

ment for taking counsel with Mr. Shaw about cannibals, I tried another tack with the beautiful youth at my side. "How did you like Panama? I fancy the old town is very picturesque."

"Oh, rather!" assented Mr. Vane. "At least, that is what those painter chaps call it—met a couple of 'em at the hotel. Beastly little narrow streets and houses in a shocking state and all that. I like to see property kept up, myself."

"I am afraid," I said severely, "that you are a phillistine!"

He blinked a little. "Ah—quite so!" he murmured, recovering himself gallantly. "One of those chaps that backed Goliath against David, what?"

From this conversational impasse we were rescued by the interposition of the gentleman opposite, whose small twinkling eyes had been taking me in with intentness.

"I did some flittin' about that little old burg on my own hook," he informed us, "and what I got to say is, it needs wakin' up. I might have took a hand in it myself, if I hadn't have met up with Miss Browne and your a'nt. Yes, sir, I had a slick little proposition or two up my sleeve. Backed by some of the biggest capital in the U. S. A.—in fact, there's a bunch of fellers up there in God's country that's pretty sore on old H. H. for passin' things up this way. Kep' the wires hummin' for two-three days, till they seen I wasn't to be switched, and then the Old Man himself—no use mentionin' names, but I guess you know who I mean—Wall Street would, quick enough, anyway—the Old Man himself threatened to put his yacht in commission and come down to find out what sort of little game H. H. was playin' on him. But I done like Br'er Rabbit—jest lay low. Hamilton H. Tubbs knows a good thing when he sees it about as quick as the next one—and he knows enough to keep mum about it, too!"

Three or four rough-looking men, of whom one, a certain Captain Magnus, belonged to our party and the rest to the ship, continued vigorously to hack their way through the meal with clattering knives and forks. Of other sounds there was none. Such gloom weighed heavily on the genial spirit of Mr. Tubbs, and he lightened it by rising to propose a toast.

"Ladies and gentlemen, to her now unfortunately laid low by the pangs of mal de mer—our friend and bony dear, Miss Harding!"

This was bewildering, for neither by friend nor foe could Aunt Jane be called bony. Later in the light of Mr. Tubbs's passion for classical allusion, I decided to translate it bona dea, and consider the family complimented. At the moment I sat stunned, but Miss Browne, with greater self-possession, majestically inclined her head and said:

"In the name of our absent friend, I thank you."

In spite of wistful looks from the beautiful youth as we rose from the table, and the allurement of a tropic moon, I remained constant to duty and Aunt Jane, and immured myself in her stateroom, where I passed an enlivening evening listening to her moans. She showed a faint returning spark of life when I mentioned Cuthbert Vane, and raised her head to murmur that he was honorable and she understood though not the heir, still likely to inherit and perhaps after all Providence—

The unspoken end of Aunt Jane's sentence pursued me into dreams in which an unknown gentleman obligingly broke his neck riding to hounds and left Apollo heir to the title and estates.

(To be continued)

Avoid World's Blind Alleys.

The young man of today does not have to follow the job his father had unless it's the job best suited for him. The wise youth finds out what most appeals to him, and then sees to it that he's the best fellow in that business. Such fellows rise to success in spite of handicaps. Then the world wonders and applauds. It's folly to remain cooped up with limitations when you might just as well be enjoying the fullest liberty. If by chance you get into a blind alley see to it that you get out at once.—Grit.



2 New Shur-on Products

The all shell frame with the invisible joint and the xylonite frame with the inner rim both are attracting favorable attention by their neatness and strength.

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MAY USE MAGNET TO RAISE SHIPS

Submarine Invention Passes Salvage Test of the British Admiralty.

LIFTS 16 TONS OF METAL

Believed That Much of Steel and Metals Lost Through Operations of German Submarines May Be Recovered.

London.—Fishing with submarine magnets for allied ships which strow the bottom of the North sea and the English channel may be attempted on a large scale in the near future if an invention recently placed at the disposal of the British admiralty proves to be practicable in deep-sea salvage operations. It is believed that the device may recover much of the loss in steel and metals caused by the submarines. It is also probable that it may, to some extent, replace the deep-sea diver.

Will Lift 16 Tons. The "submarine electro-magnet" is octagonal in shape, three feet in width between the opposite sides, two and a half inches in depth, weighs seven hundredweight, and is strong enough to lift 16 tons of metal. In salvage work three magnets will be employed simultaneously, in order to get a good hold on the larger sections of armor plate.

Gigantic searchlights will first be turned on the wreck, and after the vessel has been blown to pieces by explosives the magnets will go down to search for anchors, chain cables and pieces of metal. The power will be sufficient to raise all fragments of metal, even though they be encased in wood.

The mechanical diver's possibilities were demonstrated recently at an exhibition at the Albert docks, Silver-town, attended by representatives of the British admiralty, the Port of London authority and the salvage and shipbuilding companies. Into 96 feet of water were thrown several steel girders weighing two tons, some gas cylinders, castings, a section of railway switch and other metallic objects.

Brought Up Girders. Swung by a crane, the magnet dived and, to the amazement of the witnesses, came up with the steel girders glued to its under side. The operation was repeated until the last piece of metal had been raised.

At one stage of the demonstration there was lively competition between a human diver and the diving magnet. The steel railway switch, owing to its peculiar shape, could not be located until a diver had gone down and placed the magnet in contact with the rails.

"The magnet is not intended to supplant divers," said Mr. Neale, head of the Neale Magnet Construction company, in charge of the development of the invention. "It will be of value chiefly in cases of wrecks in deep water, or silted up, where divers cannot go."

"It will also be used for loading and unloading vessels, discharging metallic ores, lifting machinery and loading steel sections from rolling mills. A current of 16 amperes, at a pressure of 220 volts, supplies the power."

FRANCE COMING BACK

Country Making Rapid Recovery From Ruins of War.

Houses Arise From the Ground and Fields Covered With Promising Crops—Population of Devastated Area Optimistic.

Paris.—An impressive picture of the extent of France's achievement in restoring her war-ravaged regions is afforded by M. Loucheur, the minister of liberated regions, in a public statement entitled "The Revival of France."

Official statistics of the destruction caused by the war and the reconstruction accomplished up to May 1, 1921, the minister states, show that "the France of today is the same as France of yesterday, and that in peace as in war she continues to work with steadfastness, courage and confidence."

After showing that 5,154,000 of the 68,400,000 Frenchmen from 19 to 59 years of age mobilized during the war were killed or wounded, the statement presents the following statistics of civic reconstruction.

Inhabitants—Deported because of the war, 2,500,278; returned to France, 1,975,798.

Municipalities—Abandoned, 3,256; re-established, 3,216.

Schools—Before the war, 7,271; re-established, 6,830.

Houses—Destroyed, 789,000; rebuilt, 10,213; repaired, 323,700.

Land—Devastated, 8,240,000 acres; cleared from projectiles, wire entanglements and trenches, 6,881,000 acres.

Agriculture—Farm land devastated, 4,571,000 acres; farms now cultivated, 3,420,000 acres.

Live Stock—Horses and mules carried away, 367,000; restored, 96,303; oxen carried away, 530,000; restored, 120,293; sheep and goats carried away,

463,000; restored, 121,164.

Roads—Destroyed, 32,900 miles; temporarily repaired, 18,825 miles; definitely repaired, 8,426.

Factories (each having at least twenty employees, 1914), 5,297; destroyed, 4,700; resumed operation, 3,645.

"France took up arms only in self-defense, endeavoring at the same time to maintain justice and liberty for the world," said M. Loucheur. "For nearly five years her richest provinces have endured continual martyrdom. And yet by her own means the ruins are reviving, houses arise from the ground, fields are covered with promising crops. The populations of the devastated areas believe that they can rely on the spirit of solidarity of all those who have measured the magnitude of their sacrifice and understood their unquestionable right to the fullest reparations."

OUR TALLEST MAN



Jan Van Albert, 9 feet 5 inches tall, recently arrived in Chicago. Compare his size with little Lew Rose, who is only 6 feet himself. Van Albert cannot travel in a Pullman as the beds are too short. When he goes to a hotel, two beds are put together for him to sleep on.

Bull a Drinker.

Hood River, Ore.—A bull's over-indulgence in the contents of a mash barrel, according to stories of orchardists of the Underwood (Wash.) district, led to the discovery by officers of two stills near Stevenson.

The bull, attracting attention by his drunken stagger and belched maudlinings, evidently was pleased with the effects of the moonshine makings. Officers followed him as he pursued an erratic course through the underbrush. The goal of the bovine toper was a barrel half full of mash. In a hidden cabin, about 100 yards away, was discovered a still.

Veteran Served Sentence of Man Who Saved His Life

Because his "buddy" saved his life in France, Harry W. Haley, known as general prisoner No. 22102, assumed his name, and is serving a six months' sentence in the United States disciplinary barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for desertion, alleged to have been committed by his friend.

EXTEND PACIFIC OIL FIELDS

Prospectors Plan Development Under Australian Mandate—Several Parties in Field.

Sydney, N. S. W.—The search for oil which has been going on with meager results for years in the large island of Papua has been extended to the portion known as German New Guinea, where it is said there are much better indications. This territory is now under Australian mandate.

Experts of the Anglo-Persian Oil company, which has an agreement with the commonwealth by which each will share in the benefits of any discovery, are prospecting thoroughly. Several private parties also are in the field.

Oil prospecting is being retarded, however, because the Australian government has not decided on a land policy for mandated territories.

HANGMAN OBJECTS TO SLURS

Declares He is a Perfect Gentleman and That His Calling is Honorable and Useful.

Budapest.—The hangman of Hungary has risen to indignant defense of his calling and denounced those who cast slurs upon it. He was prompted by sneering references made in the Hungarian national assembly. Friends of former Emperor Charles and the anti-Hapsburgs are always quarreling there, and in some cases have shouted at one another, "The hangman is your friend."

Michael Ball, the official hangman, has resented such slurs.

"My vocation," he writes to the

president of the national assembly, "is as honorable and useful as that of judges, lawyers, ministers or kings. Why should the old superstition hold in modern times that the hangman's profession is disgraceful, abominable and loathsome? My friends are all perfect gentlemen and any member of parliament can consider it only flattery when he is called my friend."

New Gold Strike Made.

Anchorage, Yukon Territory.—Strikes of gold quartz apparently bearing more than \$100 to the ton in a district thirty-nine miles south of here are reported. Prospectors are stampeding to the area of the discovery. Men returning from there said a dozen big fissures of quartz, heavy in gold, have been uncovered within a region twelve by seven miles. The first strike was reported at Gridwood.

Shedd Shots

It is reported that Miss Anna Pennell is improving in health.

E. A. Starnes and family and Grandma Starnes, Mr. Starnes' mother, visited at the Ralph Dannen home Saturday.

J. W. Sprenger and wife were Albany callers Friday.

The infant son of Ray Dannen and wife is reported past all danger if no complications set in.

Mrs. Amy Dannen is visiting with her mother, Mrs. S. B. Savage. She expects to visit in Halsey for a week.

For the Thanksgiving Season. Lisk Granite Turkey Roaster, with cover, the proper utensil for the kitchen, \$2.50 to 5.50. We also have the Universal Food Chopper in four different sizes at No. 10...1.75 No. 1...2.50 No. 2...2.85 No. 3...3.25. Complete line of National Mazda Lamps always carried in stock. Cross & White

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Jots and Tittles

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Lawrence Wells left Monday for Eugene.

Enoch Thompson and family were seen whizzing through town Sunday.

Mrs. P. J. Forster and Mrs. L. A. Pray were Monday passengers to Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes attended the football game at Corvallis Friday.

P. J. Forster and wife were passengers to Albany Saturday morning for the day.

Mrs. J. C. Bramwell left for Cottage Grove last Saturday to spend a day or two.

Miss Cleona Smith came home from school at Eugene to spend the week end with her father.

J. C. Standish left for Portland Saturday morning to spend Sunday with his son, Everett Standish.

Mrs. E. E. Gormley left for Harrisburg Monday for a couple of days' visit with her daughter and family.

The November apportionment of funds to the 128 school districts in the county is \$27,698.62 in the aggregate.

Mrs. Douglas Taylor and son Lawrence left for Albany Saturday morning in their car, returning that same evening.

Mrs. Iva Galbraith of Sweet Home was an arrival Monday and was motored to the W. R. Kirk home for a visit.

Mrs. C. T. Cook was taken seriously ill last week and has been under the care of a physician. She is reported improving.

Frum's warehouse has been duly christened by Young America on roller skates. A jolly crowd has put in much of the week there.

Faithful republicans are after our postmaster's job and expect to get it in January. If the successful one is as satisfactory to Halsey as Mr. McWilliams we shall all get along very well.

The attendance at the Rialto Friday showed that a good, honest, heart-stirring show can draw in Halsey better than a sensational one.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLain of Eugene spent the week end at the home of Mrs. McLain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Sheldon of Brownsville.

M. W. Windom of Harrisburg returned from Brownsville Monday. He is a relative of the Ty-cers and spent the week end with them.

J. Fite is the new pastor of the Christian church at Brownsville and is expected to make a brave fight against the devil and all his works.

Mr. Anensen, baker for the Dawson bakery of Brownsville, left for Portland Saturday, via Halsey, to spend Sunday with his wife and daughters.

Adolph Garnjohet of Salem, father of Dr. Garnjohet of this city, left for home Saturday morning after spending a week at the Garnjohet home.

Professor English of the high school and Postmaster Dean McWilliams were in full swing at the O. A. C. football game at Corvallis armistice day. They were accompanied by their wives.

Mrs. Susan Lowell of Eugene, about 80 years of age, died last Saturday morning and was buried Monday. She was the aunt of Mrs. Eldon Cross and both Mr. and Mrs. Cross attended the funeral.

W. J. Lane, the Brownsville jeweler, came over Sunday and took the Halsey jeweler, Archie Cornelius, home with him. There they "talked shop" and other things and made the return trip later.

Roxie McCune of Brownsville was in Halsey last Friday to meet the train from Salem which had on board Miss Leila Cushman, a teacher in Salem, whose home is in Brownsville. Miss Cushman remained over the week end.

Dr. Barnum in his car obeyed the injunction to "stop! look! listen!" at a railroad crossing on his way home from Halsey to Harrisburg last week Tuesday and even then a freight train shot across the road close behind his car when he crossed the track. Not only do some trains pass crossings without sounding bell or