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[Continued from last week.]

SYNOPSIS.

Freckles, a homeless boy, is hired by Boss McLean to guard the expensive tim-ber in the Limberlost from timber thieves. Freckles does his work faithfully, makes friends with the birds and yearns to know re about nature. He lives with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan.

He resolves to get books and educate himself. He becomes interested in a huge pair of vultures and calls his bird friends his "chickens."

Some of the trees he is guarding are worth \$1,000 each. Freckles' books arrive. He receives a call from Wessner. Wessner attempts to bribe Freckles to

etray his trust, and Freckles whips him. McLean overhears them and witnesses the

Freckles' honesty saves a precious tree. He finds the nest of the vultures and is visited by a beautiful young girl.

She calls Freckles McLean's son. Freckles calls her "the angel" and helps the Bird Woman in taking photographs. McLean promises to adopt Freckles.

CHAPTER IX. A FIGHT WITH BULLETS.

HEN Freckles crossed Sleepy Snake creek and the goldfinch, waiting as ever, challenged, "See me?" he saw the dainty. swaying grace of the angel instead. What is a man to do with an angel who dismembers herself and scatters over a whole swamp, thrusting a vivid reminder upon him at every turn?

"You needn't be thinking." he said to the goldfinch, "that because I'm coming down this line alone day after day it's always to be so. Some of these days you'll be swinging on this wire, and you'll see me coming, and you'll swing, skip and flirt yourself around and chip up right spunky. 'See me?' I'll be saying 'See you? See her!' You'll look, and there she'll stand. The sunshine won't look gold any more, nor the roses pink, nor the sky blue, because she'll be the pinkest, bluest, goldest thing of all. You'll be yelling yourself hoarse with the jeal- I mean: There is something fine, strong where he thought the men were as he ousy of her. The saw bird will stretch and full of power in your face. There felt that he dared if he were to remain his neck out of joint, and she'll turn is something you are to do in this unseen. As he ran he tried to think. er she goes I can go back afterward and see the things she's seen, walk the path she's walked, hear the grasses whispering over all the things she's said, and if there's a place too swampy for her bits of feet, maybe-maybe she'd be putting the beautiful arms of her about me neck and letting me carry her over!"

Freckles shivered as with a chill. He sent the cudgel whirling skyward. dextrously caught it and set it spinning.

"Maybe she'll be wanting the cup me blue and brown chickens raised their babies ic. If there's any feathers falling that day, why, it's from the wings of me chickens-it's sure to be. for the only angel outside the gates will be walking this timberline, and every step of the way I'll be holding me breath and praying that she don't unfold wings and sail off before the hungry eyes of me."

When the week was up Freckles had his room crisp and glowing with fresh living things that rivaled every tint of the rainbow. He carried bark and filled up all the muckiest places of the

It was middle July. The heat of the last few days had dried up the water about and through the Limberlost, so that it was possible to cross it on foot in almost any direction if one had any idea of direction and did not become completely lost in its rank tangle of vegetation and bushes.

The heat was doing one other thing that was bound to make Freckles, as a good Irishman, shiver. As the swale dried its inhabitants were seeking the cooler depths of the swamp. They liked neither the heat nor leaving the field mice. moles and young rabbits of their chosen location. He saw them crossing the trail every day as the heat grew intense. The rattlers were sadly forgetting their manners. for they struck on no provocation whatever and didn't even remember to rattle afterward. Daily Freckles was compelled to drive big blacksnakes and blue racers from the nests of his chickens. Often the terrified squalls of the parent birds would reach him far down the line, and he would run to the rescue of the ba-

He saw the angel when the carriage turned from the corduroy into the clearing. They stopped at the west entrance to the swamp, waiting for him to precede them down the trail, as he had told them it was safest for the horse that he should do so. They followed the east line to a point opposite the big chickens' tree, and Freckles carried in the cameras and showed the Bird Woman a path he had cleared to the log. .

They arranged that Freckles should drive the carriage into the east entrance in the shade and then take the horse around toward the north to a

better place he knew. Then he was to entertain the angel at his study or on the line until the Bird Woman fin- hind me, and we will ride the horse

ished her work and came to them. Freckles trod on air, for his dream had come true so soon. He was going no time and put him back. His mother down the timberline and the angel was following him. He asked to be excused for going first, because he wanted to be sure the trail was safe for her. She laughed at his fears, telling him that it was the polite thing for him to do anyway.

"Oh," said Freckles, "so you was after knowing that? Well. I didn't s'pose you did, and I was afraid you'd think me wanting in respect to be preceding you."

The astonished angel looked at him. caught the irrepressible gleam of Irish fun in his eyes, and they laughed to gether.

Freckles did not realize how he was talking that morning. He showed her many of the beautiful nests and eggs of the line. She could identify a number of them, but of some she was ignorant, so they made notes of the num ber and color of the eggs, material and construction of nest, color, size and shape of the birds and went on to look them up in the book.

At his room, when Freckles had lifted the overhanging bushes and stepped back for her to enter, his heart was all out of time and place. The angel drew a deep breath and stood staring, first at one side, then at another, then far off down the cathedral aisle. "It's just fairyland!" she cried ecstatically Then she turned and stared at Freckles exactly as she had at his handiwork. "What are you planning to be?" she

asked slowly. "Whatever Mr. McLean wants me

'o," he replied. "What do you do most?" she asked.

"Watch me lines." "I don't mean work!"

"Oh! In me spare time I keep me room and study in me books." "Do you work on the room or the books most?"

"On the room just what it takes to keep it up and the rest of the time on me books." The angel eyed him sharply. "Well,

maybe you are going to be a great scholar." she said, "but you don't look lay off until you passed and then try it. Your face isn't right for that, but to load and get out at night. They it's got something big in it-something went on-not entirely out of sightjust great. I must find out what it is and began cutting a tree. Mr. McLean and then you must go to work on it. told me the other day what was likely Your father is expecting you to do to happen there, and if they get that something. You can tell by the way tree down he loses his wager on you. he talks. You ought to begin right | Keep to the east and north and hustle. away. You've wasted too much time We'll meet you at the carriage. I am already."

Poor Freckles hung his head. He had never wasted an hour in his life. and give them a fusilade that will There had never been one that was his send them tlying. You hurry, now!" to waste.

don't mean that!" she cried, with the clinging about her waist. frank dismay of sixteen. "Of course Freckles worked his way with great you're not lazy! Nobody would ever care, dodging limbs and bushes with think that from your looks. It's this noiseless tread and cutting as close to work at all these other things nor how venge, aided by the bully of the localsuccessfully you do them it is all wast- ity, that he was going to meet. want, what would you do?"

Freckles promptly.

The angel dropped back on a seat; the hat she had taken off and held in her fingers rolled to her feet. "There," she exclaimed vehemently, "you can see what I'm going to be. Nothing, absolutely nothing! You can sing? Of course you can sing! It is written all over you."

"Anybody with half wit could have seen he could sing without having to and were calmly waiting. be told," she thought. "It's in the slenderness of his fingers and his quick, nervous touch. It is in the brightness of his hair, the fire of his eyes, the breadth of his chest, the muscles of his throat and neck and, above all, it's in every tone of his a noise. You will fire first, then I voice.'

"Will you do something for me?" she asked.

"I'll do anything in the world you want me to," said Freckles largely, "and if I can't do what you want I'll go to work at once and I'll try till I distance, and for a last time caution-

"Good," said the angel. "Go over there and stand before that bank and sing something-anything you think of

It was a children's song that be had led for the little folks at the home

many times.

To fairy land we go,
With a song of joy, heigh-o!
In dreams we'll stand upon that shore
And all the realm behold.
We'll see the sights so grand
That belong to fairy land.
Its mysteries we will explore.

That belong to rairy land.
Its mysteries we will explore,
Its beauties will unfold.
Oh, tra, la, la, oh, ha, ha, ha! We're happy now as we can be.

Our welcome song we will prolong and greet you with our melody.

O fairy land, sweet fairy land, we love to

Nothing could have given the intense sweetness and rollicking quality of leaping bounds, while leaden slugs Freckles' voice better scope. He forgot everything but pride in his work with the sound of his voice. He was on the chorus, and the angel was shivering in ecstasy when clip, clip, came the sharply beating feet of a swiftly ridden horse down the trail from the north. They both sprang toward the

"Freckles, Freckles!" called the voice of the Bird Woman.

They were at the trail on the instant. he. "The people must rule." "Both those revolvers loaded?" she asked.

"Yes," said Freckles. "Is there a way you can cut across the swamp and get to the chicken the table. "I'll show 'em. If they optree in a few minutes and with little

"Then go flying." said the Bird "Give the angel a lift up be-Woman.



"THEN GO FLYING," SAID THE BIRD WO-

came so close. I felt sure she would enter the log. The light was fine, so I set and focused the camera and covered it with branches, attached the long hose and went away off over 100 feet and hid in some bushes to wait. A short, thick man and a tall, dark one passed me so closely I could almost have reached out and touched them. They carried a big saw on their shoulders. They said they could work until about noon, and then they must always armed. We will separate and creep up on them from different sides

She gathered up the reins and started The angel, studying him intently, briskly down the trail. The angel, hatread his thought in his face. "Oh, I less and with sparkling eyes, was

and no matter how hard you It was Wessner, burning for his re-

ed until you find the one thing that | He must follow the Bird Woman's you can do best. If you could go any- plan and meet them at the carriage, where you please and do anything you but if they really did mean to try to help him he must not allow it. Let "I'd go to Chicago and sing in the the angel try to handle a revolver in First Episcopal choir," answered his defense? Never! Not for all the trees in the Limberlost! She might shoot herself. She might forget to watch sharply and run across a snake that was not particularly well behaved that morning. Freckles permitted himself a grim smile as he went speed-

ing on. When he reached the carriage the Bird Woman and the angel had the horse hitched to it, the outfit packed

"Give babe one of your revolvers, quick!" said the Bird Woman. "We will all creep up until we are in fair range. The underbrush is so thick and they are so hard at work that they will never notice us, if we don't make will pop in from my direction, and then you, baby, and shoot quite high. or else very low. We mustn't really

Freckles protested. The Bird Woman chose the middle ed the angel to lie down and shoot high, as she moved away.

Freckles' revolver spat fire. Lead spanged on steel. The saw handle flew from Wessner's hand and he reeled with the jar of the shock. Black Jack straightened, uttering a fearful oath. His hat was taken off by a shot from the northeast. The angel had not waited for the Bird Woman, and her shot could scarcely have been called high. At almost the same instant the third shot whistled in from the east. Black Jack spang into the air with a vell of complete panic, for it ripped a heel from his boot.

Freckles emptied his second chamber and the dirt spattered over Wessner. Shots poured in thick and fast. Without even reaching for a weapon, both men broke for the east road in great, sung and hissed about them in deadly earnest.

Freckles was trimming his corners as closely as he dared, but if the angel did not really intend to hit, she was shaving the limit in a scandalous manner.

[Continued next week.]

Theory and Practice. "I am a friend of the people," said "But," reported a courtier, "the peo-

ple are opposed to the measure you propose. They don't want it." "They don't, eh?" said he, banging pose me I'll slap a tax on the lawn mowers, and make every one of 'em sweat for it."

Filled Apples.

Select six healthy, large apples Scrape out the inside and grind up in back to where you left him and wait a food chopper. Have soaked one cupfor you. I finished Little Chicken in ful of bread. Squeeze out dry with hands. Add one-half teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful cinnamon, onehalf cupful sugar, yolks of two eggs, one-half cup cocoanut or any kind of nuts chopped fine. Mix with chopped apples and fill the apples. Bake until done. Then beat the whites of two eggs. Sweeten to taste and put some of this on each apple. Put in the oven to bronze.

> Nothing of the Kind. "Do you think that student has nos-

"Oh, nothing so serious as that. He's inst ter colet

Medical.

A Stitch in Time

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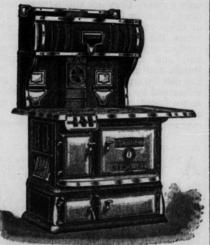
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Constitutional Amendments

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION. BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.
A JOINT RESOLUTION roposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

follows:

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply defi-

Number Two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

"Authorizing the adoption of regular children:
"Locating or changing county-seats, erecting new counties, or changing county lines:
"Incorporating cities, towns. or villages, or changing their charters:
"For the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting:
"Granting divorces:
"Erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts:

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"Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election or school districts:

"Changing the law of descent or succession:
"Regulating the practice or jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in, any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, arbitrators, auditors, masters in chancery, or other tribunals, or prescribing or changing methods for the collection of debts, or the enforcing of judgments, or prescribing the effect of judicial sales of real estate:

"Regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables:

"Regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses and the raising of money for such purposes:

"Fixing the rate of interest:

"Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment;

"Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or

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"Creating corporations, or amending, renewing or extending the charters thereof:

"Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity, or to any corporation, association or individual the right to lay down a railroad track:

"Nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed:

"Nor shall any law be passed granting powers and privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for,"—so as to read as follows:—

Section, 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension or impairing of liens:

Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts:

Changing the venue in civil or criminal cases:

Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:

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Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State:
Vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys:
Relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State:
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Incorporating cities, towns or villages, by changing their charters:
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Regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables:

Regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses and the raising of money for such purposes:

Fixing the rate of interest:

Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:

Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or

parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:
Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury:
Exempting property from taxation:
Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing; but the Legislature may regulate and fix the wages or salaries, the hours of work or labor, and make provision for the protection, welfare and safety of persons employed by the State, or by any county, city, borough, town, township, school district, village, or other civil division of the State or by any contractor or sub-contractor performing work, labor or services for the State, or for any county, city, borough, town, township, school district, village or other civil division thereof:

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Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity, or to any corporation, association, or individual the right to lay down a railroad track:
Nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed:
Nor shall any law be passed:
Nor shall any law be passed granting powers or privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for.
A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.
ROBERT McAFEE.

ROBERT McAFEE. Secretary of the Commonwealth

Number Three.
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section three of article eight of the Constitution of Pennsyl

Proposing an amendment to section three of article eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (if the Senate concur). That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Section 2. Amend section three of article eight, which reads as follows: "All judges elected by the electors of the State at large may be elected at either a general or municipal election, as circumstances may require. All the election, as circumstances may require. All the election, as circumstances may require and to remain a comparison of judges of the courts for the several judicial districts, and for county, city, ward, borough, and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the municipal election day: namely, the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members of each House consenting thereto: Provided, That such elections shall always be held in an odd-numbered year," so as to read: Section 3. All judges elected by the electors of the State at large may be elected at either a general or municipal election, as circumstances may require. All elections for judges of the courts for the several judicial districts, and for county, city, ward, borough, and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the municipal election day; namely, the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members of each House consenting thereto: Provided, That such the denance of the House consenting thereto: Provided, That such House consenting thereto: Provided, That such surrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars. Provided, however. That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section seven, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, so as to permit special legislation regulating labor. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amendment to Article Three, Section Seven. Section 2. Amend section requirement of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"Section 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension, or impairing of liens:

"Changing the names of persons or places:
"Changing the venue in civil or criminal cases:
"Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:
"Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State:
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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Article IX.

Section 15. No obligations which have been heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued, by any county or municipality, other than Philadelphia, to provide for the construction or acquisition of waterworks, subways, underground railways or street railways, or the appurtenances thereof, shall be considered as a debt of a municipality, within the meaning of section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania or of this amendment, if the net revenue derived from said property for a period of five years, either before or after the acquisition thereof, or, where the same is constructed by the county or municipality, after the completion thereof, shall have been sufficient to pay interest and sinkingfund charges during said period upon said obligations, or if the said obligations shall be secured by liens upon the respective properties, and shall impose no municipal liability. Where municipalities or counties shall issue obligations to provide for the construction of property, as herein provided, said municipalities or counties may also issue obligations to provide for the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing thereon until said properties shall have been completed and in operation for a period of one year; and said municipalities and counties shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges, as required by section ten of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, until after said properties shall have been operated by said counties or municipalities during said period of one year. Any of the said municipalities or counties may incur indebtedness in excess of seven per centum, and not exceeding ten per centum, of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, if said increase of indebtedness shall have been assented to by three-fifths of the electors voting at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5. Article IX.

ROBERT MCAFEE, 57-31-13t