

The Story of a Dog of Dallas

Freestate Frequenter of Free Lunch Counter Pays for Board by Doing Tricks; Only Common Dog, But Shows Remarkable Intelligence.

BY FRED C. WILLIAMS.

IN Dallas, Tex., there is a dog. What kind? Oh, just a dog—plain dog at that; smart, though his career as a money-maker has been spoiled by the introduction of prohibition into that county and city. Freestate is his name, but he usually answers to the familiar name of Free. He likes familiarity, for that is his biggest asset, being familiar. He is or rather was known to every lounge and frequented of all the saloons on Jackson street in the block opposite the main entrance of the interurban station. Free can do many tricks. The mystery of it is, who taught them to him? For no one seemed to pay any particular attention to him from the time, as a wee puppy, he was rescued from a band of street urchins and placed behind the stove in one of the saloons, where he was fed and grew fat on the scraps from the free lunch counter. Not until he tugged at the pants of one of the regulars around the place, sat upon his haunches and barked loudly, occasionally throwing his glance toward the lunch counter, did the lounge grow curious and follow him to the counter, where he refused one article after another until he was offered some chili-concarne, which he rapidly gulped down. He then selected another lounge and repeated the first performance, this time going to the bar, where he wouldn't accept anything but beer.

Free proved his ability to reason and provide for the future by attracting the attention of friendly strangers and once getting their eye he would begin to entertain them by his large assortment of tricks, such as sitting on his haunches, standing and walking on hind legs, dancing on hind legs to tunes played by the electric piano, standing on his head and turning somersaults. He even worked after having been fed and given drink, and voiced his approval or disapproval of things offered him as a reward by the manner of his barking. If you tossed him a penny or nickel in lieu of a tidbit he promptly deposited it with the lunchman or bartender in paying for future needs.

But prohibition has come to Dallas. The loungers and the friendly and liberal strangers who once patronized the saloon where Free made his home have all gone to Fort Worth or some other wet spot. Free hangs out now at a Bevo joint and chili stand, which was once a famous saloon, in company with the corner bootblack. His coat is somewhat shaggy and his sides are thin, for business is not good any more. Dallas has not learned to drink near-beer.

I was having my shoes shined by this old philosopher of the street corner, who gave me Free's history and ended by saying that he could not tell where the dog had learned the tricks, unless it was at dog and pony show given on a vacant lot under canvas, which he viewed from the audience in company with one of the saloon loungers whom he had followed in there, after he had eluded the vigilance of the ticket taker, for Free, true to his kind, never leaves a friend.

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IS AMERICA AWAKE?
As much as has been said and written in America about the World-War in Europe, it is doubtful if America is yet awake.

A man who returned from Europe six months ago, said, "The farmers of America are feeding to their cattle today better food than millions of people in Germany and Austria have had at times. These people whose governments are fighting us are subsisting on cow beets and straw bread. All Europe is short-rationed and hungry."

This is our war from now on. What happens in Europe is America's deepest concern. There is not enough food in the world. Either our soldiers must skip their rations or we must skip ours; either they must do without some necessities or we must do without some of our luxuries.

Which shall it be?
Count on the Tomorrows. What will your business be worth if we should lose the war tomorrow? What would you give for a farm in Russia today? What would you give for a farm in America if conditions were such as they are in Russia today? Help produce, help conserve, and help fight by buying Liberty Bonds, for "he also fights who helps a fighter fight."

THE MEN AT HOME WILL HELP WIN WAR

Must be Able to Greet Boys on Their Return From Front.

WAR MAKES BIGGER MEN.

(The following statement was furnished on request by the secretary of the Nebraska Liberty Loan Committee.—Editor).

By E. F. Folda.

We will all be bigger men, every one of us, by reason of having taken some part in the different war activities.

Think how you will feel when the boys come marching home, and they will come, sure, after having firmly established peace throughout all the world, a permanent, lasting peace.

Think how you will feel as you stand by and see them come marching along—can you approach them, shake them by the hands and look them square in the eye, if you have had no part in any of the war activities? If you have failed to do your fair share? Can you?

That's why the Nebraska Liberty Loan Committee is doing everything it can to furnish you with exact figures that will show what your fair share is, and what your neighbor is expected to do.

Do I have any doubts of the Nebraska people doing their share? Had you been with me at Bob Manley's meeting in the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, with a large room full of volunteer workers, every one anxious to do his bit, that standing room was at a premium, your answer would be "No."

Had you been with me at the meetings held throughout the state by our chairman, Mr. Thomas C. Byrne, you would also be persuaded that Nebraska will continue to remain well in the foreground in this nation, in all war activities.

Some thought the West was not alive to the war conditions. The enlistment of our boys from Nebraska proves we are alive and more, and when the returns are tabulated for the third Liberty Loan you will find the people of Nebraska backing up the boys.

MUST BACK UP OUR BOYS 'OVER THERE'

Each Man Must Do His Share; Nebraska Will Not Fail.

(The following was requested from O. T. Eastman, treasurer of the Nebraska Liberty Loan Committee.—Editor).

By O. T. Eastman.

The slogan of the coming liberty loan campaign will be "Your share is fair."

The various committees in Omaha and the state of Nebraska have been working assiduously the past six weeks to make the Nebraska campaign successful along those lines.

The government has drafted our boys to fill up the ranks of our national army to the required number. The money must be provided to back up the boys "over there." Every loyal American must do his share. He must loan the government not only his cash, but his credit.

Will Not Need Draft.

It is hoped and believed by the Nebraska committee that those who voluntarily respond will be so numerous and each loyal Nebraskan will come so near doing his share that it will never be necessary to apply the draft system to raise Nebraska's quota for the coming or any other liberty loan campaign.

The liberty loan committee for Nebraska has just completed a tour of the state and finds the volunteer solicitors so enthusiastic that we have no doubt that when the results of the coming campaign are tabulated Nebraska will stand at or near the top in the list of states.

We are at War

Your Government Must Have Money to Win the War and Must Have it NOW

Third Liberty Loan 1918

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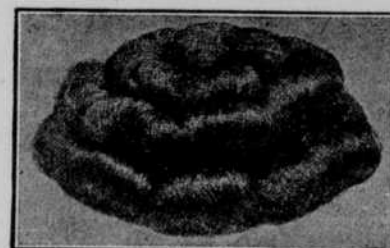
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