

The Ghost Club Man's Story

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Though I am now a general superintendent of a railroad, I was once a locomotive engineer.

When I was a young fellow my father wanted me to go to college, but I disgusted him by taking a position as fireman on a locomotive.

I was given a machine at once. This was more than I wanted, for we had made some sixty miles of forced marches, advancing every hour of the night, before we had made the capture.

We started at dusk to run through a country, the people of which were all hostile to us and ready to throw us off the track or fire into us whenever an opportunity arose.

We had got over seven-eighths of the distance when the monotonous puff of the engine began to tell on me and I looked around for Bob.

I must have gone several miles half asleep. At any rate, I was roused by bullets splattering against the sides of the cab and hearing a fusillade which was answered by men from the cars.

Where was Bob? I had seen him asleep on top of the car; then he had relieved me. But where had he gone since, and how had he come to leave the engine without a guide?

We needed water, and as soon as I came to the next tank I pulled up to take in some. Colonel Fordick, in command of the troops I was hauling, came forward to ask why we were getting on so slowly.

He couldn't have relieved me, and from the time I supposed he did till dawn the locomotive had been with out an engineer.

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THE SPRING STYLE.

New Sailor Hat For Wear at Palm Beach.



NEW TALL CROWNED SAILOR.

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Cleaning a Woolen Skirt. A small amount of soap tree bark will easily clean a black woolen skirt.

To Prevent Drafts. A simple yet practical way to prevent drafts entering under doors that have wide cracks under them is to fold three thicknesses of paper together.

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Date Palms. As many as 4,000 dates have been gathered from a single palm at one bearing.

Amber Colors. Amber is found in various colors besides yellow-black, white, brown and green.

Eavesdropping. An eavesdropper was tried in a Pennsylvania court in March, 1818, and found guilty.

Eli Pepper's Celebration

And How They Put a Damper on His Ambitious Spirit

The old home week committee met in Eli Pepper's little grocery store on the night before the celebration was to begin.

All the arrangements were concluded now. Subcommittees of every sort had been appointed until there remained not one respectable citizen of Blue Mills who was not serving in some capacity.

Steadthly they went, bearing the heavy iron bars that belonged to the wooden shuttered lockup on the hillside.



"I'M A PLAIN AMERICAN CITIZEN, I AM."

"I expect he'll have the law on us," remarked William Bolling heavily.

Then they prudently set about to re-ensure Eli Pepper from his enforced seclusion.

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Rainfall in Ireland. Ireland has on an average a third more rain yearly, acre for acre, than the east of England.

The Inconvenience of Illness. Patient—'I can't afford to be sick. Specialist—Is your business so profitable? Patient—No; yours is.—Judge.

Henry Staples from his seat on the doorstep.

Silently the other members of the committee followed his example until at last Eli Pepper was left alone in his store staring in chagrin at the last departing-slouching form.

Where the crowd was coming from Eli Pepper had not calculated. He had announced that a crowd would be there, and he had expected that neighboring villages would hasten forth to participate in Blue Mills' old home week celebration and spend their dollars in that enterprising community.

At last Eli went within, and the outside wooden door was closed behind him, and the faint pencils of light that shone through chinks in the shutters disappeared.

It was not until Eli Pepper gave vent to regular orchestral announcements that he was deep in slumber that the lurking members of the old home week committee put their plans in operation.

Several sites have been suggested for the proposed building, one mentioned on Moss St. between Eleventh and Twelfth, fronting Main St., which does not seem to meet with a great deal of favor.

Among the business matters discussed at this meeting was the silver tea to be given at the home of Mrs. C. H. Meissner on Thursday afternoon, January 11, at which time the hostess will be assisted in serving by Mrs. M. D. Latourette.

Young Buys Mellien Stock. George Young, the second hand and curio dealer, has purchased the stock and fixtures of the E. W. Mellien Company, and is moving his stock of goods to the store in the Willamette building.

Got There All Right. Many years ago, at the beginning of November, a missive bearing the St. Albans postmark reached St. Martin's.

The Christmas exercises held at the Grace Chapel were well attended. The church was beautifully decorated with poinsettias, Oregon grape and Christmas ferns.

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ordinance voted on by the people December 15 1910, provides for only one-half mill levy, the council has a right to double that amount if they think it advisable.

"It's a good thing there's plenty to eat in there and that Eli's used to getting his own meals," chuckled Henry Staples as they stole away.

"He's got everything to make him happy," grunted William Bolling. "He won't have to nail up no pickle barrels or cracker boxes for a week."

"We can look in the window every night after he's in bed and see if he's well," added Jake Fleming, subduing any uneasiness he might have felt.

"Did you get that sign on the door all right?" asked William Bolling. "Of course," snapped Staples. "It says that 'Eli Pepper is suddenly called away and won't return till after old home week is over.' I dropped a note through the hole in the shutter telling him he was to stay there while we run this old home week business.

"I expect he'll have the law on us," remarked William Bolling heavily. "He don't know who done it," retorted his companions.

The next day Congressman Keizer delivered an oration to the people of Blue Mills. They listened tolerantly to his discourse, and when he had departed they told each other they'd much rather hear the minister talk.

They paraded the village streets to the admiration of their own kin, for no outsiders braved the insufferable heat to come forth and spend their money in Blue Mills. At the end of three days all attempt at a celebration had died out, and there was even animosity displayed because they had been stirred from their rut of summer somnolence.

"I guess that's about all," declared Eli Pepper from his seat on the counter. "Everything is ready now, and if the gentlemen of the reception committee will be at the station to meet Congressman Keizer tomorrow morning."