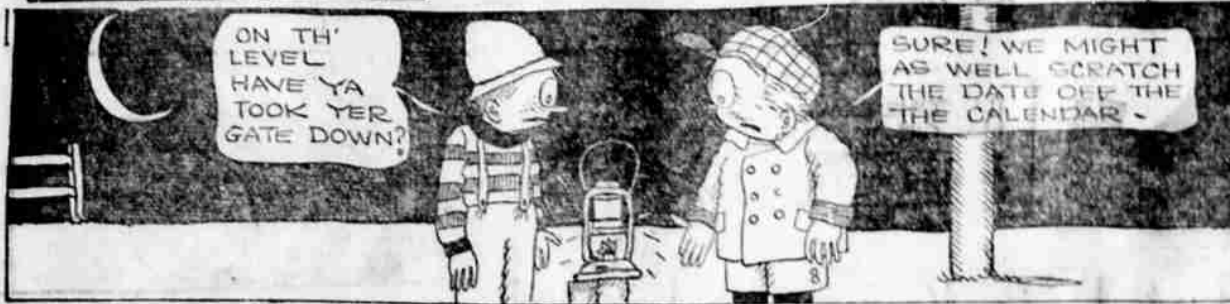




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ON TH' LEVEL HAVE YA TOOK YER GATE DOWN?

SURE! WE MIGHT AS WELL SCRATCH THE DATE OFF THE CALENDAR -

Elmer---He Gets the Gate, but Not as Expected.



OH, BOY HALLOWE'EN! -- LETS GO ROUND AND LOCATE SOME GOOD GATES TO TAKE OFF!

YOU BET! THAT'S TH' STUFF!



GEEMINENTLY!! EVERYBODY'S TOOK DOWN THEIR FRONT-YARD FENCES AND TH' GATES ALONG WITH 'EM!!

WELL, LETS GO ROUND IN THE ALLEYS AND LOOK FOR BACK GATES. THEY'RE JUST AS GOOD! HUSLE UP, -- LETS GET BUSY.



BY GEORGE, THE BACK GATES ARE GONE TOO-- THEY AIN'T NONE IN TOWN, I GUESS!!

THAT'S RIGHT THEY'VE QUIT USIN' 'EM, I GUESS RATS! -- BUT THERE IS ONE AT THAT! MY FATHER STILL USES OURS ON THE SIDE FENCE -- WE CAN --



HONEST, WOULD YA DO UT ?? -- WOULD JA "LIFT" YER OWN GATE?

SURE, I WOULD! WE COULD HAVE JUST AS MUCH FUN SNITCHIN' OUR GATE AS ANY-BODY ELSE'S! -- AND THEN I'D GET TA HEAR PA ROAR!! -- OH, BOY!



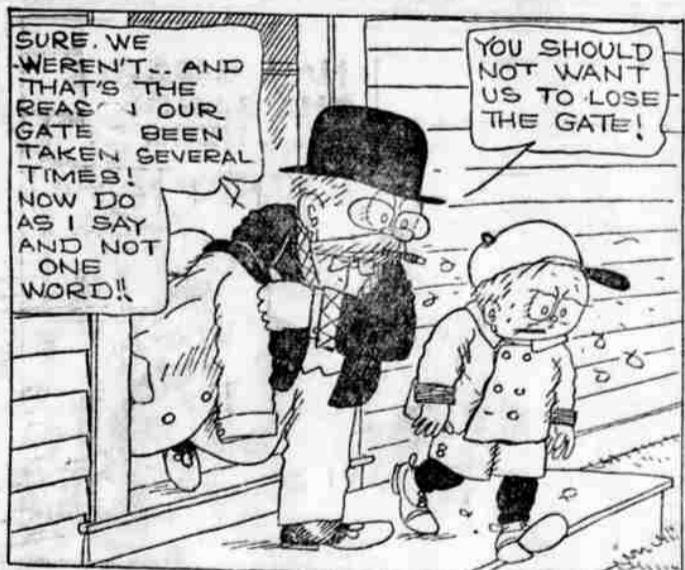
S'LONG ELMER, SEE YA EARLY T'NIGHT TO TALK UT OVER, WHERE WE'LL CARRY UT TO WHEN WE GET UT.

ALL RIGHT, 'SPECK SEE YA RIGHT AFTER SUPPER. OH BOY!



SAY, ELMER, YOU REALIZE ABOUT HALLOWE'EN, DON'T YOU? WELL, I WANT YOU TO TAKE OUR GATE OFF AND LOCK IT IN THE SHED.

HUH ????. -- WHAT ?? -- GEE WHIZ, WE NEVER WUZ THAT CAREFUL B'FORE !!??



SURE, WE WEREN'T. AND THAT'S THE REAS'N OUR GATE BEEN TAKEN SEVERAL TIMES! NOW DO AS I SAY AND NOT ONE WORD!!

YOU SHOULD NOT WANT US TO LOSE THE GATE!



WELL, BUT WHY RUSH SO ?? THEY'S PLENTY TIME.

NOW TAKE THE GATE TO THE SHED AND SNAP THE PADLOCK ON THE DOOR!



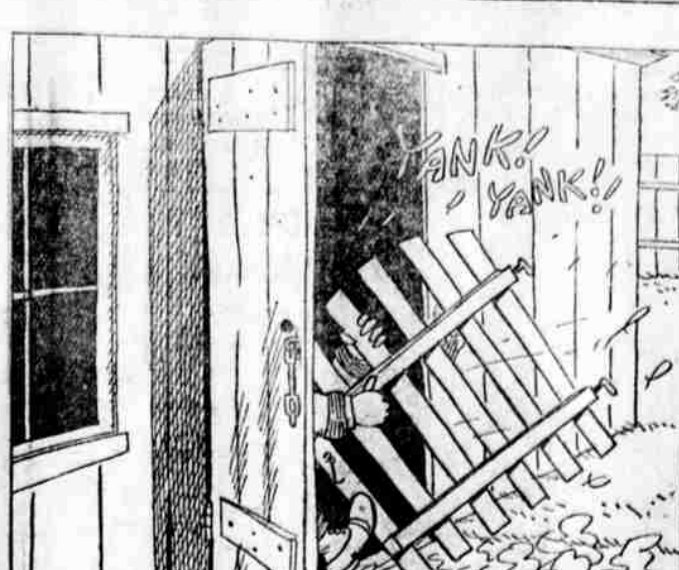
AND HAVE I REALLY GOTTA LOCK IT UP IN TH' SHED? -- AND WHEN YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GOT A KEY ????

CERTAINLY! LOCK IT UP IN THE SHED -- AND WHEN I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GOT A KEY THAT WILL MAKE IT DOUBLY SAFE, I'M GOING IN NOW, YOU DON'T NEED ANY MORE HELP!



WODDA YA KNOW ABOUT THIS ?? -- AND IT WUZ THE ONLY GATE LEFT IN TOWN !! --

HEY! ARE YOU GOING TO PUT THAT GATE IN THE SHED OR NOT?



YANK! YANK!



HOT DOG! HALLOWE'EN HAS COME -- AN' WENT