

EX-PIRATE BECOMES PREACHER OF GOSPEL

"Ho for the Life of a Pirate, Bad and Bold"; Tells of Youthful Pranks

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 5.—Writing fiction probably would fight away a lot in which a full-fledged pirate becomes a preacher of the gospel, and yet—

It has happened in real life. Strangely enough, as the fiction writer, in any event, would NOT have it, this ex-pirate did not become a champion of the Bible way of specific atonement for his days of buccaneering on the high seas. His change in point of view came some years after a group of Austrian soldiers had ended the bloody history of a certain Captain Rudolph and his unscrupulous gang in the midst of a smuggling episode on the old German-Austrian border, some sixty years ago.

The man to whom fate dealt this queer hand is William Hoffmann. He dwells in a tiny white house on the outskirts of Danville. It has one fairly large and three small rooms. In the smaller rooms he lives, alone and without luxury. In the other he has installed neatly-painted benches, enough to seat thirty persons. In the center he has built a platform, with a lectern to hold his Bible when he preaches. Here, to all who come, he speaks on Sundays of the gospel of Christ.

And he was born a Russian-Jew. In labored English, with the accent of an Italian, but with German words frequently interspersed he will tell you freely the story of his life—all but those years from eight to thirty. Of these he does not like to talk often or even to think.

William Hoffmann is almost light, but he is robust and vigorous, even to the point of being militant.

"I am yet young!" he says genially. And when a smile spreads over his swarthy features he bears a striking facial resemblance to old Santa Claus.

This, summarized, is his story, as he tells it:

He was the only boy in a family of twenty-two children. For much of the mischief perpetrated by his sisters, he got the blame. On one occasion, when he was about seven he decided to run away. He went into the great forest near his home. There he met an old man with a long white beard, familiarly known in that region as "the snake charmer." The old man admitted he had run away. The boy asked him to his crude forest home, and he and treated him well. He demonstrated "witchcraft" to the boy. It made a deep impression. He taught the small lad as much as anybody could grasp.

After two days the old man of the woods took the boy within

YOUR SICK CHILD IS CONSTIPATED! LOOK AT TONGUE

Hurry, Mother! Remove poisons from little stomach, liver, bowels

Give "California Fig Syrup" if cross, bilious or feverish



No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given.

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sight of his home and bade him return.

Under the parental roof again, young William Hoffmann tried his hand at witchcraft. He quickly acquired the reputation of a bad boy.

"Oh, I was very, very bad boy," he recalls, shaking his head soberly.

His mother died. His father remarried. He did not like his stepmother. Again he decided to run away. At this time he was a little past eight. The family lived on the German side of the mountainous borderland between Germany and Austria. Into the forest the boy went again, heading toward Austria.

He met a band of men. He told them he was running away. He, boy-like, boasted of his "badness" when encouraged to do so. The men took him into their fold. They were smugglers, a part of Captain Rudolph's band.

"I did not then know figures," says William Hoffmann. "Perhaps there were fifty, sixty, seventy."

"From then until I was 18, I lived the life of a buccaneer," says Hoffmann. "I was hunted at intervals by four or five nations."

On one occasion the pirates encountered a British ship returning from Africa with slaves. Hoffmann relates. The crew was disposed of and the slaves landed back in Africa and freed.

"Treasure? If there was treasure buried I know not," says Hoffmann. "I was young. I had what I wanted to eat. I did not care for my share. The men drank much. It was a wicked life."

And then, when William Hoffmann was eighteen, as nearly as he can tell, he accompanied a large portion of the band on a smuggling venture through Austria. They were pursued by Austrian soldiers.

"I was young and what you call agile," says Hoffmann. "Before they came I climbed a tree, and there was a big hole in it. I hid there."

He believed the remainder of the band was killed, or captured. He never saw them again.

He made his way into Germany. There, after five or six years, he went into the German army. While still in the service, he became ill. His life was despaired of. He says his mother appeared to him in a dream and urged him, a Jew, to follow the Christian teachings of Christ.

He prayed, as his mother had bade him. He grew better, but scorned at the thought of Christian-baptism and worship. Again, he avers his mother appeared to him in a vision and begged him to follow her previous instructions.

He did so. Coming to America when he was about thirty, he has worked as a miner, a stone mason, railroad hand and at odd jobs. He has always saved.

Today, in Danville, he owns several pieces of property and the little mission house where he expects to pass the rest of his days.

To the young women he knows, William Hoffmann shakes his finger and smiles.

"I like you," he says, "but I do not like your bobbed hair."

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Ranchers to Receive Many Young Trees for Planting

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 5.—Ranchers of the state will receive 30,000 young trees for planting wood lots and wind brakes, as a result of the Clarke-McNary law. A forest nursery has been established on the Peavy arboretum by the state board for forestry and the forest service acting under the new law. Charges will be made only for transportation.

More than half a million trees will be distributed in the next year, believes G. W. Peavy, dean of the school of forestry, who is in charge of the nursery. Replenishment of farm wood lots, which have been abused by over-cutting, and which contribute a large amount of material to the nation's timber supply, is the object of the law.

Two Youths Committed to State Reform School

Harold Beach and Robert Patzer, 14 year old boys who were taken in on a charge of sheep theft yesterday, were committed yesterday to the state reform school.

Carl Fetch and Edward Patzer, said to be older leaders of the theft ring, are still being held in the county jail with bail set at \$2500 each. Twenty sheep were stolen by the four, according to county officers. Fetch and Patzer will come up for trial this week.

Former Deputy Sheriff Nabbed on Registration

A. J. Acton, accused of incorrect registration at a local lodging house, was arrested by the officers yesterday and is being held for investigation. Letters found in the man's possession indicated that he formerly served as deputy sheriff of Island county, Wash. Portland officers were requested to check on Mr. Acton to find if he was charged by registration. He was nabbed on registration.

GREAT LIGHT DAWNS ON LIONS' OFFICIAL

Learns Meaning of French Phrase—Marion Home of Famous Cow

The great white light of scientific discovery has illuminated the brow of Newell Williams, secretary of the Lions club.

Williams, as his friends know, helped win the great war, serving in the quartermasters corps. Since "an army fights on its stomach," the war never would have been won if Williams hadn't been there to see that the Yanks got plenty to eat.

But while he was in France, Williams was greatly puzzled at the phrase he often heard on the lips of the natives: "Colchon! Vive la France!"

But after hearing a talk at the Lions club luncheon Friday, at which the cow that made Oregon famous, "Vive la France," was mentioned, Williams learned the truth.

"Milk the cow!" That was what the Frenchmen were saying, the local man knows now.

Incidentally, Marion, and not Turner, is the community that should have been given the credit for "Vive la France," referring to the cow again in this instance and not to the French slogan. Pickard Bros. live at Marion, the Statesman has been informed.

CLAIMS CONSIDERED

COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES \$1,576.14 IN CLAIMS

A sub-committee of the joint ways and means committee held a meeting here yesterday and considered claims against the state aggregating \$1,576.14. These do not include claims filed with the ways and means committee subsequent to the completion of the budget by the state budget commission.

Among the claims considered at the meeting were the following: Charles K. Spaulding, Logging company—For slabwood furnished to the Oregon state school for the year \$490.

John R. Miller—For refund of portion of motor vehicle license \$18.

J. R. Kathan—For refund of portion of motor vehicle license \$26.93.

George W. Sanders—For refund of commercial registration fee for motor vehicle \$44.

George Schnell—For refund of portion of motor vehicle license \$24.

Roy Harer—For refund of portion of motor vehicle license \$16.21.

Charles H. Paine—For balance due from state as bounty for service during Civil war \$150.

Benton county—For payment of bounty for destruction of certain wild animals \$63.50.

Coose county—For payment of bounty for destruction of certain wild animals \$91.50.

Clatsop county—For payment of bounty for destruction of certain wild animals \$9.75.

Hood River county—For payment of bounty for destruction of certain wild animals \$111.50.

Lane county—For payment of bounty for destruction of certain wild animals.

Willamette Gymnasium to Increase Seating Capacity

Work on the two balconies which will increase the seating capacity of the Willamette university gymnasium to 2,800 people, will be started Monday, and is to be completed in 16 days, it was announced Saturday by President Carl E. Doney. A contract has been let to R. L. Hein, local builder.

These balconies will be built on both the north and south sides of the basketball court. The principal reason for making this addition to the seating capacity is the constantly growing attendance at the state high school tournament, held in the Willamette gym. The balconies will seat about 800 people.

The tournament this year will be held March 10, 11 and 12.

BUILDING FUNDS BEING DISCUSSED BY SENATORS

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\$150,000 for a dairy husbandry plant, \$160,000 for a chemistry building and \$35,000 for a heating plant. Representative Buchanan explained to the committee that the needs of the agricultural college were as acute as were those presented by the university. He intimated that everything possible would be done to have the appropriations for the agricultural college approved by the ways and means committee. An investigating committee was appointed and the appropriations for the college will come up for further consideration next Monday night.

It was reported here yesterday that President Kerr of the agricultural college not more than two weeks ago informed Representative Gordon and other legislators that he would not seek any funds for building operations at this session of the legislature. Persons close to President Kerr said he changed his mind when he deter-

Population of United States Shows Increase

WASHINGTON (Special)—(AP)—Computations by the government's census experts indicate that the population of continental United States on July 1, 1927, will be 118,628,000.

That is an increase of 1,492,000 over the estimates for July 1, 1926, and an increase of 12,917,880 over the figure for January 1, 1920, when the last actual census was taken.

The new estimate, announced today by the census bureau, is based among other things on available data regarding births, deaths, immigration and emigration. Estimates for each of the states were made by distributing the total estimated increase in the same proportions as the actual increase between the two censuses of 1919 and 1920 was distributed. Those states which showed a decrease between 1910 and 1920 or between 1920 and 1925, however, were not credited with having made any increase since. No figures were announced for geographical divisions smaller than states.

The bureau's comparative table of the 1920 census and the 1926 and 1927 estimates follows:

Table with columns: Census (Jan. 1, 1920; July 1, 1926; July 1, 1927), Population (1920; 1926; 1927). Rows include UNITED STATES and various states like Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, etc.

mined that the university had in mind a building program.

In addition to the appropriations approved by the ways and means committee for the University of Oregon and the appropriations sought by the agricultural college, more than a half million dollars has been authorized for expansion of the state normal school program. Of this amount the ways and means committee has reported favorably on bills carrying \$175,000 for the normal school at Mouth, \$150,000 for the Southern Oregon normal school at Ashland and \$175,000 for establishing a normal school at L Grande. The latter institution was created by a measure approved by the voters at the recent general election. The appropriation for the Southern Oregon normal will be used for the construction of a dormitory while the appropriation at Mouth will be expended in the construction of class rooms and library. The money appropriated for the La Grande institution will be used in the construction of an administration building.

A number of senators expressed the opinion yesterday that the educational program had expanded all out of reason, and that an effort might be made to override the recommendations of the ways and means committee on the floor of the house. Any action that may be taken to this end probably would be determined after the ways and means committee has acted on the agricultural college appropriations Monday night.

Senators Strayer and Dunn have expressed the opinion that in letting the bars down to a building program at the university and agricultural college, the ways and means committee would jeopardize the entire educational system of the state.

It was the opinion of these senators that there should be a slowing up in building activities at the

educational institutions until such time as the state is assured of sufficient funds to meet its going obligations. Other legislators also were said to have coincided with the views of the two senators.

Pilot Rock—More than 100 growers meet to plan larger turkey business here.

Oregon produced 10,000 pounds mint oil in 1925, and 100,000 pounds in 1926.

SEEKS CHANGE STATE FISCAL YEAR OPENING

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The secretary of state also has recommended in his report the establishment of a central purchasing agency for all state activities.

"The adoption of such a policy," read the report, "would not hamper or needlessly restrict any state department or activity. If the activities which, under existing laws, are benefited both financially and otherwise in the purchase of their necessary supplies and equipment by the state board of control, it is logical and reasonable to assume that the same conditions would follow with respect to all other state offices and institutions. Under the present laws the board of control purchases all supplies for 11 of the state's largest institutions.

"A casual examination of the prices paid for a number of standard articles used in all offices reveals a wide discrepancy in many instances, and it was the result of such examination that suggested to me the wisdom of enlarging the scope of the present law so as to include the purchase of supplies for the many state offices, departments and institutions which are now included under it."

The necessity for a new state office building to accommodate the many state departments, commissions and boards was stressed in the report.

"I have again directed attention to the extremely congested condition existing in the capitol and supreme court building," said the secretary of state in his report.

"Attention has been called to this situation in the last three biennial reports of the state department. The fact that no steps were taken to relieve the situation has not changed conditions but has precipitated greater need for immediate action."

The report issued by the secretary of state includes 128 pages and contains a mass of figures showing the condition of the various funds under his jurisdiction. There also is much statistical information having to do with the motor vehicle laws, which are administered by the state department. Mention also is made in the report of the duties and achievements of the state traffic division, which is part of the sec-

retary of state's office.

As at previous sessions of the legislature the secretary of state has recommended in his report a continuance of the "Blue Book," which is printed under his direction. This book contains a world

of information, and its distribution is state wide. The biennial appropriation for printing this book is \$4,000.

Copies of the secretary of state's report were placed on the desks of the legislators today.

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