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For the breeze sweeps over the down;
And it's hey for a game where the gorse blows some home,
And the bracken is beginning to brown.
With the turf 'neath our tread and the blue overhead,
And the song of the lark in the white;
There's the flag and the green, with the bunkers between—
Now, will you be over or in?

The doctor may come, and we'll teach him to know
A tee where no tannin can lurk.
The soldier may come, and we'll promise to show
Some hazards a soldier may shirk;
The statesman may joke as he tops every stroke,
That at last he is high in his house,
And the clubman will stand with a club in his hand
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The palm and the leather come rarely together,
Gripping the driver's left;
And it's good to feel the jar of the steel
And the spring of the hickory shaft.
Why trouble or seek for the praise of a clique—
A clock here is common to all;
And the lie that might sting is a very small thing
When compared with the lie of the ball.

Come youth and come age, from the study or stage,
From bar or from bench—lithe and lean!
A green you must use as a cure for the blues—
You drive them away as you go.
We're outward bound on a long, long round,
And it's time to be up and away.
If worry and sorrow come back with the morrow,
At least we'll be happy today.

—A. Conan Doyle's "Songs of Action."

THE HOBO EDITOR.

"I'll never forgit," mused the refined Hobo, "a winter I put in in a place called Shattagee, up in New Hampshire. I struck that town in the early part of the winter in company with one of the most affable geniuses that ever gev the road a welt. He was a printer, an, say, by the way, will youse fellers that write the newspapers tell me what there is in the printin part that sends the cravin for adventure an agony coursin the veins of the typo? Durn it, if I hain't run across piles of 'em on the road, all men of considerable education an ability.

"Howbeit, this pal of mine what was side tracked with me comin down f'm Montreal welted it inter this here town I was speakin of. He proves to be one of the slickest I ever saw. Talked like a Chesterfield, as the feller sez, an what he didn't know about the fine arts—the drama, books, paintin's an Shakespeare—wasn't categoried as culture. It was blowin up stormy an we wanders inter the 'lectric light station of the town for rebate f'm the storm that was a-brewin outside.

"Well, that pal of mine puts up the sidest game of talk I ever listens to. The engine room was comfortable, an we sits there soakin up the heat, me pal drawin out what the engineer's hobbies was, an me a-backin him up.

"The engineer was a crank on poetry an plays. So, while the snowstorm howls outside, the night force gathers aroun' me pal, the engineer, firemen an the rest, an listens to a treat sich as they seldom heel before. The typo gev a readin on 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' an many others of the defunct William. We all has supper tergether an me pal an meself retires on the couches they fixes up fer us about midnight.

"We wakes about 7 a. m. The night force was goin home, but outside the snowdrifts was in great heaps. The manner in which we got over to the town center baffles description, as the feller sez, but we makes it.

"We finds the only place open the corner grocery an general store. The engineer is still with us, an after invitin us in ter hav some apollinaris he finds out what is the trouble with the storekeeper, who, by the way, seems ter hold about every public office in town. 'Why,' the engineer was saying, 'don't worry over that,' he sez, 'this gentleman is a printer an writer of ability, an his frien here,' meanin me, 'knows how ter run the press.'

"Then we learns what the trouble is. The storekeeper had bought out the weekly county newspaper a few years ago, an while he couldn't write a paragraph without gettin nervous prostration, managed ter make the venture a success financially. He hired a lawyer from an adjacent town ter come over a few days a week an fix up the news gathered in the store by the clerks inter readable shape. The balance of the paper outside the ads was made up of 'boiler plate,' which was bought in Boston. The lawyer editor had not arrived, on account of the storm, presumably, an only one of the printers was on deck. The paper was scheduled ter come out on the morrow, so we goes ter work.

"The storekeeper sets up a box of his best cigars an some refreshments, an while me pal goes ter work up stairs in the printin room I keeps down stairs an interviews every one who comes on their ox sled all about the storm in their neighborhood. Bein possessed of a susceptible imagination, I adds some embellishments of me own.

"I goes up stairs every once in a while, an typo takes notes. 'Good,' he sez, 'that's hot stuff.' So I goes down stairs for more facts. I leaves him up there wearin a worried look for only a moment.

"The man down stairs was a blusterin sort of a fellow, but he was our cringin suppliant, as the feller sez, throughout that day. Everything is proceedin lovely, an the publisher is delighted. The paper has had an uninterrupted record of comin out on schedule time since he had taken it in charge, an sooner than miss it comin out termorrow he would draw on his bank account.

"The other printers, who were all young women, strolls in as the storm calms down some, an the publisher informs them that me pal is editor in chief, copy cutter an foreman. Everything is goin lovely. I comes up with a rainbow story of how Zeke Snodgrass becomes a hero on account of his nigh ox steppin inter the creek on his way in town, an Zeke himself, after he had become imbued with the importance of his adventure, was brought up stairs, where the printers was, an, seein how his name had preceded him as the feller sez, via me, Zeke begins for believe himself an goes over an over his harrowin experiences ter the new editor.

"'War type,' sez the foreman, for that 'A Plunge From Death' story, an put it away for 'First In Storm.' Then I takes Zeke down stairs, an he buys for the crowd. It was a great day.

"No one leaves the printin office for lunch, for the publisher brings up a great spread. Durin the evenin things begin to quiet down. We has a full report of the great storm, an, ter cap the whole story, typo composes an sets up as the muse hits him a dream of a poem called 'A Winter's Tale,' which describes the storm panoramalike. It was a byrrd. All night I jerks the press while the town plugs drop in an comments an admires the paper.

"The paper is a sort of a family institution, regarded so by the subscribers anyway, an they are all aroun in the forenoon next day when the mailin commences. The work is practically off'n our hands then, but when they has a chance ter see the paper they almost loses their breath.

"The former editor was a conservative, narrow, weak hearted sort of a man, brought up on prejudices that didn't exist in the make up of me pal.

"The biggest type in the office was used an the paper was called a 'special storm number,' with 'dispatches delayed in transmission,' by special correspondents from Rollin Creek an Shattagee Junction.

"Every vicinity of a subscriber's home was covered, an they were tickled ter death almost ter read of the news brought in by themselves an of their own narrow 'scapes.

"The poem by typo was pronounced very creditable by the village minister, who was a literary sort of a chap himself, an, although the storm story rather dazed him, still, bein lost in admiration for me pal's enterprise, as it were, he could not fail to give praise, an everybody in town—man, woman an child—followed suit.

"I tell you we was big fellers, especially me pal, for the days that followed, an we were still gettin out the paper, the other editor bein down with the grip. At the invitation of the minister typo gives a Shakespearean readin in the town hall, with me as assistant, speakin a line here and there.

"The sky pilot was so struck on the interpretation that he asks permission to write it up for The Gazoo, an he devotes a column of praise to the magnificent talent of our accomplished feller citizen, meanin typo. I comes in for me righteous share. I'll bet typo has a clippin of that paper with him yet.

"We has money to light the gas with in the days that follows. We is asked to join the church, which we does, not that I was partic'larly interested in such goins on, but typo was a friend of the minister's, so we joins. Typo starts all sorts of wrinkles a-goin. He isn't such a favorite with the men folks on account of his lordly ways perhaps, but he sets the woman folks almost wild. He gits up debatin an literary circles, an every ole gal thinks she ought to give readins in costume.

"Those were darin days in Shattagee. Finally one night, to cap the climax, as the feller says, after a burst of applause for an ovation on 'Home Culture an Home Philanthropy,' typo, as a member of the congregation, moves, an it was carried by a storm of applause, that the minister's salary be raised from $400 to $800 yearly. Typo was irresistible, an while the men folks had been dead sore on any such idee for years past the winnin ways of me pal carried them away momentarily—the old girls especially.

"We goes inside ter congratulate the minister, an he is deeply thankful ter us both. But he sees, an typo sees, that it would be dangerous for us ter remain in town when the wheats come ter their senses, an they sees how they has been hypnotized, as it were, so we leaves town for the midnight express goin east. I never has been near that town sense.

"Typo? Oh, he's out Chiway, I believe. I was readin a 'Chi' paper the year of the fair, an I sees a half column account of a lecture on Shakespeare delivered before Mrs. Potter Palmer an the other eminent ladies of the literary exhibit at the Columbian exposition. I've hearn typo give it before in the same manner, only he had some new wrinkles this time.

"His name was mentioned—but that's another story, as the feller says."

—W. H. Feeny in Boston Herald.

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JUNCTION NEWS.

Clipped From the Times of March 11.

There are several cases of measles in the city at present.

Harden Baker and family expect to leave next week for Eastern Washington.

R H Hill and wife, who were the guest of the Hill brothers, returned to Palouse country Saturday.

Raymond Casebeer and wife left Tuesday morning for Kelso, Washington. They will locate there or at Gray's Harbor.

Fred Beebler is hostler here for the Southern Pacific, having succeeded Woods Jessee, who was transferred to Roseburg.

Frank Wilkinson expects to leave for La Grande next week where he will make his future home. His children are already there and making their home with an aunt.

The carpenters are at work putting in counters and shelving in the rear portion of Hurlburt's store. Mr Hulburt expects his stock of dry goods about March 14th.

The high water did some damage to the bridge by cutting away the embankment at both ends. It is in bad shape and should be attended to at once. Another rise in the river is liable to wash away the bridge.

Edwards Bros have purchased the city delivery business from N J Bryant and possession was given Monday. Floyd Edwards has moved to town and will have charge of one team.

Green Richardson, Dug Perkins and John Alford while taking a raft of logs down to Corvallis during the high water, got as far as Dolges island where they tied up. The raft broke loose and the boys lost their ropes besides.

It is reported that the colony promoters will endeavor to have the name of the postoffice at Monroe changed to Federation. The change is not meeting with general approbation and we doubt if the postoffice department will sanction the new name.

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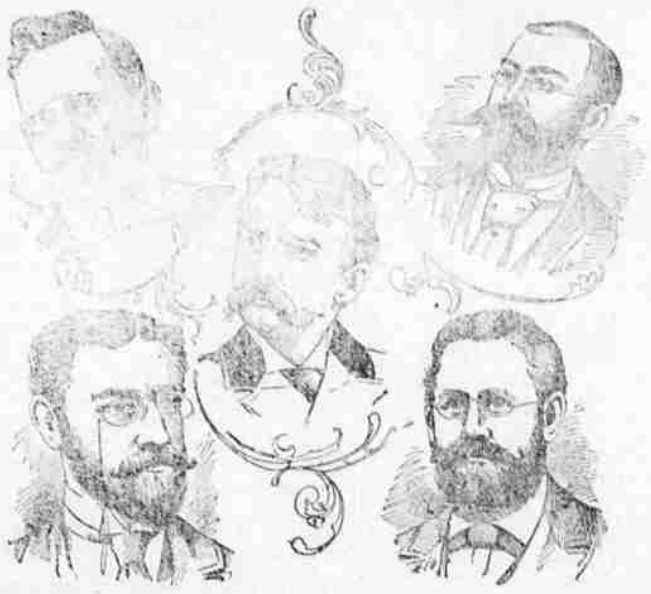

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