

Miss Lulu Bett

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(Continued from last week.)

"I got a joke. Grandma Gates says it's all over town Di and Bobby Larkin eloped off together today. He!" The last was a single note of laughter, high and brief.

"What nonsense!" Dwight Herbert said angrily.

But Ina said tensely: "Is it nonsense? Haven't I been trying and trying to find out where the black satchel went? Di!"

Di's laughter rose, but it sounded thin and false.

"Listen to that, Bobby," she said. "Listen!"

"That won't do, Di," said Ina. "You can't deceive mamma and don't you try!" Her voice trembled, she was frantic with loving and authentic anxiety, but she was without power, she overshadowed the real gravity of the moment by her indignation.

"Mrs. Deacon—" began Bobby, and stood up, very straight and manly before them all.

But Dwight intervened. Dwight, the father, the master of his house. Here was something requiring him to act. So the father set his face like a mask and brought down his hand on the rail of the porch. It was as if the sound shattered a thousand filaments—where?

"Diana!" his voice was terrible, demanded a response, ravened among them.

"Yes, papa," said Di, very small. "Answer your mother, answer her. Is there anything to this absurd talk?"

"No, papa," said Di, trembling. "Nothing whatever."

"Nothing whatever?"

"Can you imagine how such a ridiculous report started?"

"No, papa."

"Very well. Now we know where we are. If anyone hears this report repeated, send them to me."

"Well, but that satchel—" said Ina, to whom an idea manifested less as a function than as a leech.

"One moment," said Dwight. "Lulu will of course verify what the child has said."

"If you cannot settle this with Di," said Lulu, "you cannot settle it with me."

"A shifty answer," said Dwight. "You have a genius at misrepresenting facts, you know, Lulu."

"Bobby wanted to say something," said Ina, still troubled.

"No, Mrs. Deacon," said Bobby, low. "I have nothing—more to say."

In a little while, when Bobby went away, Di walked with him to the gate. It was as if, the worst having happened to her, she dared everything now.

"Bobby," she said, "you hate a lie. But what else could I do?"

He could not see her, could see only the little moon of her face, blurring.

"And anyhow," said Di, "it wasn't a lie. We didn't elope, did we?"

"What do you think I came for tonight?" asked Bobby.

The day had aged him; he spoke like a man. His very voice came gruffly. But she saw nothing, softened to him, yielded, was ready to take his regret that they had not gone on.

"Well, I came for one thing," said Bobby, "to tell you that I couldn't stand for your wanting me to lie today. Why, Di—I hate a lie. And now tonight—" He spoke his code almost beautifully. "I'd rather," he said, "they had never let us see each other than to lose you the way I've lost you now."

"Bobby!"

"It's true. We mustn't talk about it."

"Bobby! I'll go back and tell them all!"

"You can't go back," said Bobby. "Not out of a thing like that."

She stood staring after him. She heard some one coming and she turned toward the house, and met Cornish leaving.

"Miss Di," he cried, "if you're going to elope with anybody, remember it's with me!"

Her defense was ready—her laughter rang out so that the departing Bobby might hear.

When Di had gone upstairs, Ina said to Lulu in a manner of cajoling confidence:

"Sister,"—she rarely called her that—"why did you and Di have the black bag?"

So that after all it was a relief to Lulu to hear Dwight ask casually:

"By the way, Lulu, haven't I got some mail somewhere about?"

(Continued next week.)

For Congress, Elisha Kent Kane

Opposes Two-party System.

Under the many-party system, parties rise to push great issues, win or lose, and disband. Under the two-party system they contend for public offices on the principal that "To the victors belong the spoils." Naturally they frame issues and make nominations to secure the changeable votes of classes and associations who put selfish interests ahead of general welfare. Sometimes platforms are framed and candidates nominated to please rich people who will pay for an expensive campaign. Coal, oil and steel barons, railroad magnates, international unions, and even the dirty liquor traffic, thus at times have thwarted the will of the majority of citizens. Extreme or oppressive laws result by some indignation, stimulated by some other monied or class interest forces a complete change of party power, changing tariffs, banking plans, taxes, or transportation systems hold up business and throw men out of work.

The caucus is another evil fruit of the two-party system. Congress is no mere debating society or school of speech making. Its vast work is performed through committees on all subjects of importance. The party in power gets a majority of each committee; the other gets a minority. Then, instead of getting together, they caucus separately, and the lesser party has no say. The caucus, a party's members of the whole House, is still worse. To its decisions every member surrenders his freedom of action. Party bosses crack the whip and he is driven. Of course extreme measures result. Constitutional amendment ought to make the Senate a house of proportional representation. Until then, we can help matters by electing Congressmen of independent mind who will refuse to be caucus bound and will be servants of the whole people. I'll be no rubber stamp for any person, party or interest. I shall be resolute, but never quarrelsome. I have ideas of my own, but my mind is open to welcome those of others. The House contains statesmen who are like great stones for nation-building. Use me for cement to hold them together.

At election my name will show with the Prohibition title only. I can be impartial and free of caucus or financial control. Excepting \$100 from a friendly prohibitionist, my expenses are paid by Mrs. Kane and myself. Our object is to do our share in bettering the laws and customs of the beloved nation which has made us free, safe, prosperous and happy.

ELISHA KENT KANE "Political Adv."

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Week-Ahead Program

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28:

SHIRLEY MASON in "THE RAGGED HEIRESS," a story of heroine as a baby stolen by nurse who loved her. On death of nurse is hired by uncle unknown as a servant. Complications when unknown father arrives. A sympathetic, interesting picture. Also, Sam's Follard Comedy.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30:

ALL STAR special cast in "WIFE AGAINST WIFE," a six reel story of a married man falling in love with another woman, and she trying to make the other's life miserable to gain her ends. Also, Pathe News, Topics and Harold Lloyd Comedy.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31:

DOROTHY GISH in "THE GHOST IN THE GARRET," a story of haunted house rendezvous of gang of yegmen guarding stolen pearls. Girl and bulldog follow thieves and make discoveries. Comedy melodrama. Also, Movie Chats and Comedy.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, (Also Matinee).

ERICH VONSTROHEIM'S "FOOLISH WIVES," the great million dollar picture that is the talk of the United States. A wonderful screen production, thrilling in its dramatic intensity. See the superb acting of the Star. Two hours of the best dramatic entertainment. Don't miss it under any circumstances. Also, Sunshine Comedy. (Also at opera house Thursday, November 2.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2:

BENJ. HAMPTON produces "WHEN ROMANCE RIDES," a story of desperate plotting of villain. Girl rides horse to victory and outwits enemy. Some fast riding and thrilling rescues help this popular Zane Grey story. Also, Pathe News and Review.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3:

ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN in "UNDER OATH," a picture you will like, as it is sure to please you as it has others. Story deals with big business and frenzied finance. It is very good. Also, sixth episode of "IN THE DAYS OF BUFFALO BILL," that delightful historical serial of frontier days.

OPERA HOUSE.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28:

MARY PICKFORD in "LOVE LIGHT." This star is always worth seeing. "Enuf sed." Also Gymnasium Jim in a Sennett Comedy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2.—"Foolish Wives," the great million dollar picture. Don't miss it.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.—Tom Mix in "For Big Stakes."

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION.

Number One. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section one (1) of article fifteen (XV) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

"That section one of article fifteen, which reads as follows:—

"Section 1. Cities may be chartered whenever a majority of the electors of any town or borough having a population of at least ten thousand shall vote in any general election in favor of the same," be and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:—

"Section 1. Cities may be chartered whenever a majority of the electors of any town or borough having a population of at least ten thousand shall vote at any general or municipal election in favor of the same. Cities, or cities of any particular class, may be given the right and power to frame and adopt their own charters and to exercise the powers and authority of local self-government, subject, however, to such restrictions, limitations, and regulations, as may be imposed by the Legislature. Laws also may be enacted affecting the organization and government of cities and boroughs, which shall become effective in any city or borough in which they are adopted by the electors thereof, and approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

BERNARD J. MYERS, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION.

Number One-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article seven, section eight, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the granting of free passes or passes at a discount to clergymen.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

"Section 8. No railroad, railway, or other transportation company shall grant free passes or passes at a discount to any person, except officers or employees of the company," be amended to read as follows:—

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A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1-A.

BERNARD J. MYERS, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

NUMBER 2-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

"That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:—

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million dollars. Provided, however, that the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth," be amended so as to read as follows:—

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A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2-A.

BERNARD J. MYERS, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

NUMBER 3-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

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