

MARTYR TO CAUSE OF HIS OWN CLAN. LOVING PET GONE

Only a Dog, but His Life Is Lesson in Loyalty for Humans.

By HIS MISTRESS

Every child on Vernon Avenue, between the streets of Alberta and Prescott, knew Jack, the black water spaniel, who lived at 1022 Vernon. He protected every child that played in the street or in his yard. If he was lying in the street—which he often did in order to watch more closely the youngsters playing—and an automobile was seen by any of them approaching, each of them made a wild dash to drag Jack out of harm's way, because they all knew he was near the twilight of his life, and his sight and hearing were failing.

A Prince of Dogdom

He was a clannish gentleman, by strangers called, while they smiled their admiration, The Black Dog. His Clan consisted of a human family composed of Father, Mother, two Sons and five Daughters. For those nine, he was ever ready to lay down his life, simply and unobtrusively. The time came when he did this, and the tragedy is, the coward who did this awful thing cannot be found. Jack resented the advent of an intruder into the yards of his Clan, on the night of August 16.

Dies Like a Hero

Young Brother, going outside the house to try the power of a new bicycle lamp he had that day purchased, discovered him lying helpless from a blow that had cut him open; a gash so large that the entrails were tumbling out into the world. His big brown eyes looked up with a world of love and confidence into the face of Brother, and although spasms of pain crossed his face, not a sound did he utter.

Eyes of Love Close Forever.

Brother and Sister—the latter the same age as Jack—carried him tenderly into the house, calling a veterinary surgeon at once. When Father and Mother arrived home, preparations had been made for an operation, which was shortly completed. Everything possible was done for him, but on Saturday evening, with the setting of the sun, the sun of his splendid life went down, his last conscious look being into the face of the Master he adored.

Lesson in Clan Loyalty

What a lesson in Clan Loyalty can be learned from the life of Jack! No

task too hard, no burden too heavy, if by the doing he could help his Clan. When one of the family was ill, Jack was in the room every little while, going to the bed, laying his chin on the pillow and looking into the eyes of the sick one with all the tenderness of a mother.

No Coward in Him

The Mother called him her "Mother Dog." When she would call one of the smaller children to go to the store on an errand, Jack was at the door first, ready to start, even though his last few months were full of pain, because of rheumatism. His teeth were gone, but that did not prevent the most ferocious of growls emanating from deep down in his throat, if he thought danger threatened his charge.

Of Love His Life Was Made

The world moves on and does not know what it has missed in not having known, having loved and having been loved by Jack. Children and grown-ups as well, in the neighborhood shed tears of regret at his passing. "Of love his life was made." A splendid example of Christian fellowship. He was a gentleman and a Clansman, for at all times he was devoted to, and jealous of his Clan. May the life of him be an example to those who knew him and loved him, of honor, principle and clannishness. A heaven composed of "Jacks" would indeed be a heaven worth entering.

YES, WE HAVE SOME BANANAS, WHEN TIME ARRIVES FOR ACTION

Queries are coming constantly, "WHEN are you going to start a daily?" Answer for all: When the absolute necessity develops. The necessary "bananas" can be had.

In the editor's mail Tuesday came a communication from a brother in Mississippi whom he had not seen since the Spanish war, suggesting a practicable plan for a daily in Portland and one in every other town of importance, and these dailies can be launched throughout Oregon—and Washington, or the entire country for that matter, at any time we so desire.

The brother's name is Ben Stone Dever (K. C. C. H.), of Hattiesburg, Miss. He is not a Klansman, far as we know, but his advice on how to develop a national chain of daily newspapers is 100 per cent, and it has been accepted. Just now we are intent upon placing The Western American upon a substantial and enduring foundation.

GILBY WASN'T THERE

Agent Gilby of the S. P. & S. was NOT among the paraders, nor did he attend or take any part in the mock funeral of President Harding in St. Helens. His name was reported in error by the observer from Portland—a case of mistaken identity. Mr. Gilby attends strictly to his own business.

DON'T MISS SUPER-JEWEL MASTERPIECE COLUMBIA THEATRE

"Merry-Go-Round" Is a Gorgeous and Delightful Moving Picture.

"Merry-Go-Round," the Universal Super-Jewel attraction which is showing to enthralled audiences at the Columbia Theatre, 106 Sixth street, Portland, presents one new feature of motion picture making that perhaps a very small portion of the audience notices.

The players wear no makeup. Except in the case of two or three character players who put on whiskers or some other prominent adornment, the faces of the people in the picture are free from makeup. The usual grease paint, a thick coating of which is used to cover facial roughness or skin irregularities, is entirely absent. The natural skin is what is recorded on the screen.

Only a few times in recent years have any producers attempted to make a picture with the actors not made up. Photography heretofore has been too uncertain a quantity. But Charles Kaufman and William Daniels, who photographed "Merry-Go-Round," represent the new type of camera artists who make their work more and more of an art as the industry progresses, and who today proclaim that if given time enough they can "photograph anything." Three or four years ago such attempts to photograph the naturally mottled—human complexion without the aid of makeup would have been considered pure folly.

The answer is that there are dozens of handicaps to players while they are working that destroys their efficiency and detract from the quality of their performances. One of these handicaps is makeup. It is greasy, sticky and altogether unpleasant. By eliminating it one more discomfort is taken out of their work. Portrayals can be more natural, free from strain.

Manager Newman is deserving of general congratulation for presenting this Super-Jewel attraction. The musical program accompanying the feature is masterful, enhancing greatly the enjoyment.

DEMANDING HEADS FOR HANDLING OF LAW

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commission with "discretion" as to the amount granted. Said he: "When a law enjoins upon the court the duty of imposing upon a man a fine of not to exceed \$1000, or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, it would hardly be contended that the court was compelled to impose the MAXIMUM fine or the MAXIMUM imprisonment, or both, even if the offender demanded it."

Joker the Supreme Trump Upon this amazing technicality he won the case in the Supreme Court before Judges Bingham and Kelly.

In other words, since the law was indefinite in that phrase, "not to exceed \$3,000," the commission was given supreme power to scale the loans down to trifling sums, which has been done in hosts of cases, or to do as they jolly well pleased about it. The people had no idea of having such a Joker in the law. But there it is, and the commission has used it for all it was worth.

Answering the Spencer argument for the ex-service men, Attorneys Small, Day and Shields said: "The language prescribing the maximum loan to which an applicant is entitled, is likened by the commission to the language of a criminal statute specifying the maximum fine or imprisonment which may be imposed by the court on a convicted criminal.

Rebuke CONVICT Comparison "For the reasoning to be sound, the analogy must be apt; and to be apt, the commission must be likened to the court; and the applicant for the loan to the convict receiving sentence. The analogy fails in both particulars. In sentencing criminals the court metes out such punishment on behalf of the State as it appears he deserves for his crime or record. The State leaves the protection of its people in the hands of such courts. It hardly seems necessary to suggest that the best interests of government would not be accomplished by leaving the nature or extent of this penalty to the option of the convict.

"On the other hand, the commission is not, and cannot be under the Constitution, vested with any judicial

powers whatsoever. Hence from the standpoint of the commission, the analogy is not accurate. Neither is it apt as applied to the applicant. The criminal was sentenced (1) as a punishment to him; (2) as a means of protection to the State. On the other hand, an applicant for a loan is to receive same as (1) a reward for services rendered and (2) with no benefit whatsoever intended for the State. In fact, the analogy is so far from being in point that it is difficult to stretch the imagination far enough even to make an intelligent comparison."

Ex-Service Men Despairing Nevertheless, the commission, through Mr. Spencer, won its case against the ex-service men, and ever since has acted in the most autocratic manner. Loans have been denied or whittled down to suit themselves. Applications have been ignored for many months on end. Thousands of worthy ex-service men, having lost their options on property, and involved themselves in all kinds of obligations and hardships through confidence in the coming loan, finally gave up in despair and took the comparatively petty cash sum allowed by the commission.

From the start until now the ex-service men have been mistreated by the alleged banker-loan shark influence that evidently dominates the commission. "Loan experts" connected with money-lending concerns actually were employed by the commission to pass upon the applications. These "loan experts" make a practice of lending only 50 per cent or less of the value of the property, while the bonus law allows the State to loan to the ex-service men up to 75 per cent.

Half of the Cake Left Half of the 20 millions has been liquidated, mainly through the benevolent aid of bankers, and the ex-service men are keen to have the rest of it handled the way the people of Oregon intended. To this end they demand the discharge of Commissioners Spencer and Rice, and also the discharge of William P. Simpson, a Seattle man, imported to serve as assistant secretary.

Mr. Simpson was not overseas. He was in the quartermaster's department at Fort D. A. Russell at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and he drew \$430 bonus from the State of Washington.

It is Now Up to Pierce One of Walter M. Pierce's "honor-bound" pledges, through Fred Curry, Bill Moore and Johnson Smith, was not only to "fire" Spencer and Rice and to appoint two men satisfactory to the ex-service men, but also that every man employed in the bonus office should be an Oregon ex-service man, entitled to receive the Oregon bonus.

Even yet, Governor Pierce is expected to clean house and redeem these campaign pledges. If he does, all will be well. If he doesn't, something is going to happen, politically, that will make that commission's hair stand straight upon end like the quills upon the back of the fretful porcupine. It won't make Pierce's hair stand, for he hasn't any a-tall, but it will jar his back teeth, figuratively speaking, and cause him to weep great gobs of crocodile grief.

Abolish 3-Ball Feature Thousands of ex-service men—the fighting overseas boys—are behind this demand, with a vengeance, and they won't tolerate any more monkey business.

The Oregon bonus wasn't voted by the generous people with any idea of a three-ball attachment, nor did the people intend that the ex-service men—their heroic defenders—should be likened to CONVICTS abjectly supplicating a court in making their applications for the bonus.

Pierce so far and most strangely has wedded himself to the Olcott commission in toto. During the campaign Olcott used the commission in his relentless war upon Pierce and the school bill. We present the postal card below, as an example, of which fifteen thousand were prepared for mailing by the commission staff:

"GOVERNOR BEN W. OLCOTT not only worked and boasted for the Oregon soldier bonus law, but he proposed it to the legislature.

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"Ben Olcott has always told the Boys the truth. He has been foursquare with you, and is now administering the bonus fund in an honest, business-like manner.

"Isn't he entitled to your support? (Signed) Republican State Central Committee, C. E. Ingalls, Secretary, "Walter L. Toose, Jr., Chairman"

TO ALL KLANSMEN Remember at all times the Sacred Obligation. Practice in daily life the Golden Rule. Speak evil of no one. Discount all rumors. When it is impossible to praise a Brother, KEEP SILENT!

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M. & F. Unfair Say Portland Unionists

Meler & Frank's Department store still is on labor's unfair list, by unanimous vote of the Portland Central Labor Council, representing all the trades, Monday, Dec. 11. The reasons given are these, chiefly:

Starvation wages paid to 4000 employes, mostly women and girls, who get the apprentice minimum of \$9 a week. It was unanimously declared that no woman or girl, however economical she might be, could live decently in Portland, or elsewhere, on such pitifully small wages.

Exaction of unreasonable degree of services. Autistic and impudent refusal of J. Meler, alleged head of the firm, to consider these grievances of labor with a view to amicable adjustment.

The largest part of the patronage of Meler & Frank, amounting to millions of dollars annually, is said to come from the slender purses of the poor. For these reasons the working folk of Portland have declared Meler & Frank to be unfair, and are imploering a right-thinking public to consider their grievances.

WYOMING PLANNING GREAT CELEBRATION

Klansmen of Wyoming have been granted the use of the state fair grounds at Caspar, September 13, at which time one of the greatest Klan celebrations in the west will take place. Representatives from the Imperial Palace will be present and Klansmen from Montana, Idaho, Nebraska and the Dakotas have been invited.

Wyoming Klans are active. The Klorero was held at Caspar, July 23, with representatives from all organizations present. On July 24, a naturalization ceremony was held by Caspar Klan on the C. Y. ranch, several hundred aliens being naturalized. Klansmen of Glenrock and Caspar paraded at Glenrock during the last week in July. As the result, several disorderly houses and gambling halls closed their doors and their proprietors departed.

The Klan's highest purpose is to promote continued effort in right thinking and to build up noble and godlike character among its members.

LADIES' OFFICE AT 407 PITTOCK BLOCK

The headquarters and business office at the Women of the Ku Klux Klan No. 1, in charge of Mrs. Maybelle Jette, the Mother Counsellor, is at 407 Pittock Block, telephone Broadway 1873, where all business pertaining to the local Klavern is transacted. All members are advised to pay no attention to contrary rumors set afloat by enemies of their Cause. The Portland Klavern is prosperous and progressive and just now is undertaking a constructive program of honorable achievement which is sure to benefit all concerned.

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