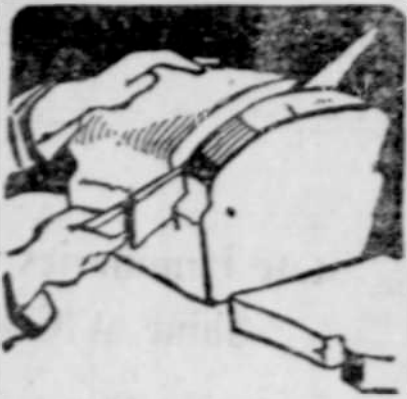


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TALES OF THE OLD FRONTIER

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

THE OATH OF A RANGER

BACK in the days when Arizona was "cow country" two men rode the range together for one of the big cattle outfits and, although totally different in temperament, Bill Smith and Carlos Tafolla were pals whose friendship had been cemented by years of hardship and danger. When the cattle business declined in that territory, Tafolla enlisted in Capt. Burton Mossman's Arizona Rangers, a splendid body of picked men sworn to uphold the law and to place duty over friendship, love or life itself. As for Smith—he drifted from one job to another. In 1900 a band of outlaws who had been stealing horses, robbing banks and post offices and committing murders in New Mexico, were driven over into Arizona. By a strange turn of fate it was Tafolla and another Ranger named Maxwell who discovered the bandits' stronghold in a deep canyon in the White mountains. It was the custom of the Arizona Rangers before going into action to take the Ranger's oath. So Maxwell and Tafolla rode side by side, clasped each other's hand and repeated the secret words that bound them to stick to each other even unto death. They were within 50 yards of the outlaw camp before their approach was discovered. When Maxwell lifted his

voice in a demand for surrender there was an ominous silence. Then a man stepped out into view.

"Hello, Tafolla," he said. "Hello, Smith," replied the Ranger quietly.

"This is hard luck," said the outlaw. "You're as good as dead, Tafolla. If you try to arrest us. We outnumber you and we will never be taken alive."

When Tafolla told him that an Arizona Ranger never counted the odds, Smith reminded him of his own reputation as a marksman who never missed.

"I don't want to kill you, Carlos," he pleaded. "For the sake of old times, go away. If you will, we'll leave this country and never come back."

"I'm sorry, Bill, but we can't. We've just taken the Ranger's oath. But if things come out as you say, do me one favor. Get word to Captain Mossman that we did the best we could," said Tafolla.

Then the Rangers started forward and the shooting began. Smith still tried to scare them away. He put four bullets through the top of Tafolla's high-crowned Stetson. The Ranger continued to advance, firing as he came. Then Smith lowered his sights and shot his old friend between the eyes.

Bill Smith kept his word. A few weeks later Captain Mossman received a letter from the outlaw, somewhere in Mexico, telling how Rangers Maxwell and Tafolla had kept the Ranger's oath.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

FELLOW CAN WORK ANY TIME, BUT HE CAN'T ALWAYS GO TO A BALL GAME! I TAKE 'EM ALL IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, ETC. BECAUSE I ENJOY 'EM AND I BELIEVE IN SUPPORTING THE HOME TEAM."



Community Building

Signless Highways.

At Kansas City the County court has ordered the removal of billboards and signs from the county highway, due notice being given as required by the law. It is too much to expect that the example set in that section will be followed throughout the nation.

One is made to wonder, however, what the country would resemble if the highways were cleared of billboards. They haven't been signless since man began to traverse them and towns to spring up alongside them. The chill tonic reminders of an earlier day have led up logically to the dominating varicolored posters of our own day. What our roads would look like without them only the persons with imagination might conceive.—Dallas Journal.

Boston's Wise Move.

Boston's conservation bureau, a newly created city department, is conducting a series of public meetings to disseminate information on the conservation of human life and public resources.

NUT TREES OF GREAT VALUE

Not Only For Their Product, but for Their Timber, They Are Highly Desirable.

The American Tree association, an organization devoted to the encouragement of arboriculture, asks why nut trees should not be planted along the waysides of this country, both for use and beauty. The obvious answer is that they should. It happens that the nut trees of this country are almost without exception desirable, not only for their nuts, but for every reason that makes tree-planting worth while. They are mostly trees of large size; they are beautiful; and when they are cut the timber which they supply is of high quality.

In his recent work on "Trees as Good Citizens," Charles Lathrop Pack mentions an instance where a black walnut grew from the seed in Pennsylvania and bore seven nuts in its fourth year. That, of course, was an extraordinarily precocious walnut, but the tree in ordinary cases grows rapidly enough to satisfy any reasonable man, and, unlike the growth of poplars and soft maples, it lives to a great old age.—Detroit Free Press.

More Community Houses.

The community house idea is one which is gaining in popularity in many towns. Petersborough, N. H., has a fine modern building for the purpose which was designed in the Georgian style. There is a hall with a seating capacity of 200 to 300, which is used for various social meetings; three rooms, which are occupied by the Historical society's collection, as well as one wing which is used for the rooms of the men's club, and another for the women's. The building was the gift to the town of former Gov. Robert Bass and his mother.

Hamilton, Mass., too, can boast a community house, also in Georgian style. It was given as a war memorial by a prominent citizen. These are only a few of the towns which in one form or another are thus showing their realization of the value of co-operation and community spirit.

Paint Good Investment.

Paint will do wonders for a home. It brings a refreshing appearance, gives a pleasing touch and always in satisfaction to the owner. Probably you have noticed when one home owner points his dwelling that the painting germ soon inoculates all the other home owners near that property. It is an infection that works for better homes. A few dollars for paint is always a good investment.

Imperative Things.

What is needed is the realization that order and cleanliness, care and appreciation are absolutely essential to the city beautiful, whether it exists in fact or is still the dream of zealous citizens.

You Need Not Fail

by Whit Hadley

Here is a man who had every right to and—didn't. Ever hear of Aaron Sapiro, of Oakland, California, who makes \$200,000 a year at the age of thirty-eight?

One of nine children, born in a stable loft, brutalized in an orphanage, he is today recognized leader of the cooperative movement among farmers.

His first ride in any public conveyance, a cable car, was at the funeral of his father, who was killed when Sapiro was nine. His first square meal came when neighbors donated food to the stricken family. His first whole suit of clothes came when his mother placed Aaron and three brothers in an orphan asylum and they gave him a cotton uniform labeled "No. 58." For six years he was brutalized and poorly fed.

Despite these hardships he graduated from the orphanage school with high honors. At sixteen he entered Union College at Cincinnati. Then he worked his way through Hastings Law College at Frisco by sawing wood, pressing clothes, and tutoring.

Incidentally he returned to the orphanage as Superintendent, reorganized it, jailed its brutal keepers, and made it a model institution. About 1914, he developed his scheme of cooperative marketing and became chief counsel to the State Market Commission. At a dinner recently given by Otto H. Kahn, international banker, at which Judge Albert H. Gary, head of the billion-dollar United States Steel Corporation was a guest, he was asked why the California growers were running a rascy way with the Eastern markets.

Talking to Judge Gary, Sapiro said: "Eastern farmers market their products as individuals. They are not organized. Western farmers used to dump their output wherever it was grown. Thus they created a glutted local market from which speculators could buy at their own price. That's bad business. Now, the California farmers, by pooling their products, and having a central business organization of experts to sell them, have adopted the same methods as the great steel industry."

Opera by John

I've never been the bosom friend of social opinion. . . I shy at propaganda which the poster sets about. . . I'm leary of the fellow that would save life's nation, and I fairly howl at the demagogue that tells me how to vote!

Supremely interested in a healthy constitution; convinced that at right endeavor is the ruin of peace; with confidence the sure reward of honest exertion. It seems we are to make a long, about face, stick as grease!

I've got the Boxer's moment seems to be the devil's. I want to make the situation any graver, to a hell of a

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HEALTHFUL HINTS

Mrs. Housewife: This newspaper will publish "Healthful Hints" in this form at regular intervals. We suggest you clip this column and paste it in your recipe book.

Patches.—In my opinion it would be a difficult task to beat this as a time saver. Most of us have a bag in which we keep patches, and the same most of us spend a good ten minutes each time we want to match some material. Why not do this? Put a large safety pin on the outside of the bag and each time a new material is put in cut a small sample off and pop on the safety. A glance would then show what the bag contains.

Rubbers.—Rubbers may be kept soft and looking like new if before they are put away they are rubbed with vasoline.

Silver Stains.—Did you know that the water in which potatoes have been boiled is excellent for removing stains from silver?

Rolling Meat.—Next time instead of rolling meat in flour before frying try toasted corn flakes. It gives the meat a delicious nutty flavor.

Perspiration Stain.—A perspiration stain on a silk blouse may be removed by sponging with warm water into which a little ammonia has been added. Then sponge the place thoroughly with clear water (the same temperature). After that press the garment before it has had time to dry thoroughly.

Mildew.—Fighting of stains—mildew is one of the most stubborn to remove. The first thing that should be tried is lemon juice and sunbath. If that fails, try lemon juice and starch, making a paste—then put out in the sun. Chloride of lime may be used as a last resort. It is very strong, so only a few drops may be used at a time.

Table Linen.—Table linen should not be rubbed hard in the wash. It is liable to separate the threads, and besides, the linen does not really need such severe treatment. If linen is just through a wringer the wringer should first be loosened. Never starch real linen. Take down from the line when half dry. The damper the better. Fold evenly and iron with a heavy iron. An eight or ten-pound iron will make the linen look like new. It needs weight on it, as it should be fairly stiff and starch is not used.

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