

The SANDMAN STORY

MR OWL DRIVEN AWAY

MR. OWL made his home in the hollow of a tree in the orchard. He did this for one reason—because it was near the field where there were plenty of mice, and then he liked the location; there were plenty of small birds around.

But the orchard birds did not care for Mr. Owl as a neighbor, and so when they found he had really settled there and intended to stay they called a meeting in a nearby tree to talk it over and see if they could not in some way get rid of him.

Plenty of ways were suggested but not one of the birds wanted to be the one to tell him to move.

"He is never up until we go to bed," said Mr. Sparrow, whose family had suffered from the bad manners of Mr. Owl.

"I would gladly tell him," said Mr. Blue Jay. "If I could meet him in the daytime, but I just cannot stay awake after dark."

"Huh!" exclaimed Jennie Wren, "if you told the whole truth, Willie Blue

spoke up Mr. Kingbird, "I would tell him to leave the orchard quickly, but as you say, he never flies about in the daytime so I cannot tell him."

"Why not sit up one night, Mr. Kingbird and watch for Mr. Owl?" said Mr. Catbird. "You like to be called the watchman of the orchard; now is your chance to earn the title."

Every one listened, for it was known to all the birds that Mr. Catbird was given a wide berth by Mr. Kingbird whenever he met him, and also that, though he did wish to be called their protector, he was really very unkind to the small birds, even while he did attack Mr. Crow and Mr. Hawk in the most fearless manner.

"Well, well, what is going to be done?" chattered Jennie Wren. "I can't waste all the day here, even if the rest of you can, I have work to do and I keep my house in order, too."

Everybody began to chatter at once, for they all were afraid of Jennie's sharp tongue, when suddenly Jennie's quick eyes saw something moving in the tree where Mr. Owl lived. "Look!" she said, "there he is!"

Mr. Owl sat on a limb near the hollow in the tree looking very stupid.

"He can't see in the daytime," cried Jennie. "Come, let us drive him into his nest."

All the others followed Jennie, who was scolding as loudly and fast as she could, and around Mr. Owl they swarmed, chattering and screaming.

Poor Mr. Owl loved silence and this terrible din nearly drove him out of his wits. He turned his head and with a clumsy motion, managed to get into his hole while the birds screamed louder than ever before over their victory.

That night when he came out of his nest, before he found anything for his supper, Mr. Owl flew off to find a new home, for "no one could live in the midst of that chattering bunch and be happy," he said.

"I would swallow whole that chattering Jennie Wren if I could find her, but if I did she would keep right on talking, I expect, and then I would have to listen to her all the time, so on second thought I guess I won't hunt for her."

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His Home in the Tree.

Jay, it would be that you would like to be rid of Mr. Owl because he is a bigger robber than you are."

Willie Blue Jay stood first on one foot and then on the other and winked and blinked, but he did not reply to Jennie's saucy but truthful remark.

"If I could meet him on the wing,"

Alice Lake



This is handsome Alice Lake, the "movie" star, in one of her latest poses. The emotional force displayed by Miss Lake in her most recent pictures has placed her in the front rank of screen stars.

THE FRIENDLY PATH

By WALTER I. ROBINSON

"SOMEONE must do it." This is a good thought to remember when one finds himself burdened with public service or other work for the benefit or happiness of his fellows. Though it may be exceedingly disconcerting to realize that one is sacrificing considerable thought, devoting much of his time to civic or philanthropic service which he should devote to his own business or profession, he should recognize that there is likely to come to him the pleasure of great satisfaction in the amount of good he does.

This is the position assumed by one of the most public spirited men we have ever known. Year in and year out for a quarter of a century this man has given a large proportion of his time to the work of formulating plans for a great park system, and in order to make a big city a more desirable place in which to live. Not being wealthy, the man is virtually dependent on the income from his profession.

Only recently it was our privilege to notify him that he had just had a new job added to his many tasks by being appointed a member of an important committee. He smiled one of his delightful smiles which told of the big heart within his breast and declared:

"That's fine. But, by Jove, don't you know I shouldn't mind if I'd get an appointment now and then which would mean a few five spots. Yet someone must do it or these essential improvements won't be done, so I might as well add a little more to my pack. Anyway no money could compensate for the happiness which I experience when I realize that I've helped even a little to make the city a better place in which to live."

Let us keep this sentiment fresh in our memories when the call comes to neglect our own affairs for the public good. If we do, we'll not only be better able to do a real service, but our pleasure will exceed our regrets.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

CONSOLATION

IF THERE'S a Road that leads to Trouble There's equally past any doubt Somewhere amid the rock and rubble Another highway leading out. For in this world of joy and sin There is an Out for every In.

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The Right Thing at the Right Time

By MARJ MARSHALL DUFFEE

PRIVILEGES OF AGE

THERE are some older men and women who seem to think that just because they are full of years, as the old expression is, that they are exempt from many of the demands of good manners. Now this is true in some cases. For instance, if a man's old age has made it difficult to stand in the street for he should certainly not try to get up for an old lady unless obviously she is feeble than he.

But old people are not privileged and they should remember that they are not privileged to be brutally frank. I think that this is one of the greatest and most frequent instances of bad manners among the old. They acquire a bluntness with years. Then they say to themselves: "No one cares what I say anyway. They go ahead and do what they want to do whether I like it or not, so if I can have any fun out of telling them just what I think why shouldn't I take it?"

So there are old women who tell their children that they think their

children are the worst brought up children in the world, though as a matter of fact they dote on those very grandchildren, and women who tell their sons that their wives are the worst housewives imaginable. Now this sort of thing is really rude and discourteous. If there is one thing that will make people indifferent to what old people say it is just this sort of frankness. At first it hurts and after a while it simply gets to be monotonous. Young persons very properly look upon old age as an excuse for certain pieces of bad manners and lack of courtesy. Just as extreme youth is given as an excuse for certain pieces of rudeness. But the old man or woman should realize that it really is no very good excuse at all. If you want to go on having the best out of life don't acquire a lot of funny little old man or woman habits. Above all else be courteous. If there is one thing that makes an old person universally beloved and sought it is unflinching good nature and boundless courtesy.

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CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

Miss Mildred Richmond of Osceola, who received a broken leg when thrown from a racing auto several days ago, is recovering and the leg will not be amputated as at first feared.

The Superior cement plant has shut down its burning kilns as a result of the railway and coal strikes, and it is feared that the plant may have to close down entirely unless conditions improve.

A coroner's jury, inquiring into the death of Miss Ruth Ward, Lincoln high school girl, killed when an automobile which she was driving collided with another car, held that the accident was unavoidable.

Mrs. Jet Bennett of Elgin will probably die from injuries which she received when she jumped from an automobile truck when she became frightened when something went wrong with the machine.

Attendance at the Nebraska state fair on the opening day, Sunday, was 16,200, the largest Sunday attendance on record. Two thousand two hundred and seventy-two automobiles passed through the gate.

Hot winds caused the corn in a large portion of the state to ripen too fast, and original estimates of the crop will be considerably minimized. Hay will yield but one-half to three-fourths of a normal crop.

Nearly 400 delegates attended the sessions of the quinquennial celebration of Ted Jed Sokol, western Bohemian fraternal society, at Omaha last week. The society numbers 21,000 members, 67 whom 7,000 are in this state.

With an expected attendance of 10,000 delegates, nineteen conventions will be held in Omaha next month, according to information compiled by Mrs. Mable Walker, convention secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Citizens of southwestern Nebraska, led by E. T. Ready of Culbertson, have started a movement to re-enact the famous Indian battle between the Sioux and Cree Indians at Massacre Canyon, September 17, fifty years ago.

An appeal from a verdict granting \$46,840 to John O'Hara, Omaha youth, against the Union Pacific Railway Co., for loss of both eyes, while in the employ of the company, has been filed in the Nebraska supreme court.

At the harvest festival held at Blair Mrs. W. H. Myers, the only woman breeder of Hampshire hogs in Nebraska, drove a float containing a number of the white-belted animals. She won first prize on floats, \$20 in cash.

Miss Elizabeth Barr, daughter of Senator John Barr and a teacher in the Pawnee City high school, was seriously injured in an automobile accident when the touring car she was driving pitched into a creek bed at high speed.

"Bargain Day," promoted by the Neilgh Chamber of Commerce, on which all of the merchants of the city offered customers many special bargains, was a big success, bringing purchasers from surrounding territory for many miles.

Greatly reduced winter feeding of cattle and sheep in Scottsbluff county is expected as a result of the announcement of the Great Western Sugar company that it will produce wet beet pulp at only one factory, that in Scottsbluff.

The recent meeting of the editors from Nebraska and western Iowa was the largest ever held in the sixty-four years the Nebraska association has been an organization, according to Montagu Tancock of the bureau of publicity of the Omaha chamber of commerce.

Miss Rosie Woracek of near Comstock, met with a painful accident while helping in the hay fields. She was working on top of the stack when the stacker loaded with alfalfa struck her, throwing her to the ground, fracturing her collarbone and inflicting other injuries.

Pawnee City will have as part of its school curriculum a course in Bible study, to be taught exactly as any other study. Similar programs have been tried in the past with success and it is planned to teach the Bible to the students this year on a more extensive basis than ever before.

C. E. Lynch, was badly scalded and is in a critical condition from the burns received when the radiator of his tractor exploded while he was plowing on his farm near DuBois.

Gravel surfacing of the Lincoln highway from Kearney to Elm Creek, a distance of sixteen miles, has been completed and the road will be opened to travel after the first heavy rain.

A petition has been presented to the state railway commission by grain men and farmers in the vicinity of La Platte, asking for a more equitable railroad rate on grain to the Omaha market.

Cortland voters at a special election held last week defeated by thirty votes a proposition to issue \$12,000 bonds for the purpose of connecting up with the electric lines of the Blue River Power Co.

One hundred and thirty-one persons became citizens of the United States, following ceremonies at the courthouse at Omaha last week. Among those given their second papers 20 different nationalities were represented. There were seven ex-service men, one of them a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Several were women, one or two with grey hair.

RESERVE OFFICERS AT OMAHA.

Division Reunion will Draw Many Members to the Convention

September 20-22. The 80th Division Reunion at Omaha September 20-22 will include numerous reunions of the various regiments and companies which made up the Division. It is announced by the Chamber of Commerce, Bureau of Publicity. All of these will take place at the same time and will be added attractions to the visiting veterans.

The 355th Infantry, the all Nebraska Regiment, is one of the well organized regiments of the Division. Their reunion at Grand Island, Nebraska last year was attended by a thousand former members of the outfit.

The 353rd Infantry, the All Kansas Regiment, is equally well organized. This Regiment won one of the highest honors a unit of soldiers can receive, when its regimental colors were decorated with the Croix De Guerre by the French Government for its remarkable work in the numerous offensives.

The 354th Infantry, the 356th Infantry, the 349th Field Artillery, the 342nd Field Artillery, 314th Sanitary and Supply Trains and the 314th Engineers and the 341st Machine Gun Bat. will all have regimental reunions during the divisional get-together.

In addition the various companies are planning banquets and company conventions so that the visitors can meet all of their former buddies with whom they were associated in the army.

Regimental Dugouts will be established at the Divisional P. C., the City Auditorium, to enable the visitors to easily find their former buddies.

The Nebraska conference of the M. E. church is in session in Omaha. Fire originating from an oil stove destroyed the residence of Mrs. Pearl Morrison in McCool.

The Falls City hospital, closed since last fall, will reopen as a semi-community institution.

The alumni reunion of the Nebraska College of medicine will be held at Omaha September 11 to 15.

Chicken thieves are making life miserable for poultry raisers in the vicinity of Wymore. Over 100 chickens were stolen from one raiser in the neighborhood.

Over 125 of the 250 descendants of the late John Pethoud, southeastern Nebraska pioneer, held a reunion on the old Pethoud farm northeast of Beatrice.

According to reports received, during the years 1923, 1924 and 1925, Nebraska will receive a total of \$6,000,761 of federal aid to be used in road construction.

Edward M. Wellman, 52, grand master of the grand lodge, A. F. & A. M. in Nebraska and for 30 years a resident of Omaha, died at a local hospital following an operation.

The Rev. F. E. Wells has resigned his pastorate of the Methodist church at Greeley to take effect at once and will leave the ministry to enter business in Kansas, his former home.

W. L. Gaston, deputy secretary of state the past four years and former Baptist minister and public lecturer of Broken Bow, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Reedley, Cal., Baptist church.

The farm home of Dick Clark near Llewellyn was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. None of the family was at home at the time, and but a small portion of the contents was saved by neighbors.

All irrigation ditches taking their water from the North Platte river, whose priorities were dated subsequent to 1894, have been ordered shut down by the state department of irrigation, because the lower part of the river, near North Platte, has been completely dry.

The Dawson county boys' and girls' clubs by winning 3,015 out of a possible 3,000 points in the general livestock judging contest at the state fair, received as a reward a free trip to the interstate fair at Sioux City, Ia., to represent Nebraska in the same contest there.

The fifth annual Nebraska-Iowa horseshoe tourney will be held at Washington, Neb., September 18. Rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' association will govern the meet. Shoes not to exceed two and a half pounds will be used, and the pitching distance will be forty feet.

The proposed 50th anniversary celebration for Adams county which has been planned to be held at Hastings this fall may be changed from a pageant as was originally arranged for, to an immense historical parade.

With the putting into operation of the two new Kelley wells just completed for Pawnee City, the water famine which has lasted all summer comes to a close. An adequate supply is furnished.

By a coincidence, both the superintendent and principal of the Shickley schools bear the name of C. E. Thomas. The two men are no relation.

Harmony, the famous Poland China hog owned by Edward Dugan near Greeley, is attracting considerable attention among swine breeders of the state. He is said to be the largest black hog in Nebraska as he weighs 1,100 pounds, stands fifty inches high and is eighty-five inches long.

Armed with a club, Clarence Galbraith, farmer living near Fairbury, caught a blue channel cat weighing 37½ pounds in the Blue river on his farm. He struck the fish on the head and dragged it out of the water by its tail. When dressed there was sufficient meat to feed ten families.

PREST LANDS IN HERD OF CARIBOU

Aviator Is Forced by Engine Trouble to Descend to Earth in Far North.

KILLS ONE FOR FOOD

Set Up Movie Camera to Get Picture of Wild Herd, but Changed Mind When Hundreds of Animals Hove in Sight.

Dawson, Y. T.—Like a chapter from dramatic fiction reads the story of the experience of Clarence O. Prest, the aviator, while trying a flight across Yukon territory and Alaska. He flew with his moving-picture camera above a great herd of caribou and was forced to land in their midst. He slaughtered one to keep from starving. The herd is part of the great body of caribou



Lands in Herd of Caribou.

bo which annually trek across the region near Dawson and Eagle. Prest had flown by a round-about way from San Bernardino, Cal., to the Far North.

Prest's own story of his experience is told in the following dispatch from Eagle to the Dawson Daily News:

"Thirty minutes out of Eagle my engine bucked. I looked for a landing place and picked what looked like a level spot. It was Niggerhead Flat at the head of Deer creek, eight miles south of Seventy-Mile river. I fixed the engine and noticed a couple of caribou. I set up my movie camera so as to get them. More of them were coming, so I began to see about taking off. Turning, I noticed 500 or 600 caribou all around the airship and camera, and rushed expecting to find the camera ruined, but no damage was done. I got ready to take off but the ship went upon her nose in the soft going and broke the propeller.

Killed a Caribou.

"I had been debating about killing one of the caribou, but the debate ended when the propeller broke, so I killed one with my 32-caliber pistol and butchered him with a pocket knife.

"I was overhauling the motor when a puff of wind finished the job by turning the ship over on her back and breaking the radiator. So I deserted the ship, stripped off the instruments and magento, and started to pack down to the river. I got down with one load and saw I was not going to make it with the grub I had, so I cached everything and went back to the ship and slept in its tail Sunday night.

"I had left my compass in a cache at the mouth of Ramey creek, so I started without it. I was further out than I thought. I did not pick up the trail and made a lot of unnecessary circles, climbing mountains for observation. It was raining steadily, but I had equipped myself with a small can of gasoline for starting fires.

"My shoes and feet were giving out and I was afraid to lie down to sleep. Finally, I struck the trail at Nimrod Bar, and shortly after a search party hove in sight."

Colored Man Falls Dead in Crap Game.

Raeftord, N. C.—Spurred by the dice when he "shot it all" at the end of a crap game, Jim Saggis, colored, fell dead as the dice betrayed him. The game lasted all night and the decision to "shoot it all" was made when the players were departing.

Baby Has Six Living Grandmothers.

Concord, N. H.—The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Roger Strong, has six living grandmothers. They include one great-great-grandmother, three great-grandmothers, and two grandmothers.



Ringhals Like Milk.

The ringhals, a South African snake, is said to attack man without provocation or the excuse of self-defense. It is very fond of milk, and can be attracted from its hole by means of a saucer. A little girl used to demand bread and milk for every breakfast, and always saved a portion, with which she retired. She was at length followed to the neighborhood of the cattle kraal, where a ringhals came from its hole and shared the meal dip for dip at the same bowl. The child was wildly disconsolate when her pet was killed.