

O. Henry Stories

VIII. The Ethics of Pig

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(Continued From Last Week)

"I opened my eyes. The hills were still there, dark and solid. It had not been, then, a volcano or an earthquake. I looked up at the sky and saw a comet-like trail crossing the zenith and extending westward, a fiery trail waning fainter and narrower each moment.

"A meteor!" I called aloud. "A meteor has fallen. There is no danger."
"And then all other sounds were drowned by a great shout from Kearny's throat. He had raised both hands above his head and was standing tip-toe.

"Phoebe's gone!" he cried with all his lungs. "She's busted and gone to h—! Look, captain! The little red-headed hoodoo has blown herself to smithereens. She found Kearny too tough to handle, and she puffed up with spite and meanness till her boiler blew up. It'll be 'Bad Luck' Kearny no more. Oh, let us be joyful!

"Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall; Humpty busted, and that'll be all!"
"I looked up, wondering, and picked out Saturn in his place. But the small red, twinkling luminary in his vicinity,



"A fragment of a detonating meteor," which Kearny had pointed out to me as his evil star, had vanished. I had seen it there but half an hour before. There was no doubt that one of those awful and mysterious spasms of nature had hurled it from the heavens.

"I clasped Kearny on the shoulder. 'Little man,' said I, 'let this clear the way for you. It appears that astrology has failed to subdue you. Your horoscope must be cast anew with pluck and loyalty for controlling stars. I play you to win. Now, get to your tent and sleep. Daybreak is the word.'

"At 9 o'clock on the morning of the 18th of July I rode into Agnus Fritas with Kearny at my side. In his clean linen suit and with his military poise and keen eye he was a model of a fighting adventurer. I had visions of him riding as commander of President Valdevia's bodyguard when the plume of the new republic should begin to fall.

"Carlos followed with the troops and supplies. He was to wait in a wood outside the town and remain concealed there until he received the word to advance.

"Kearny and I rode down the Calle Ancha toward the residence of Don Rafael at the other side of the town. As we passed the great white buildings of the University of Ispesqueno I saw at an open window the gleaming spectacles and bald head of Herr Bergowitz, professor of the natural sciences and friend of Don Rafael and of me and of the center. He waved his hand to me with his broad, bland smile.

"There was no excitement apparent in Agnus Fritas. The people went about leisurely as at all times. The market was thronged with bareheaded women buying fruit and carne. We heard the twang and tinkle of string bands in the patios of the cantinas. We could see that it was a waiting game that Don Rafael was playing.

"His residencia was a large but low building around a great courtyard in grounds crowded with ornamental trees and tropic shrubs. At his door an old woman who came informed us that Don Rafael had not yet arisen.

"Tell him," said I, "that Captain Maloné and a friend wish to see him at once. Perhaps he has overslept."

"She came back looking frightened. 'I have called,' she said, 'and rung his bell many times, but he does not answer.'

"I knew where his sleeping room was. Kearny and I pushed by her and went to it. I put my shoulder against the thin door and forced it open.

"In an armchair by a great table covered with maps and books sat Don Rafael with his eyes closed. I touched his hand. He had been dead many hours. On his head above one ear was a wound caused by a heavy blow. It had ceased to bleed long before.

"I made the old woman call a mozo

and dispatched him in haste to fetch Herr Bergowitz.

"He came, and we stood about as if we were half stunned by the awful shock. Thus came the letting of a few drops of blood from one man's veins drain the life of a nation.

"Presently Herr Bergowitz stooped and picked up a darkish stone the size of an orange which he saw under the table. He examined it closely through his great glasses with the eye of science.

"'A fragment,' said he, 'of a detonating meteor. The most remarkable one in twenty years exploded above this city a little after midnight this morning.'

"The professor looked quickly up at the ceiling. We saw the blue sky through a hole the size of an orange nearly above Don Rafael's chair.

"I heard a familiar sound and turned. Kearny had thrown himself on the floor and was babbling his compendium of bitter, blood freezing curses against the star of his evil luck.

"Undoubtedly Phoebe had been feminine. Even when hurting on her way to fiery dissolution and everlasting doom the last word had been hers."

Captain Maloné was not unskilled in narrative. He knew the point where a story should end. I sat reveling in his effective conclusion when he aroused me by continuing:

"Of course," said he, "our schemes were at an end. There was no one to take Don Rafael's place. Our little army melted away like dew before the sun.

"One day after I had returned to New Orleans I related this story to a friend who holds a professorship in Tulane university.

"When I had finished he laughed and asked whether I had any knowledge of Kearny's luck afterward. I told him no; that I had seen him no more, but that when he left me he had expressed confidence that his future would be successful now that his unlucky star had been overthrown.

"No doubt," said the professor, "he is happier not to know one fact. If he derives his bad luck from Phoebe, the ninth satellite of Saturn, that malicious lady is still engaged in overlooking his career. The star close to Saturn that he imagined to be her was near that planet simply by the chance of its orbit. Probably at different times he has regarded many other stars that happened to be in Saturn's neighborhood as his evil one. The real Phoebe is visible only through a very good telescope."

"About a year afterward," continued Captain Maloné, "I was walking down a street that crossed the Poydras market. An immensely stout, pink faced lady in black satin crowded me from the narrow sidewalk with a frown. Behind her trailed a little man laden to the gunwales with bundles and bags of goods and vegetables.

"It was Kearny—but changed. I stopped and shook one of his hands, which still clung to a bag of garlic and red peppers.

"How is the luck, old companion?" I asked him. I had not the heart to tell him the truth about his star.

"Well," said he, "I am married, as you may guess."

"Francis," called the big lady in deep tones, "are you going to stop in the street talking all day?"

"I am coming, Phoebe, dear," said Kearny, hastening after her.

Captain Maloné ceased again. "After all, do you believe in luck?" I asked.

"Do you?" answered the captain, with his ambiguous smile shaded by the brim of his soft straw hat.

"English as She is Spoke." Writing in the Autocar, an English publication, an English motorist seriously advising his kind who contemplate visiting America to provide themselves with dictionaries so that they may be able to understand the natives.

As instances of outre Americanisms, he cites that Americans say they want to examine the "gasoline line" when they mean the "petrol tank." When we complain that the car "only hits on three" we imply that it is "possible only to make it fire on three cylinders."

We further confuse this critic when we say "hood" instead of "bonnet."

"Mudguards" should be called "scuttle dashes," and to use "cement" instead of "tyre solution" is also wrong.

Nature and the Artist. And when the evening mist clothes the riverside with poetry, as with a veil, and the poor buildings lose themselves in the dim sky, and the tall chimneys become campanilli, and the warehouses are palaces in the night, and the whole city hangs in the heavens, and fairyland is before us, then the wayfarer hastens home. The workman and the cultured one, the wise man and the one of pleasure, cease to understand, as they have ceased to see, and nature, who, for once, has sung in tune, sings her exquisite song to the artist alone, her son and her master—her son in that he loves her, her master in that he knows her.—Whistler's "The Gentle Art of Making Enemies."

Tiger Sharks. When a Hawaiian sees a shark near the surface with eyes which shine red, as though they had red glass in them, he will not go in the water or even on the water or if he is on the water he will get to shore, for the red eyed fish is the tiger shark, and it does not hesitate to attack. They will not only attack a man in the water, but they will follow a fisherman in a canoe after he has taken a lot of fish aboard, and it is said they will attack and overturn a canoe if they are very hungry.

Men who know fish do not want to have anything to do with the tiger shark.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

The Dalles may build a municipal lighting plant.

The Oregon Chiropractic association held its ninth annual convention in Portland.

The fourth annual Buyers' Week to be held in Portland has been fixed for August 7 to 12.

Ground for the new \$125,000 Baker high school has been broken by Contractor G. H. Waale.

Plans to revive the Albany Apple Fair are being developed by the Albany commercial club.

This promises to be the banner year for Josephine county in the matter of hay and grain production.

The annual convention of the Church of Christ in Oregon is being held this week at Turner.

Members of the state desert land board are inspecting reclamation projects in eastern and central Oregon.

Arrangements to rebuild that portion of Lakeview destroyed by fire two weeks ago are being rapidly made.

Plans are maturing for the annual Josephine county fair, to be held at Grants Pass September 19, 20 and 21.

Lou J. Wilford, of Silverton, has applied to Representative Hawley to obtain appointment to the aviation corps of the army.

Six persons were killed and 187 injured by traffic accidents in the city of Portland in the six months ended June 20, 1916.

La Grande's 1916 Chautauqua has come to an end, and already plans are under way for a more successful endeavor next year.

With a view to preserving Klamath county's historic relics, the Klamath Historical association has been formed in Klamath Falls.

Clark Kendall & Co., Portland, were highest bidders for the Coos county road bond issue of \$262,000 and will pay a premium of \$13,915.61.

The improvement of the old military road across the Cascade mountains from Eugene to Klamath county is being discussed at Klamath Falls.

H. Chandler Egan, former amateur golf champion, won the tennis championship of southern Oregon by defeating Ernest Adams at Medford.

The census bureau's estimate of the number of able bodied men of military age, between 18 and 45, gives the number for the state of Oregon as 196,165.

The desert land board has extended the contract of the state with the Deschutes Land company on the Morson project in central Oregon to October 21, 1920.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association canner in Eugene is manufacturing 1600 gallons of loganberry juice every day, according to J. O. Holt, manager.

Giebisch & Joplin of Portland have been awarded the contract for the erection of the jetty at the mouth of the Umpqua at Gardiner on their bid of \$151,698.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 pounds of wool has been pooled by the farmers of Lane county and is stored in warehouses in Eugene, Cottage Grove and Junction City.

Editors of the state will enjoy a trip to Crater Lake, as the special feature of the annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association at Medford August 4-7.

The United States forest service has begun the permanent survey of the improvement of the McKenzie pass road between the summit of the Cascades and Sisters.

Petitions asking for a rabbit and rat bounty for Crook county were filed at Prineville. This measure provides for a bounty of 5 cents on rabbits and 2½ cents on rats.

Governor Withycombe has granted conditional pardons to E. C. Herlow and Clay Trites committed to the penitentiary respectively from Multnomah and Wasco counties.

The discovery on Canyon mountain of a 50 foot ledge of what is said to be a very high grade of chrome iron ore is causing considerable mining excitement in John Day and Canyon City.

The Hood River Apple Growers' association has shipped approximately 70 carloads of strawberries and it is expected that fully 15 cars more will be shipped before the close of the season.

During the week ending July 6, a total of 244 accidents was reported to the state industrial accident commission and one of these proved fatal, that of Claud Hall, who was killed at St. Helens.

The output of gold in Oregon in the first five months of this year showed an increase of \$107,000, while the silver output increased 14,000 ounces in the same period, according to Charles G. Yale, of the United States geological survey, whose statement is compiled from the receipts of the mint and smelters at San Francisco.

Twenty tons of asbestos has been shipped east during the last few days from the Grant county mines through Baker. The shipment is said to have been worth \$3900.

The La Grande Motor Club will hold its fourth annual motor meet in La Grande July 22 and 23. The meet will consist of two days' racing for motorcycles and \$1000 in cash prizes has been offered.

Several hundred dollars' worth of liquor was poured onto the ground by officers at North Bend. It was part of a large amount of liquor seized when Chris Grohs was arrested for selling whiskey, beer and wines.

To prevent the big forest fires of former years, the Clackamas county court will send to every road supervisor in a timbered district instructions to clean up his roads, remove rubbish and clean out dry underbrush.

The Grants Pass commercial club has asked Senator Lane to obtain the apportionment of \$40,000 from the road fund provided by the Shackelford bill, to build a road to the Oregon caves monument in the Siskiyou forest.

Judging from the claims just filed with the Klamath county court, the work of keeping the demon run out of Klamath county is quite expensive. Claims aggregating \$1010.95 have just been filed, to be acted upon by the court.

Oregon reports 50 forest fires during the short hot spell in June. These resulted from ranchers burning slashings and from carelessness around logging works. No loss of green timber was sustained and only slight loss of logs.

Superintendents from the counties of Oregon met in Salem Monday to grade the examination papers turned in by about 1060 teachers recently in efforts to get certificates or to get higher grade certificates than they now hold.

R. B. Murdock, assistant engineer in the state highway department, who was acting as county roadmaster of Coos county, was named by State Engineer Lewis to take charge of the survey and construction of roads in Coos county.

Lieutenant Commander G. F. Blair of the Oregon naval militia has received from Washington notification that the proposed summer cruise of the naval militia will be extended until August 1, in order to give time for a visit to Puget sound.

It is reported that an eastern concern has announced intentions of developing the iron deposits of Coos county. In the vicinity of Powers, a logging town, in the southern part of the county, there are large deposits of iron ore, it is claimed.

Meeting at the dividing line of Grant and Baker counties at Austin, 57 miles west of Baker, members of the county courts of the two counties decided to push the work on the Dixie mountain that will give a thoroughfare connecting the counties.

To lighten the menace of infantile paralysis, now prevalent in New York, State Health Officer Roberg has recently prepared a statement calling attention to the symptoms of the disease and warning parents and physicians against risks of neglect.

Representative Hawley, as a result of a competitive examination held recently at Salem, appointed James W. Overton, of Astoria, to the Annapolis naval academy and named Adolph Greenbaum, of Salem, and Daniel L. Woods of Cottage Grove as alternates.

Quality of the shoes made at the Oregon penitentiary for inmates of the state institutions is so poor and the cost of their manufacture is so great that John W. Minto, superintendent of the prison, has urged upon members of the state board of control either abolishment of the shoe shop or installation of more modern equipment and employment of an experienced shoemaker to direct the manufacture.

Eight state-wide measures bearing a total of 227,328 signatures, five proposed county laws, and three measures submitted by the last legislature, will be on the official ballot at the general election next November. Of the state-wide measures, which will appear on the ballot, the constitutional amendment advocated by the "equal rights for home industry" committee proposing to allow the manufacture of light beer in Oregon, leads in the number of signatures, with a total of 42,046. The proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit the importation of liquor into the state for beverage purposes bore 30,740 signatures. Other state-wide measures for which petitions were filed with the number of signatures are: People's land and loan law amendment, 24,653 signatures; providing normal for Pendleton amendment, 28,000 signatures; state-wide tax limitation amendment, 25,283; rural credits amendment, 27,250 signatures; prohibition of compulsory vaccination and medical treatment law, 25,126 signatures; law to repeal and abolish the Sunday closing law, 24,500 signatures. State-wide measures referred by the last legislature are: Single item veto amendment; exemption of ships amendment, and amendment repealing constitutional provision forbidding suffrage to negroes, Chinamen and mulattoes.

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Too Old to Be Fooled.

A man entered a grocery store and ordered some eggs. "That man always buys fresh eggs," whispered a small egg, peeping out from the depths of the basket. "Hub," scoffed the big egg on top. "yuh can't tell me that. I wasn't laid yesterday."—Judge.

Horae Happy at Graduation.

Happy horse at Hackettstown, N. J., because owner has been graduated after driving animal nine miles each way to school every day for four years, aggregate distance of 14,000 miles.

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At The Churches

Arleta Baptist Church
9:45 a. m. Bible School.
11 a. m. Preaching services.
8:00 p. m. Evening services.
7:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. meeting.
8:00 Thursday Prayer meeting.
Everybody welcome to any and all of these services.
W. T. S. Spriggs, pastor.

Millard Avenue Presbyterian Church
10 a. m. Sabbath School.
11 a. m. Morning worship.
7:45 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E.
7:45 p. m. Evening worship.
7:30 p. m. Thursday, midweek service.
8 p. m. Thursday, choir practice.
Rev. Wm. H. Amos, Pastor.

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Sundays:
8 a. m. Low Mass.
10:30 a. m. High Mass.
8:00 a. m. Sunday School.
12 M. Choir rehearsal.
Week days: Mass at 8 a. m.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
10 a. m. Saturday Sabbath School.
11 a. m. Saturday preaching.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Prayer meeting.
7:45 p. m. Sunday preaching.

Kern Park Christian Church
Corner 69th St. and 46th Ave. S. E.
10 a. m. Bible School.
11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. preaching service.
6:30 p. m. Christain Endeavor.
7:30 p. m. Thursday, mid-week prayer meeting.
A cordial welcome to all.
Rev. G. K. Berry, Pastor.

St. Pauls Episcopal Church
One block south of Woodmere station.
Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month at 8 p. m., No other services that day.
Every other Sunday the regular services will be as usual.
Evening Prayer and sermon at 4 p. m. Sunday School meets at 3 p. m. B. Boatwright, Supt., L. Maffett, Sec.
Rev. O. W. Taylor Rector.

Lents Evangelical Church
Sermon by the Pastor, 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m., Albert Fankhauser, Superintendent.
Y. P. A. 6:45 p. m. Paul Bradford, President.
Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m.
A cordial welcome to all.
T. R. Hornscluch, Pastor.

Lents Friend's Church
9:45 a. m. Bible School, Mrs. Mand Keach, Superintendent.
11:00 a. m. Preaching services.
6:25 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p. m. Preaching Services.
8:00 p. m. Thursday, mid-week prayer meeting.
A cordial welcome to all these services.
John Riley, Pastor.

Lents Baptist Church
Lord's Day, Bible School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Elmo Heights Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to these services.
J. M. Nelson, Pastor.

Fifth Church of Christ
Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist of Portland, Ore. Myrtle Park Hall, Myrtle Park.
Services Sunday 11 a. m. Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting 8 p. m.

Lents M. E. Church
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Services at Bennett Chapel at 3 p. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.
W. R. F. Browne, pastor.
Residence 5703 83rd St.

Laurelwood M. E. Church
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. preaching.
12:30 a. m. class meeting.
6:30 p. m. Epworth League.
7:30 p. m. preaching.
The pastor is assisted by a chorus choir and the Amphion Male Quartette.
8:00 p. m. Thursday evening, prayer service.
Dr. C. R. Carlos, pastor.

German Evangelical Reformed Church
Corner Woodstock Ave., and 87th St. Rev. W. G. Lienkaemper, pastor.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Y. P. S. at 7:30 p. m. German School and Catechetical Class Saturday 10 a. m.

Third United Brethren Church
10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Preaching.
3 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor.
6:30 p. m. Senior Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p. m. Preaching.

Brentwood M. E. Church
10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Preaching service.
Rev. W. L. Wilson, Pastor.

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