

HOME TRADE FABLE

HOW THE TRANSFORMATION OF A TOWN WAS EFFECTED.

A STORY WITH A MORAL**One Public Spirited Citizen Who Realized the Big Possibilities and Cultivated the Field to Advantage.**

Once upon a time there was a Man, who in his youth was reared upon a farm located near a Small Town of Great Promise. Two weeks in each year when he was not sowing wood, feeding the stock or picking potatoes, he was allowed to attend the little red schoolhouse in the town. By hard labor during the day, and persistently reading a few old books which were heirlooms in his family, and each week absorbing the intelligence contained in the Weekly Mirror, he, by the time he could mark down his age at 18 years, had accumulated sufficient knowledge to run away from home. He wandered to a large city and there his great muscular power assisted to gain for himself a position as Chief Scrubber in a large store. He had not acquired the cigarette habit, and his faithfulness to his scrubbing brush, and his unwillingness to know all about his employer's business, soon attracted the attention of the Old Man, and at the end of a year he was promoted to Head Rustler in the shipping department at the large salary of eight dollars a week.

His disregard for scooting when the closing time came, and his total lack of swelled head so pleased the Old Man that from time to time the ambitious youth was advanced until at the end of six years he was drawing the biggest salary paid by the house, and

would keep his mind occupied. He loved the old town. He saw that it needed new life. He figured out that there were 600 farmers in the neighborhood. Each farmer surely spends \$50 a month somewhere for supplies. This meant a total of \$30,000 a month; \$360,000 a year. Then the few hundred people in the town would add other thousands to the volume of business. Why not build a great store and supply the wants of the people? He would spend some money and build up the town. He bought half a block on which three of the stores stood. He erected a large brick building, and soon he had installed in it great stocks of goods. Other merchants in the town shook their heads. The Public-Spirited Man was certainly crazy. Farmers when they came to town looked up the big building with wonder. The Weekly Mirror had to send away for type to set up the page advertisement for the new store, and to get a new press for the printing of circulars and posters.

One month after the opening of the store the graveyard quietness of the town had passed away. Streets were lined with the teams and the wagons of the farmers. A new elevator for grain had been started. The railroad placed a new switch in the yard to accommodate the increased business. The son of the old town blacksmith reopened the old shop closed for years because of no trade. New life was rapidly being injected into the place.

There was an election. A lot of newcomers selected the Public Spirited Citizen for chairman of the town board. He was elected. In six months the streets were paved, an electric lighting plant was in operation, along with a water works. The Great Storekeeper had a way of doing things, and he did them. News of the activity of the town reached near-by villages, and the people came to see the Big Store and to buy goods. A cold storage plant in connection with a new commission house operated by friends of

the Storekeeper, caused Farmers to bring in tons of butter and hundreds of thousands of eggs, and chickens and other produce. The transformation was quick from a Dead Town to a Lively Small City. A high school was established, new churches built, and some of the pious people were shocked to see an opera house erected. The Pan-Handle & Skedunk railroad, which for years had been running 20 miles from the town so changed its route as to have it on the main line, so the place had two railroads. Enterprising men who wanted to locate in a Live Town turned their eyes toward the place. Soon there was smoke from a half dozen big factories, and in five years after the Public-Spirited Citizen had started his store his old home town had increased its population 1,000 per cent. It was no longer printed in little type on the maps, but in capital letters.

MORAL—Do not underestimate the possibilities of your community, or fail to develop them. No city was ever made great by its people buying goods elsewhere.

D. M. CARR.

Civilization in Abyssinia.

A sawmill is already at work at Adis Ababa, Abyssinia, and Greek artisans are engaged in quarrying and stone hewing. Machinery in connection with house building generally is likely to be in demand as soon as the means of transport are simplified. The government is already building in European style and stone houses may be seen, some even of three stories in height in the capital.

World's Submarine Cables.

The total length of submarine cables in the world is about 450,000 kilometers—279,622 miles, of which 60 per cent. are British, ten per cent. American, a little more than nine per cent. French, and about seven per cent. German. A great advance in this domain has been made during the last few years by Germany, whose efforts tend to constitute an independent system.—Memorial Diplomatique.

Dreams Go by Contraries.

"What do you suppose is every Londoner's day dream?"
"I don't know, unless it is to become a knight mayor."—Baltimore American.

A Fowl Question.

"Pop?"
"Yes, my son."
"Do Mother Carey's chickens come out of the ship's hatches?"

A BIG STRIKE**Of Sailors Paralyzes the Commerce of France.****117,000 MEN OUT.****The Tieup Is Practically Complete—Strike Is Result of Dissatisfaction Over a Pension Law.**

Paris, France.—A general strike of sailors and others belonging to the French naval reserve began at almost all the ports of France at daylight Friday and threatens the complete paralysis of French commerce. The navigation companies are making energetic representations to the government, claiming that the movement is not directed against them and saying that unless it is settled immediately it will cause untold injury to French commerce.

The naval reserves comprise nearly the entire maritime population engaged in seafaring life and number about 117,000 men, of whom 25,000 are serving in the navy, in addition to practically all the sailors of the mercantile marine, most of the longshoremen belong to the naval reserves.

The strike was declared by the National Seamen's union because the government's new bill increasing pensions from \$10.80 to \$72.50 in the case of seamen and from \$156 to \$200 in the case of captains is regarded by the members of the union as inadequate.

ROOSEVELT AT LANSING.**The President Delivers Three Speeches in the Capital City of Michigan.**

Lansing, Mich.—After a strenuous six hours in the state capital, during which he made three addresses and held a reception at the state capitol, President Roosevelt left at 4:20 o'clock Friday afternoon for Washington on the Lake Shore road.

At the agricultural college in the afternoon President Roosevelt spoke to about 25,000 people from a stand erected on a little knoll at the head of the campus.

The president concluded his second address in the state capitol about 11:15 o'clock and was driven with his party to the college, where J. L. Snyder, president of the institution, entertained them at luncheon. The great crowd before the speaking stand was held in check by a regiment of the national guard.

At the conclusion of the president's address the graduating class filed across the platform and the president presented them their diplomas. Honorary degrees were conferred upon a number of distinguished visitors.

A MEDAL OF HONOR.**It Is Awarded to a Brave Girl by Order of President Roosevelt.**

Washington, D. C.—A medal of honor has been awarded to Miss Mary Guinan, of Middletown, N. Y., by President Roosevelt for distinguished daring in risking her own life to save that of John C. Runyon, an aged man who on December 19, 1906, was in imminent danger of being run down by an Erie railroad train.

Mr. Runyon, who is 74 years old, attempted to cross the tracks in front of an oncoming train, not observing that another train was approaching rapidly on an adjoining track from the opposite direction. He reached the spot between the two tracks before he realized his danger and then became bewildered by his apparent inability to avoid being run down.

Miss Guinan, who was standing at the crossing, realizing that his confusion might cost his life, sprang to his aid. She seized and held him firmly between the two trains as they rushed by. As soon as the trains had passed, she led the old man to the sidewalk.

REVIEW OF TRADE.**Seasonable Merchandise Goes Into Distribution Slowly.**

New York.—E. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Seasonable merchandise goes into distribution slowly, which causes accumulation of spring and summer dry goods and millinery in the hands of dealers and retards collections, while making operations for fall and winter much more conservative. At some points the last week of May brought pronounced improvement in commercial activity, but the holiday retarded recovery and progress is slow. Manufacturing plants are producing at full capacity in most industries, orders covering output far into the future, and more New England cotton mill employes have received advanced wages, making the change affect about 85,000 hands.

Current transactions in the iron and steel industry are of comparatively little significance owing to the enormous tonnage of business under contract.

Seven Men Drowned.

Boise, Idaho.—While attempting to make a landing above the rapids in the Payette river, 12 miles from Garden Valley, seven loggers were drowned Thursday night. Their boats were carried over the rapids and swamped.

Iron Workers' Strike Ended.

San Francisco, Cal.—The iron workers' strike was settled Friday night. Twenty thousand men are involved. The men return to work on the same conditions that prevailed before the strike.

LAWTON STATUE**AT INDIANAPOLIS IS UNVEILED IN THE PRESENCE OF A GREAT ASSEMBLAGE.****PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DELIVERS AN ADDRESS AT A MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY.**

Indianapolis, Ind.—President Roosevelt on Thursday delivered the principal address here at the unveiling of a monument to Gen. Henry W. Lawton. He discussed railway problems and incidentally paid a warm tribute to Oliver P. Morton, the war governor of Indiana.

The president arrived at 10:45 a. m. from Canton, accompanied by Vice President Fairbanks, and was driven to the Fairbanks home, where luncheon was served, after which he was escorted to the court house square by United States troops, 13 companies of the Indiana national guard, G. A. R. and other organizations. The parade route of two miles was lined with cheering crowds.

The streets surrounding the monument were packed with people for many squares. On the platform were Mrs. Lawton and her three daughters.

The program of exercises included an invocation by Rev. D. R. Lucas, an address by Gov. Hanly, music by the Seventh Regiment band, the reading of a poem dedicated to Gen. Lawton by James Whitcomb Riley, the introduction of the president by Gov. Hanly and President Roosevelt's speech.

James Whitcomb Riley read his poem, "The Home Voyage," written in honor of Gen. Lawton's memory when the body was being brought home from the Philippines and the curtain covering the monument was withdrawn by Miss Frances Lawton, daughter of the dead general.

The Lawton monument is the result of the work of a commission formed in 1900, soon after the general's death in the Philippines. The sum of \$6,000 was raised by popular subscription.

The monument stands on the court house grounds. The bronze figure is nine feet high, standing on a stone pedestal six feet in height.

Following the ceremonies Vice President Fairbanks addressed the crowd briefly.

A HOLIDAY ACCIDENT.**Seven People Killed and Seven Injured in a Collision of Trolley Cars.**

Elyria, O., June 1.—Seven persons went to death in a rear-end crash between two Cleveland, Southwestern & Columbus traction cars Thursday evening. Seven others are seriously injured. The motorman on the rear car is in jail here, charged with manslaughter.

The dead and injured were caught on the rear platform of the forward car. The buffer of the second car plowed through the vestibule when the first car stopped, and jammed passengers and wreckage into a mass that took 15 minutes to disentangle.

Scarcely one of the injured showed a mark above the knees and in almost every instance the victims lost one or both feet. The dead:

Henry M. Billings, 60, retired harnessmaker, Elyria.

W. C. Allen, 68, Lake Shore claim agent, Elyria.

Donald Sala, son of Rev. J. F. Sala, Elyria.

Edward O'Donnell, 62, Elyria.

Charles B. Porter, 24, clerk, Elyria.

Homer Allen, 17, Elyria.

Eunice W. Wurst, 14, Elyria.

The injured:

Marguerite Butler, 15, Elyria, one foot amputated, other heel crushed.

Mabel Dean, 15, South Amherst, school girl, both feet amputated.

Arthur Hoedley, both feet amputated.

Jack Leslie, Carlisle township, left foot amputated and right foot injured.

Mrs. J. P. Sala, Elyria, one limb crushed and severe internal injuries; will die.

W. S. Avery, conductor of the first car, both feet amputated.

George W. Chamberlain, 30, Madison, O., compound fracture of both legs and may lose right foot.

A TROLLEY ROAD COMBINE.**The Schoepf Syndicate Will Control 700 Miles of Electric Railway in Ohio.**

Columbus, O.—Ever since the incorporation, about two weeks ago, by the Schoepf interurban traction syndicate, of the Ohio Electric Railway Co., with a preliminary capital of \$100,000, there has been considerable speculation in financial circles as to the exact plans of the syndicate. As stated at the time of the incorporation of the new company, it will consist of a consolidation of the three separate interurban railway properties of the Schoepf syndicate in Ohio. These are the Cincinnati Northern Traction Co., better known as the Cincinnati, Dayton & Toledo, the Indiana, Columbus & Eastern and the Lima & Toledo traction companies. These three companies have about 700 miles of electric interurban and urban roads in operation.

The preliminary capital of the Ohio Electric Railway Co. is to be increased from \$100,000 to \$16,000,000. This will be divided into \$8,000,000 5 per cent. preferred and \$8,000,000 common. There will be no bonds.

A Bull Is Sold for \$11,500.

Allentown, Pa.—What is said to be the highest price ever paid for a bull at a Jersey cattle sale in America was received Thursday at the sale of T. S. Cooper's imported stock at Coopersburg. The bull, imported Stockwell, was sold for \$11,500, to A. B. Lewis, of Fredericksburg, Va.

Cornell's Oarsmen Defeated Harvard. Ithaca, N. Y.—Cornell's varsity eight-oared crew defeated Harvard by three-quarters of a length last evening in a thrilling two-mile race on Lake Cayuga.

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