

# JOURNAL IS LEFT CATLESS

**A Feline Hobo Given Christmas Welcome, but Gets Too Gay**

The Journal office possessed, and was possessed, of a cat, but as the year 1906 gathered his aged limbs under the blankets preparatory to becoming a "has been," the Journal was left catless. He drifted out of the wholeness of the where, about ten days ago, climbed the back stairs to the Journal composing room, and flung the door ajar, took it as an invitation of welcome, and entered. There was no difference or bashfulness in his bearing, but he came in with the spirit of self confidence and equippose betokening contact with the great wide world. He had a disolute swagger and insolent air as though he belonged to the profession, had his card, and understood his rights and prerogatives.

He could not by any stretch of the imagination be considered a handsome cat, not even had he been in the pink of physical condition, which, indeed, he was not. As to his class, that was also uncertain. He was too dark for a mallow, and yet far from being black—neither could he make good in the tiger-striped variety. In fact his color scheme was an acute brindle, flecked out with touches of old gold, and a suggestion of holly; nothing bright, nothing gaudy; just a lusterless blending of shades, evidencing the taste and culture of a long line of varied, even if ignoble, ancestors.

His starburst eye gave evidence of prize ring proclivities, while several prominently bald spots in his coat told of life strenuous and of his part in more than one desperate encounter. Sir Galahad, or Caesar de Bajan; knight or smashbackler, who can say? He was lithe and supple, slim but sinewy, with the figure of a Sarah Bernhardt, and the guilelessness of Bob Fitzsimmons, while his carriage gave him that he had used many a hard fence, barn and shed for impromptu gymnastic exercises had developed his muscles so thoroughly as though he had belonged to and used by the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

He deposited his form under a cane near the stove, and from the suddenness with which slumber fell upon and overcame him, it was evident that he had been keeping respectable hours. The boys took kindly to this bit of feline, not just because they knew how it was themselves, but from that head of sympathy that makes one printer of his purse for the impressionable brother, and as every one knows their name is legion.

It seemed for a few days that his nose had fallen in pleasant places, for the boys fed him, and "Billy," our Billy, the ink-stained genius of the press room invited him down stairs and proceeded to fill him up with cold meat and bits of chicken and other delicacies from his lunch bucket.

Even the editor in chief cast his benevolent eyes on him and pronounced him, if not good, at least as a harbinger of good luck, while the young ladies in the front office declared he was "most delightfully ugly." The society editor went into raptures over his "harmonious color scheme," while the devil himself said, "Aw geez, his side is off back."

But, as often happens, he could'st stand prosperity. He got gay, and became hilariously familiar. He slithered up to the linotype and with a gentle spring landed in Jerry's lap, swiped the keys a time or two as though he wanted to run things, and got snapped half way across the room. This was his first rebuff, but he had gall and also a forgiving nature, and he did not run away from home.

There is to-day a crying need of a reformation in the treatment of the body. The basis of this reformation is to be found in the thesis of Dr. R. V. Pierce: "Diseases which originate in the stomach must be cured through the stomach."

In the forty odd years of Dr. Pierce's experience as chief consulting physician to the "Invincible Hotel and Surgical Institute" in Buffalo, N. Y., he has treated more than half a million people with a reliable cure in every hundred. The theory held by Dr. Pierce, that the stomach is the chief brooding place of disease, is abundantly borne out by the success of his treatment which is addressed primarily to the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition.

No other medicine acts so powerfully and so perfectly on the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Men and women afflicted with shortness of breath, heart disease, indigestion, dizziness, spots before the eyes, "liver pains," and similar ailments have been promptly and perfectly cured by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery."

Miss Lavilla Bondar, Curator Natural History Society of an Lawson river, West. Lansing, Mich., writes: "I suffered with chronic dyspepsia for nearly seven years, and this caused me to grow very thin and pale, at the same time my blood became poor and I was so nervous and unsteady that I was unfit to attend to my daily duties. I was also afflicted and bothered at the least with a little of the heart trouble, and my stomach and bowels had become so disordered that I could not get on my feet. I began to pick on and get strong, soon new, rich blood flowed in my veins, and once more felt the beauty and joy of life. I have now enjoyed perfect health for a year, thanks to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

His flight brought him to the elevator used in lowering the forms to the press room, and he showed how his week of leisure had pampered him, for he took that in preference to the stairs. As he reached it the broom overtook him, delivering an "argument a posteriori" that encouraged his departure, and the cat went down the shaft. At least he started, but he never reached the bottom. He made a wild spring, learned under stress in his many adventures, and landed on top of a big half capboard, used for storing files; and there he was safe so long as a step ladder was not around. He realized this, and, as was his wont, accepted his surroundings and went to sleep.

Next morning he was in the press room, but soon learned that he was persona non grata.

What became of him? Ask of the winds that whisper through the back alleys. He might have dissolved into thin Oregon ozone, so complete was his disappearance. And yet, there is a rumor that he was seen the next day at that resort where Journal printers most do congregate after their day's labors, and it is presumed he went there to say farewell to the big pressman, probably the only friend he ever had, and, no doubt, the one person of the whole force whom he considered a perfect gentleman.

## Refused to Advertise



A special to the Indianapolis News from Marion, Ind., says that after a hard fight of seventeen years against competitors who advertised, Gunder Bros., dry goods merchants, the oldest mercantile firm in Marion and at one time the largest retail house in northern Indiana, have given up the hopeless struggle and sold out their business.

When gas was discovered in Marion the town began to grow rapidly, and competition in all business was soon encountered by all the old local merchants. The new merchants advertised, but many of the old established firms were slow in believing that it was necessary for them to use printers' ink, as they knew nearly every man in the county. All of them who are now in business concluded that it was necessary to advertise in order to hold what trade they had and to increase it, except Gunder Bros., who absolutely refused, claiming it was money thrown away. The firm had the best business site in the city, but the store was never filled with shoppers. Thousands passed and repassed the place day after day without stopping. The firm carried an excellent line of goods and treated customers well, but only a few farmers and some of the old citizens of Marion patronized the place. The store is now closed for business.

Most merchants now agree that advertising is a necessity and that the "old method" is the least profitable.

# TAX REVISION IN EARNEST

**Bill Proposed That Will Raise Half a Million State Taxes Annually by Indirect Taxation**

The bill prepared by the committee on tax revision of the Willamette Valley Development League has been printed and will be distributed for signature so the initiative petitions this week.

The bill is drawn to raise half a million dollars revenue annually by indirect taxation, and instead of \$0.30 on the \$1000 assessed valuation on property, if this bill passes the state tax will not be over \$3.00 on the thousand.

The proposed revenue law is entitled a bill for an act, "To re-enact the assessment and taxation law of the state of Oregon, including all existing amendments thereto, and to provide for a more equitable system of assessment and taxation of all property in the state of Oregon for the purpose of raising the necessary revenues to defray the expenses of the state government; the principal changes herein sought to be made are:

- "1. Transferring this county's poll tax to the road fund.
- "2. Amending the present system of apportioning to the several counties their respective portions of the state tax.
- "3. Providing for the publication of the assessment roll.
- "4. Amending the law relating to the penalty, rate of interest and rebate on taxes, by reducing the amount of the penalty and rate of interest.
- "5. Amending the law on taxation of gross earnings of insurance companies by increasing the rate from two per cent to three per cent on such earnings.
- "6. Imposing a tax upon the gross earnings of express, telegraph and telephone companies within the state of Oregon.
- "7. Providing for the assessment and taxation of railroads, rolling stock, cars, equipment, etc., and creating a state executive council for the purpose of making such assessment and defining the duties of such council.
- "8. Providing for the assessment

and taxation of sleeping, dining, oil tank and refrigerator cars.

"9. Amending the inheritance tax law by increasing the rate of taxation and providing that the state of Oregon shall be represented at the appraisal of estates of decedents.

This bill was compiled and arranged by a committee of five gentlemen, three lawyers and two business men—J. A. Carson of Salem, Hon. G. W. Griffin of Eugene, J. A. Apperle of Jefferson, B. F. Jones of Toledo and G. A. Harley of Vale.

All who wish petitions to circulate can obtain them at this office. The bill should interest every man who owns property or who favors just and equitable taxation. Voters can sign at this office.

**Spilled Her Beauty.**  
Harriet Howard, of W. 34th street, New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had salt rheum or eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

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- White silk mufflers, only... **50¢**
- Gents' wool golf gloves, special value... **45¢**
- Gents' 75¢ dress shirts, now only... **43¢**
- Gents' imitation silk handkerchiefs, only... **\$1.35**
- Military—A nice dress hat, less one-third; our usual low prices.
- Phases, ties, wings, one-third reduction.
- Men's youths' and boys' clothing at two-thirds our regular price; neckties, 25¢ values now... **10¢**
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W. A. MOORES, City Recorder.  
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W. C. M'BRIDE, Gen. Agt., 124 Third St., Portland, Ore.

## RESOLUTION AND ORDER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON:

That said common council deems it expedient and proposes to lay and construct a drain in North Salem, as follows:

One ten inch tile from the east end of Division street in said North Salem westerly along said Division street to Sixth street; thence westerly along said Division street with two ten-inch tile to Commercial street; thence with said two ten inch tile northerly along Commercial street to North street; also, commencing in said North Salem at the intersection of Capital and North streets, and running thence westerly along said North street with two ten inch tile to Commercial street and joining said four ten inch tile drains at said intersection of Commercial and North streets into two twelve inch tile drains and continuing said two twelve inch drains westerly along said North street to the Willamette river. Said drains to be so laid and constructed at the expense of the property owners benefited thereby and the cost thereof assessed upon the property directly benefited thereby as prescribed by the charter and the ordinances of said city.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by said common council that the city recorder give notice of the proposed laying and construction of the drain aforesaid by publishing the following notice ten days in some daily newspaper published in the city of Salem: NOTICE OF PROPOSED DRAIN IN NORTH SALEM.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, by a resolution duly made at an adjourned regular meeting thereof held on the 29th day of December, 1905, deems it expedient and proposes to lay and construct a drain in North Salem, as follows:

One ten inch tile from the east end of Division street in North Salem, westerly along said Division street to Sixth street thence westerly along said Division street with two ten inch tile to Commercial street; thence with two ten inch tile northerly along Commercial street to North street; also, commencing in said North Salem at the intersection of Capital and North streets, and running thence westerly along said North street with two ten inch tile to Commercial street and joining said four ten inch tile drains at said intersection of Commercial and North streets into two twelve inch tile drains and continuing said two twelve inch drains westerly along said North street to the Willamette river. Said drains to be so laid and constructed at the expense of the property owners benefited thereby and the cost thereof assessed upon the property directly benefited thereby as prescribed by the charter and the ordinances of said city.

This notice is published ten days by order of the common council, the date of the first publication being the 1st day of January, 1906, and remonstrances against the above named improvement may be filed with the undersigned within ten days after the final publication of this notice.

W. A. MOORES, City Recorder.

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