

Little Stories for Bedtime

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Blacky the Crow Unfolds a Plan.

"The never nice to peek and pry. In things that don't concern you. If you do so you'll be a spy. And everybody'll spy on you."



"All we have to do," said Blacky, "is to watch Peter."

over near the great rock, for we know that it is somewhere near there that Buster has gone to sleep. Tomorrow morning we'll all meet here and Sam and I will tell Reddy what we find out. What do you think of that plan?"

Sammy Jay thought it splendid, and said so. Reddy Fox didn't altogether like it. He never trusts anybody, which is always the way with people who cannot be trusted themselves. If he had his part he would have to trust Sammy and Blacky to do their part, and to tell him all they found out. But he could think of no better plan, and so he agreed.

"All right," said Blacky. "It's all settled, so now let's get busy. Perhaps," he suggested slyly, looking very hard at Reddy, "you and Grumpy this very afternoon. Go past the dear Old Briar Patch, so that Peter will see you. He will think there that it is safe for him to go over to the Green Forest. You, Sammy, hide where you can see Peter start, and then follow him without letting him suspect that you are anywhere around. We all know that there isn't a better spy in the Green Forest than you, Sammy Jay."

Sammy looked pleased. You see, the habit of spying has run in his family so long that it doesn't seem wrong to him. In fact he thinks it very smart. "I'll hide in a thick hemlock tree

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Secures Several Applications. J. M. Dixon, grand recorder of the A. O. U. W., returned last Tuesday from a trip to Baker City, where he secured a goodly number of applications. He says prospects are good for business in that section.

Will Give Rally Supper. The A. O. U. W. of The Dalles will give a rally supper and booster meeting this evening.

Meeting Was Well Attended. From Assembly, United Artisans, gave a well attended and beautiful decorated ball last Tuesday evening in the Sells-Hirsch building. The committee of arrangements was composed of Charles H. Robinson, Ole M. Robinson, Ora C. Jones, Nellie Carlson and Bessie York. A. Larsen and Thomas Brady were awarded prizes for the best gentlemanly character. J. W. Leonard and Elsie Brown for the best lady's character.

Gold Open Meeting. Last Monday evening a large number of members and friends of the Knights and Ladies of Security assembled at the east side W. O. W. hall and enjoyed themselves in an open meeting. L. M. Thomas, state manager, addressed the gathering for a few minutes on the relative values of different kinds of insurance and fraternal insurance. He had his part to play in the evening.

Alberta Camp Installation. Alberta Camp No. 741, met last Monday evening at Russell and Williams avenue and installed the following officers: G. A. Clayton, state manager; H. H. Poffenberger, banker; M. A. Hendricks, clerk; Fred Graap, trustee; P. W. Barlow, watchman; Hazel, secretary. A musical and literary program followed.

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Milk Much Needed By Visiting Nurse

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"In another family is a little baby, less than a year old, for whom milk must be had and whose parents are unable to pay for it."

"Milk has been prescribed for two women who are convalescent from serious illness and they have not the money to buy."

"Such cases are always coming to us. Almost any illness at an acute stage demands liquid food and milk is the food most often required. Will some one help us now? For a time J. D. Farrell supplied a quantity of milk for the needy, but this supply has been withdrawn. We would be glad if anyone who will help will telephone Main 4087 or call at 428 Medical building, the offices of the Visiting Nurse association."

THEATRICAL NEWS

National Theatre to Have Four Changes in Program Each Week.

New Policy Starts Sunday.

Through the definite completion today of an arrangement which I have been working on," said Melvin G. Winstock of the new national theatre, "I am prepared to definitely and permanently offer the Portland picture public programs of superior merit, which will compare favorably with any other in the United States."

"Under the new policy, which starts Sunday, it is our intention to present completely new programs every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, each change to consist of a feature film of at least three reels, properly blended with three other comedies, comedy-dramas, weeklies, etc. While we will present exceedingly long films under our new policy, we can fairly say that the three reel features will carry equally as much weight and strength as longer films."

"Any patron visiting the National will be assured of witnessing only the best film stars such as Francis X. Bushman, Fred Anderson, Maurice Costello, Alice Joyce, Kathryn Williams, Leah Baird, Flora Finch, Gertrude McCoy, Helen Gardner, Carl Williams and, without number, the comedians, Charles Chaplin, who will appear in two reel comedies at this theatre every week. In addition to this, from Sunday next, our patrons will enjoy the longest musical treat through our new \$20,000 pipe organ, which will be handled by Clifford L. Carney, well known organist and motion picture interpreter."

Western Thriller Most Interesting.

"One Flight Up," a newspaper-detective story, is the two reel Reliance feature at the Sunset. Irene Hunt plays the leading role of the girl reporter who stumbles into the hands of three gentlemen burglars. She succeeds in having them captured as they are about to make their escape and herself wins the bonus that the editor has offered for the best story of the month. The most interesting picture is a genuine western thriller of Indians and soldiers with "Pawnee," the star actor. The title is "Sergeant Jim's Horse." A little American drama of a man for right being rewarded is "The Crucifixion of Al Brady" with Ed Coxen playing the lead. A Fay Fincher comedy is "A Flyer in Spring Water." A Keystone of average quality, "Patty's and Mable's Washday," has a relapse into the near suggestive that should be cut.

"Friar Tuck" Is Dead.

A dispatch from Burlington, Vt., brings word that George B. Frothington, originator of Friar Tuck in "Robin Hood," had passed away suddenly of asthma. He was 75 years of age and one of the original members of the famous Bostonians. He was last seen in Portland about a year ago at the Eleventh street playhouse in a revival of "Robin Hood."

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Fat Men and Lean Men Will Oppose Each Other in Debate.

Will Argue Against Themselves.

Fat men arguing against themselves and lean men speaking in favor of the fat men, will be the order of the day at the meeting of Court Mount Hood, Foresters of America, 125 Fourth street.

The subject of the debate will be: "Resolved, That the Fat Men Have the Advantage in Life."

The barrel-like built members of the court who will deny that they have any extra fat, and will take the negative are John Litherland, confessing to a weight of 224 pounds; G. K. Miller, 188 pounds; Fred Rindler, of 220 pounds, and E. A. Barnickie, 185 pounds.

The featherweights who believe the fat men have a monopoly of the good things in life, and who are taking the affirmative, are Charles Ward, 123 pounds; C. A. Miller, 124 pounds; C. S. Hildey, 132 pounds; A. L. Porter, 117 pounds.

The judges, who weigh a total of 676 pounds, who will decide the merits of the arguments are John Corcoran, J. A. Blake, Fred Lott, R. Drake and B. Nelson. All members of the Foresters of America are invited to be present and listen to the flow of eloquence on this grave matter. There will be other attractions worth while.

To Celebrate Burns' Birthday.

Bobby Burns was born in 1799, and died in 1798, but he is not forgotten wherever the English language is spoken. On the one hundred and fifty-fourth anniversary of his birth, Monday, January 25, Clan Macleay, Order of Scottish Clans, will celebrate with a concert and dance at the Masonic Temple, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross fund. The best musical talent and best exponents of Highland dances are anywhere around. "We all know that there isn't a better spy in the Green Forest than you, Sammy Jay."

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