

WAKING UP A TOWN

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"Do you know, sir," said Deacon Slinger to Abraham Scott in front of the postoffice one evening—"do you know that this town of Beverly is slow, the slowest in the state?"

"Yes; business seems to drop off a little every year," was the reply.

"And why are we dead and dying here?" asked the deacon as he stepped up on the platform beside a barrel of kerosene, for it was postoffice and grocery combined.

He waited till his audience had shut and pocketed their jackknives and then answered his own question.

"Because nothing ever happens here. Does any one die? Do we have any funerals? Does any one ever get married? Does any one stien? Has any one present even seen a dog fight in the last two years?"

"No, no!"

"Something ought to be done, deacon," suggested a voice.

"And don't I know it? Don't we all know it?"

"Might call a public meeting and resolve," was a second suggestion.

"Resolve what—that we are going to the dogs?"

"Our forefathers did that, and then we licked the British."

"But where's your British to lick now? I've been thinking this thing over for two years, and I hain't lit on a remedy yet. I've got a whole barrel of molasses in the cellar, and I'll give it to the critter who can wake this town up."

The critter to do it was right at hand. The deacon meant a human being, but the critter was an old spotted bull coming down the highway. The crowd at the postoffice was scratching its head and almost tasting that molasses when the bull turned a corner and saw his golden opportunity. He charged with a snort and a bellow, and after smashing three gates that were swinging open he was at the postoffice. He knocked the crowd right and left. He cleared the platform of barrels and boxes. He ran his horns through windows.

The bull came and saw and did things and went his way. It was a fine beginning to wake up a town. None of the three doctors in it had even had a case of measles in six months. Now they had thirteen bull horned and bull kicked victims to practice on. Instead of every light being out by 9 o'clock they were burning in almost every house at midnight.

Next morning the town was early astir to repair damages and exchange opinions, and no one was looking for anything more to happen when the old bull came charging again. Instead of being miles away he had slept just outside the town to be ready for an early call. That bellow was like the fall of a brick house. There were three farmers' teams on the street, early as it was. To play ball with them was fun for the bull. He put his horns under old Mrs. Baxter as she was crossing the street to borrow an egg and tossed her over a fence to come down head first in a tomato patch. The highest

Elder Southfield in the solar plexus and knocked him the length of a blacksmith shop.

There was no losing on the part of that bull. He was at work every minute of the time, and when he finally quit it was because there was nothing more in his line to be done. On this occasion our staff correspondent simply telegraphed:

"I have seen the dead and dying, and I have gazed on the wide wrought destruction, and I am simply overcome."

At sundown scouts that had been sent out reported that nothing had been seen of the bull, and it was believed that he had retired to some place where the rates were not too high to commit suicide. There was great felicitation and an attempt to do business, but the old bull had fooled 'em. With the same old bellow, same horns, same tail, he came charging in for the third time. He was willing to work overtime without extra pay. They had axes and clubs and crowbars and guns ready for him this time, but they knew him not.

Abner Goodtime and his wife were going to prayer meeting. Over a fence they met instead, Aaron Littlefield and his mother-in-law were going to sit up with one of the injured on the first charge. Aaron saved himself by climbing a locust tree, but the woman was kicked in the head and never spoke again, though she lived on for twenty years.

There were a score more cases like the above, but our staff correspondent didn't particularize. He couldn't. His emotions were too great. He had to simply say:

"My grandfather was at Gettysburg, but he saw nothing like this. I simply stand appalled and ask myself who is who."

If you should enter that town today you would find 25,000 population in place of 2,000. You would find a brick postoffice with a lot of old men sitting around, and one of them would be likely to ask:

"Deacon Slinger, wasn't there a time in the history of Beverly when she sorter stood still?"

And the answer would be:

"There was, sir."

"And then the snow shovel factory came to give her an impetus?"

"Snow shovel factory be burned! It was an old spotted bull, and we orter have a bronze statue of him on every street corner!"

ARTISANS HAVE MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAM

The Artisans held a most enjoyable meeting in Woodmen hall Tuesday evening. It was the regular social night and there was a large attendance. The early part of the evening business of the order was transacted and several applications for membership were filed. A short musical and literary program was given during the evening which was followed by dancing. The committee in charge of the meeting was composed of Mrs. Paul Nauman, Mrs. Richard Tobin and Mrs. Pauline Schwartz.

A Sure Sign.
"How do you know he's a stranger?"
"I saw him set his watch by the town clock."—Cornell Widow.

Free Juice.
Intoxicating liquors have been made from the sap of the birch, the willow, the poplar and the sycamore.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

First Baptist Church—Rev. W. T. Milliken pastor. Morning worship at 10:30. Dr. Milliken will speak upon "The Divine Christ." Evening worship at 7:30. In the evening the pastor will speak especially to men, his topic being "Is the Young Man Absalom Safe?" Bible school at 10:00. H. E. Cross, Superintendent. Junior C. E. at 3:00. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Miss Smith Leader. Visitors cordially welcomed at all services.

Catholic—Corner Water and Tenth streets. Rev. A. Hillebrand pastor. Residence 912 Water. Low Mass 8 a. m. with sermon; High Mass 10:30 a. m.; afternoon service at 4; Mass every morning at 8.

Congregational Church—George Nelson Edwards, pastor. Residence, 715 Center Street. Phone, Main 325. Morning service 10:30, subject, S. S. at 11:15, Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30.

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Ninth and Center street. Services Sunday, 11; Sunday school immediately following service; Wednesday evening meeting at 8. Topic, "Doctrine of Atonement."

German Evangelical—Corner Eighth and Madison streets. Rev. F. Wiewasick pastor. Residence 713 Madison; Sunday school 10 a. m., ing Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Mountain View Union—(Congregational)—Sunday school 3 p. m., Herman Schrader, Monroe street, superintendent; morning service 11; Young People at 7 p. m. and preaching at 8 p. m.; prayer meeting, Mrs. J. H. Quinn, superintendent; Bible Study every Thursday afternoon.

First Methodist Episcopal Church—"The Church of the cordial welcome." T. B. Ford, minister, residence 602, Eleventh street. Residence phone Main 96. Office phone Main 59. Study in the church. Prof. Elmer, choir director. Sadie Evelyn Ford, organist.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. R. Landsborough minister. Sabbath School at 10:00 o'clock, Mrs. W. C. Green Superintendent. Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Subject "The Law Fulfilled." Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45. Evening worship at 7:30. Subject, "Overwhelmed by the Deep." Special reference to the Titanic disaster. All welcome.

Parkplace Congregational—Rev. J. L. Jones pastor, residence Clackamas; Christian Endeavor Thursday evening 7:30. Sunday school 10, Emery French superintendent; preaching services each Sunday, alternating between 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church—C. W. Robinson, rector. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock Sunday, and Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Holy Communion and morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30.

Williamette M. E. Church—Regular preaching at 2 p. m. Sunday school 3:15 p. m., Mrs. Fromong, superintendent.

West Oregon City School House—J. O. Staats will preach at 10 a. m. Sunday school conducted after service.

Church of the United Brethren in Christ—Rev. F. Clark, pastor. Sabbatic points in the afternoon. He will have a mid-week service at Williamette on each Wednesday evening.

Missionary Pastor's Program—for month of April. Rev. E. A. Smith will preach during April as follows: Logan, April 7 and 21, in both morning and evening. Redland on the same date at 3 in the afternoon. Highland, 14 and 28, both morning and evening.

WOOL GROWERS HOLD ON FOR HIGH PRICE

With foreign markets for wool the highest ever known and with less stock in America than for many years, the situation in the woolen trade is mixed. The apparent lack of interest that the big buyers are showing in the trade is evidently an act part for the sole purpose of influencing quotations downward.

That some weeks ago less than 20,000,000 pounds of old wool were available in the United States has been the assertion of an official of the National Wool Growers' association, who seemingly was in a position, as good as any, to know where the stock was held.

On every hand the various interests are apart in their views. There is determination on the part of leading buyers in the east to check any possible advance even at the cost of being forced to pay more for their supplies by waiting. On the other hand growers are showing grim determination not to let go until they secure better values. Each side claims to be well fortified, but growers are seemingly in a position where they can force any reasonable price.

There is not enough wool for manufacturers to hold back their purchases for any great length of time as early orders must be filled.

Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows:

DRIED FRUITS—(Buying)—Prunes on basis of 6 to 8 cents.

Fruits, Vegetables.
HIDES—(Buying)—Green hides, 6 1/2 to 7c; salted 7 1/2 to 8c; dry hides 12c to 14c; sheep pelts, 25c to 75c each.

Hay, Grain, Feed.
EGGS—Oregon ranch eggs, 18c to 20c.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, HAY—(Buying)—Timothy, \$12 to \$15; clover, \$9 to \$10; oat hay, best, \$9 to \$10; mixed, \$9 to \$12; alfalfa, \$15 to \$16.50.

OATS—(Buying) Grany \$33 to \$34.50 wheat \$20; oil meal, selling \$35; Shady Brook dairy feed, 88c to 90c bushel.

FEED—(Selling)—Shorts, \$25; bran, \$24; rolling barley, \$39; process barley, \$40.

FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5.25.

Butter, Poultry, Eggs.
POULTRY—(Selling)—Hens 13c to 14 1/2c spring, 12c to 13 1/2c, and roosters 8c.

Butter—(Buying)—Ordinary country butter, 20c to 30c; fancy dairy, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per sack; parsnips, \$1.25 to \$1.50; turnips, \$1.25 to \$1.50; beets, \$1.50.

POTATOES—Best buying \$1.25 to \$1.50 according to quality per hundred.

ONIONS—Oregon, \$3 to \$3.50 per hundred; Australian, \$2 per hundred.

Livestock, Meats
BEEF—(Live Weight)—Steers, 5 1/2 and 6 1/4c; cows, 4 1/2c; bulls 3 1/2c.

VEAL—Calves 10c to 12c dressed, according to grade.

MOHAIR—31c to 32c.

MUTTON—Sheep 3c to 3 1/2c. lambs, 4c and 5c.

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MRS. GEORGE BATDORF
MRS. OTIS COLE
MRS. A. A. HICKEY
BAILEY HILL

A New Disease.
Mrs. Proudman—Our Willy got "merciful commendation" at school last week. Mrs. O'Bull—Well, well! Ain't it awful the number of strange diseases that's ketched by school children?—London Answers.

HOTEL ARRIVALS
The following are registered at the Electric Hotel: Joe Miran, Chinese

Revolution; A. W. Barby, Corvallis; C. E. Reynolds, Salem; L. T. W. Frank, F. H. Smith, Aberdeen; E. Anderson, Mrs. A. Stevens, Oat County, Nebraska; Ed. Sullivan, A. T. Dwight, Portland; M. C. Sprague, Joe McCubbin, Nick Jehn, Wardner; Theodore M. Eggers, Tacoma; A. S. Noon, Portland; S. Powell, Portland; George Webb, San Francisco; Jesse Shafer, Portland.

STOP! LOOK! Listen?

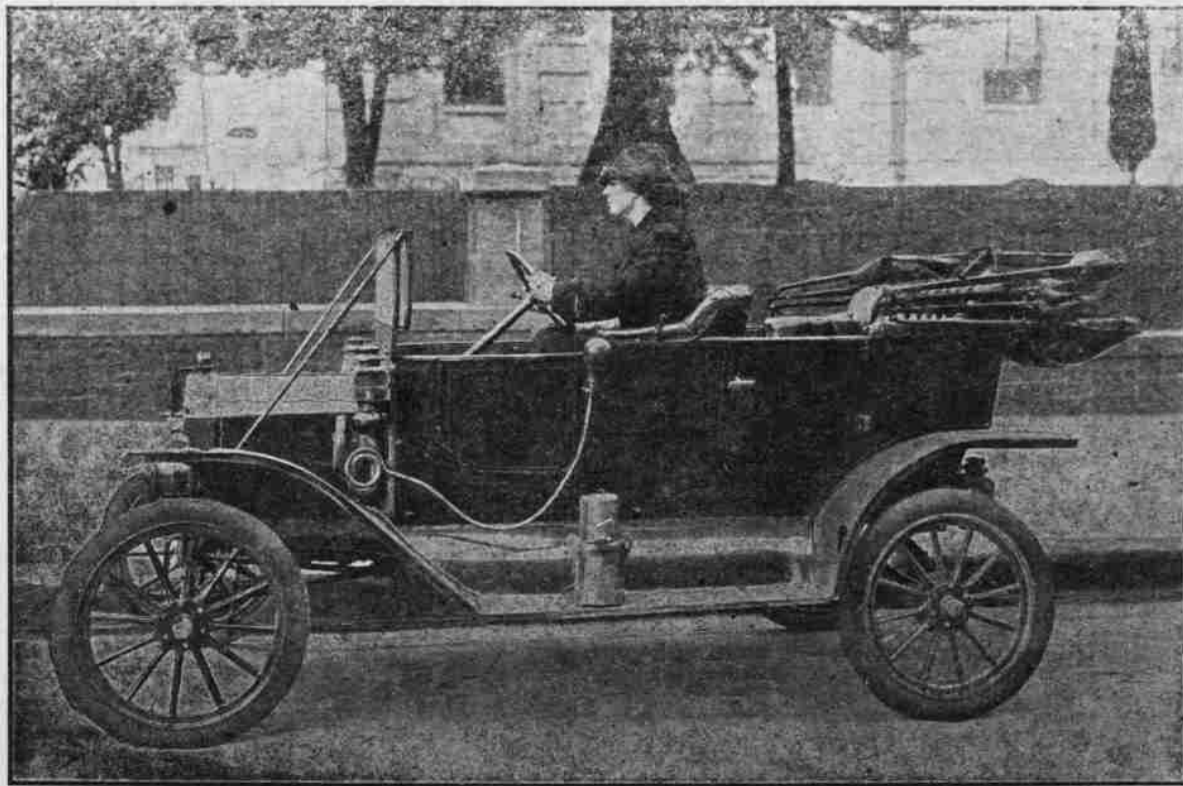
Working for the other fellow and
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What can be won with a little
work a fine prize every 10 days
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To what people are saying and
you will see how popular you are
THEN GET IN AND WIN



Yours for the asking



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