French opera bouffe affairs, but was for blood.

Two men of Alma fell in love with Anna Sweigert, the bell of the neighborhood. Tod Holliman was her cousin and devoted admirer, while Red Weaver, a hard riding and deep drinking cowboy, was also an ardent wooer.

Red Weaver had, with the community that knew him, long passed that ambiguous stage in which he was described as "no better than he should be" and was frankly and openly referred to as "as bad as he could be."

Tod Holliman, exercising the right of a relative, cited Red Weaver's record against him and got the privilege of warning him off as a lover.

Red Weaver was enraged, of course, and behaved with reprehensible ungallantry. He was far and away the best man with a lariat in that section and one of the quickest with a gun.

With this state of affairs existing the two men met in the store of Coots & Rowe in Alma, and Holliman called Weaver to account for talking disrespectfully about Miss Sweigert. Weaver resented Holliman's interference in his love affair by drawing his six shooter and flourishing it in his face. When Holliman did not respond in kind, Weaver struck him in the face with his open hand.

BOWSER, THE WIZARD.

He Make a Wonderful Discovery in Wireless Telegraphy.

Mr. Bowser had a look of triumph in his eyes as he reached home the other evening, a look to tell even the family cat that he had picked up a pointer with millions in it during the day and bent on an after dinner experiment. Mrs. Bowser groaned inwardly as she realized it; but though he anticipated being questioned at table, she held her peace and waited for developments. It was after the finish of the meal and with an air that told of victory that he began:

"A woman need not know much of course, just enough to enable her to dodge a cable car or a butcher cart, but perhaps you have heard of the new idea in science—wireless telegraphy?"

"I have seen it mentioned in the papers," stily replied Mrs. Bowser. "Then you know what the idea is. It is to telegraph without wires, or by sound waves of the human voice. The human voice, as I may explain to you, does not issue from the throat like a piece of turnip, but in waves following each other so closely that it is hard to detect the intervals between them. For instance, my voice as I now speak to you seems to string out like a rope, doesn't it?"

"Yes; I was just thinking how much it resembled an old clothes-line."

NINE BOILS.

FOUR RUNNING SORES.

The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Some time ago my blood got out of order and nine large boils appeared on my neck, besides numerous small ones on my shoulders and arms. Four running sores appeared on my foot and leg and I was in a terrible state. A friend advised Burdock Blood Bitters, so I procured three bottles. After finishing the first bottle the boils started to disappear and the sores to heal up. After taking the third bottle there was not a boil or sore to be seen. Besides the headaches from which I suffered left me and I improved so much that I am now strong and robust again.

Yours truly,
Miss MAGGIE WORTHINGTON,
Feb. 2nd, 1901. Galspe, Ont.

Holliman said: "I am unarmed, and you have the advantage. Give me the chance to get a gun, and I'll meet you."

This was the western challenge. Weaver acting in accordance with the code of the frontier, pocketed his pistol and said, "All right; I'll wait."

There were no more arrangements—no inviting of seconds, choosing of weapons, fixing of conditions, engaging of doctors, etc.

Each, according to western usage, took the precaution to go armed and keep a watchful eye open for the other.

They met the next day in the main street. Holliman, with his Winchester, left his boarding house to go to the store on his way saw Weaver coming toward him, and the duel was on. There was no measuring of distance and tossing for position. They simply continued to advance steadily toward each other until they were only a few feet apart.

Holliman said to Weaver: "Stop or I'll shoot you!" Weaver, with his six shooter ready, came on. The two men raised their guns and fired almost simultaneously. Neither shot took effect. Then swiftly before the first smoke had cleared two shots rang out again. The bullet from Holliman's Winchester struck Weaver full in the forehead and nearly tore the top off his head. The bullet from Weaver's pistol discharged by his convulsive dying grasp as he fell, made a flesh wound in Holliman's shoulder.

"Thanks. Ignorance always tries to hide behind sarcasm. However, there are scores of breaks or intervals in my voice just the same, only your ears don't detect them."

"And what if they don't?"

"Ah, there is the key of the whole thing. Two or three people are working at it, but they have just missed it as yet. They forget that the last sound or wave must be heavy to drive the other waves before it to a distance."

"And so some one has started you off on that fad?" she queried as he balanced himself on his heels and looked down upon her in pitying, patronizing way.

"Call it what you will, Mrs. Bowser—fad, discovery or tomfoolery—but I have solved the problem for the world, and the name of Bowser has been placed above those of Edison and Tesla. Yes, ma'am, idiot as I am, I have given the world wireless telegraphy at last."

"How did you do it?" she asked, becoming interested in spite of herself and thinking there might probably be something to it after all.

"By experiment, my dear woman—by experiment and a happy intuition. If you can be half way decent for the next half hour, I will show you a few things to make your hair curl. In all the experiments thus far made the operators at each end of the route have had to use devices. Observe that I use nothing of the kind. I simply face in a certain direction and set the sound waves rolling. We will suppose that I am in New York and the cook down stairs is in London. I want to communicate a message to her through the receiving operator. I open the stair door—so. That gives my voice a chance. I will now set the sound waves going by crying out at the top of my voice:

"Hello there Bridget O'Hallahan!" "That is what may be called the driving wave, to clear the track, and I followed it with:

"Your mother died at 5 o'clock this afternoon."

That's the message, and I now drive it along by shouting at the top of my voice:

"And I'm glad of it!"

There is the whole of it! you see I have explained Mr. Bowser as he turned around, and we shall hear from Bridget soon. She jumps from her chair. She rushed across the kitchen. She is on the stairs. Now she appears.

So she did. She appeared with a dish in her hand and a cloth in

the other, and she was pale faced, and her eyes were rolling.

Who called me? she demanded, looking from one to another.

"Do you see asked Mr. Bowser as he turned to his wife.

"Who called me and said that my mother died at five o'clock?" shouted Bridget as she waved both dish and cloth.

"My dear woman, did you ever hear of wireless aetlegraphy?" soothingly asked Mr. Bowser as he laid a hand on her arm.

"Never, sir, and if it was you that said my poor mother was dead, and you were glad of it, I'm out of this house in two minutes. I have never lived in the family of a villain yet and with the help of heaven I never will."

He spent 15 minutes trying to explain the affair to her, but in the end she insisted on taking a five mile street car ride to see if her mother was alive or dead, and she hinted that she might not return for a day or two. When she had retired to her domain, Mr. Bowser consoled himself by saying:

"I ought to have remembered that she didn't know putty from pepper. You must admit that my system is a success, however."

"Yes, your yell could have been heard a block away," replied Mrs. Bowser, "but I don't consider it a real test at all. You'd have to have a roar like 40 bulls to drive the sound waves 10 or 15 miles."

"That shows all you know about it. How far is it from our back door to the rear of the flat fronting the next street?"

"A hundred feet maybe."

"Well, I know a man named Jones on the third floor. I'll go down into the back yard and send him a message, and you'll hear no 40 bull voices about it."

Three minutes later Mr. bowser had reached his station. In a voice hardly above a whisper he sent his clear the track wave ahead by calling:

"Jones! Jones! Ah, there Jones! Say, Jones, do you hear me!"

If Jones did, there was no sign of it, but Mr. Bowser went on with the message:

"Tell Jones that I know where he was last night, but I'll keep mum about it."

Then he lifted his voice a trifle for the driving wave, the whole thing was supposed to be rolling in on Jones through wall or window when an old in nail struck Mr. Bowser in the stomach, a piece of coal found a resting place on his chin, and bottle and cans hit all around him and voices cried out:

"Peg him ag'in! It's old Bowser out throwing poison to our cats and dogs!"

"Come into the house with your wire wound foolery if you don't want to be killed dead," shouted the cook as she reached outdoors for him, and Mr. Bowser felt the wind of an old demijohn as he backed into a place of safety. The woman squared off with her hands on her hips and began about her dead mother anew, but Mr. Bowser passed upstairs without a word. Mrs. Bowser sat reading and trying to look unconcerned, but she marched up to her and shouted:

"Woman, this is your revenge, but don't chuckle too soon! Instead of discouraging me you have made me a desperate man!"

"Did you call up Jones? she innocently queried.

"Jones? Jones? What the deuce have I got to do with Jones? I'm talking of would be murderers and assassins. Woman, that is the climax. Tomorrow morning we'll have the lawyers here. I'll have the papers ready for 'em. I now retire to the library, and if any one asks for me tell 'em that it was your assassin hand that struck the fatal blow!"

I have met, said the old man, but two sensible women in my life.

The innocent maid gazed into his face and asked. Who was the other woman?

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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS.

The Price of Canadian Chickens on the English Market.

Much has been reported and written on this subject, much of it contradictory, most of it misleading. As manager of the Canadian Produce Co., I visited England in the heart of the frozen poultry season this spring, and as I sold a large quantity of frozen chickens which I took over from Canada, I am in a position to give definite information on the subject of this article.

The prices reported as paid in England are mostly fairy tales. This fallacy as to price and size of birds desired is due to two mistaken ideas that are easily fallen into, namely, taking the English raised, fresh-killed bird as a standard and guide for imported frozen birds, the other of judging the wholesale price of any considerable quantity to be the same as that for a few dozen sold retail. Among fresh killed English birds there is a certain demand for large fatted birds, at retail these bring 16 to 18 cents per pound, but this demand is very limited and is fully supplied by fresh killed English birds. These weigh from four pounds upward and are bought by the wealthiest class only, to whom money is no object and who will pay any price asked for what they want buy will not buy anything else at any price, and in England as here, this class is a very small proportion and they are easily supplied.

There is however, an enormous number of the well-to-do class who with the hotels and restaurants, want a medium sized bird, one that will make, as we will say, a meal of for two to five people that is a bird in good condition weighing from 2½ to 4 pounds, and for this class of birds there is an unlimited demand. It stands to reason that the majority of people cannot, or do not care to, spend \$1.50 to \$2 on one chicken for a meal, but they like chicken, and in reach of their purses say from 45c to 75c each, they will live on them. At these prices chickens also competes with other meats.

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To be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday, the 23rd day of July A. D. 1901, in front of the Registry office in Newcastle, Miramichi, N. B., between the hours of twelve noon and 5 o'clock P. M.

All the right, title and interest both legal and equitable of James Johnston, devised to him by the last will and testament of the late William Johnston deceased, of, in and to the lands and premises described as follows to-wit:

"All that certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Chatham, being part of Lot No. 36 granted to the late George Henderson deceased, and is bounded as follows:—Northwesterly or in front by the Queen's Highway across the said lot past the Methodist Chapel, on the easterly or lower side by St. John Street, southerly by lands belonging to the estate of the late Samuel Fleming and now occupied by John Townley, and westerly by that part of the said Lot formerly occupied by John Hux and now occupied by Edward Keary, being the premises formerly occupied by one James White and conveyed by the said James White to Richard Hutchison by mortgage bearing date the 30th July, 1855 and the equity of redemption conveyed by James Mitchell, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Northumberland to T. G. Allen by conveyance 6th February, 1861, and by T. G. Allen conveyed to Richard Hutchison and dated 6th May, 1861" and now known as the Canada House property, the same having been seized by me under an execution issued out of the Supreme Court against James Johnston.

R. R. CALL, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Newcastle, N. B., 9th April, 1901.

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