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THOU HAST A MIGHTY ARM; strong is thy hand, and
 high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habi-
 tation of thy throne; mercy and truth shall go before thy
 face.—Psalm 89:13, 14.

The New Boss

Out in the west we hear much of Tammany, but we
 hear at long range and know very little about the close-up
 view. It was left to the Baltimore Evening Sun to tell
 of the new boss who takes Murphy's place, in the following
 language:

Experience has given Americans a well-defined idea of
 the typical city political boss—the man who fights his way
 from gang leader or barkeeper, often by strong-arm meth-
 ods, to a place of power, where by selling legislation and
 privileges, and often by darker methods, he becomes rich
 and still more powerful. One has but to recall Tweed, Kelly,
 Croaker, of New York; George B. Cox, barkeeper of Cin-
 cinnati; Hinky Dink and Bath House John of Chicago—not
 to mention some worthies nearer home—to make up the
 composite picture.

But Tammany Hall has something quite new in bosses,
 especially for Tammany. That abhorred organization ap-
 pears to have entered into what the newspapers call a "new
 era" in the choice of James A. Foley to be its chief. No
 such man, so far as we can recall, has ever before been in
 real power in Tammany. At times efforts have been made
 to "perfume" the leadership with high-class advisers, but
 they had no real power. That was wielded by some rough-
 neck boss, who never ran for office himself.


Surrogate Foley is not only an educated man but ad-
 mittedly a fine lawyer and a man of high standing. It
 would be out of character should he become wealthy by
 the usual methods of the boss. He has been in both the
 assembly and the senate, where he made such a record
 that even the Citizen's Union approved him. In 1919 in a
 Republican landslide he was elected surrogate, the only
 Democrat to win an important office. It would seem a pity
 that so promising a career should be interrupted by his
 becoming the big chief of Tammany, the occupants of that
 position rarely if ever running for office. He accepted the
 job with great reluctance and against the wishes of his
 wife and her mother, who is the widow of Charles F.
 Murphy.

Surrogate Foley is a young man, only 42, and a skillful
 politician, which might indicate that Tammany has an eye
 to future successes under a vigorous leader. It is a matter
 of speculation, however, whether Mr. Foley will be able
 to maintain the absolute domination over Tammany and
 New York which has in the past been wielded by other
 bosses, who fought their way from the bottom. He is dif-
 ferent and much less ruthless and his job has been handed
 to him on a silver platter. Has Tammany reformed and
 really entered upon a new era?

A knocker is a despicable creature and a bore unless he
 happens to be knocking the things you don't like.

Some men never amount to much, and some manage by
 the grace of God to get the right kind of wives.

La Grande, Oregon
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 8:00 P. M.

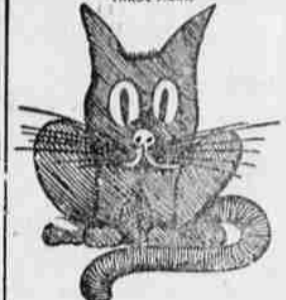


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THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley



OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

The smaller the town the greater the conviction that righteousness consists in doing stupid things you don't wish to do.

It should have been Polish. Bald-headed. Guest—"Well, sonny, what is it that amuses you?" "Nothing; only mother has just put a brush and comb in your bed room."

Many people who aim to satisfy are pretty bad shots.

THE RESULT GETTER

Dear Office Cat: Speaking of trifles (for were you?) I knew a fellow who was somewhat dilatory in the matter of writing ONE and ONLY a letter he owed her.

She typed him the following:
 Dear:
 If you are sick—sympathy.
 If you are blue—a word of cheer.
 If you are married—congratulations.
 If none of the above, why in hell don't you answer by last letter? Yours, C. S.

He answered the darn thing pronto—BILLIE BEK.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES SHOULDN'T THROW BOOZE PAINTS.

Huge Cheese Goes to London," reads a headline in the Eoid, Oklahoma, Daily Eagle. The story is incomplete. It fails to tell the man's name.

When you see a man and his wife holding hands, don't jump to the sentimental conclusion—they may be having an argument.

Where's your wife. "Las Angeles woman may pay her husband alimony." Read it to her.

What some merchants give you for a dollar indicates they think the dollar is silver plated.

A certain La Grande girl at a dance, fearing that the waist band of her partner would soil her dainty gown, said slyly, "Would you mind using your handkerchief?" The young man hastily drew out his handkerchief and blew his nose.

"Twice the night before pay-day, and all through my jeans, I hustled in vain for the ways and the means; Not a quarter was stirring, not

even a bit; The kale was off duty, the green-backs had quit. Forward, turn forward, O Time, in thy flight, And make it tomorrow just for to-night.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE OREGON FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

of McMinnville, in the State of Oregon, on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, made to the Insurance Commission of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	None
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year	\$338,894.43
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	28,115.07
Income from other sources received during the year	9,730.20
Total income	\$376,740.82
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	\$157,586.13
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	128,197.11
Taxes, bonuses and fees paid during the year	2,264.58
Amount of all other expenditures	27,485.91
Total expenditures	\$315,533.73
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 63,399.72
Value of stock and bonds owned (market value)	389,261.24
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	3,606.09
Cash in banks and on hand	8,659.54
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1923	21,240.35
Interest and rents due and accrued	6,946.85
Total admitted assets	\$506,326.20
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	3,500.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	361,972.52
Due for commission and brokerage	3,264.25
All other liabilities	1,474.94
Surplus	136,069.19
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock	\$506,326.20

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR

Net premiums received during the year	\$338,894.43
Losses paid during the year	194,758.53
Losses incurred during the year	185,092.74
Name of Company, Oregon Fire Relief Association.	
Name of President, B. P. Rhodes.	
Name of Secretary, W. C. Hagerty.	
Statutory resident attorney for service, C. L. Goff, Local Agent, Medford, Oregon.	
Approved March 13, 1924. Will Moore, Insurance Commissioner.	

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SALT BEDS OF UTAH MAKE NATURAL AUTO SPEEDWAY

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—The opening of the Victory highway, the shortest transcontinental route from New York to San Francisco, this year, will be available for motorists what is considered a perfect speedway, the great salt beds along the Wendover cutoff in Utah. The salt beds are level and absolutely "non-skid." They were formed by the same process as the Great Salt Lake.

During the rainy season a foot or more of water covers the beds but in summer the water evaporates, leaving an area of many square miles on which tourists can test out the racing qualities of their machines. The salt is very-very fine and comparatively pure.

beds heretofore prevented their use for racing. Some years ago, however, Todd Totallaff set a record of 120 miles an hour on them, leading men here say there is practically no limit to the speed that might be made on the salt beds. They predict that the opening of the Wendover cutoff will make them great proving grounds for racing cars.

From the highway approaches will lead to the beds at frequent intervals.

SAN MATEO IN SEARCH FOR "SOUL" CORNETIST

SAN MATEO, Cal. (INS)—The entire police force of this town is searching for a "soul" cornetist, following complaint made by Willie Polk, prominent California artist and architect, that the man was bothering his neighbors.

According to the artist, the man persisted in "bugling" long into the night.

"The worst of it is, he can't play a lick," Polk complained to the police.

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