

Little Stories for Bedtime

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS

Rejoicing on the Green Meadows.

You may be sure that Sammy Jay and Blacky the Crow lost no time in spreading the news that Bowser the Hound had been caught in one of the traps set by Farmer Brown's Boy for Old Man Coyote. It was the greatest piece of news since the coming of Buster Bear to the Green Forest. And somehow almost everyone seemed to think it was good news. Peter Habbit hurried back to the dear Old Briar Patch to tell Mrs. Peter, and he was so excited he could hardly talk straight. "I guess he won't ever chase us any more! I hope he can't ever walk on that foot again," he concluded.

"Oh, Peter, you know perfectly well you don't wish anything of the kind; that would be too dreadful," cried tender-hearted little Mrs. Peter, who, you know, used to be Miss Fuzzytail.

Peter looked a wee bit ashamed. "Well, anyway, I hope every time he gets to thinking about hunting one of us his leg will pain him so that he just won't feel like hunting any more. I guess that now it is going to be perfectly safe to go up to Farmer Brown's garden whenever we happen to feel like it. I believe I'd like to taste of that cabbage this very minute. My, but I'm glad that dog has got into trouble! I wonder if Old Man Coyote had anything to do with it."

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Peter!" said Mrs. Peter in her severest manner. "I am sure I don't wish anybody hurt. I like hunting better. If you stayed at home in the Old Briar Patch, as you ought to, Bowser never would bother you, and you know it. You just keep away from Farmer Brown's garden, or you may get into worse trouble than Bowser has. For my part, I wish that if some one had to be caught it had been Old Man Coyote instead of Bowser. With him out of the way I would worry a lot less when you are away."

"Pooh!" retorted Peter. "There is nothing to worry about. Hi, there, Jim Skunk! Have you heard the news?"

Jimmy Skunk, who happened along just then, grinned.

"Do you suppose there is anybody who hasn't? That dog howled loud enough, goodness knows! Serves him right, and I'm glad of it. I wish only that it had been Farmer Brown's Boy himself who had been caught. Perhaps then he wouldn't be so keen about setting traps," replied Jimmy. "I'm on my way to the Smiling pool to see how they feel about it over there. Come on over," he added.

"Is the way clear?" asked Peter anxiously.

"Of course," replied Jimmy. "If it wasn't I wouldn't have asked you. Besides, you're safe enough as long as you stay with me. You ought to know that by this time."

So, in spite of all that Mrs. Peter



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"I'll be the next best thing to having Farmer Brown's Boy caught himself," declared Little Joe Otter, who once lost a toenail in a trap and has had a great dread of traps ever since.

"I hear that it was Old Man Coyote who led Bowser into it," said Billy Mink. "Too bad! he didn't get caught, too, isn't it?"

"Thug-rum!" exclaimed Grandfather Frog from his green ill-rud. "I have no love for Old Man Coyote, because I know that he would gobble me up the very first chance he got, but I think we owe him a vote of thanks for teaching Farmer Brown's Boy a lesson. When he sees how that trap hurt Bowser, perhaps he won't be so eager to trap others. That dog gave me a terrible fright once when I went out to see the Great World, and now that he has had a great fright himself, perhaps hereafter he'll think twice before he tries to frighten those smaller than himself."

"I move we send that vote of thanks to Old Man Coyote and that Sammy Jay be the one to take it," said Billy Mink.

"And to this every one agreed, even Peter Rabbit.

Next story: "Farmer Brown's Boy Does Some Hard Thinking."

FRATERNAL NOTES

Woodmen's Deputy Head Consul Finds Farmers Enjoying Plenty.

Wheat Bringing \$1.00 Bushel.

E. P. Martin, deputy head consul of the Woodmen of the World, has returned from an extensive tour in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. He says that the crops are heavy, cattle fat and the farmers have plenty of prosperity. Wheat is selling rapidly at Saturday at various points for a dollar a bushel. "Everybody is feeling optimistic up that way," said Neighbor Martin. "The warehouses are full, the farmers are confident that wheat will stay up. Some were refusing 98 cents last week. They are taking care of the grain and will be ready to move it as soon as we are down here. Yes, indeed, the W. O. W. is prosperous, too. We started several campaigns for membership. In Kenrick, Idaho, in 24 hours they obtained 30 applications. There will be an enormous area of grain put in this fall and winter throughout the grain sections."

Masons Confer Degrees.

Saturday evening last the Scottish Rite Masons conferred degrees on a large class of candidates. Phillip S. Malcolm, grand inspector general of Portland, was the most distinguished Mason present. Byrdon Nicoll, W. McCannan, B. B. Beckman and L. Clark were among the Portland guests. A banquet followed.

Valley Towns Prosperous.

L. M. Thomas, state master for the Knights and Ladies of Security, says all the Willamette valley towns appear to be prosperous and prices for farm products good. His organization is doing well in every locality that he visited from Eugene this way to Portland.

Plenty of Stunts Planned.

The "Roundup" of the members of Webfoot camp, November 6, will be better than ever. Any defeated candidate who tells why he was not elected will be prosecuted. There will be fruits and cigars during a succession of stunts.

Will Meet at Hood River.

Saturday evening, November 7, the officers and team of Multnomah camp, W. O. W., will go in a special car to Hood River, and a gathering of five camps from Oregon and Washington is expected to meet with them.

Expect Big Audience.

The united degree teams, W. O. W., expect to pack the old Heilig theatre Friday evening. "Mother" is a good play. There will be big delegations from all the camps in the city.

Great Time Anticipated.

Tomorrow evening the Knights and Ladies of Security of Portland expect to capture the Armory and take possession of the Land Products show.

Now in Lewiston.

"Billy" George, formerly clerk of Portland camp, W. O. W., is now doing duty in Lewiston, Idaho, as clerk of the camp there.

W. O. W.'s Bold Rally Night.

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An act that pleased and won much favor was the xylophone offering of George and Lilly Garden. A rough and tumble musical act of some novelty went big, none the less, and was enthusiastically applauded at the finish. Jay Bogert and Georgia Nelson, former Orpheumites, have a new blackface act, "After the Barbers' Ball," that is a combination of patter and songs, among them Mr. Bogert's standby Uncle Tom song.

Rural Atmosphere Throughout Film.

Rural politics, rural types, rural comedy, a big dash of heart interest and Macklyn Arbuckle are the principal ingredients in "The County Chairman," the Famous Players feature at the People's this week. There is not a trace of the city in the whole story and the producing company has taken advantage of that fact to choose village greens, country lanes, small town stores, village homes and rural surroundings in which it is easy to imagine the story might have taken place.

The film is developed with unusual care for small details that go so far toward creating a desired atmosphere. Mr. Arbuckle is too well known for his stage version of Jim Hackler to need any introduction on the screen. He is the same fat, good natured and scheming county chairman whose heart is bigger than his hate. Willis P. Sweetman, the well known delineator of "colored gentlemen," gives an artistic and notable characterization. Harold Lockwood does good work as do all of the cast.

Prisoner's Record Being Investigated

Fred Peterson, Alias the "Big Swede," Believed by Sheriff Each to Be Man Wanted in California.

Salem, Or., Oct. 27.—That Fred Peterson, alias the "Big Swede," alias Albert Nelson, captured in the act of looting a store in Sublimity last week, may have been one of the four men who robbed a postoffice at Rio Vista, Cal., last August, and killed a watchman, is the theory of Sheriff Each, who has been investigating Peterson's career. The sheriff has ascertained that Peterson was a partner of William Clay, alias Richard Dillon, alias Joseph Conroy, who is directly charged with the slaying of the watchman at Rio Vista and for whom a reward of \$1500 is offered. Sheriff Each had Dillon in jail about a year ago on a charge of minor importance. It also appears that in December, 1913, Peterson was arrested in Portland with "Blacky" Brennan, who is now in jail in Portland on a new charge of burglary.

The sheriff says that Peterson served a long sentence in Polson prison for safe blowing, being sentenced in 1906 to 10 years. He was discharged in 1912. It also appears that he served six months for larceny in 1911. Peterson has expressed a desire to plead guilty at once, but it is necessary to await action of the grand jury.

A New York ornithologist has invented a collapsible galvanized iron bird house that can be taken apart for cleaning.

Working for Yeomen.

C. K. Dye, one of the well known fraternalists of Portland, is now at work for the Brotherhood of American Yeomen as a field organizer.

Helps Pick Apple Crop.

Members of the Hood River W. O. W. have recently helped a "Neighbor" to harvest and pack 500 boxes of apples, just for a lark and a little fraternal feeling.

Big Increase Expected.

Multnomah Camp, W. O. W., the big east side camp, expects to head the list for greatest increase of membership of any camp on the Pacific coast during November. The members think they can do it.

Herds to Gather.

The gathering of the Elks this evening at Vancouver, Washington, is expected to be one of the largest herds ever assembled in one corral in that state.

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Peter A. Porter Cleve, No. 25, Ladies of G. A. R., will give a Halloween party at the L. O. O. F. hall, University Park, tomorrow evening. Cards and Halloween games will be played.

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THEATRICAL NEWS

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Club Activities

BY VELLA WINNER



Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, of Dallas, who will be one of the speakers at the reception to be given this evening at Hotel Benson by the Oregon Congress of Mothers.

tee was appointed to associate with other clubs in prison reform work. Mrs. Parker was appointed chairman of this committee. Mrs. Sayers gave an instructive address on the new taxation bill and other economic subjects. Thomas Hurlbert, candidate for sheriff, was present for a short while and discussed the platform for which he stands.

The members of the club enjoyed the relaxation of a memory game between addresses, which were followed by refreshments. The club will next meet on Thursday evening, October 29, at Dr. Short's house on East Thirty-second street north. A Halloween party is planned for the entertainment of the husbands of the members of the club.

Will Give Halloween Party.

The Overlook Women's club will give an old fashioned Halloween costume party in Mississippi avenue hall, 795 Mississippi avenue, Saturday evening for the benefit of the club's charity fund. Features of the evening will be fortune telling, dancing, cards and old fashioned games. Refreshments will be served. A charge of 25 cents made and the entertainment of the husbands of the members of the club hope that all their friends will be present to enjoy the good time and incidentally to swell the fund through which so much is done to help the sick, needy and otherwise unfortunate.

Council of Women Voters.

The Council of Women Voters will meet in Central library Saturday afternoon at 2:30. This will be the last meeting of the Council before election and there will be addresses by several of the candidates, both men and women, in which they will tell the Council why they are entitled to the votes of its members. All women are urged to be present.

Daughters of Covenant.

The regular meeting of the Daughters of the Covenant No. 2 will be held in the new Bnal British building, Thirtieth and Mill streets, this evening at 8 o'clock. A large number of new members will be initiated. Cards will be enjoyed after the meeting.

Ockley Green's Halloween Party.

The Parent-Teacher association of Ockley Green is planning for an old fashioned Halloween party to be given Saturday evening in the assembly room of the school house. All sorts of entertaining features will be introduced and a jolly time is anticipated.

Women's Liberal League.

The Women's Liberal League of Oregon will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Swiss hall, Third and Jefferson streets. All women opposed to state wide prohibition are cordially invited.

North School Appoints Delegates.

The St. Johns Parent-Teacher association of the North school met Thursday evening in the library. Judge Ga-

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Elberta Forward Club.

Mrs. Earle D. Fulton entertained the Elberta Forward club at its last meeting. Those present were: Mrs. Julian, president; Mrs. Pease, secretary; Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Panhurst, Mrs. Bozarth, Mrs. Kidder, Mrs. Phensie, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Reibel, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Wiles, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. James, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. McKinster, Mrs. Silvers and Mrs. Zottman. The guests of honor were Mrs. Sayers and Mrs. Addison. A committee



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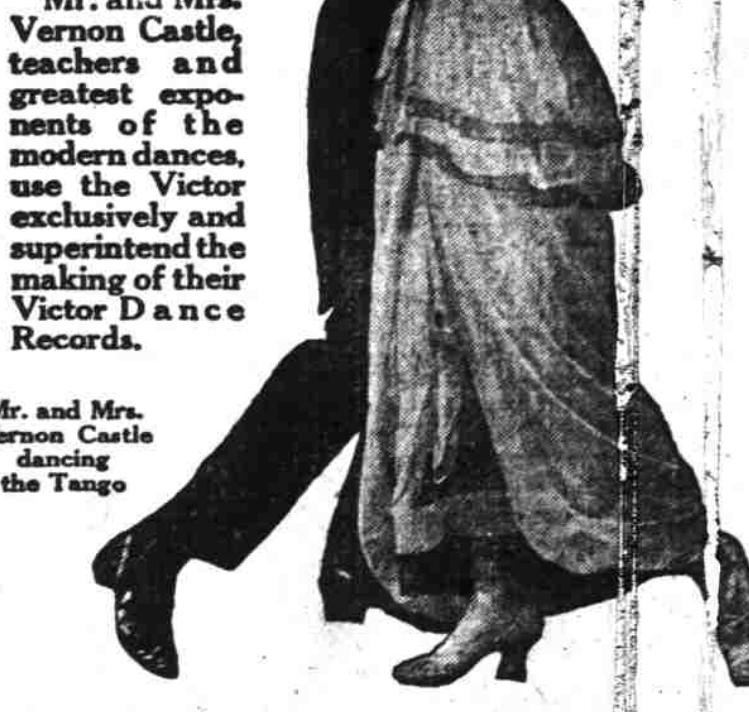
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