

# FUGITIVE FROM TAILLESS CATS

ENGLISH MERCHANTS'  
JOKE COSTLY.

Practical Jest of Mr. Wiggins Exiles  
Him to Escape Wrath of Friends  
—Now After Central Ore-  
gon Investments.

An order for 2,000 Manx cats, given in a moment of levity after a good luncheon, was the cause of Wilberforce Wiggins, a merchant of Liverpool, having to leave business and his family to cross the ocean and seek refuge in the United States until the storm he had raised blows over.

Mr. Wiggins arrived yesterday morning from Portland, and left soon after for the south, saying he expects to do some duck shooting in Lake county with an acquaintance he met in the east. It is hinted, however, that his real mission relates to the development of saline deposits in that territory, and that he actually is a scout for large financial interests looking over the ground before the building of the Strahorn roads.

Be that as it may, Mr. Wiggins, who is a quiet little man with pale blue eyes, told this story to a Bulletin reporter:

Last August he was invited to lunch at the Adelphia Hotel in Liverpool by some of his business associates, and arrived late. As an excuse he explained that his tardiness was due to the receipt of a cablegram from the Indian government ordering 1,000 Manx cats to be sent out by the next vessel sailing for Calcutta. The price offered was four pounds, (\$25) per cat and each animal was to be delivered in a healthy condition. In view of this clause in the order, Mr. Wiggins told his friends that he would have to send out 2,000 cats so that the required number should reach Calcutta in proper condition.

The merchants took great interest in the cable and asked him if he knew why the Indian government should demand so many cats without tails. Mr. Wiggins replied that from what he had heard, the Viceroy intended to present each of the native princes with ten Manx cats and give twenty to the Begum of Bhopal for her contributions to the war relief funds.

Some of the most famous fakirs in India had stated recently that the best way to rid the country of the thousands of poisonous vipers was to hunt them with tailless cats. The ordinary type of cat had been tried, but had proved a failure on account of the vipers nipping their tails, which caused the cats to writhe in anguish and climb the mango trees. They never came down again, it was said, and their ghosts haunted the forests.

Mr. Wiggins went on to say that after he had explained the reason why the Manx variety of cat was required, his friends rose from the table one after the other and said they had friends over in the Isle of Man and might as well pick up a little loose change if the government was going to pay five pounds a head for cats.

When he went out into the hall the head waiter came up and said: "Pardon me, Mr. Wiggins, but would you mind telling me what ship you are going to send those 2,000 cats to Calcutta on, as I have a nephew in Douglas, Isle of Man, who is a bright lad, and I have telegraphed him to buy up all the Manx cats that he can lay his hands on."

The unhappy joker who he was about to explain the truth of the matter to the head waiter when he looked around and saw that the cashier, head porter, three waiters



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and two of the maids were all busy writing telegrams to their relatives on the island to ship them as many cats as they could. It was too much, and he went for a two hours' walk to think it over.

When Mr. Wiggins arrived at his home he saw a crowd outside and feared the worst. His surmise was correct. He saw five telegraph messengers going in and six coming out. To his horror, he found that every member of his family had been telegraphing wildly to friends on the Isle of Man for cats. The wives of the merchants, who were at the luncheon, had telephoned to Mrs. Wiggins about the extraordinary order from the Indian government.

Before midnight, thirty messengers had arrived collect, asking Mrs. Wiggins to send 500 baskets to Douglas by the next day's boat to put the cats in.

By that time there were 1200 cats on the Liverpool landing stage, and the pier dues and costs of food had reached the sum of nearly 100 pounds, Mr. Wiggins said. In addition, the board of health had taken the matter in hand and were considering whether he should be fined two shillings for every cat or be imprisoned for twelve months in the city jail at Bottle.

Mr. Wiggins said that he does not know when he will go back to Liverpool.

### THROW PEPPER, GRAB GOLD

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 7.—Two daylight bandits threw red pepper in the eyes of a Wells-Fargo messenger at the corner of Six and Los Angeles streets, the city's busiest intersection, and grabbed the two bags of gold he carried. In the confusion they escaped with their booty, which amounted to \$5,000. The robbery was witnessed by many people.

### STOCK AWARDED PRIZES

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 7.—At the Portland stock show here today, G. M. Welsh, of Washington, received first prize on Percheron stallions. Second prize went to James Edson, of Carlton, Oregon. E. F. Anderson, of Albany, purchased Golden Duchess, a prize cow, from Frank Brown, of Carleton. Mr. Anderson paid \$320 for his purchase.

### SOUTHWICK REINSTATED

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
SALEM, December 7.—Warden Murphy, the newly appointed head of the state penitentiary, has appointed Al Southwick as turnkey, succeeding Sam Burkhardt. Warden Minto, who was succeeded by Murphy, discharged Southwick recently. His reinstatement is looked upon by his friends as a complete vindication.

# MOOSE MAKING PREPARATIONS

PEOPLE WILL GET MON-  
EY'S WORTH.

Chairman Seimsen Has Had Wide  
Experience in Such Work, and  
Will Have New Things for  
Bend People.

One grand, rollicking time is being planned by the Loyal Order of Moose at their big Carnival to be held beginning next Monday and continuing until night Saturday, in the Hippodrome. On Sunday the Hippodrome will have a far different aspect than it has today. Pitching a circus tent won't have anything on the "bucks" who will lend their ideas for the artistic, as well as their strength, to make the carnival an eye-opener for the big crowd that is expected to attend.

The Moose say they are out for the money, and that they are going to get it, but they are going to give the people of Bend and the entire surrounding country their money's worth every night of the carnival.

Chairman Seimsen has had wide experience in putting over such entertainments as the Moose will give, and all his ideas for giving people a good time have been put into play. The committee is showing enterprise in developing ideas to make the carnival attractive.

**Program is Complete.**  
A special program for every evening has been prepared by the committee, and will consist of the following numbers:

**Monday.**  
Instrumental trio—Hosmer, Bailey and Bradley.  
Contralto solo—Mrs. R. J. Todd.  
Soprano solo—Mrs. N. F. Reed.  
Piano solo—Mrs. H. M. Horton.

**Tuesday.**  
Violin solo—N. G. Schatz.  
Baritone solo—Mr. Kee.  
Soprano solo—Margaret Thompson.

**Wednesday.**  
Soprano solo—Mrs. Bernice Halley Forrest.

**Thursday.**  
Piano solo—Miss Winnifred Reba Aldrich.  
Solo—Fred Lucas.  
Soprano solo—Mrs. Franklin Thorndarson.

**Friday.**  
Banjo solo—George Carroll.  
Tenor solo—W. O. Livingston.  
Soprano solo—Marie Brosterhouse.  
Contralto solo—Mary Linster.  
Minstrel Chorus.

**Saturday.**  
Mardi Gras Ball, dancing all evening.

# PHILIP BROOKS VISITS BEND, INSPECTS HOTEL

Vancouver Capitalist Pleased With  
Progress on New Pilot Butte Inn  
—Elaborate Opening Planned.

Philip Brooks, of Vancouver, B. C., builder of the Pilot Butte Inn, arrived in Bend today to spend the day looking over the work on the new hotel, and is greatly pleased with the advancement that has been made since his last trip some weeks ago.

Mr. Brooks has been busily engaged for several weeks with the details of furnishing the new hotel when it is completed. Already in many outside towns, both in Oregon and Washington, and especially among the prominent hotel men of the state, considerable interest is being manifested in the opening of the new hotel. Mr. Brooks, as yet, is not prepared to announce the opening date, but says it will not occur until the hotel is completed throughout.

It is understood that many people of The Dalles have asked for renovations for rooms on the night of the opening, and it is also understood that parties are being planned from other Central Oregon towns.

Mr. Brooks will return tonight to Vancouver.

### COMPARES TOWNS

Says Bend Has Done Wonders in  
Five Years.

It is little wonder that the enterprising community of Bend wanted to be cut off from Crook county and become a separate county. They evidently want progress and dislike mossbackism. In looking over the official election returns, it will be noticed that the three precincts comprising Prineville, the old home-  
stead of the first mossback in Eastern Oregon, defeated the Pendleton Normal School bill by a vote of three to one. The same vote carried the tax limitation amendment. How different in Bend, where a town has grown to be a city in a year. There progress marks the way to empire, and with a belief that Normal schools produce brains that build cities and empires, they return a majority for a higher education. However, Bend has done in five years what Prineville has been attempting to do for forty—she has built a city and filled

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it with push and energy; with homes and mills and stores, and surrounded them with farms, and the end is not yet. A comparison of the two towns will tell where the vote would be on any public enterprise—Crescent News.

### NOBLE TO CHALLENGE WINNER

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
LONDON, Dec. 7.—Unless Tommy Noble proves an in-and-outer, he will be the next challenger for the fly-weight title following the Zulu Kid-Jimmy Wilde championship battle to be fought here December 18. Noble landed in the center of the spotlight on both feet, modestly yelling "I am here," when he knocked Wilde off his pins in a recent bout at Liverpool.

The knock-down came in the 12th round. Wilde's bony knees were rattling together as the slip of a boy tottered around the ring. Suddenly Noble whipped over to left

hook and the champion took the high dive for the count of seven. He covered cleverly and stayed through the round. Noble lost heart after that recovery by Wilde and the Welsh harp flattened him in the fifteenth. Noble three days previously put up a crude exhibition against Young Joe Fox. Fox, however, is a genuine bantam and outweighed Noble considerably.

If Zulu can win against Wilde, it is a foregone conclusion that Jack Callaghan, promoter of the international bout, will match the American with Noble for a 20-round battle.

### WANTS INVESTIGATION

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Representative William W. Hastings of Oklahoma, introduced a resolution today appropriating the sum of \$100,000 for use in investigating the election expenses incurred in the recent presidential and congressional elections.

# Something To Smile About



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