

### A Tale of Two Towns

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LITTLE Mrs. Marshall had run across from her own piazza to that of her new neighbor, "just to get acquainted," and in the process of getting acquainted had happened to mention that she was the venerable parent of a high school boy and a normal school girl.

The new neighbor opened her eyes wide. She surveyed Mrs. Marshall's "bob," her short-skirt, her slim, lithe figure, and spoke incredulously. "I'll have to believe it if you say so, but, honestly, I thought you were the sister of those children. In fact, I thought that perhaps you were a normal school girl yourself."

Mrs. Marshall laughed. "I wish I were," she said. "There's nothing I'd like better than attending that splendid normal school of ours. We call it ours, though really it is about 20 miles from our town." She smiled reminiscently. "You don't know, of course—you're a newcomer and don't know our ancient history—how this county was almost rent asunder, as they say in books, over that same school."

"Tell me about it," begged the new neighbor.

Mrs. Marshall settled herself comfortably in the rocking chair. "I really believe," she began, "it wouldn't have happened if there hadn't been such a dearth of news. You know how it is sometimes—no murders, no fires, no headlines of any kind. I can imagine it must have been dull in the Hanford Gazette office—the paper had the same name then as it has now. And probably that was why the editorial writer had an inspiration."

"That evening there appeared an editorial in the paper, gently suggesting that Hanford should have a normal school."

"And of course the Griswold Star could not let that editorial pass unnoticed. Griswold and Hanford were always racing each other neck to neck. They competed on everything. So when the Hanford Gazette said that we needed a new normal school the Griswold Star immediately piped up that they should have it. There was a reply in the Gazette the next evening, followed by another in the Star, and the battle was on."

"After a while the papers from other sections began to take notice of the rumpus. And finally it reached the ears of the state commission of education. And what did they do but send a delegation to investigate matters."

Mrs. Marshall laughed softly. "The delegation came to Hanford and the people welcomed them royally. The leading citizens gave them a big dinner, and took them for an automobile ride around the place, showing up all the sites they thought might be suitable for a normal school. Then the delegation went to Griswold and received a royal welcome. The leading citizens gave them a banquet and took them automobiling, showing them all the sites that might be desirable for a normal school. And then the delegation went home and the commission considered. A few days later we heard that the normal school was to be at Dansborough, which was between Hanford and Griswold, about 20 miles from each."

"Well, it took quite a while for the folks in our town to get their breath, after that knockout blow, but the Hanford Gazette put the best face it could on it. That evening there appeared an editorial, congratulating the county that at last it was to have a normal school, and declaring that since it was largely due to the efforts of Hanford and Griswold that the school was to be built, it would shake hands, forget past differences, and vow eternal friendship."

"The editorial writer of the Star was so affected by this article that he came to Hanford that very evening to personally call on the writer. The Gazette office was closed at that time, but he located the editor at her home."

### Once Again

ONCE again we find it necessary to remind all our subscribers and others owing accounts to the Herald, that March is the end of our business year, and we would appreciate a settlement as soon as possible. Running a newspaper these days requires a large sum of money to meet our obligations, and we ask all in arrears to kindly let us have our due, that we in turn may pay up too. Our mailing lists have been corrected to Mar. 14th, and a glance at your label will tell you how you stand with your subscription to the Herald. Thank you.

### DURATION OF ENTRANCE TESTS WILL BE TWO DAYS

Entrance examinations are to be cut down this year to two days instead of three, according to the departmental schedule.

There will be no written exams this year on history, geography or reading. On Wednesday, June 28th, the entrance exams open with English, literature and mathematics, and next day come composition, grammar and spelling.

Matriculation exams open on June 14 and end on June 29, similar dates to last year. No change will be necessary in these because of the royal visit.

Asked if the extra holidays would not make it necessary to change dates of preliminary exams in the schools, Dr. C. C. Goldring, superintendent, said there should be ample time after the royal visit for them. Some tests might be given before the King and Queen come.



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