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## TOWN TALK BY THE TOWN CAT

OLD TOM COMES TO LIFE AGAIN THIS WEEK

The Cat it Came Back; It Couldn't Stay Away. That Pesky Tom Cat Came Back the Very Next Day.

Last evening just as we were turning off the electric lights to curtail expenses we heard the most woe-begone wails that ever rent the air. At first we thought it was Brother Knox trying to wake up Frank Whitesaker to start on their summer's vacation, but when we came to think about it they had been gone a week. Yet those distressing wails that were sent forth that Monday morning between the hours of 1 and 4 a. m. are still fresh in the memory of the citizens of the vicinity of the Whitesaker residence for blocks around.

"Mew, wow, wow," floated out upon the breeze and then we knew that Tom was just getting home from one of his midnight revels. So, going to the door we found him on the back porch in the most deplorable condition you ever saw a tom cat in. "Yes, dad," he replied, in an endeavor to dodge the issue. "You know for a long time I have been endeavoring to live a large, full life, like the woman with a mission, and I have just about concluded that to live that kind of a life will eventually land me in the alcoholic ward."

"What do I care what kind of a life you are trying to live? What I want to know is where have you been?" "Now, dad; don't get off on the wrong toe. I wasger my last year's suit of underwear that you have committed worse things than going over in Mission Bottom to call on your cousin and forgetting to come home."

"Say, by-the-way; don't you know that some of the women of this town 'Touchy'? In what way," we asked. "You see, dad, about the warm weather. The other day I stepped into the postoffice to see if I had got a billet doux from my cousin, Mamer, who is at the coast on her summer vacation. It had been one of those warm days that makes one think shades, and a large fleshy woman stood there waiting for the mails to be distributed vigorously fanning a heated face down which the perspiration was pouring. Meeting my cousin's heated face down which the perspiration was pouring, she is warming up."

"That's all right, old man," said the woman, mistaking my remark, "but if you had on a last winter's petticoat and a woolen bustle and had chased all over town like I have, trying to head off my old man from going to that dance in the country, you'd be warmed up too, so there."

"Of all the times I ever had, that pea nut toot the other night took the bakery." "What's that?" "That pea nut toot? Didn't you hear about it? Well, you see, Gentle Annie Blanchard married Alred—y. I tell you this was "nuts" for the bunch. You can talk about your crawfish feeds and midnight chicken mulligans but they sank into mere insignificance when compared with the anticipated feast. Capt. Long, of the auto squad got next to my friend of the star and by filling him up with hot air, got him to suspend the curfew rules on this occasion. Having fixed the guardian of the law the word was passed along the line, and just about the time yesterday was saying "good morning" to today, there was something doing. The first selection was one taken from one of the latest cat operas in which the leader played a solo on an E flat auto horn, accompanied by big drums, little drums, tin cans, with a few cow bells, etc. and the strains that floated forth on the midnight breeze would make the leader of a Chinese orchestra green with envy. In fact they were so distressing that they scared the bride's sister into engrams, but it failed to awaken the musical sensibilities of the newly wedded pair.

"The next selection was even more hideous than the first. At last becoming desperate the howling mob rendered a regular old-fashioned war

dance that would have made Bill Hill Cody's wild west show ashamed of itself. Even this failed to awaken the newly wedded pair. As a last resort someone got a hay fork and derrick and succeeded in raising the bride and groom from the arms of Morpheus. As they made their appearance at the door the crowd went wild with delight in the fond anticipation of a feed that would have tickled the palate of king and queen of the swamp angel reservation. The bride and groom come forth in all the glory of a peacock at a country fair, and the groom, on behalf of himself and the blushing bride, presented the leader of the bunch with five sacks peanuts.

"Stung again," someone remarked, as the crowd dispersed to their several homes with memories of the pea nut toot fresh in their minds.

"What do you think? The frequenters of Lovers Lane have vamoosed, gone, evaporated, as it were."

"Lovers Lane, where is that," we asked?

"Haven't heard of Lovers Lane yet! Well, that would singe your whiskers, wouldn't it. The road leading to the boat landing, between Damon's hop yard and the river."

"Well, where have they gone to?" "They have transferred their bilings and coolings these moonlight evenings to the big island where the electric lights will tell no tales."

Say dad, you want to get ma and go down to the Star Theater tonight and see the new show. It is just too funny for anything. It will make you laugh so hard that you will burst your buttons off of your suspenders. This is what they have on tonight: A sticky lamp post and the legend of a spinner. And say, you want to see the Romance of an Egg that is going to be on tonight. And then you'll melt away when you hear that song, When the Flowers Bloom in the Spring Time, Molly Dear. Sunday night there will be something new on the canvass.

"What do you think, dad, in my rounds this week I ran across an old running mate, and old tabby cat, and she is chock full of good things. She has invited me to come out to her

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## BUCKING ENGINE CAUSES DELAY

The Steam Launch Independence of Skinner Bros. broke down Saturday on the return trip from Salem and it was necessary to put the gasoline launch, Louise, on the run while the Independence was undergoing repairs. The Louise took a sulky streak Monday morning and refused to run, notwithstanding that all the gasoline engine experts available were pressed into service to no avail. There were between fifteen and twenty passengers ready to start. After waiting until about ten o'clock part of the passengers made arrangements with Harold Fitchard to be taken to Salem in his automobile. Others took the afternoon train for Portland and others decided to wait over until Tuesday. Those who went in the automobile were doomed to disappointment by that machine getting hung up about three miles out of town with a burst-fire. They telephoned to town for a hack to bring them back and they arrived here just in time to see the gasoline launch going out on the trip, the engine having taken a notion to start short after the crowd had dispersed. They got a hack from one of the livery stables and were driven to Salem. The Louise made the trip to Salem and return, arriving home about seven o'clock. The repairs on the Independence have been completed and she is on the run again.

**Eugene to Tillamook in a Day**  
A jolly party of Eugenites on their way to Tillamook where they went on an outing, passed through town last Saturday in a Mitchell touring car. While here they filled up on gasoline and went on their way rejoicing. They expected to arrive at their journey's end in the evening having left Eugene in the morning.

**Licensed to Wed**  
Marriage licenses have been issued to Karl B Kugel and Mary H Kimball S L Alred and Annie Blanchard and Edward Kucher and Sarah Hodge.

## CITY RECORDER RESIGNS OFFICE

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Transacts Routine Business, Pays Monthly Bills and Takes Steps to Perfect Arrangements for the Special Election September 4, 1909.

The city council met in regular session last Wednesday night with all members present with the exception of Mayor Jones, Recorder Robinson and Councilman Mix.

President of the council, Hoffman, occupied the mayor's chair and councilman Hanna performed the duties of recorder.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Councilman Hubbard, chairman of the committee on fire and water, which has in hand the repairs on the city hall, stated that there is a swag in the roof of the building and that it will be impossible to put a new tin roof on until the swag is taken out. Councilman Bohannon, who had made an examination of the building, stated that the outside of the roof were about four inches higher than the center and that before a tin roof could be put on it would be necessary to raise the roof in the center, and he suggested that the committee who has the work in charge proceed at once to have necessary repairs made to the roof before the new tin roof is put on. He made a motion to that effect which was carried.

Councilman Bohannon stated that Recorder Robinson had informed him of his intention to leave the city and that it would be necessary for the council to elect another recorder to fill his place.

Councilman Hoffman said that the office of recorder, being an elective one the council could not legally take any steps toward electing a recorder until Mr. Robinson had tendered his resignation and made a vacancy. He suggested that Mr. Robinson be communicated at Falls City and asked to send in his resignation as soon as possible.

Mr. Bohannon was appointed a committee of one to communicate with Mr. Robinson and to report to the council.

On motion of Councilman Bohannon and seconded by Councilman Hubbard the city marshal was instructed to post up the notices of the special election in accordance with the law.

Councilman Hanna stated that Mr. Robinson, who has the contract for the sprinkling of the streets, had requested him to see what the city would do toward paying for the same. He thought that the city should contribute ten dollars a month for three months.

On motion of Councilman Bohannon and seconded by Councilman Hubbard the council allowed Mr. Robinson ten dollars a month for three months commencing June 15.

Councilman Hanna, who has the matter of procuring the deeds for the city for sidewalk purposes, asked for further time as there was no notary public before whom acknowledgements could be made. His request was granted.

The city marshal informed the council that before leaving the city was out of warrants and receipts. On motion of Councilman Bohannon the chairman of the finance committee was instructed to procure warrant book and receipt book and what other stationery the city was in need of.

On the suggestion of Councilman Hoffman Councilman Bohannon, chairman of the ordinance committee, was appointed a committee of one to see that the law is complied with relative to the special election on the referendum petition.

Councilman Craven reported that he had been advised that county court was about to build a new steel bridge on Monmouth street across the slough between Independence and Monmouth west of town, and that the new structure would be more narrow than the present old bridge.

The following bills were read and ordered paid.  
Ass Robinson fee as recorder \$ 11.40  
Grover Mattison, one day's

work surveying ..... 2.00  
Willamette Valley Co. water and light month of July... 104.00  
J H Eagles, salary as city marshal ..... 51.40  
John Bramberg, building sidewalk in front of Mrs. Garrigus property ..... 115.00

A communication was read from R. Gaines, relative to the refunding of \$6 collected from him as a special license, added attraction of Prof. Homes' Dog and Monkey show at the Star Theater.

On motion of Councilman Bohannon seconded by Councilman Hubbard the same was refunded, in as much as Mr. Gaines pays an annual license for his theater of \$4 per month.

On motion of Councilman Bohannon the council adjourned to meet Monday evening, August 8th in an adjourned session.

## Accidentally Shot Himself

George Conkey and wife went to Dallas Wednesday to attend the funeral of their nephew, Frank Ellis, who was killed by the accidental discharge of his own revolver last Sunday morning in the Josaphine cave, which is located in the mountains in the vicinity of Grants Pass.

Deceased was a son of Mrs. Arthur Moore of Independence and was born and raised in Dallas and had won the respect and friendship of all the people by his upright and manly ways. For the last few years he had been a resident of Grants Pass, where he had charge of a drug store belonging to his father, M. D. Ellis of Dallas.

The remains arrived in Dallas Wednesday morning and the funeral was held in the afternoon and was largely attended by his many friends.

## Contracted Hops at 20 Cents

W. W. Percival last Saturday contracted 40,000 pounds of his 1909 hops to Julius Pincus at 20 cents per pound. D. B. Taylor also contracted 50,000 pounds at the same price. Both parties have about the same amount left upon which to speculate.

Walker Bros., McLaughlin and Burton refused a 21 cent offer this week, preferring to take chances on the market going up instead of down.

## HORSE BREAKS NECK IN FALL

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Sacre of Monmouth fell last Saturday night and broke its neck, having become frightened at the gasoline motor of the Independence & Monmouth Ry. while passing through the pasture in which the horse was confined.

From those who are acquainted with the facts it was learned that while taking a crowd of Masons to their home in Dallas, having come over to attend a meeting of the Independence Masonic lodge, the gasoline car in which they were riding stamped a bunch of horses in a pasture about a quarter of a mile the other side of Monmouth. The horses started to run and the driver of the speeder shut off his power as the horses started to cross the track about twenty yards ahead of the car. After the horses had crossed the track the car started up again and the horses passed on to one side, but as they were about the distance of thirty feet from the track a large black horse running in the rear of the main band stumbled and fell. Those on the car thought nothing of the instance until the car was returning about 1:30 a. m. when it was discovered that the horse was still lying where it had fallen. Those in charge of the car made an investigation and it was found that the horse's neck was broken.

## 'Twas a Glorious Victory

There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing C. V. Pepper of deadly lung hemorrhages. "I could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, Coughs and Colds, Hemorrhages, Hay Fever, LaGrippe, Asthma or any Bronchial affection it stands unrivaled. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by all druggists.

## WE HAVE JUST FILLED

The Bargain Boxes again with broken lines of Shoes

THE 50c BOX is full of Children's Shoes, in sizes 2½ to 3, and Children's Slippers in small sizes. Prices were 65c to \$1.20; now 50c.

THE 75c BOX is full of Children's Shoes and Slippers in broken lines, worth from 95c to \$1.50, mostly sizes 5 to 8.

THE \$1.00 BOX is full of La-

dies' high-grade Oxfords mostly sizes 2½ to 3½ for Ladies and 12 to 1 for Misses.

THE \$1.50 BOX contains a big variety of Ladies' Oxford Ties in Patent Leather and Vici Kid, mostly from our \$2.50 line, in sizes 2½ to 3½. Also Ladies' fine Shoes in sizes 2½ to 3½ worth \$2.75, \$3.00 and \$2.25, now \$1.50.

33 pairs of Ladies' fine turn-sole vici kid dress Shoes, sizes 2½ to 5, in C, D, E, and EE widths, regular price \$3.00, now \$2.25.

## All Tan Oxfords and Tan Shoes Reduced 20 per cent

Those boys' tan outing Shoes, soft as glove, sizes 3, 4 and 5. Now \$1.90 regular price \$2.00. Sizes 12 to 2 now \$1.44, regular price \$1.80.

## Barnes' Cash Store

E. T. BARNES, Pro., Salem

BROKEN LINES in all departments at greatly REDUCED PRICES

## FARMS FOR SALE

102 acres, one mile from town; 45 acres under cultivation; orchard; dug well; 25 acres timber, balance pasture; new modern 7-room house and good barn and fences. Terms. Price \$3800.

277 acres 10 miles from Independence 150 acres in cultivation. This is another of the good buys. Will sell at \$50 an acre.

324 acres 4 miles from Monmouth, 1½ from railroad; 160 acres in cultivation. Good improvements. A good buy. \$30 an acre.

150 acres, within mile of town and railroad. A1 piece of land and fine country home. Rich sandy loam soil. Good improvements. Price \$15,500.

235 acres, almost all in cultivation at \$40 an acre.

## See Us for City Residences

12 room house and basement, barn, chicken houses, windmill and tanks, water system throughout. Dwelling is modern, with patent toilet, bath, laundry in basement, septic tank, etc. Range goes with property. Nothing better in Independence. \$4000.

9-room house and 2 lots in Monmouth desirable location; good improvements. Price \$1500.

An acre of land and 6-room house; good improvements, lumber on the ground for barn and other improvements and goes with place at \$750. Look this up.

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