

NEW SHORT STORIES

Jake Was on the Mayor. The mayor of the city of Chicago, with a merry party of friends, enjoyed an auto trip across Iowa. It was fine summer weather, the country fields abounded with luxurious growth, and the well kept, springy roads made the trip an exhilarating as well as a speedy one.

When hearing Des Moines the mayor, wishing to make sure he was taking the right road toward the capital city, brought the chugging motor to an abrupt stop before a very respectable appearing farmhouse.

"Hello, there!" he shouted, observing a farmer with broad headgear energetically wielding a scythe in a hayfield off from the road.

"Hello, there!" again shouted the city executive, gesticulating vigorously as the farmer once more paused to gaze at the caller.

But, as before, he ignored the command and went on reaping. Somewhat put out, the mayor sent his chauffeur

"TALK THE GENTLEMAN I AM VERY BUSY." into the field after the obstinate reaper. "Don't you see that gentleman mowing to you out there?" demanded the chauffeur, pointing toward his party.

"Well, he requests that you step to the fence and tell him about the roads to the city."

"Tell that gentleman I'm very busy, but if he'll come into the field I'll give him the information."

"No, who is he?" "He's the mayor of Chicago?" "So? Tell him he is doubly welcome in the hayfield. I'm the governor of Iowa myself!"—Des Moines Register.

A Misapprehension. Judge Hough of the United States circuit court was discussing at a legal dinner in New York a misapprehended law.

"This law is perhaps obscurely worded, at least from the popular point of view," he said, "and that perhaps is why it is so totally misapprehended."

"The misapprehension of this law reminds me of a southern millionaire. He came east for his wife's sake and took a Fifth avenue house. There the lady plunged as madly as society would let her into the social amusements of the season. On toward the season's end she fell ill, and a physician, after examining her, reported to her husband:

WASHINGTON LETTER

(Special Correspondence.) The new office building for the members of the house is receiving the finishing touches. It is now in quite comfortable shape. The senate office building the contractors hope to have ready for occupancy by March 4.

Quarters For Census Bureau. The understanding is that when the Mallory building is vacated by senators the census bureau will take it and quarter a large portion of the clerks therein. This used to be a hotel and was rented and subsequently purchased by the government. It is not far from the ugly brick shack that is used by the census bureau and is itself ill-adapted.

New Men in the House. According to the unofficial list compiled by the clerk, seventy new faces will be seen among the members of the next house when it meets in extra session in March under a call from President Taft. At the recent election Indiana made more changes in its house delegation than any other state, amounting to eight, the Democrats securing eleven out of thirteen members.

The Saint Gaudens Coins. President Roosevelt has at last replied to the ridicule and criticism that were cast upon the "thousander eagle" and other peculiarities of design on the recent issue of gold coins. He attended an exhibition of the works of Augustus Saint Gaudens at the Corcoran gallery of Art and paid enthusiastic tribute to that artist's mastery of his craft.

The Senator Puzzled 'Em. A saloonist and an antisaloonist happened to run into the same senator at the capitol the other day. Both were anxious to have their views prevail in the matter of liquor legislation for the District, and both were trying to get the senator to express his views on the matter.

Art Above the Weather. In one of Washington's art galleries there hangs a large canvas in an imposing frame. The painting shows a waterfall in one of the series of mountains for starting natural scenery. The picture has occupied its present place for several years.

Her Blushes Were Hidden. Alfred G. Vanderbilt at the Long Branch horse show said of the sheath skirt: "You know those thick double vells, similar to a Turkish woman's, that they have been wearing in Newport this summer? Well, they say in Newport that the other day an extremely pretty girl appeared in a very daring sheath skirt."

A Boston Touch. Once upon a time De Wolf Hopper met a Boston person in that town whom he had not seen for a long period of duration.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at the meeting to be held on February 2, 1909, for a license to sell liquors, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon, for a period of six months, at his place of business at Nos. 112 and 114 Front street, in said city.

Notice. Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular meeting of the city council of Medford, Oregon, on February 5, 1909, for license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon for 12 months at lot 11, block 20, in Medford, Oregon, for a period of 12 months.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

SEASONABLE.

The Christmas present problem looms largest on our view. It takes a lot of money and judgment to pull through. Just where to stop is hard to say. And where to start is harder. Which ones to be remembered and what to buy for each.

Depended on the Kind. N.G.? WHY THAT CAN'T BE



"Are drafts healthy?" asked the man who had been investigating several of the new health fads.

Careful With It. "And this is a river," mused the traveler, gazing down over a dry and glistening waste of sand.



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WANTED Timber and Coal Lands Apply to B. H. Harris & Co. MEDFORD OREGON Office in Jackson County Bank Upstairs

F. OSENBRUGGE Agent for THE STUDEBAKER BROS. MANUFACTURING CO.'S VEHICLES AND WAGONS

THE MEDFORD DAILY TRIBUNE HAS THE BEST NEWS SERVICE IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

"I NURSED A VIPER," CRIES HUSBAND WHEN WIFE LEFT

MAHANOCY CITY, Pa., Jan. 21.—Fred Hopkins was sent to jail today by Justice Coumbe for eloping with the wife of Anthony Carnell. He and the runaway wife, who took with her a 7 months' old babe, were captured at Shamokin.

EASTERN OREGON SUFFERS FROM THE INTENSE COLD

PRINEVILLE, Or., Jan. 21.—Boreas imprudently marked on Crook county and all interior Oregon during the ten days ending with Thursday stronger and more bitter than ever before. Even the pioneers of 30 and 40 years ago remember no such meteorological combination as the elements formed in their assault on this part of the country between January 5 and January 14.

Sometimes the advocate is the chief reason why you can't be persuaded that a given thing is right.

Get in touch with the good things, but don't get touched for a good thing.

A woman may be well posted in politics and still be able to select a good brand of complexion powder.

There are just two kinds of lies—those you don't believe and those you do.

Anything will do for Brother Bob. He doesn't know a Christmas present from a horseshoe nail anyhow.

Give the children red mittens and pocket handkerchiefs. They will be certain to remember you in after years if you do.

Some babies look like their daddies. They seem to be harmless little things, and one would think they would have better taste.

FAVORITE JEWELS

Are always those of genuine merit, though not always the most costly. Jewelry of the finest quality. As the present winter promises to be one of unusual social brilliancy, you will find it to your interest to secure what you need from our unusual stock of rings, brooches, pendants, pin chains, bracelets, etc.

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The Emerick Cafe Open All Night

MEDFORD THEATER FRIDAY JANUARY 22nd. The Cohan and Harris Comedians Present the Massive Stupendous Production BREWSTER'S MILLIONS. With all its Wealth and Scenic Effects Exactly as Witnessed an Entire Year in New York and Chicago The Brightest Wittiest Comedy of Recent Years - No Advance in Prices TWO CARLOADS OF SCENERY Seats on Sale Tuesday January 19 at 10 a. m.

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