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FORGIVES HIS WIFE

Marion Woman Who Eloped With an Evangelist is Taken Back

G. I. Dalke, an old resident of Marion who departed suddenly April 30 with the wife of C.B. Funk, for, at that time, parts unknown, will soon return there under guard to answer to the law for his peculiar conduct.

Dalke is an evangelist and is believed to be possessed of hypnotic powers. In some way he gained the mastery over the mind of Funk's wife and she eloped with him, leaving heartbroken husband and four children behind to condole with the abandoned family of Dalke.

Funk, as soon as he recovered his bearings, started in search of his recreant spouse and her companion, and traced them to Kansas City, Denver, Seattle and Spokane. At the latter place his clue led him to Farmington, sixteen miles from Spokane and when he arrived there he found his quarry in a revival tent preaching the gospel to a hundred or more interested hearers. Funk arrested him and according to report, humiliated the destroyer of his happiness by snapping a pair of handcuffs over his outstretched hands. He then led him to the town jail and there held him until Governor Stanley issued and forwarded requisition papers by Deputy Sheriff Guy Graham.

Funk became reconciled with his wife who was visiting her sister, the wife of a farmer living in eastern Washington and a few days ago returned with her. He has fully forgiven her and believes that she was the victim of the wiles of a designing man, whom he proposes to punish if there is any law in Kansas to fit his transgression.