

Letter of a Bad Boy

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WELL, Santa Claus, I guess it's up to me to write an' tell About a thing or two you might get twisted on, an'—well, Fergit to come or put a snowball in my stockin', like You left last Chris'mas when you come, to fool my brother Ike. First thing, I'll tell about that day I didn't go to school, But went away to hunt for rabbits 'long with Andy Kool. Well, that was Andy's fault. He said if I'd go 'long he'd see That no one knowed, then went an' told an' blamed it all on me.

I s'pose you've got it in for me because the other day I had that fight with Stringy Keys an' licked him so. Well, say, I guess if one o' them air Ekymaux up round the pole Would pull your reindeers' tails like Stringy did my dog's an' to! The other boys he yelped that way because he had the fleas You'd want to hit him on the nose, like I did Stringy Keys. So please excuse, an' if you know of any other fight That I was in I'll fix it up with you next time I write.

I guess I'd better mention 'bout that pie that disappeared So strange a night or two ago, an' mother said she feared A burglar'd been around. You know, dear Santa, that was me Or else I wouldn't bring it up right now. But then, you see, I'm telling everything, so if my pa or ma should write An' mention things you'll understand I've told them, honor bright! I guess that's all. I hope you'll bring the watch an' skates an' gun, A boy that's spected to be good has got to have some fun.

Our Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

By A. C. Howlett.
Since my last, Mr. Peeler of Florence Rock and Mr. Johnson of the Prospect works came out on the Prospect stage and spent the night here, and went on the next morning to Medford. Mr. Peeler had gotten almost home from Jacksonville, where he had been to appear before the grand jury, and was overtaken by Deputy Sheriff Roy Ashpole, who subpoenaed him to return and appear again before that august body. Mr. Johnson had been working for the P. C. Co. most of the summer and concluded to take a lay-off and go to visit his mother in California.

Mrs. L. E. Wright and daughter, Miss Hazel, who have been visiting relatives in Medford for some time, came out on the P. & E. Tuesday evening, and the next morning took the Prospect stage for her home at the P. C. Co.'s camp, where her husband is engaged as blacksmith.

Grandpa B. W. Harnish has an ad in this week's Weekly Mail Tribune. Last Tuesday the Ladies' Improvement club of Eagle Point held a sale of a number of articles that had been made, such as aprons, pillow shams, etc., and served a chicken dinner in Spiker's hall. The result was that they secured in cash just \$70 and the disposal of the funds will be left to a committee of ladies appointed by the club. It is altogether unnecessary for me to say that they had a good time when I say that there were over 100 who took dinner and paid for it, besides a number who could not attend until after noon. The dinner was superb.

Mike Sidley, Sr., was around among us a short time ago soliciting funds to repaint and re-roof the Catholic church, and the result is that Mr. Wamsley and Mr. O'Hara ("Red") are now at work on the building. Mr. Wamsley stated when he came in for dinner Friday that every pane of glass in the building had been broken out by some of the narrow minded bigots, except seven. That work was done several years ago and I am glad to say that we are about rid of that class of hoodlums.

W. W. Willis, postmaster of Perisid, came out and went to Medford on business, returning Thursday. He is one of our whole souled, level headed citizens and always has a good word to speak for Oregon.

Mr. Mike Sidley, Jr., and his two sisters, Julia and Helen, of Lake Creek, spent the night with us last Tuesday on their way from Medford. Mr. Sidley speaks encouragingly of business in his section.

The many friends of John W. Smith and his bride, nee Clara Stowell, met them at the depot and gave them a rice bath. They thought to fool their friends by playing smart. John went to Medford on Monday, and on Tuesday Miss Cora Stowell went. John came out of one end of the car with a lady and his wife came out of the other end, and when John came in sight the rice began to scatter over them, but the trick was soon discovered and the company started for the bride to give her a share. They are comfortably fixed in their own home that John had prepared beforehand. John has been one of our popular boarders for the past seven or eight years, and he will be missed from our family circle.

Mr. L. Kingaid of Peyton and Ray Nellis of Florence Roc were pleasant callers Wednesday night. George Childreth, who has been working on a chimney for Messrs. Trewell and Hanson, while out from Medford spent the nights visiting his brothers, W. L. and Henry Childreth. Mrs. J. L. Gardner and Mrs. Guy Pease of Prospect came out on the stage Thursday evening, and Friday afternoon took the train for Medford. Mrs. Gardner is on her way to Spokane, Wash. Her husband is one of the electricians at the P. C. Co.'s plant.

The Ledrick brothers finished their contract for sawing and piling a lot of wood for the Hafer company Thursday, and Samuel Rolleno came out and measured it for the company Friday. There is a report circulated here that there is to be another store building go up in our town and a gent's furnishings store opened. More about it next time. Von der Hellen Bros. are having their old store moved, to be used in connection with their new store.

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EDEN PRECINCT ITEMS

Jack Wright of Phoenix is seriously ill. Mrs. J. D. Henry of North Talent was in Phoenix Friday.

Dr. Malmgren of Phoenix made a professional visit to Talent Friday. A. Moore of Phoenix suffered a relapse Thursday, and is in great danger again.

Mrs. W. S. Standliff was a business caller in Phoenix Friday. Joe Rader was riding on the range looking after his stock Friday.

The bazaar held in Phoenix Thursday afternoon by the ladies of the Presbyterian church was a great success.

Joshua Patterson of North Talent was in Medford Friday morning. J. S. Spitzer Talent's grocery man, was in Medford Thursday, dealing with wholesale men.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Helm of Talent were trading in Medford the first of the week. Jay Terrell is visiting his brother, Charley Terrell of Brownboro, this week.

Mrs. King hired a rig Wednesday morning and drove to the mines, where Mr. King is working.

Phoenix has let the contract for the digging of their water main from Coleman creek to town. The work is to be completed in four months.

Miss Alice Hoekersmith of Phoenix returned Thursday from a several days' stay in Medford, where she had been the guest of her sister, Mrs. True. Miss Hoekersmith had her wrist badly sprained by a fall while alighting from an automobile one day last week.

A letter from Mrs. E. O. Reese at Hill, just over the Oregon line in California, says that the sun has been shining brightly the last two weeks, while we have been enveloped in fog. She says the nights have been very cold. Mr. Reese and his father, E. M. Reese, have a contract for the cottages for the new mill town at Hill.

William Beardsley went over to Sam's Valley Sunday to bring Fred Moor's wife and family to Phoenix, to be in attendance at the funeral of Mr. Moor's father, A. Moor, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ernest Reams of North Phoenix came over to Phoenix Sunday to visit home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Coleman of Phoenix visited Mr. Coleman's mother in Talent Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Dean of Talent has been spending last week with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Colver of Phoenix.

Mr. Hunter of West Talent was trading in Phoenix Saturday.

Mrs. E. O. Reese came over from Hill, Cal., Tuesday and will remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey were in Medford Monday on business.

George Alford and family of Fern Valley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Payne of Ashland.

J. L. Helms, veterinary surgeon of Medford, was in Talent Saturday.

Mrs. Lutie Standliff was called again from Creswell, Ore., to the bedside of her father, A. Moore, but arrived too late.

Mrs. Charles Isaacs of Medford spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Stauchiff of Phoenix.

The aged father of Henry Shafer of Phoenix is slowly sinking at his son's home, where he was brought a few weeks ago for treatment.

George Roberts of North Talent spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Lem Hughes of Fern Valley.

An operation will be performed on Jack Wright of Phoenix Monday morning by Dr. Swedburg and Dr. Malmgren. But little hope is held out for his recovery.

Lem Hughes and wife of Fern Valley came over to Phoenix Sunday to see G. C. McClain and Jack Wright.

George King and William Short of Phoenix, who own quite extensive placer mines on Coleman creek, are getting ready for a big run as soon as heavy rain comes. These gentlemen have very rich diggings. Presently large nuggets are taken out.

KANES CREEK ITEMS.

Arthur Boggis is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ritter of Garden Home.

Several persons from this place are planning to attend the masque ball on Galls creek December 23, given by the Eaton brothers.

Mr. McMahon spent Monday in Gold Hill.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Lewis is somewhat indisposed at this writing.

Geo. Highbotham and wife were guests of Elmer Highbotham and wife over Sunday.

Ed Swinden was a Tolo Sunday visitor. Ed's visits are becoming quite frequent and we wonder what the attraction.

William Yantz spent Saturday in Gold Hill with old-time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Mardon attended the show at Gold Hill Sunday night.

Reuben Kane, with his force of men, is repairing the electric line from this place to Galls creek which connects the famous Bill Nye mine.

Dave Avery, Ed Bolt and several others are doing assessment work on the Harris lime ledge of upper Kanes creek.

Mrs. Avery has returned home from Gold Hill for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, late of Eugene, have become residents of upper Kanes creek.

Will Shoemaker of Galls creek is working on the electric line at this place.

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WOMAN GETS JUDGMENT FOR \$100,000 FROM HUBBY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—After four years' of hardship, toiling in a knitting factory for a monthly stipend of \$30, on which to support herself and two children, Marie Minnie Mergenthal, was today awarded \$100,000 in South African property and a divorce decree from her husband, John Mergenthal, by Superior Judge Graham.

The wife claim that Mergenthal is worth \$450,000, most of which he has transferred to his sister in order to escape payments to her.

The couple came to San Francisco four years ago on a visit, when Mrs. Mergenthal alleges Mergenthal squandered all his money and then abandoned her and her two minor children, returning to his home in Rhodesia.

M'ANIGAL IS FIRST WITNESS THIS AFTERNOON

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—Ortie E. McManigal, confessed dynamiter, was the first witness before the federal grand jury when the investigation resumed the probe in to the dynamite plots this afternoon. He was brought from the county jail by Under Sheriff Brain and Detective McLaren. His appearance at the federal building caused considerable speculation to the afternoon's developments, and it was the common opinion that "something big would be doing" before the close of the afternoon session.

Blessed Are the Peacemakers.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—While attempting to quiet a disturbance in a Fifth street rooming house early today, Policeman C. C. Klingel, on a leave of absence, was seriously stabbed by one of the two men whom he attempted to arrest.

Was Too Generous.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Desire to buy Christmas presents for his mother and sisters more expensive than he could afford led him into the temptation, confessed Harry Worst today, who is accused of passing worthless state bank notes pasted together to resemble greenbacks. He will be held for grand jury investigation.

Smallpox Situation Better.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—The smallpox situation throughout the state, which was causing some concern, is much improved, according to the health authorities today, and it is believed that there is not much danger of the disease spreading. There are about 150 cases of smallpox in the state at present.

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HUNTING HARRINGTON

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—The federal authorities this afternoon are combing Los Angeles for J. R. Harrington, a Chicago attorney, formerly connected with the McNamara defense, on whom they seek to serve a subpoena compelling him to appear as a witness before the federal grand jury now investigating the alleged dynamite plots. It is now thought that Harrington did not leave on the Santa Fe limited for Chicago, as was at first believed. If he did, he got off before he reached Albuquerque, N. M., as the train was searched at that point and no trace of him was found.

Postoffice inspectors were enlisted this afternoon in the search to find out where Harrington is receiving his mail.

JOHN SPARGO COMING.

It being impossible for Champ Clark to fill his lecture date in Medford, the Natatorium has secured John Spargo as a worthy substitute. Spargo is probably the foremost socialist orator and writer before the people. His economic writings are remarkable studies of present day conditions and he is an authority on all phases of the much misunderstood socialism. His best known work, "The Bitter Cry of the Children," will doubtless rank as a classic in English literature. The fluent style and beautiful composition place this book on equal footing with the works of the masters.

Rushing Home for Xmas.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—With every inch of her many yards of canvas spread to the winds the great British barkentine Everett G. Griggs, the only vessel of her rig afloat, is hurrying up the coast from Chill, that her owner, Captain E. R. Sterling of Seattle, may spend Christmas with his family. She is the only six masted barkentine in the world.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Mrs. Campbell and her daughter of Medford are here visiting her daughter and sister, Mrs. A. J. Hanby.

Wayne Leever left Tuesday evening for an extended visit in Chicago, New Orleans, El Paso and other eastern cities.

B. C. Dunlap and son of the Hotel Dunlap of this city have taken charge of the Hotel Stewart in Grants Pass and will manage both houses for the present. B. C. Dunlap left this morning to take charge of the Stewart house.

Mrs. Purkeypile, Miss Harr, Miss Caldwell, Miss Young and Miss McIntyre were the Central Point school teachers to go to Jacksonville to take the teachers' examination Tuesday.

Miss Marguerite Holmes, one of the teachers at Woodville, is spending the holidays with home folk.

Mr. Rhodes, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was visiting friends here Tuesday.

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