One Time Desperado Made No Impression

A Blackstone farmer, grazing his cows by the roadside and reading a book comfortably against a wall, was interrupted the other day by a dusty stranger who inquired, not without pride:

"Do you know who I am? I'm Remblad."

"That so?" said the farmer, turning a page.

"I've been sleeping in your barn for ten days and I'm getting tired of it."

The agriculturist read on unperturbed. A queer duck, thought the stranger, and he drew a gun from his pocket and announced:

"I think I'll knock that cap off your head."

"I wouldn't," suggested the farmer, glancing up for an instant from his book. "You might hit low and hurt me."

What was the use? After a fellow has achieved fame by escaping from an insane asylum, robbing a score of houses and stores, stealing a gorgeful of automobiles and thumbing his nose at the police of two states and a dozen towns for weeks, here was a hick who preferred reading a darned old book to listening to his heroic tale of adventure.

Remblad snorted disgustedly, pushed the gun back into his pocket and trudged gloomily off down the road. And the Blackstone farmer just turned another page.—Providence Evening Bulletin.

Elephants Must Be Allowed to Increase

Elephant hunting in the jungles of India is becoming more difficult because of the thinning of the herds. There was a time, not many years ago, when the elephant drive always yielded a good harvest, say 100 or more young ones, from which a number of perfect specimens could be selected. But now the hunters are fortunate if they get eight or nine good ones from a hunt.

Some of the young elephants are selected for training and are divided into groups of various numbers, depending upon the circus acts for which they are to be used. Others are taught to carry a howdah and allow children to ride on their backs.

Elephants always are caught in the dry season, says John T. Benson in Popular Mechanics Magazine. At that time their natural food is the poorest and they have to tramp for miles to get a good meal. As a result, they are in poor condition and have to be fed for weeks before they can stand their first sea voyage.

Elephants are subject to numerous ills. They require much nursing, but once they become acclimated they will, with proper care, live to a great age.

"Miss" Not Old Title

Denmark's decision to abolish the equivalent of "Miss" and address all women, married or single, as "Mrs." recalls the comparatively recent origin of the distinction in feminine titles in England. Until the Seventeenth century "Mistress" was the correct form for all women, and the diminutive "Miss" dates only from the time of Charles II. Contemporary evidence goes to show that the term was not intended to flatter, but rather to denote the inferior status of the person who lacked a husband to provide her with the more dignified title. But it evidently supplied a want, and quickly passed into general use—except among the purists. Lady Mary Wortley Montague records that in her childhood dignified old ladies refused to use the vulgar new term, and addressed even little girls as "Mistress."

Outcasts of Paris

Although Paris has a municipal regulation which expressly forbids persons from sleeping under arches of the Seine bridges, there are 4,000 persons making use of these shelters as lodging houses. Many are old and incapacitated, some are alcoholics and some plain tramps. The Salvation Army tries to look out for these unfortunates. Every night of the year a pair of "comrades" makes a tour about the bridges, one carrying a lantern and the other a kettle of soup. This is handed out to persons found under the bridges, and where it is possible efforts made to reclaim them.

Cobblers Famous in 1316

As long ago as 1316 there were cobblers who grew rich in their trade and gave credence to the old saying that "the cobbler should stick to his last." One cobbler of that time was found to have 18,000,000 gold florins.

Nathaniel Ward, an Englishman, born in 1570, was a scholar of high rank and in his later years a cobbler of note. He graduated at Cambridge, traveled the Continent, became a theologian and as a Puritan came to Massachusetts and formed the first code of laws in New England. He was the author of the satiric work "The Simple Cobbler of Agawam."

No Night Letters Then

Means of communication has been a problem among men from the beginning of time when one group set out to conquer or explore the world. Fire arrows were one of the earliest forms of communication telling one group the location of the other, but mirror signaling as practiced in Persia by the Persians, Babylonians and Egyptians, is probably as old a form of signaling as is known. The burnished shields of the warriors acted as mirrors when flashed against the sun.

SILVER LINING

There had been a blowout, and the father of the family was perspiringly and profanely changing tires.

"I don't see why you have to talk that way," said his wife reproachfully. "You act as if it were a total loss. You never see the good in things."

"Well, what good is there in this?"

"Why, it tickled the baby so. He laughed right out loud when it went bang."

Last Hopes

First Man—Ah, it's a wonderful experience I have on a holiday, when I go out into the great forest and wander among those splendid trees and commune with nature, absolutely alone with no one to bore me!

Second Man—It must be great. Next time I'll go with you.—Pathfinder.

A CHEAP WIFE

Bridegroom—How much?

Officiating Clergyman — Whatever she is worth to you.

Bridegroom—Can you cash a check for $2 and give me the change?

Musical Mystery

Mysterious and all profound
The ways of music are.
The worse a tune is made to sound
The more it's "popular."

Not His Machine

Brown—Your lawnmower woke me up at six o'clock this morning.

Green—No, it didn't.

Brown—Do you mean to say you weren't cutting your grass?

Green—I was cutting it, but the lawnmower belonged next door.—Good Hardware.

Lacked the Thrills

"I thought you gave up motoring for aviation."

"I did, but it was too tame. There isn't any fun going 120 miles an hour when you know there's no speed cop to chase you, or pedestrian to bowl over, or express train to beat."

The Pink of Condition

"Norah," said the mistress to the new maid, who had recently landed from the other side, "do you feel like feeding the goldfish?"

"No, ma'am," replied the maid. "I feel quite well, thank you."—American Legion Weekly.

NEWLY WEDS

"I wish we had been married years ago."

"Me, too—we would have been divorced by this time."

Up, All Right

Into our garden
Came a pup,
And now our radish
Seeds are up.

Making It Plain

"Please give me Mr. Dill's telephone number."

"Is the initial "B" as in Bill?" asked the operator.

"No, it's Dill as in pickle."—Telephone Review.

Didn't Pass Fast Enough

Joyce—Tom used to boast that his love for pretty girls was just a passing fancy, but I hear he's married now.

Jack—Yes, he lingered too long in passing the last one.—Stray Stories.

His Status

Man (to young clerk behind counter)—Are you the head of this business?

Clerk (who is the grocer's son)—No, I'm only the heir of the head.

Cosmetically Speaking

Young Wife—You know that whenever we have a quarrel I am the first one to make up.

Hub—That's all right; you need to after your weeping.

One Thing Lacking

Judge—Well, Eph, your wife's acceded to your wishes and got a divorce. Are you satisfied now?

"Satisfied! Don't I git no alimony?"

Human Brain Heaviest

The human brain is larger and heavier relatively to the size and weight of the body than the brain of any other animal, with the possible exception of some of the smallest birds and mammals. It is larger and heavier absolutely than that of any other animal except the elephant and the larger whales.

MORGAN NEWS

Most of the Morgan people attended the reception for Mr. and Mrs. John Krebs Thursday night. All report a good time with a plenty of good eats.

Miss Martha Wilson came up from Portland, Thursday, and stopped off hepe befoae going on to Heppner where she will take up her school duties in the first grade.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ely entertained the young people of Morgan with a porch party Saturday night. The evening was spent in playing games and listening to music. Refreshments of ice cream cake and punch were served at midnight, 1 dozen were 23 present.

Morgan Sunday school will resume, September 5 for the winter. We are hoping everyone will be there.

End of the Trail

The end of every trail in this earth is a hole in the ground. The hole is just wide enough and long enough to accommodate a box with pretty silver-plated handles on it.—Atchison Globe.

He's a Good Digger

The skunk's naked, flat soles are pinkish crossways, says Nature Magazine. The hind feet show no claw marks in the snow but the forefeet have claws which make him one of the best diggers among all the wild folk, surpassed only by the badger and the woodchuck.

Abnormal Food Cravings

That animals eat what their system requires was proved by an African traveler, who noticed cattle eating bones, and concluded, in accordance with scientific views, that the cattle needed the mineral. A German discovered that he could increase the wool of sheep by feeding them partially hydrolyzed keratin.

Pheasant Trusts to Legs

Slower than the grouse, quail or prairie chicken the pheasant, when he rushes, looms as a target that is difficult to miss. Once under way, he makes good time, but the average gunner has him down before he is off to a fair start. The pheasant probably senses that his legs are a safer vehicle than his wings, and hence prefers to run.—Detroit News.

LEXINGTON NEWS

Mrs. J. G. Johnson returned from a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Portland and Astoria, Oregon. Gaey says its great to have a cook again.

Karl Beach and family went to the mountains on Friday evening for a brief vacation. Karl has been quite a busy man these days and could not find time for a longer rest.

School commences next Monday. You can tell by the young sters' faces that some pleasurable event is caming. From all indications we believe the enrollment will be greater than last year.

Mr. Blaine Isom who has been taking care of the Reany ranch while Mrs Reany has bee visiting at Salem, Oregon, has accepted a position with the Union Wil Co. at Heppner.

Miss Nellie Dans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Clark Dans of Salem is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs W. J. Dans.

America's First Play

The American theater established itself as an independent institution in 1787 when a play by an American born and bred in the colonies, was put on the stage of the John Street theater in New York. This, the first native comedy ever put professionally before the footlights of the new world was "The Contrast." The author, Royall C. Tyler, found his inspiration as the historians of drama tell us—and it is pretty obvious anyway—in a few of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "School for Scandal," given at the same John Street theater.—Donald Freeman, in Vanity Fair.

Be Sure About Colonial

There are few if any words used in connection with architecture, decoration and furnishing which convey so many different ideas to different people as the term "Colonial." In its true and generally accepted meaning it refers to the architecture and decoration developed in America prior to the Revolution.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINALACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Perry C. Dennis, deceased, in the County Court of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, and that Monday, the 4th day of October, 1926, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P. M. of said day, and in the County Court Room in the Court house at Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, is the time and place appointed for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof, at which time and place, any person interested in said estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and contest the same.

F. H. Robinson,
Administrator of the Estate of Perry C. Dennis, deceased.

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FOR RENT

Wheat ranch southwest of Ione, stocked and equipped. Will rent as is or will sell outfit to renter.

If interested, write to E. Sink, 1419 E. 17th Street North.

Unduly Alarmed

Little Catherine had just arrived at her uncle's farm on her very first visit to the country. In the yard she saw a hen gathering her brood of chicks under her wing for the night. In great excitement she ran up to the hen, exclaiming: "Shoo! Shoo! You naughty thing! You mustn't sit down on those pretty little birds."—Boston Transcript.

The Cynical Compositor

"Births, Deaths and Mirages."—Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

Jade Long in Use

The name "Jade" is applied to various tough, compact minerals of the pyroxene and amphibole groups. It was used by primitive man for utensils and ornaments. Jade has been found among the relics of the lake dwellers in Switzerland, in parts of France, in Mexico, Greece, Egypt and Asia Minor.

Illinois Leads

The largest known glass-sand deposits in the world are located near Ottawa, Ill.