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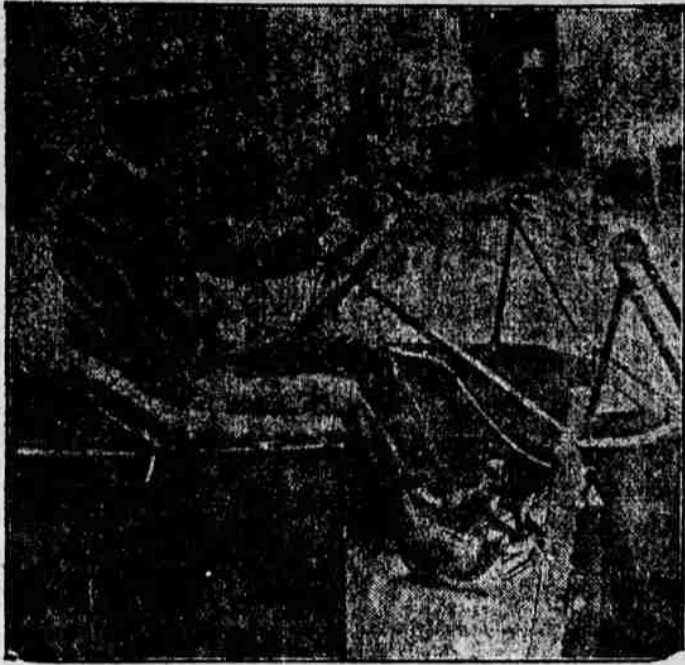
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## ARMLESS MAN ON LONG AUTO TRIP

DRIVES MACHINE WITHOUT ARMS



Pictures Shows how Judge Corley. Coming to La Grande Does the Trick

Next August La Grande will get a glimpse at Quentin D. Corley. Many will no doubt ask, "Who is Quentin D. Corley?"

Well, that gentleman is minus arms but is going to run an automobile to the Northwest from his home in Dallas County, Texas, and will pass through La Grande. He lectures on over-coming difficulties such as this and well he ought to know how to

overcome them. At the outset it might be said that he doesn't carry for his lectures, and is simply going to tour the northwest in his automobile, lecturing as he goes.

"But how can an armless man run an automobile from Texas to La Grande, Oregon?"

Sanford Steele, connected with The News, in Dallas, now on a vacation was in La Grande yesterday and per-

sonally gave the answer. He is advertising the coming trip by Judge Corley. Here is his story:

This Dallas, Texas judge has no hands.

One arm (the left) is gone between the elbow and the wrist.

The entire right shoulder was crushed in the accident which disabled him for life.

He, therefore, has no right arm.

And, yet Quentin D. Corley, without hands, is an independent, hard-working Dallas County Judge. Still a young man, he is cheerful, bright and helpful to the many whose destinies he is called upon to influence. It is a strange story, one filled with astonishing facts, one in which the sympathies of the readers are first enlisted, only to change to admiration of the man in his determination to live as a normal man should. And he does.

He writes a legible hand, folds up letters and puts same in envelope, puts penpoint in penstaff, turns leaves of book, uses telephone, picks up large or small articles, takes money out of his pocket, turns door knobs, carries grips or other articles, puts on collar and tie fastens buttons, bathes himself, combs hair, puts on underclothes, laces shoes, uses toothbrush, uses knife, fork or spoon in eating plants, spades or hoes in garden, mows lawn, winds up plays phonograph, strikes matches and builds fire, runs automobile, bowls tenpins, drives horse and swims and dives. In fact, does these and many other things with ease.

Quentin D. Corley was born in Mexia, Texas, January 21, 1884. His father moved the family to Dallas in 1891, where he entered the public schools, graduating in 1901. During his vacations he worked in a factory where he learned a great deal about mechanics. At his home he fitted up a shop where, during the school months, he repaired guns, knives, bicycles and anything most that needed repairing. This experience and knowledge later came to his rescue, when he lost his arms and hand.

After graduating he became a stenographer and worked as such for three

years, during which time he spent his spare moments and nights studying civil engineering by correspondence. The "wanderlust" seized him and he quit stenography to get into his chosen field of civil engineering and with his savings he and a companion started for New York. All went well until they reached Utica, N. Y., where he met with the accident which cost him both hands. That was on September 18, 1905, and was caused by him falling under a train when attempting to board it.

### Recovery Shows Vitality

His recovery was remarkable, for he was only in bed eleven days and left the hospital on the twenty third day to go back to Texas. The doctors attributed his quick recovery to the fact that his physical condition had never been abused by the use of alcohol or tobacco. His chances for recovery were placed by them as one in ten thousand, for his entire right arm, shoulder blade and collar bone was taken off, as well as his left hand. Before he left the hospital, he told the doctors that he would make an apparatus which would make him again independent of the help of others and he did.

### Sees a Light

Corley apparently helpless and with but little money, went back to Dallas, and after his wound had healed, secured a job as a "straw boss" in charge of a grading outfit. He made "good" and \$1.50 a day. Later on he took charge of the building of several houses, which he successfully carried through. All the time he had been studying out an apparatus for his left arm, and at the end of the first year succeeded in fixing up a hook with which he could write and do many things. He then qualified as a notary public and began the study of law. One year later, in November, 1907 he passed the bar examination and became a lawyer. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1908, served for two terms and in 1912 was elected County Judge of Dallas County. He was only 28 years old and is the youngest county judge that Dallas County has had. He is now serving his second term. He is Juvenile Judge, Probate Judge and the presiding officer of the Commissioners' Court. Dallas County is the richest county in Texas, and more than one million dollars are spent each year by the Commissioners' Court over which he presides. His salary is \$5000 a year, which is the largest paid any judicial officer in the County.

In 1910 he married Miss Hattie Robertson. Two beautiful children are theirs—Hattie Louise, a little girl of three and a half years, and Quentin D. Jr., one year of age.

Without the slightest discouragement he went to work to overcome his helplessness, and every day since his accident has been marked by some new accomplishment.

### Attachment On Arm

The apparatus with which he does most anything is the attachment for his left arm. A leather cuff fits on the arm above the elbow and another below the elbow. They are hinged together at the elbow and the lower one has a flat steel end, into which is screwed the hook he uses. This hook is a marvelously simple piece of mechanism. It is shaped somewhat like an anchor or double hook, one of which is longer than the other. Each hook has a smaller hook on its end which serves many a useful purpose. Underneath the hook is a piece of spring steel which holds tight against the hooks. This spring plate is opened by means of a wheel attached to the hooks, which is worked by a lever to which a string is attached, the other end of which is attached to the cuff above the elbow. When the elbow is bent the lever is fixed and the straightening of the elbow causes the spring plate to open and shut. This enables him to pick up paper, pins and anything light. A pencil or pen is picked up in this way and Corley can write a better hand than the average person with hands.

With the above apparatus he feeds himself, using knife and fork, handles his watch, buttons, laces shoes, takes money out of his pocket, picks up books and turns leaves easily, opens doors, uses telephone, dresses himself, with the exception of putting on his collar and tie, which he does with another apparatus and does the many other things enumerated in the beginning of this article.

The apparatus with which he puts on his collar and tie can be fastened on a chair or on his grip. In making this apparatus he had his hardest task for he had nothing to get an idea from. In order to get ideas that might be helpful to him, he visited hardware stores, bicycle shops and in fact various shops where any tools or small machines were kept. Many of these he bought only to find later that he could get nothing from them. Finally in looking over a "mail order" catalogue he saw a cut of an apparatus which gave him an idea how to start on his task, but the apparatus itself was of no value. With this idea he began work and he made not less than twelve or fifteen different apparatuses before he got one that was successful.

Swimming without arms would seem almost impossible to the ordinary person, but Judge Corley has not forgotten the fun at the "old Swimming hole," and likes to go in swimming, and he really swims. He is fond of diving off the spring board in old time fashion and dives and swims with ease. He swims on his back, using his feet to propel his body through the water.

He spent many hours and days working on his machines, and in all has spent more than \$1000 in perfecting them. He is naturally proud of them and claims he can do more things with greater ease than any man in the world who only has one arm and no hand which which to work—and after seeing him do all these things one just naturally believes he can do it.

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His latest accomplishment is that of bowling tenpins. When he decided to bowl, he went to the machine shops and had an apparatus made according to his ideas for that purpose. It works on the same principle of ice

tongs, except that there are two prongs on each side instead of only one. They are fastened to a ring through which he passes his arm. These jaws clamp firmly around the ball and are held by a catch. When ready to deliver the ball the catch is released by a slight movement of his forearm and the ball speeds on its way. While he is not an expert, nevertheless his bowling is good, when one considers how he has to do it. However, he improves with practice, and will soon be able to hold his own with the majority.

The one greatest drawback of his condition is the well-meant, but mis-

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