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OLD BILL SHIFTLESS.

(By P. C. Lavey.)

Sitting on a salt barrel with a jackknife and whittling stick in hand, sat old Bill Shiftless. He had just sneaked away from home and from his hard working wife, who was doing a big washing for one of the neighbors on the back porch of the home she had built up by hard work, while Bill talked politics and spit tobacco juice all over the sidewalk down at the town postoffice. There was a small gathering of boys and men around Bill. They had simply stopped for a moment to hear what Bill's latest kick against the existing order of things was, and Bill was, as usual, kicking.

"Dog-gone it," Bill was saying, "what's got into these fellers around here anyhow? 'Pears to me like these fellers in this town hev gone stark, starin' man. The fust thing we'll know they'll be havin' them noisy street cars a-runnin' up and down these yere streets an' a feller can't hear hisself think. Whenever they do, old Bill's goin' to move, boys; he's a-goin' to move. I come here to this town nigh onto 20 years ago from Arkinsaw. I come here 'cause the fools back there in Fort Smith got the idee in their heads that they would make her a city. I stood it for a while 'till they got to runnin' them their street cars a-past my house(one of the houses his wife had earned by washing), and then I says to Mary, says I: 'Let's git away out yonder in Oregon where there ain't none o' them things a-runnin' a-past our hous, an' where folks kin take it kind o' easy like,' so we lit out an' landed right here in this town and now I'm a sea-cook if them things ain't follered me out here. I jist can't stand these new-fangled doin's, nohow." After delivering these few remarks Bill Shiftless spat a great big gob of tobacco juice on the people's sidewalk and walked off toward the river bridge, where it was his wont to hang his feet over the edge and fish for fish that bit at a poorly baited hook. Shiftless Bill hated energy in any form.

The men and boys who had listened to Bill's latest kick, laughed as they always did, at Bill, and went on about their work. It was only old Bill Shiftless that had been talking and they took no stock in what he had said, because old Bill was always kicking, and the people of the town were used to it.

In nearly every town there is an old Bill Shiftless. Some towns have more than one, but when they get too numerous, good men move away and leave them to run the town. And the town? Well, where there are many of Bill's kind, the town is left to run itself, and it does the job easily. Where there are many of Bill's kind the trains seldom stop; the weeds grow in the streets; the store windows are fly-specked and dirty, unsold goods are piled in a tangled heap at the mercy of a million flies. Ragged children and hungry-looking yellow cur dogs bask lazily in the sun, and the only noise to be heard is the clang of the village blacksmith's hammer at the far end of the street. The excuses for sidewalks are full of holes, in which stand pools of stagnant water from the overflowed, stopped-up ditches, which sends up a protesting stink at being kept out of the creek below town.

The few men and women who pass silently along the streets have stamped upon their faces a look of hopeless despair, a reflection of the surroundings, and they pass each other without a word of cheer.

It is the same old story of Shiftless Bill towns. There are a few of them left back in the old states and they are monuments to that class of men whom nature seems to have stamped with red ink, Failures.

From those kind of places come at times a few of the inhabitants and they settle for a time among progressive people. They whimper, scold, spit on the sidewalk, talk about their neighbors' wives and call the men who are trying to build up the town, grafters, until they see that no one cares what they say, that men and boys only laugh at their kicking and then they move on to pastures new, where they again take up the work of stopping the wheels of progress and so they go until an all wise Creator calls them across the dark river and asks them "what they have done with the 30 talents."

They haven't the talents or anything to show for them—they spent them for a jack-knife and fish bait that they were too lazy to dig. And then the Lord deals out to them, no doubt, the punishment due the man who has done nothing to improve the things or the opportunities placed here on earth for man's upbuilding.

Let's keep out of the old Bill Shiftless class; let's take those things nature has placed here on earth and build them up, strengthen them, and leave to posterity something worth while.

If we differ with each other, let's not hate each other.

If we have a stinker in this town, remember he is our stinker and we must bear with him.

If our neighbor has trouble, let's sympathize with him.

If our neighbor does great things let's praise him for them loudly.

If there is scandal in our town, let's keep silent tongue.

And "We will all be happy yet, you bet!"

PIPE LINE TO TIDE WATER

OIL PROSPECTS BRIGHT IN THE VALE COUNTRY.

Modern Hotel and Splendid Dwellings Springing Up in Vale on the Sole Strength of Signs of Paying Quantities of Oil—New Machinery Arrives for Developing Company—More Coming Later on.

After spending several months in the center of the eastern Oregon prospective oil well district, W. F. Darby is in the city for a few days transacting business matters. He reports the town of Vale growing rapidly, a contract for a modern hotel and plans for the construction of many new stylish dwellings being now under way.

The oil condition is improving every day. Advices from Vale through letters from J. T. Bearsley, superintendent of the Columbia Oil & Gas Developing company, state that the large machinery for use in drilling oil wells of unlimited depth, reached there yesterday morning from San Francisco and will be installed at once. The machinery is of the newest make, and will be the center of activity during the coming months. According to the oil expert, Mr. Darby, oil in paying quantities and of the illuminating grade, exists in the region of Vale. After studying the conditions there, he asserts that in time there will be a pipe line from Vale to tidewater.

The property owners of Vale look at it in the same way, judging from the amount of building going on there. The Santa Barbara company is going to have a rotary drill in operation the coming fall. In fact, everything looks bright for the eastern Oregon oil district.

Ladies' Exchange.

The ladies of the Baptist church will conduct a cooked food exchange in the Adcock & Fritts furniture store next Saturday, July 18.

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BIG RATE WAR BEGUN

RAILROADS WILL ADVANCE RATES TEN PER CENT.

Billion Dollars Represented in Combine That is Fighting Proposed Freight Advances—Meeting on July 24 Will Start the Battle.

Chicago, July 16.—A battle royal between a billion dollar combine of manufacturers and shippers against the railroads of the United States is said to have been declared. The railroads are determined to advance the rates at least 10 per cent all over the United States. The big shippers said they have leagued together to fight the advance and a meeting has been called in Chicago on July 24 to open the battle. The struggle will be carried into the courts if necessary. If not ended until next winter it may be continued in the legislatures of the various states.

ARESTED PLEADS GUILTY

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said McFarlane kept the goods, were at work. Dave McFarlane, until prohibition went into effect, was proprietor of the Kentucky liquor store on Adams avenue, and is well known in this city and at Hilgard, where he was also engaged in the saloon business for several years.

When Bartmess was arraigned he entered a plea of guilty, and when apprised by Justice Stewart of his rights to procure an attorney, he remarked he did not require any attorney. Immediately after the plea of guilty had been entered on the docket, District Attorney Ivanhoe asked the court to suspend sentence until the case of McFarlane was disposed of, which was done.

McFarlane Arrested.

In short order Dave McFarlane was arrested, arraigned and fined. Before Justice of the Peace Stewart he heard the charge accusing him of selling liquor in a district governed by local option laws. He at once pleaded guilty. Judge Stewart, as a preamble to naming the sentence, stated that this was the first offense, and the crime would cost the defendant $250. The prisoner at the bar forked out the cash instantly.

Constable I. W. Faulk, who placed Bartmess and McFarlane under arrest and who has been working on the entire case, is entitled to due credit, as is also Sheriff Childers, who assisted in securing the evidence.

Justice Stewart, in imposing a fine of $250 on the first liquor case brought before him, serves notice in no uncertain terms that he proposes to do his duty in the attempt to stamp out this boot-legging business.

Bartmess Heavily Fined.

After 4 o'clock this afternoon the court handed down a decision in the Bartmess case, the defendant being charged with giving liquor away. The sentence is $450, but administration of it has been suspended pending good behavior. Bartmess is now at liberty.

AMERCANS ARE IN TRIM

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his former record of 46 feet ½ inch. In the preliminaries for the 16-pound shot event, W. W. Coe of the Boston Athletic club won section one with a mark of 42 feet 7½ inches. In section two, J. C. Garrels of Michigan, won the preliminary. In sections 7 and 8, by putting the shot 46 feet 2½ inches, Horgan of England, won second place in the shotput with a mark of 44 feet 8½ inches. Garrels, American, third, 42 feet 3 inches.

England then regained a lead in the number of gold medals she has captured this year, when Taylor won the 400 meter swim. Taylor captured the final in this event in 5 minutes 36 4-5 seconds.

Summary of today's results:

Discus—Sheridan, American, first, 134 feet 2 inches. Griffin, American, second; Herr, American, third.

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Meredith, English, establishes new Olympic record in 1600-kilometer bicycle race, making the preliminary in 2 hours 43 minutes 15 2-5 seconds.

GUIDE WARSHIPS BY WIRELESS

ADMIRAL SITS IN OFFICE ON LAND TO DIRECT SHIPS.

New Experiment With Wireless System is Tried in London Today—A Group of Ships in Sham Battle, and Are Moved About by Admiral Far Inland—Method is Much Better Than Having Admiral in the Action Chart Shows Positions.

London, July 16.—England today tried a new experiment in naval warfare by conducting a battle from land by wireless. Over 300 vessels are now maneuvering in the North sea, engaged in a sham battle. The movement of every ship is being controlled by wireless by experts in the admiralty office in this city. As each ship changes its position or is forced on by the enemy to move, it is reported to the naval experts here. They sat before a map showing the situation at every minute. Markers moved about like pieces on a chess board.

It is claimed this system is better in controlling vessels than by the admiral in action.

To Reform Billboards.

Detroit, Mich., July 16.—Members of the Associated Billposters and Distributors of the United States and Canada, in annual session here, have agreed to continue the movement for the suppression of all objectionable billboard advertising. Hereafter the "paper" of burlesque shows and similar attractions will be subjected to a severe censorship and pictures of stage beauties, likely to bring blushes to the cheeks of passersby, will not be allowed a place on the billboards. Melo-dramas with suggestive titles have also come under the ban of the billposters' displeasure.

The association practically controls all the billboards in the leading cities and towns of this country and Canada, so that the reform will be widespread.

Disaster Narrowly Averted.

Santa Fe, July 16.—Great loss of life was narrowly averted in the Arroyo Chames when a terrific cloudburst swept down the canyon and washed out a trestle just before the arrival of a passenger train on the Santa Fe road. Three hundred feet of track is missing. Hundreds of dead sheep mark the path of the torrent. The cloudburst occurred late Wednesday, and was followed by a wall of water 10 feet high rushing down the arroyo Chames. The roar was heard for miles.

Mystery at San Jose.

San Jose, Cal., July 16.—The sheriff's officers today are trying to ascertain whether Bradford Van Vranky, a rancher, is a victim or whether he tried to suicide by slashing his naked body with a knife. The man was found lying in a pool of blood on the floor of his home with a little baby girl, unharmed, lying in the blood beside him. No knife was found about the place. The man told an incoherent story when he revived at the hospital.

FOR RENT—A suite of rooms for light housekeeping. Modern residence, ground floor. 'Phone Red 1712. 7-16tf

THOUSANDS SEE THE ELKS PARADE

LINE OF PARADE IS OVER THREE MILES IN LENGTH.

Seventy-five Thousand See Big Parade of Best People on Earth in Dallas Today—Funny Stunts in Abundance—Each Delegate Carries Banner Representing His Lodge—Thieves Get Cash and Jewelry From Los Angeles Delegation.

Dallas, Texas, July 16.—Over 75,000 watched the monster parade of Elks today. The streets were thronged long before the march of the "Best people on earth" began. The visiting delegations wore purple and white costumes, carrying banners of their respective lodges, and made a line three miles long.

Floats and plenty of funny stunts marked the parade at intervals.

Members of the Los Angeles delegation reported that a thief had broken into the sleeping apartment last night and had stolen some cash and three gold watches valued at $205 apiece.

Piles Cured at Home by New Absorption Method.

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from youtr own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P, Notre Dame, Ind.

Better Than Spanking.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

For Sale.

Two extra fine fresh milk cows will be sold cheap if taken at once. Apply to Robert Miller, B avenue.

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Cures Kidney and Bladder Diseases In Every Form—Many People Have Kidney Trouble and Do Not Know It.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

It is the function of the kidneys to filter and purify the blood which is constantly passing through them.

When the kidneys are out of order the other organs are affected immediately and you may have symptons of heart trouble, stomach and liver trouble, and other ailments, which are all owing to the kidneys being weak and out of order.

If you are sick **Foley's Kidney Cure** will strengthen and build up the worn out tissues of the kidneys so they will act properly and the symptons of weakness, heart, stomach and liver trouble will disappear and you will be restored to perfect health.

How to Tell If You Have Kidney Trouble.

You can easily determine if your kidneys are out of order by setting aside for 24 hours a bottle of the urine passed upon arising. If upon examination it is cloudy or milky or has a brick-dust sediment or small particles float about in it, your kidneys are diseased and **Foley's Kidney Cure** should be taken at once.

Foley's Kidney Cure is pleasant to take and acts directly upon the parts affected and you begin to feel better at once.

It corrects slight disorders in a few days and it has cured many obstinate cases after other treatment had failed.

Doctors Said He Would Not Live.

Peter Frey, of Woodruff, Pa., writes: "After doctoring for two years with the best physicians in Waynesburg, and still getting worse, the doctors advised me if I had any business to attend to I had better attend to it at once, as I could not possibly live another month, as there was no cure for me. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me by a friend, and I immediately sent my son to the store for it and after taking three bottles I began to get better and continued to improve until I was entirely well."

Two Sizes, 50c and $1.00.

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