

The He-Man Met His Match

By ANTHONY REIMERT

Tom Ewing made a sensation when he first appeared in Red Gulch. Six feet two, broad in proportion, all fat and muscle, with a voice like a bull, and the dress of the frontier, he was followed down the principal street by all the juvenile population.

Ewing was the man manager of the insurance company. He explained himself to a group of admirers in Tom Lawson's saloon, which this pretty wife open.

"Um, a he-man, do you? The red-blooded fellow, and there's not body can run up against me and get away with it."

And in a few days he had Red Gulch fairly buffeted. There was nothing really the matter with Tom, except too much fiction reading. And he did try to live up to his principles. For instance, when Miss Daisy Wentworth came riding down the street on a frisky horse, which was perfectly under her control, it was Tom who seized the bridle, brought it to a standstill, and caught Miss Daisy in his arms and brought her to the ground.

"Oh, thank you," Miss Daisy stammered, "but really I wasn't in any danger."

"The sight of a woman in peril is more than I can stand," said Tom.

Tom was the local hero. When Weinberger's store was broken into it was Tom who organized a posse and ran the outlaws to bay. The posse consisted of Miss Anson and Tim O'Rourke, two refractory boys who were caught next day by a juvenile police officer. However, that was Tom.

Daisy Wentworth was supposed to be engaged to Larry Hill. Larry stood no more than five feet five, his stockings were a shabby little chap, and a great favorite at church societies.

Tom Ewing never went to church. Rev. Amos Fullett rebuked him one day in the street. "Why don't you come to our church, Mr. Ewing?" he asked.

"Tom answered very loudly: 'I am above church. Mr. Fullett. My creed is the red blood of manhood that flows in the veins of every decent man. To live in God's great sunshine, protect women, and see fair play; that's my creed.'"

"The big stiff gives me a pain," said Larry, who was standing next, and had not quite got over Tom's unceremonious introduction to Miss Daisy, nor the fact that Miss Daisy and Tom seemed on excellent terms, since he knew they had met at Miss Daisy's house.

Tom overheard the remark and turned crimson. He clenched a fist like a horse's knee and wheeled on Larry. Larry returned his stare unflinchingly.

"A red-blooded man takes insults from a weakling," the he-man muttered, and turned away.

This incident produced a division of opinion in Red Gulch. One party claimed that Tom Ewing had shown his red-bloodedness by his chivalrous behavior; the other advanced the theory that he had simply got cold feet.

Still, nobody interfered with Tom. He went on his he-man way. Some day, opined Isaac Stagg, the grocer, some one would come along and tame him—but what was everybody's business was nobody's business and no body bothered.

But Nemesis is never far away. Miss Daisy's oddness toward Larry since the Tom Ewing episode was the subject of general comment. Larry went about with a permanent frown. He went less often to Miss Daisy's house, and when he did they quarreled bitterly, according to Kate, the Scandinavian cook-general. On the other hand, the he-man was there pretty constantly.

On this night the he-man is coming up the path when he hears the sounds of a violent altercation. The he-man quickens his steps. Larry is standing, white with rage, confronting Miss Daisy, who is crying.

"The done with you!" cries Larry. "All women are alike—all false!"

"All women are not false. Chivalrous American men protect them," says a voice in the doorway. "Be off and never darken this house again, or I'll give you a lesson you'll remember for the rest of your days."

It is the he-man, Miss Daisy screams. Larry turns round, puts up his fists. The he-man slaps his face. Next instant the great bulk of the he-man lies prostrate on the ground. Larry's punch had gone home.

The he-man rose, shaking, all the fight out of him. He rose to confront Miss Daisy, vibrant with indignation. "Oh, how dare you come here and strike Mr. Hill who isn't half your size!" she cried.

"I—I thought he was insulting you—" stammered the cowed he-man.

"Well, what if he was? Hasn't a man the right to insult a girl when he's engaged to her? Oh, Larry, I only wanted to make you jealous to find out if you really loved me. I'll throw that big stiff out of the house."

But the he-man had vanished from the house already—and from Red Gulch.

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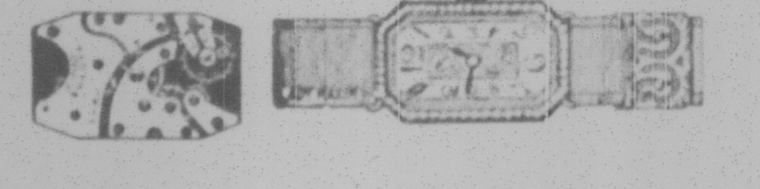
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Joseph Raymond Gwin was born at Coalport November 2, 1888. He enlisted July 22, 1917 as a member of the Fifth Sanitary Train, Company 29, Fifth Army Division. He sailed for France June 4, 1918 and saw active service at St. Mihiel, Flanders, Meuse and Argonne. He was gassed in the Argonne and was invalided home, July 21, 1919. After receiving treatment in various hospitals, Joseph Gwin returned home and resumed work here. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: John Scott Gwin, Johnstone; Lilly Ann, Charles Donald, Margaret Diekey and James Gwin, all at home.

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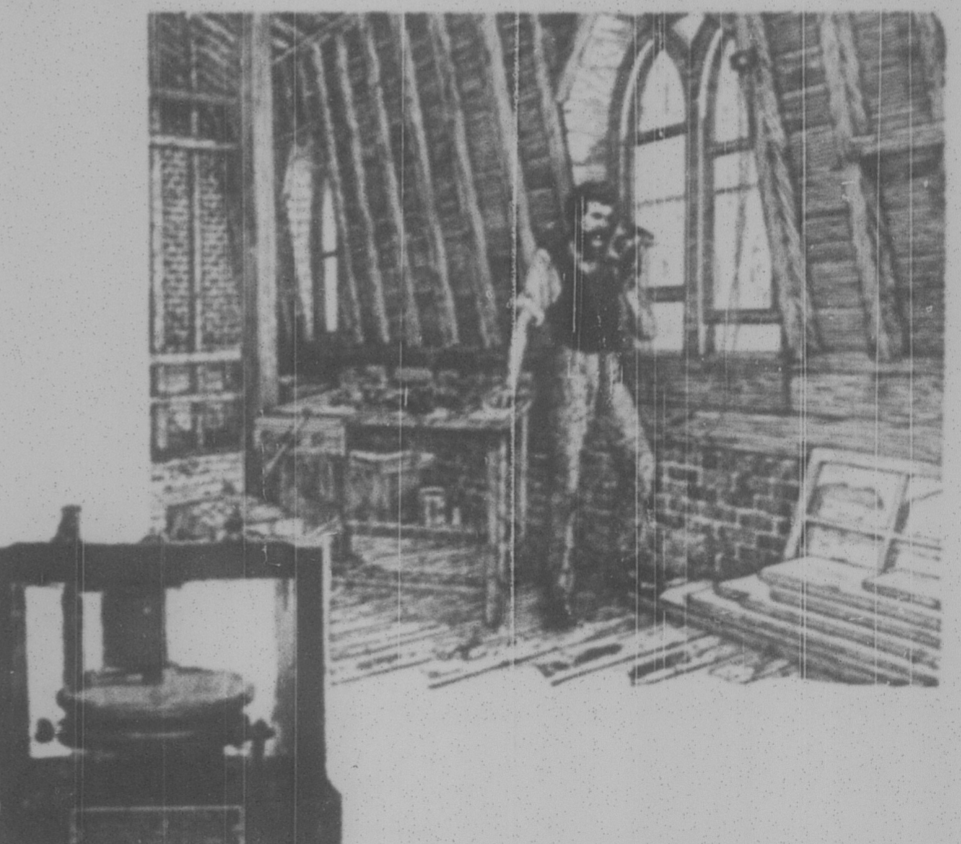
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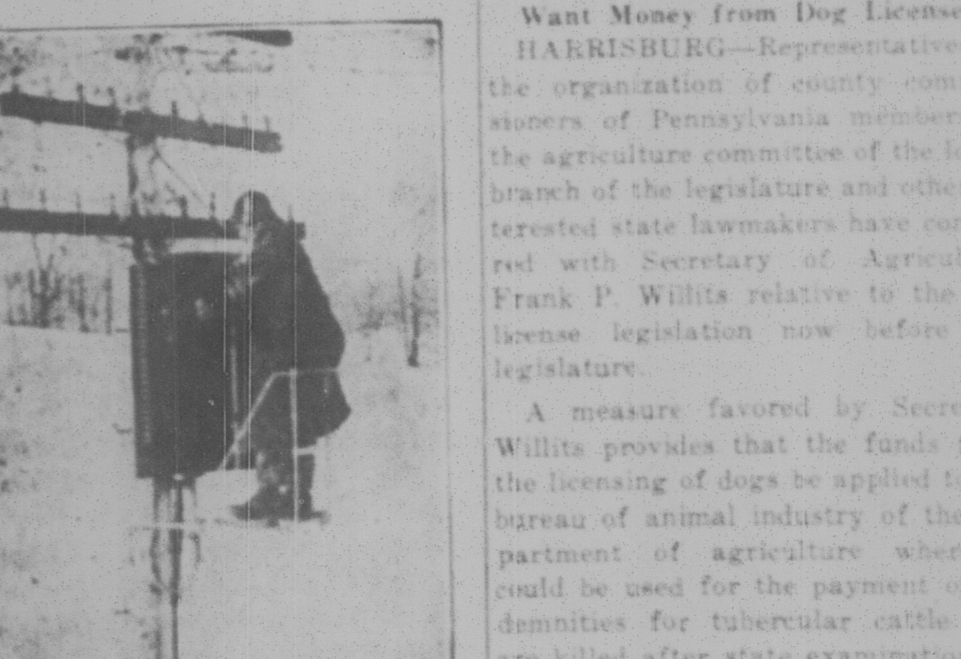
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THE ORIGINAL TELEPHONE AND ITS BIRTHPLACE

The recent death of Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, following so closely upon the death of Dr. Bell, brings to mind the efforts of the inventor in the attic where he conducted his early experiments.

Dr. Bell often declared that during his first experiments with the telephone, it was Mrs. Bell's faith in his work that spurred him on to success.



A lineman making repairs at a junction box on a telephone line.

County Millage Fixed. EBERSBURG—Tax millage for 1928 in Cambria County, for all purposes, was fixed by the County Commissioners at six mills. This is the same millage as last year.

Secretary Willits pointed out that the excess funds from the dog license law are badly needed to assist in protecting the livestock of the state and urged the commissioners to take a new measure as the funds will be spent in every county in the state for the immediate benefit of the farmers.

The commissioners of the county agreed to pass the matter to their legislative committee, which will convene next Monday.

The license bill, providing for the payment of the dog fund was up for consideration in the house and was recommended by the request of the house. The other bills affecting the law have not yet been reported from committee.

Beaver—Fifty five miles of hard-surfaced roads have been constructed in Beaver County in the last three years. This being three-fourths of all such roads in the county, according to a statement made by County Commissioner Frank D. Hart, approximately \$200,000 was spent, about \$1,000,000 by the state and \$1,000,000 by the county, while township and boroughs spent about \$218,000.

Harrisburg—National guard appointments announced by the adjutant general Monday included Second Lieutenant Timothy Matthew Cleary, first squadron headquarters, One Hundred and Third Cavalry of Philadelphia, as first lieutenant for assignment as adjutant and of Hercules Boyd Adams, Phoenixville, as second lieutenant of field artillery, for assignment to Battery B, One Hundred and Seventh field artillery.

Harrisburg—Berkey H. Boyd, Governor Pinchot's appointee as state superintendent of grounds and buildings, was sworn in and took up his duties. His appointment was confirmed by the Senate last week.

A Specialist. Mrs. J.: "Did that man say he would help clean house and beat rugs?" Mrs. S.: "No. He said that wasn't what he worked at. He said he only worked 'at intervals'—and this was one of them."

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