

# COMEDY OF LOST NUMBERS

(Original.)  
"Oh, Maria, I'm ruined! Our wedding will have to be postponed."  
"For heaven's sake, George, what's the matter?"  
"I've lost twenty \$100 bills."  
"Where? What nonsense! If I knew where, wouldn't I go and find them? I've been robbed."  
"Robbed!"  
"One of the customers of the house came into the office last evening when I was alone and insisted on paying me \$2,000. I told him that I would not receive it, as the safe was locked and I didn't know the combination. Then he said he had to take a night train for New York and I must receive it, as he wouldn't carry it with him. Fearing he would report me to the firm and they would blame me, I consented and gave him a receipt. After he had gone I put the bills in my inside pocket and started for home. I can remember leaving the office and walking a short distance; then my memory stops. At the end of a blank I was lying on the sidewalk, with a crowd around me. The first thing I did was to put my hand in my pocket to feel for the bills. They were gone."  
"Gone? Oh, George!"  
"A couple of policemen took me home, and another persuaded me to go to bed."  
"But what was the matter with you?"  
"Why, the policemen say that I was undoubtedly followed by some person or persons who sandbagged me and took the money. Any one could see into the office, for the gas was on and the curtains not drawn. They may have seen me counting the bills and making a memorandum of their numbers after the customer had gone."  
"You have the memorandum?"  
"That's what troubles me. If I had that, the bills could be recovered. I can't remember what I did with it."  
"Don't distress yourself, George, dear. Since you remember making it, we must find it. First the office must be ransacked."  
"The office has been ransacked. I don't believe I left it there."  
"Nor I. It would be more natural for you to take it with you. I hope you didn't put it in with the notes."  
"I don't know whether I did or not. My head aches yet, and I can't remember much of anything."  
"Do they blame you at the office?"  
"Oh, yes. They say that I had no business to receive the money."  
"And do they intimate—have they shown any disposition to suspect you?"  
"They don't say so, but they look it."  
"George, that memorandum must be found. You may have put it in some safe place in the office so unusual that it will be very hard to find it. You must attend to that. I can't help you. If you put it in any of your pockets, I will find it, for I will go home with you and turn them all inside out."  
"Mother has done that already. No, nothing can be done. There's no hope of tracing notes the numbers of which we don't know. We are taken from a height of happiness and plunged into an abyss of misery. Tomorrow instead of being married I may be behind bars."  
"Cheer up. Come; let us go to your home, and I will make a search."

"First give me your coat."  
"Here it is."  
"Now your vest and trousers."  
"Here they are."  
"Your hat. You may have put the money in the lining. No; it is not in any of your pockets nor your hat. Did you have on gloves?"  
"No."  
"You wouldn't have put it in your shoes. I've examined all your outer clothing. I don't suppose you have any pockets in your underclothing?"  
"Not except in my nightshirt, in which I have a pocket for my handkerchief, but (contemptuously) I didn't have on my nightshirt on the street."  
"Certainly not. Have you got on the shirt you had on when you were robbed?"  
"No. Mother gave me a clean one to put on this morning."  
"What did she do with the soiled one?"  
"Oh, my dear, you are wearing me out."  
"If you will get me the soiled shirt, I'll not trouble you any more."  
"Here it is in the closet. But I must say that it seems very ridiculous to overhaul a shirt to find a memorandum. But father gave me a long lecture the other night to serve me, after being married, about the singular ways women have of getting at things, and it may be that after all (very contemptuously) there is some connection between \$2,000 and a soiled shirt. Here it is."  
"Where is the collar?"  
"Oh, that's in the closet too. I suppose you want the cuffs?"  
"Yes, I do."  
"Well, here's the whole thing. By thunder!"  
"These marks in pencil on the cuff! What are they?"  
"The numbers of the notes."  
"Thank heaven!"  
"You mean 'thank you,' father's right. Women do have queer ways of getting at things. Give me a kiss—another, another, a thousand!"

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**ANIMAL ODDITIES.**  
The raven is among birds what the fox is among animals, the embodiment of shrewdness.  
The eyes of ants appreciate the ultra violet rays of light which are beyond human range of vision. Therefore the ant sees a color of which we can form no conception.  
The horned ray or skate is 25 feet in length by 30 in width. Off the coast of Newfoundland is a species of cuttlefish with arms sometimes 30 feet long, so as to be 60 feet from tip to tip.  
**TALES OF CITIES.**  
The city of Cleveland is to get rid of its 134 grade crossings at a cost of \$10,000,000. Half this expense will be borne by the seven railroads interested and half by the city.  
For several years past suicides have been increasing in Chicago at a rate far in excess of the increase in population. Three hundred and fifty-six suicides in 1900 were followed by 399 in 1901 and 439 last year.  
**COLLEGE AND SCHOOL.**  
The University of Cincinnati graduates this year its first class of electrical engineers.  
Dean James Barr Ames of the Harvard Law school has been elected to the Dane professorship of law at Harvard, the chair made vacant by the death of the late Professor J. B. Thayer.  
Chemistry students in Heidelberg university in Germany are compelled by the rules of that institution to insure their lives. Even those who merely attend the lectures and do not experiment must insure.

**LIPTON'S NEW YACHT.**  
Speak softly, Sir Thomas Lipton, and carry a big stick in your yacht.—Chicago Tribune.  
The reports of the performances of Shamrock III sound very much like those from Shamrock I, and II.—Exchange.  
The new Shamrock continues its series of triumphant victories on the other side of the Atlantic. But the cup happens to be on this side.—New York World.  
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**The Gonorrhoea Germ.**  
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# TO LESSEN DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRES

**Bureau of Forestry to Watch Their Burning and Study Preventive Means**  
Last year within two weeks over \$12,000,000 worth of timber and other property was destroyed by forest fires in Oregon and Washington. This enormous loss occurred upon a restricted area and represents only a very small part of the annual loss from this source. Every timbered region of the United States suffers year after year from fire. The annual loss is estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Forest fires have been regarded as almost inevitable and few systematic attempts have been made to prevent or control them except in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota, which have efficient systems of fire protection. The Bureau of Forestry has this year undertaken a thorough study of the forest-fire problem in several different regions. It has placed men in forest districts to study fires while in the progress of burning. Instead of waiting until the fires are over and relying for information on local reports, as has been done heretofore, the fires are now being observed by the Bureau's agents and full data will be obtained as to how they were caused, how fast they burn, what conditions favor or hinder them, and just what damage they do to the soil and to tree growth. Each agent of the Bureau has been assigned to a district and is investigating all fires that occur within his territory: For example, one man studies a lumber tract, another a farming district, a third a turpentine orchard, etc.  
In connection with this detailed study, the agents will observe the methods of fire protection practiced by railroads and other owners of timber lands. The fire warden systems of the states which have forest-fire laws, and the patrol system in use on the Federal forest reserves will also be observed closely.  
By such methods the Bureau of Forestry hopes to replace with carefully gathered facts the vague general notions that now exist about forest fires. When the problem is solved for any particular region, the Bureau will be ready to recommend methods of fire prevention and control for the private land owner, and to suggest forest-fire legislation for the various states.  
The investigation is now in progress in northern Florida and southern Alabama and Georgia under the direction of Ernest A. Sterling. H. J. Tompkins with a small corps of assistants, has begun the work in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Later in the season a study of forest fires will be made on the Pacific coast.

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# BASE BALL SETTLED AT LAST

**Four Teams to Comprise the League—First Game 24th Inst**  
Mike Fisher Short and Hank Harris Flanagan, took a trip over to Coquille Friday to attend the base-ball meeting called in that city. Representatives from the five towns were present—Coquille, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Marshfield and North Bend, represented by Chas. Baxter, Robt. Bedillion, John Curren, W. H. Short and J. W. Flanagan.

The question was discussed and discussed as to the advisability of running a five team league and the different delegates came to the conclusion that it would be neither practical nor possible from a financial standpoint.  
A four team league was formed and one town, Myrtle Point, was dropped from the list. Of course it is rather a hard thing to drop any town when we have such a circuit to draw from but it was up to one thing and owing to the fact that Myrtle Point was the hardest point to get to, that it has never been a base-ball town in the past prompted the delegates to vote for the other four cities.  
Everything went off openly and above board and there is no reason to believe that Myrtle Point will feel sore over the result. The first games of the season will be played on the 24 inst between Marshfield and North Bend at Marshfield, and Bandon and Coquille at Coquille City.  
Dr. C. W. Tower President of the league will pitch the first ball over the plate at Marshfield and E. J. Sherwood secretary of the league will perform the same office at Coquille.  
We have every reason to believe that baseball will have a thriving season in Coos county and we wish it all the success possible.  
Following is the schedule:

**Schedule of Games of Coos County Base Ball League for 1903.**

Team	Home	Opponent	Date	Time
BANDON	At Bandon	Marshfield	July 12	8:00 P.M.
		Coquille City	July 15	8:00 P.M.
		North Bend	July 19	8:00 P.M.
COQUILLE CITY	At Coquille	Marshfield	Aug 5	8:00 P.M.
		Bandon	Aug 12	8:00 P.M.
		North Bend	Aug 20	8:00 P.M.
NORTH BEND	At North Bend	Marshfield	July 26	8:00 P.M.
		Coquille City	July 29	8:00 P.M.
		Bandon	Aug 2	8:00 P.M.
MARSHFIELD	At Marshfield	Bandon	July 23	8:00 P.M.
		Coquille City	July 27	8:00 P.M.
		North Bend	Aug 3	8:00 P.M.

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# TIMBER LAND ACT JUNE 3, 1878, NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg Oregon, April 16, 1903  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892  
CAL. W. WRIGHT, of Marshfield, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4069, for the purchase of the NW 1-4 Section No. 22 in Township No. 27 South, Range No. 12 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon at Marshfield Oregon, on Friday, the 31 day of July, 1903.  
He names as witnesses: Jesse Smith, Al Smith, Lester Smith, F R Taylor, of Marshfield, Oregon.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 31 day of July, 1903. 4-25-4  
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

# TIMBER LAND ACT JUNE 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Feb. 5, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.  
WILLIAM W. FRIBBLE, of 191 Monroe St., Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4493, for the purchase of the SE 1-4 of Sec. No. 14, Tp. 26 S., R. 12 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Monday, the 6 day of July, 1903.  
He names as witnesses: Oscar Edwards, of Oakland, Oregon; George Finley, Edw. V. Kump, of Crawfordville, Oregon; E. N. Smith, of Myrtle Point, Oregon.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6 day of July, 1903. 4-25-p  
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

# NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, April 8, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner at Marshfield, Oregon, on May 23, 1903, viz:  
JOHN HENDERICKSON, on Hd. E. No. 6125, for the Lot 11, Sec. 18, Twp. 2, S. 4, R. 19, W. 21 S., R. 10 West.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: Victor Carlson, Post station, L. Larson, Joseph Schappers, of Allegany, Oregon.  
J. T. BRIDGES, Register. 4-15

# TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 27, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.  
GRANT HARRY, of Coquille, county of Coos, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5029; for the purchase of the Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Section No. 25 in Township No. 23 S., of Range 11 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon, at Marshfield, Oregon, on Friday, the 10th day of July, 1903.  
He names as witnesses: Alvin Smith, Lester Smith, Frank Smith, of Marshfield, Oregon; E. N. Harry, of Dora, Oregon.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10 day of July, 1903.  
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