

INSTRUCTOR DENIES HE EVER PROMISED TO GO TO MEXICAN BORDER

Samuel C. May Resents Certain Criticism Appearing in Oregonian Recently.

OREGON GUARD DISCUSSED

Teacher Believes, However, That the State Militia Should Be Filled by Men Above High School Age.

Portland, July 6.—To the Editor of the Journal—A recent edition of the Morning Oregonian contained an article concerning the Jefferson high school students enrolled in the Oregon National Guard which, on ac-

count of its careless investigation of facts, its misstatement of interview and its masterly way of creating a false impression, deserves contradiction. At the outset it should be clearly understood that I am not and never have been a member of the Oregon National Guard; that I was not responsible for the formation of a company known as "The Machine Gun Company"; that I never drilled or took part in any of the work of that organization, either at the Armory or at any other place; that the members of the company had no reason to expect and I do not believe any of them did expect that I intended to go to the border with them; that nothing was said to me by any of them about my going. Addresses the Boys. Last winter I was informed, as were all other instructors at the high school, that officers of the Oregon National Guard were at the school to address the boys regarding military training and to endeavor to start a movement for a school company. Not until after the formation of a company was well under way did I entertain the least idea of joining. When it became apparent that the boys were merely becoming members of the National Guard, where they would be absolutely outside of school authority and beyond school control, I withdrew my request to become a

member for I felt I could not spare the time from what I considered more important work and my hopes and sympathies had been for a school company. I did not have any conversation at that time with any parent and did not advise any parent to protest to the school board. Subject Claims Interest. I am deeply interested in the subject of military training in the schools, because I believe that, if properly handled, it develops in a boy a spirit of manliness and obedience which makes him a better citizen in time of peace and inspires him with a sense of obligation and responsibility in time of national danger. Although I have the greatest respect and admiration for the militia of our state, I believe its ranks should be filled with men above high school age. It should be a defensive organization prepared for actual service. The very fact that over 20 boys from Jefferson high school (and I understand more than that number from other high schools of this city are at the Mexican border, shows a deplorable lack of preparedness in the United States which should cause every thoughtful person to reflect. England today is not using her 13-year-old boys. Both the fault and the remedy for this condition lie with the public schools of our country. Swept by an almost overwhelming

tide of immigration, we have failed to assimilate its waves of different people and our schools have failed to keep alive or to develop a national consciousness which is the basis of all true patriotism. The schools must begin to teach patriotism through a proper understanding of our great political institutions and our sacred rights. This they are only beginning to do, the Portland schools offering a course in civics for the first time a year ago and in some of the high schools no such course has been yet offered. I have the privilege of being an instructor in this subject and herein lies an opportunity for service to my country which the teacher in performing his duty accomplishes as much as the soldier; both are necessary until a crisis arises which so threatens the nation that he can be of more service in the army than in the school. Mother Is Advised. When the troops were ordered to Clackamas I was informed that one mother did not wish her son to go to the front on account of his health. I advised her to take the matter up with the school board and telephoned one of the members of the board explaining the situation. In order to make the boys feel the interest and good wishes of their fellow students and their teachers, I

started a movement which needed only suggestion and which resulted in the presentation to the company of a silk flag. I can feel for the mothers who have boys in the company, for I have two sons who are dear to me but I cannot understand why this matter was brought up after the boys had departed and in the newspapers instead of with the parties concerned. Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing this statement, I remain, respectfully yours, SAMUEL C. MAY.

Auto Truck Plunges Over Side of Bridge

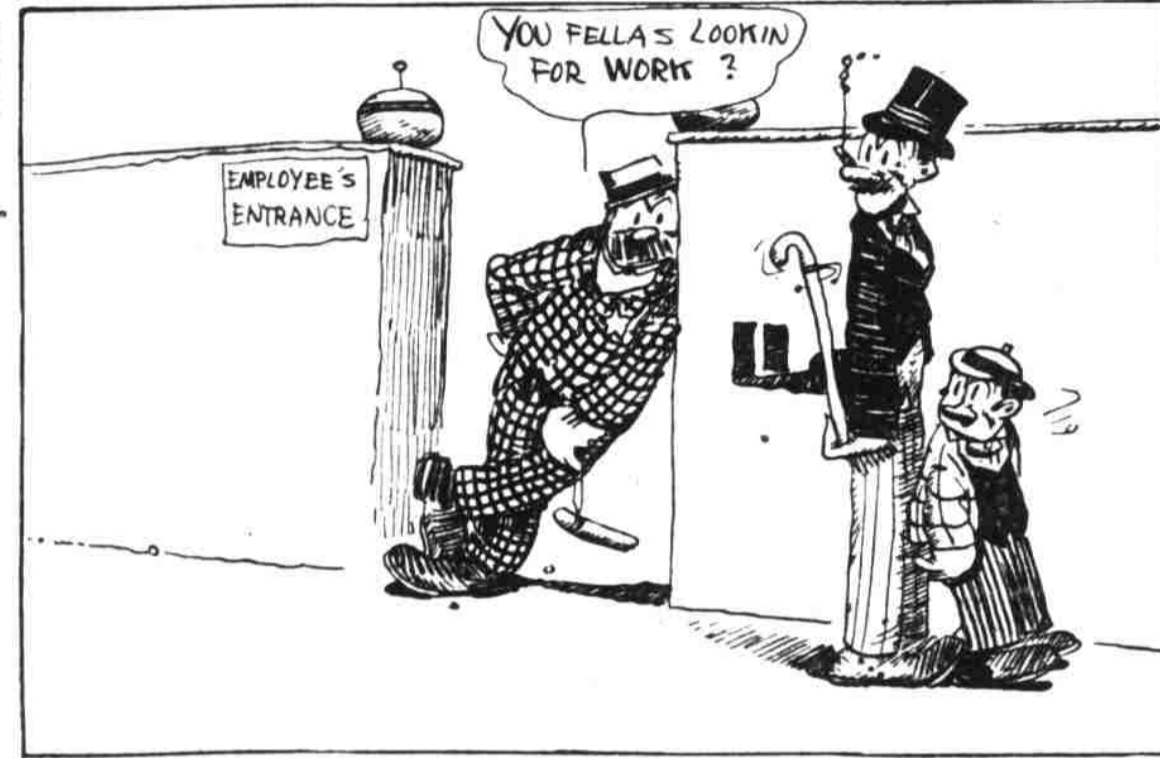
Steering Knuckle on Machine Owned by Pioneer Company Breaks While Crossing Trestle to Hayden Island. When the steering knuckle broke a big truck valued at \$4500, belonging to the Pioneer Auto Truck company, which was taking a load of canned goods from Portland to Vancouver, broke through the railing of the trestle between the mainland and Hayden Island and plunged between 15 and 20 feet into several feet of water and mud, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Tom Anderson, the driver, and a companion, escaped uninjured. Jumping when the truck headed for the railing. The truck turned over partially on its side but none of its freight was spilled out. The full extent of the damage has not been ascertained but it is believed small.

Kleptomaniac Is Caught by a Girl

Viola Glaser, Clerk in Store, Plays Role of Stench and Brings About Arrest of Man Who Stole Stock. Viola Glaser, clerk at the Fourth Street store, 104 Fourth street, played the part of a detective yesterday afternoon and brought about the arrest of John Adams, after Adams had wrapped up two hats, a necktie, a blanket and three pairs of shoes from the store's stock in a bundle. Miss Glaser noticed him hiding behind goods racks and she notified S. J. Leavitt, proprietor. Adams admitted an epileptic fit when Sergeant Wade and Patrolman Bales arrived, but he was arrested. Mr. Leavitt told the officers that he did not wish to prosecute Adams. George Adams, broker in the Lumber Exchange building, said his brother offered from kleptomaniac, which had brought him into police notice before. He said he had spent much money saving his brother from the consequences of such acts. When writing or calling on advertisers, please mention The Journal. (Adv.)



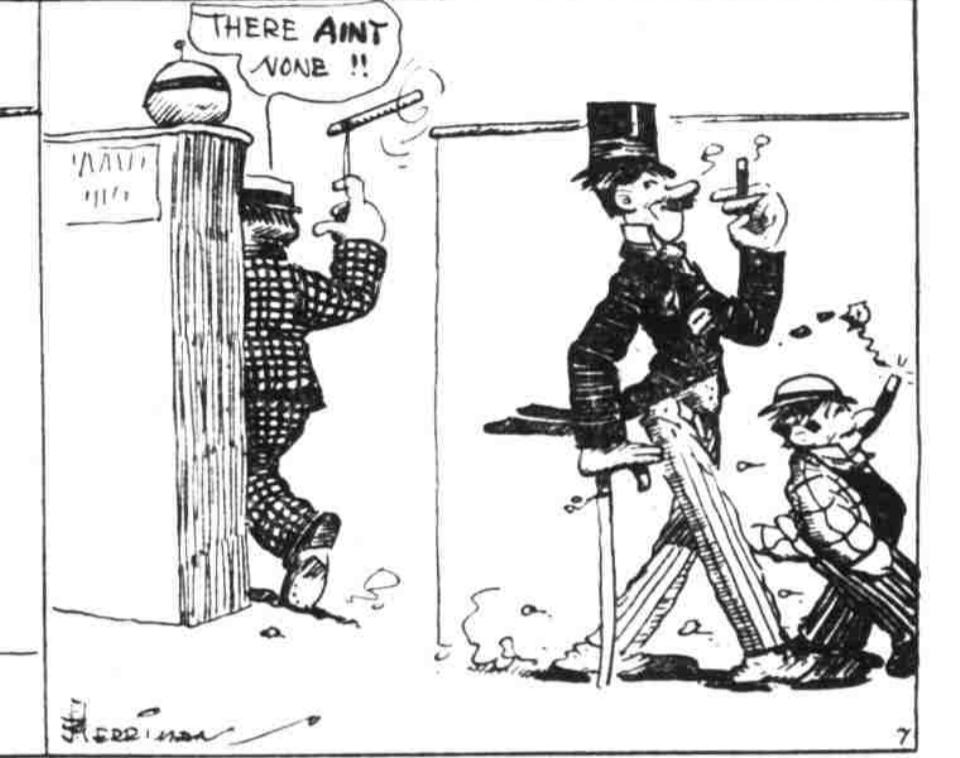
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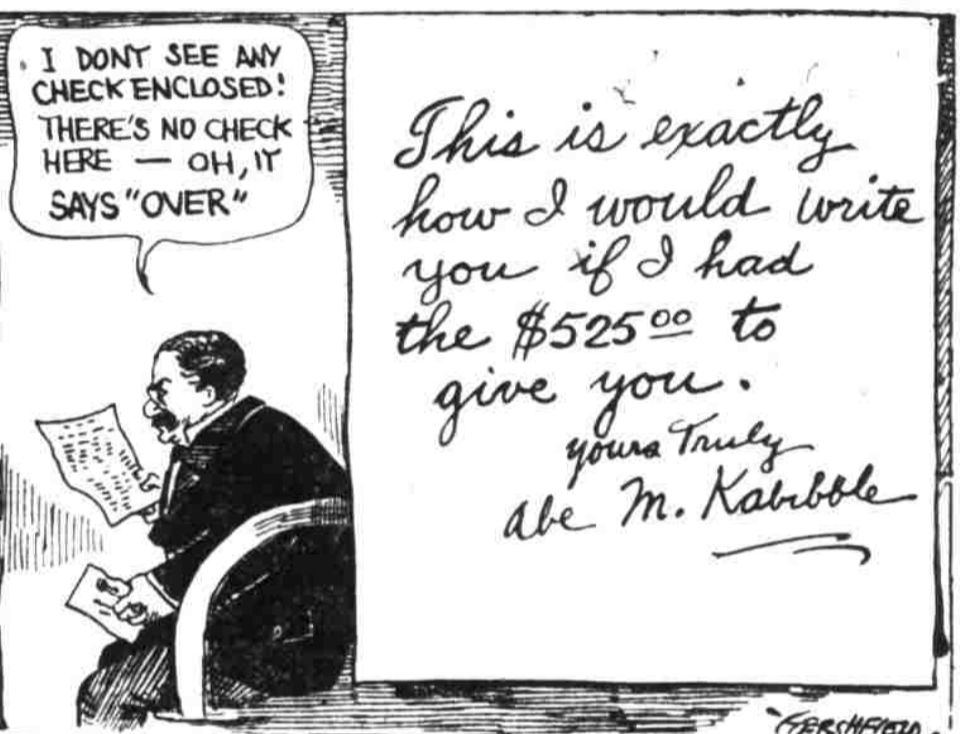
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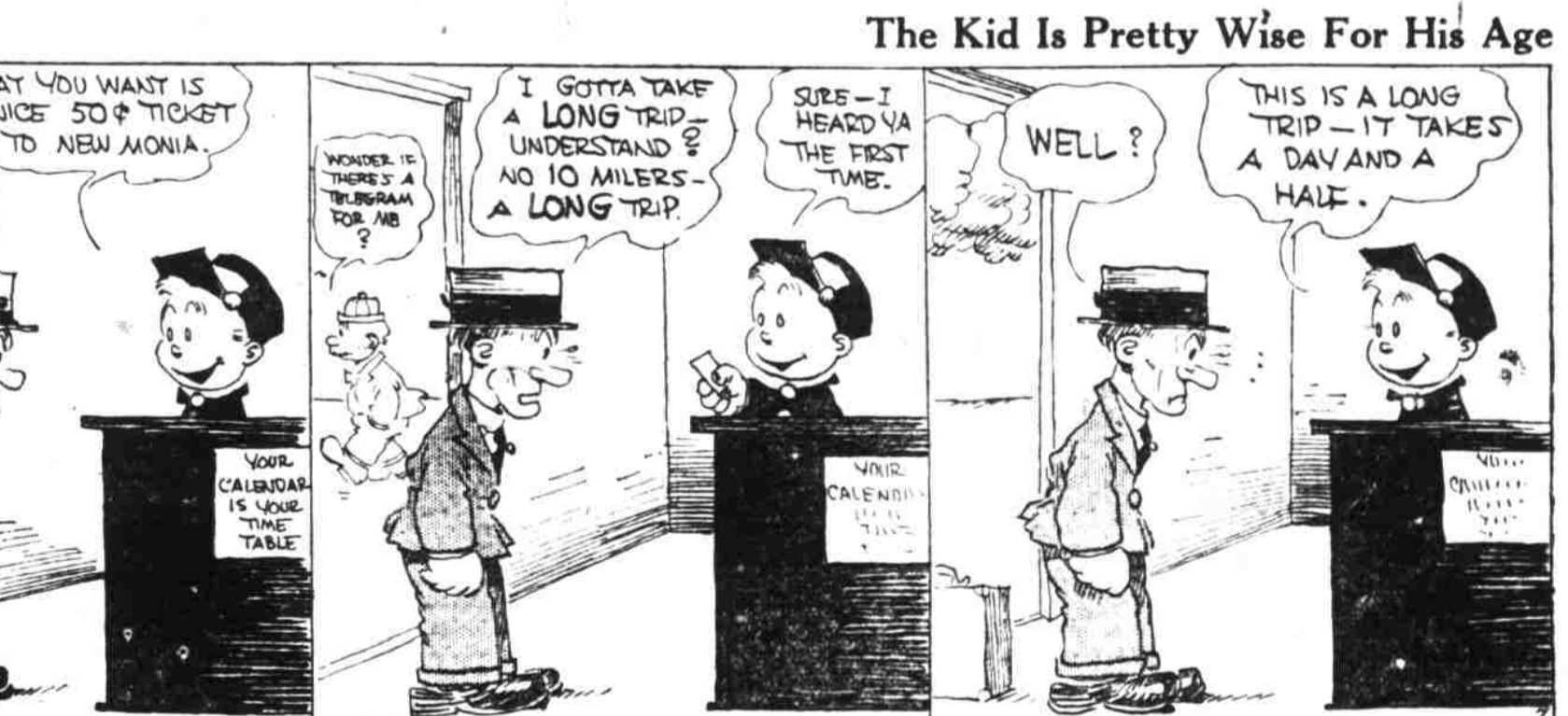
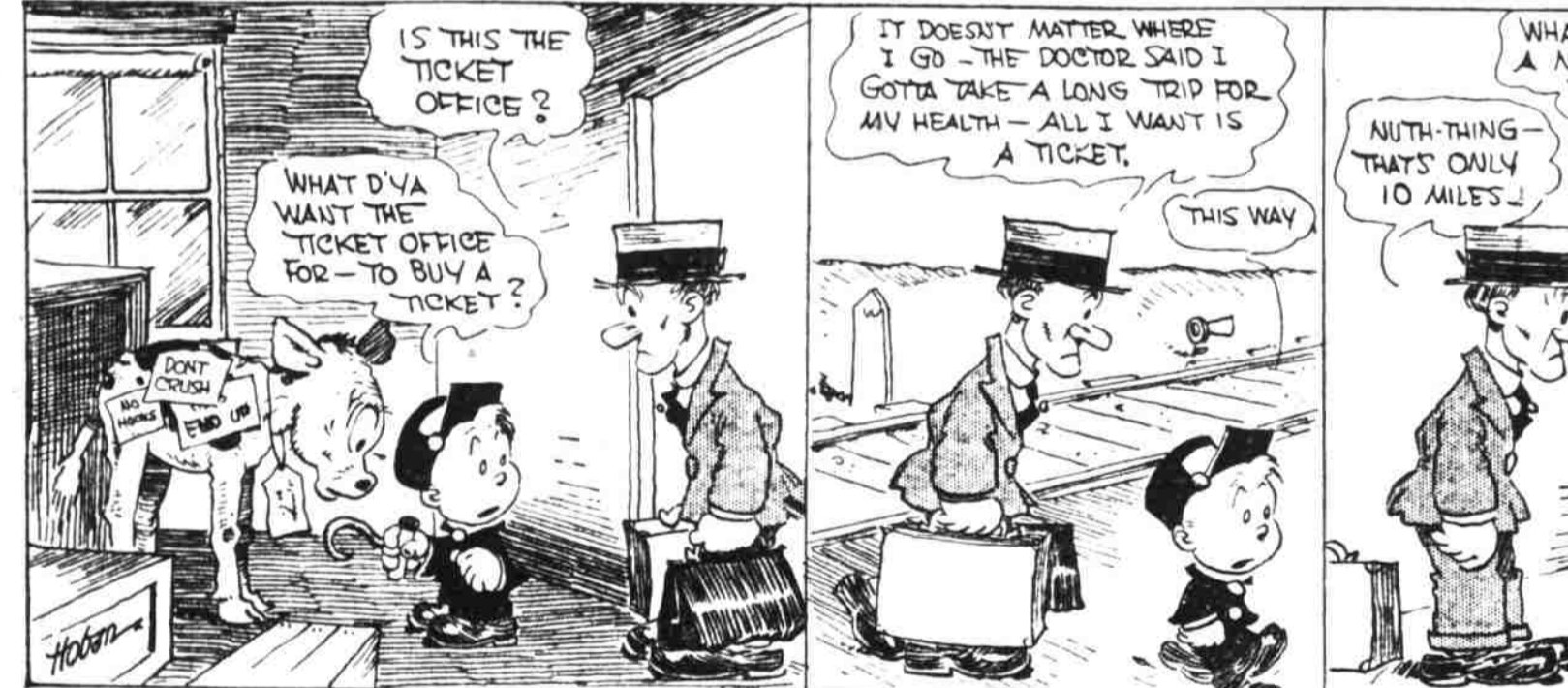
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