

What Did He Say?

At one of the Honorable Joseph Chamberlain's speeches in Birmingham the hall was so densely crowded with enthusiastic admirers that exit or entrance while he was speaking was out of the question. Suddenly, in the midst of an especially eloquent appeal, a sour-faced man arose in the front of the house, and shook an accusing finger at the speaker.

"What did Gladstone say in 1872?" demanded the disturber in stentorian tones.

"Put him out. Put him out!" came from all parts of the hall.

"I repeat," continued the sour-faced man. "What did—"

Before he could get any further he was being kicked and jostled down the aisle and out into the street.

A friend, meeting the ejected one the next morning, said:

"Well, they certainly gave it to you good and 'ard at the meetin' last night, an' 'wot's more you richly deserved it. But I say, Jock, just 'wot was it that Mr. Gladstone said in 1872?"

"I really 'aven't the slightest idea. I only know that I 'ad an orful tooth-ache, an' the only possible way to get out of the bloomin' mob was to get thrown out."

Obedience Implicit.

Jim's boss sent him up on the roof to paint it. That was early in the morning. Toward nightfall the boss clambered up the ladder to see whether his workman had flown away or had been eaten by the birds. There was Jim sitting on the edge of the house singing.

"Jim, you lazy piece, what have you been doing?"

"Nuffin."

"Didn't I send you up here to paint the roof?"

"Yassir."

"What else did you do?"

"I went to sleep."

"Why didn't you come down if you had finished?"

"Deed, boss, you jes' said paint de roof. You nevah said nuffin' 'bout coming' down."

Weak Argument by Foes of Big Navy

Opponents of increases in the nation's naval strength advance some weak arguments in support of their contentions. One of the weakest is the query: "Why does not the British fleet go out and attack the German warships?"

The men who ask this question profess to wonder why England does not.

The Call of the Wild—A Short Story

On his eighteenth birthday Augustine Openbottom was presented with a flea. The flea had a pedigree two miles long. Augustine began to train him.

When he was twenty-one years old, Augustine had been to forty-seven eye doctors, and forty-six of them told him he was going blind. He had to use a telescope to eat with, and he had been in the sanitarium twice with nervous prostration.

The flea was still as ignorant as a water plug.

At the age of twenty-three Augustine reported to his friends that the flea would shake hands and bark for his food.

A year later Augustine tied a pink ribbon around his stomach in a bow, and called him trained.

That same day the cook left the door open, and a cur dog came in to visit Augustine. Augustine hated dogs. He escorted the dog to the open with a piece of gas pipe.

Then he turned reassuringly to his trained insect. The flea was gone!

Last chapter:  
Augustine never found the strange dog.

On many of the best salmon rivers in Canada, power works have been or are being constructed, the dams of which bar the salmon's way up to the spawning grounds. To obviate this difficulty, New Brunswick has tried the experiment of erecting close to one of these dams an automatically-worked lift, which raises the confiding salmon to the higher level. The salmon have jumped at the idea.

Workmen on the Rouge river (Ore.) canal set off a blast and thereby uncovered a buried treasure. The coins were of the mintage of the 17's and there were some Spanish coins among them. How the money came to be buried or when or why is unknown. According to some accounts there was about \$500 and to others about \$2,500.

The Chinese government will reopen a pottery that was built in 1396 and which is said to be the only place that has preserved the ancient ways of making porcelain of rare colors and designs.

Something Good.

Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. For sale by Gresham Drug Co.

ALL THE DOINGS OF YOUR HOME TOWN

A practice meeting for Gresham grange will be held at the grange hall next Friday evening if the weather permits. Members and officers are urged to be present.

Miss Beulah Caplinger went to Vancouver this morning.

A sleighing party yesterday had two powerful horses attached to a coasting bob-sled and enjoyed the afternoon making the rounds. The party consisted of Florence Towle, Harriet Chambers, Evelyn Metzger, Miriam Brown, Hester Thorpe and Eckford Cameron.

A license to practice medicine was issued to Mark W. Emery at his recent examination of physicians in Portland. Dr. Emery is a Gresham boy and has been engaged in hospital work for a year, since completing his college course. The examinations are said to be exceedingly difficult and Dr. Emery is to be congratulated.

The double auction sale at the Anspach farm yesterday was a success in spite of the severe weather. Nearly everything except household goods were sold, both by Mr. Anspach and Mr. Beeson, bringing good prices. Owing to the weather the household goods were reserved.

Mrs. Lena St. Clair is spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Rossman in Portland.

Mrs. P. A. Gould writes from La Grande, Oregon, where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Leighton, that she is enjoying a winter of cold weather and lots of snow.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church, to have met at the parsonage Wednesday, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the heavy snows.

An interesting meeting will be held Friday night at the Methodist parsonage under the auspices of the Missionary society. Mrs. Hammond and Miss Honey will address the ladies. Miss Honey will speak especially in the interests of the Queen Esther work. All ladies and Queen Esthers are invited.

The Baptist Missionary society will meet this week on Thursday, February 3, with Mrs. W. R. Burke. Mrs. Burke will be assisted in serving by Mrs. E. A. Leonard and Mrs. Ray H. Todd. An interesting program has been prepared. All ladies are invited.

Charles Crenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Belt and Mrs. Hall went to Crown Point on Saturday evening to attend a dance. They became snow-bound and Mr. Crenshaw with the team is there yet. The others came home on the railroad train from Lat-carell.

Alfred Hammar was taken home from Mrs. Waltman's hospital on Sunday and is on the full road to recovery from his attack of pneumonia. He is able to eat two square meals a day and howls for more.

Emory Roberts, who is in the engineering service of the O. W. R. & N. Co., has been promoted to be assistant engineer on the railroad extension from Vale in Malheur county. He is in charge of the division now being extended from Riverside, a distance of 35 miles.

L. L. Kidder is confined to his home by illness.

Several men and boys are learning to operate skis and find that it is harder work than shoveling snow.

The unfavorable weather has necessitated postponing nearly everything except death and taxes.

Marshal McKinney has had a hard time reading the water meters this month, having to use a shovel and pick to find some of them buried beneath snow and ice.

Mrs. Tilda Lotham is said to be the only professional cook to be elected a member of the parliament of her country. She is one of the twenty-one women elected to the parliament of Finland.

UNION REVIVAL MEETINGS PLANNED

At a meeting Sunday afternoon of the workers and pastors of the Methodist, Baptist and Free Methodist churches, plans were adopted for the carrying on of a union revival campaign during the coming weeks. An earnest sermon on "Prayer" was preached by Rev. Wm. Plumlee, after which Rev. A. C. Tibbits was called to the chair and methods were discussed.

Committees were appointed as follows: On music—C. E. Rusher, David Cathey, Mrs. Clannahan. On cottage prayer meetings—Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Rusher, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Pitts. On publicity—Rev. A. C. Tibbits, Rev. Wm. Plumlee, Rev. A. C. Brackenbury.

It was announced that one hundred and fifty copies of a revival song book had been ordered for use in the meetings.

It was planned to hold prayer meetings in the various churches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights this week and it was hoped to begin the special meetings next Sunday.

A movement of this kind, three churches uniting in services to be conducted by the pastors themselves, is something new and will certainly commend itself to all thoughtful people of the locality. It is hoped all will show their approval of the plan by a hearty co-operation.

Kites in Radio Work.

The latest development in wireless is the use of kites to carry the aeriads. A Boston man, working in connection with the Massachusetts militia during recent maneuvers, showed that by the use of kites the sending range of a field wireless set, such as is carried by most army signal corps, can be increased from the old value of 30 miles to 150. The receiving range was extended until waves from the Bermudas were caught in Massachusetts.

By means of three box-kites of the aeroplane type flown in tandem, the antennae were sent up to a height of 500 feet. In former experiments of this kind the usefulness of the arrangement was paralyzed by the fact that they swaying of the kite changed the height of the wire and thus confused the radio waves. By means of a patented device, this inventor has secured a fixed wire-length no matter how the kite dips.

Further work is being done on the idea in the light of actual practice and it is expected that the sending range will be increased to 300 miles and the receiving to 2,500.

His Definition.

A witty judge of the municipal court of Boston stoutly declared that "a patriot was a man who refused to button his wife's lingerie waist."

"A martyr," he went on, "is one who attempts and fails, while a hero tries and succeeds."

"Then what is a coward?" asked a curious bystander.

"Oh, a coward," replied the judge, "is a man who remains single so he won't have to try."—Youth's Companion.

Tommaso Salvini, the world famous Italian actor, who died the other day, forbade his sons acting in Italy during the years of his own activity on the stage, although three of them, Gustavo, Alexander and Tommaso, were thespians. The father's namesake is said to be the most talented of the trio.

Italy is now producing dealcoholized wine, a drink that differs from unfermented grape juice in the same way a lion with his teeth pulled does from a cub that has not yet cut its molars and incisors. It is said to be pleasant and nourishing, containing all the ordinary wine ingredients except the bite.

According to official Italian figures, the 1915 crop of cereals grown in the northern hemisphere exceeded the average crop of the last five years by more than 73,000,000,000 pounds.

It did not need a Ford peace expedition to drive Old Man Winter out of our trenches.

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Portland's unusually good health is emphasized in a report of City Health Officer Marcellus yesterday to the effect that during the whole of January not a single case of smallpox was reported anywhere in the city. There were only six cases of diphtheria and nine cases of scarlet fever. This is a record never excelled in Portland, according to past health reports.

The fact that smallpox has been entirely wiped out is considered remarkable, inasmuch as there has been much of the disease in other cities, and it is a disease common to the winter months.

James Morrison Heady died recently in Louisville, Ky., an honored citizen and a successful man, although for years handicapped by total blindness and deafness. Accidents in early life destroyed the sight of both eyes, and when he had conquered this defect by becoming an expert musician deafness robbed him of that field at the age of forty-five. This, too, he overcame by writing music and books for children. Mr. Heady was a skilled horseman and great pedestrian. His striking appearance, his gentleness and his writings of juveniles made him a tremendous favorite among Louisville children and he was no less popular among the adults; all in all, a very remarkable man.

When the duke of York was living in Edinburgh in 1681 he was told that a certain shoemaker named Paterson was the best golf player in Scotland, and him, the duke, later James II, chose as partner in a foursome, winning a huge stake. He promptly turned over the money to Paterson, who forthwith built a house in which the duke placed a stone with a Paterson crest bearing the motto, "Far and Sure."

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ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$ 97,814.28
Stocks and bonds	16,950.18
Banking house	25,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,260.40
Other real estate	4,186.00
Due from banks and bankers	45,307.98
Cash on hand	16,358.37
Other assets	260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$209,137.21</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Individual deposits	89,949.88
Demand deposits	6,815.90
Savings deposits	28,284.42
Time certificates	27,863.19
Postal savings	6,161.53
Undivided profits	62.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$209,137.21</b>

The First State Bank was officially examined by the State of Oregon, January 25th. The examination made as of January 24th.

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