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THE MERE MAN'S VIEWPOINT

WILLIE AND SPRING

By BYRON WILLIAMS



GOING WADING.

WHEN told to write something on spring little Willie came to bat with this sentence: "Spring is the beautiful fishing time that comes right after the mud makes us all take burdock and sassafras tea!"

The Hard Times Scare We hear considerable murmuring in regard to hard times, and for which there is no reasonable basis. Financial conditions generally throughout the world do not warrant dismal forebodings, and the only excuse for them may be found in the periodical policy of the big interests of the country to scare the people from attempting a radical change in national legislation.

The press of the country, in many instances subsidized or controlled by the interests, is responsible for the tightening up of purse strings and making a situation that is but normal, abnormal. The tendency of the periodical financial scare is much more effective in the east than in the west, where a more optimistic outlook prevails.

There is no question that the masses in the big eastern centers of population are pinched at what is considered by the money powers as the psychological moment. But there is also no question that they help the game along by an unreasoning fear of approaching disaster.

No indication prevails that American products will become a drug on the market or that the finances of the country are becoming exhausted. Reasonable caution and sound business methods are, therefore, but the part of wisdom at the present time, as at any other.

Hard times croaking is the child of inaction, whose havoc can be rendered much less effective by vigorous and well directed energy. In other words, a whine less and do more policy.

Should Turn The Tide Tom Richardson, who has returned from Baltimore, where he carried on a short publicity campaign and organized the commercial interests so they will boost their city. Mr. Richardson reports a great movement has been started there to induce Americans to see their own country before going to Europe.

"Oregon should be deeply interested in this convention," said Mr. Richardson. "If Oregon could secure one per cent of the people of the congested cities of the East, who should move, it would more than double the population of the state. The old East has no patriotism. The people talk, travel in and know only Europe and other far countries, and European travel drains this country of \$400,000,000 every year. Every community in the West should strive to make this convention one of the greatest ever held. We must arrest foreign sentiment and at least make our national capital our American city."

Third Street To Be Graded At a meeting of the property owners on Third street, held at the Commercial Club rooms Monday evening, the contract to grade that street from Cascade avenue to Oak, was let to the W. G. Aldred Company. The contract specifies that the work is to be finished in seven days.

Copy for advertisements MUST be in the office by Monday NOON.

Ma never has been a boy, and she cannot know that fish never bite before barefoot time, and yesterday Billy Hawkins caught a stoneroller and four bullheads up back of Bailey's mill.

And when mother has given her consent Willie whoops away like a colt that has at last succeeded in jumping a six foot fence and run away into succulent pastures. The first few jumps are followed by a few "ohs" and "ahs," for Willie's feet are tender, and the bristles of the grass are sharp, but he is too happy to permit anything to stem the tide that flows on to glory, and off he shoots to join the gang.

And mother's troubles begin with that barefoot period, for every night before retiring Willie must wash his feet. Mother insists on this rigid rule and wonders why, with all her sternness, the sheets on Willie's bed soil so quickly.

When Willie comes home at night after tramping up the creek and down the creek in search of crabs for bait, across leagues and leagues of meadow land after shooting stars and through the cow paths of the neighborhood "huntin' fer gopher holes" he is tired naturally. Before mother or father realizes what has happened William is stretched out on the carpet or the sofa fast asleep.

Bedtime comes, and mother begins to awaken Willie. Have you ever tried to awaken a good healthy boy along about 9 o'clock in the evening? Have you ever tried to awaken a boy who has tramped and tramped, fished and fished and done the thousand and one things that a boy always does during the day? Have you, I say, ever tried to awaken this boy and get him to wash his feet and go to bed?

If you have and succeeded there is a reason why you are successful. There is a because why beyond the fact that you are a business man of prominence or a professional man of note. You are a general—a Napoleon. Willie is a tough problem. Why, when you take hold of him he falls in so many directions that you think of trying to carry sixty-five pounds of hot taffy in your arms and safely depositing it on the table at the candy pull.

If he awakens at all he is cross and irritable. He doesn't see any use in waking a fellow up to wash his feet, and he says so. Finally you or mother dips in and performs the ablutions, roundly berating him for his badness. And the next night he wants to go out in the yard and drag his feet around in the dew wet grass. "Why, ma, it washes 'em fine!" he exclaims, and by way of proof sticks up a stained and battered foot, still wet with the dew of Aurora's still.

But mother doesn't seem to take kindly to the suggestion. In fact, William has tried this before, and the sheets bore mute evidence that somebody had been bunked, possibly mother. But it's away past barefoot time anyhow.

Seattle to Be Hearstized Before the end of the present year William Randolph Hearst will add a Seattle newspaper to his growing string of publications. He has been considering the Puget Sound city for several years and now regards the time as ripe. Mr. Hearst is negotiating for a building site in the center of the city, which indicates that he means business. John L. Wilson offered Mr. Hearst the Post Intelligencer, but its Republican heritage meant nothing to the erstwhile Democratic congressman. Now it is said that the P-I has been offered to another group of interests. Seattle's newspaperdom awaits with interest the developments now brewing.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County, in the matter of the estate of G. H. Barton, Plaintiff, vs. Elsie L. Barton, Defendant. To Elsie L. Barton, defendant herein. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled matter, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons hereinafter stated, and if you fail to so appear or answer such complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, namely, for a divorce from the defendant upon the ground of desertion. You are notified that this summons is served upon you, by publication for six weeks in the Hood River News, of order of W. L. Bradshaw, judge of the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for Hood River county, made April 11th, 1911, directing said summons to be published for a period of six weeks, requiring you to appear and answer said complaint on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication thereof. The date of the first publication of this summons is April 19, 1911. S. W. STARK, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice to Creditors In the County Court of the State of Oregon, Hood River County, in the matter of the estate of Francis Conlon, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned is the duly appointed and qualified administrator of the estate of Francis Conlon, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present the same, together with the necessary voucher, to the undersigned at the office of A. N. Page, attorney at law, Carson, Washington or Cascade Locks, Oregon, the places where all business of the said estate will be transacted, within six months after the first publication of this notice, and if they fail to do so, the said claims, the same will be forever barred. ROSE CONLON, Administratrix. Dated April 12, 1911. A. N. PAGE, Attorney for Administratrix.

Notice to Creditors In the County Court of the State of Oregon, Hood River County, in the matter of the estate of Philip Spangler, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly itemized and legally verified at the law office of S. W. Stark in Hood River, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice. Date of first publication, December 14th, 1910. M. H. MOODY, Administrator.

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