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BY SILLY JOKES**

The practical jokers of the village of Ames, Oklahoma, are badly scared. Old men, little boys, staid, respectable business men and thoughtless youths are haunted on one side by a madman, and on the other by a fear of legal vengeance.

All because the village cut-ups "had to have their fun," as one of them expressed it. "Their fun



MRS. CASSIE NORMAN.

resulted in driving Abner Norman mad, stark, raving mad.

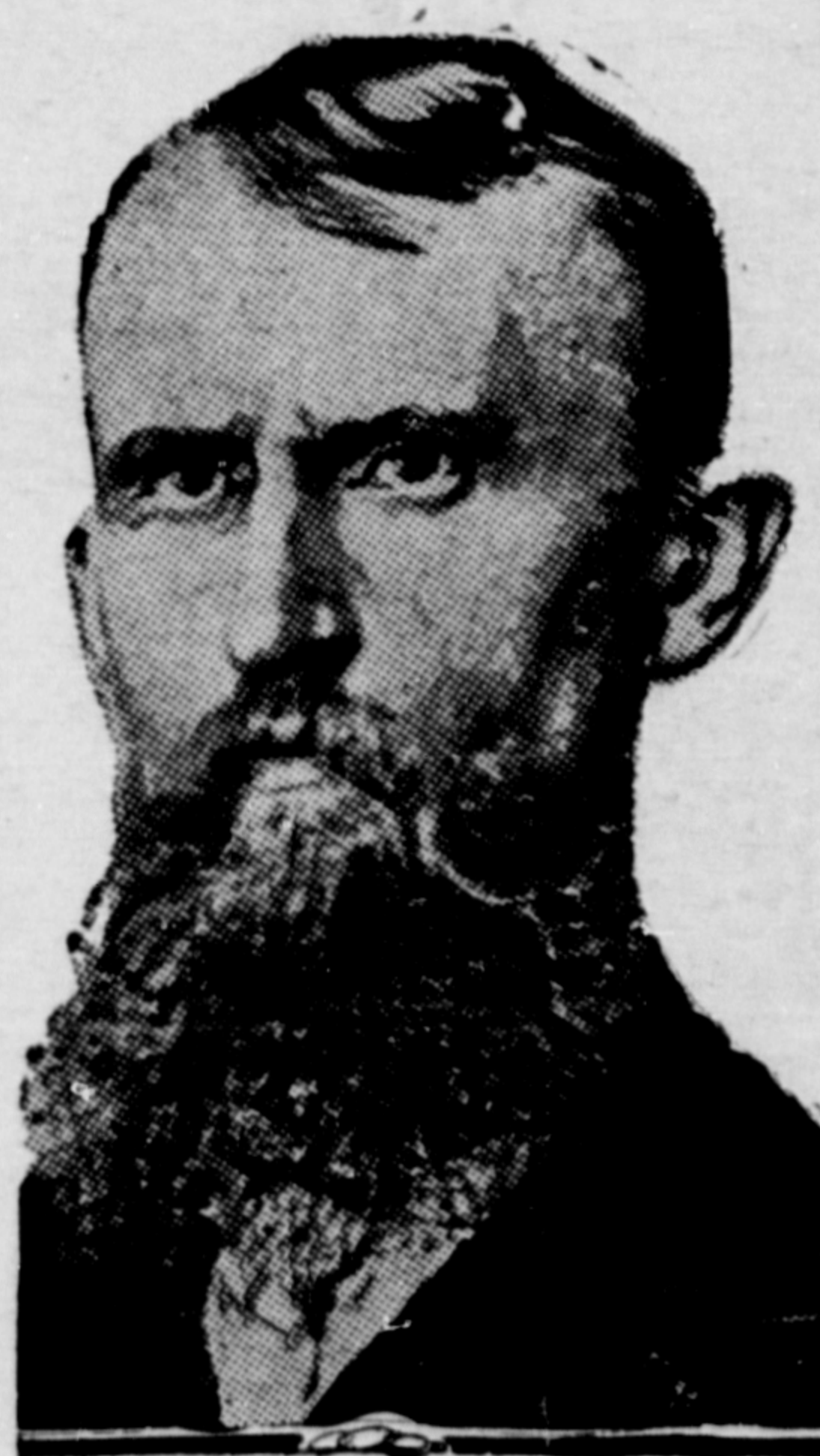
The process of driving Abner Norman mad began several years ago, shortly after he had moved his little grist mill to Ames. And the townspeople kept on hammering away with their practical jokes, even after many of them realized they were no longer "jokes" to Abner and his family.

One particularly "bright" cut-up bethought himself of a "dandy joke to play on the old fellow." He told the rest of them all about it at the corner grocery store.

The smart inventor of this joke got busy on it right away. He started a rumor that Abner allowed his dog to sleep at night in the hopper of the mill. Another "joker" added "dog hairs were found in the corn meal."

Abner had never paid much attention to the jokes played upon him before, but this one was different; it ruined his business.

Abner had but recently returned from Enid; the cut-up geniuses put over this one: First, they fixed up a fake summons calling on Abner to appear in Police Court at Enid and answer to an alleged offense which he declared he had not committed. Abner could not read or write, and thus was at the mercy of his "friends." They told him to call up the Enid Police Judge by telephone. He did, but the "funny fellows" had him connected with one of their kind, who told the



ABNER NORMAN.

millers that if he would get a petition signed by his fellow townsmen he would be let off.

A leading merchant of Ames is alleged to have prepared this petition: "To the Hon. E. C. Woodenhead, Judge of the Police Court, Enid, Okla.:

"We, the undersigned, citizens and taxpayers of the city of Ames, do hereby petition your most honorable court to dispose of the case against Abner Norman by throwing it clean and clear over the fence for the following reason, to-wit:

"That Norman was formerly a mule buyer and got in the habit of handling the truth very recklessly.

"That dog hair has been found in Norman's meal.

"That he has backslid from the Baptist church and has been seen to beat his wife and children and that he makes ugly faces at his wife."

Poor old Abner carried this mockery all over Ames, getting signatures. Then as his tormentors stood by barely able to restrain their laughter, the old

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act amending Section 3 of the British Columbia & Alaska Railway Act, 1910 (Ch. 56, Statutes of British Columbia, 1910), by striking out all the words after the word "Columbia" in Line 10 of said Section and substituting therefor the following:

"And or from Fort George in a north-easterly direction to the valley of the Parsnip River by way of Fort McLeod, thence along the Parsnip River to a junction with the Peace River, thence along the valley of the Finlay River through Sifton Pass, thence down the Sike River to a junction with the main line at Telegraph Creek; also powers to build branch lines either through the Pine River or Peace River passes to the eastern boundary of British Columbia, or by way of the most feasible route, or in the alternative by the most feasible route between Lytton and Teslin Lake, also to build from a point on said line of railway to the City of Vancouver or from the City of Vancouver to a point on said line, by the most feasible route."

And further, for an act extending the time within which the company has to commence construction and expend ten per cent of its capitalization.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 5th day of December, 1911.

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Columbia & Alaska Railway Company.

man set off to Enid to present his petition to the Police Judge. The last of his small savings went to pay his expenses.

At Enid, Abner Norman handed his "petition" to the Police Judge, who read it to Abner and told him that his fellow townsmen had probably "intended it for a joke."

You can see why he shut himself up in his deserted mill and brooded and worried until he emerged with shattered mind.

Abner Norman went to the state hospital for the insane; his wife and children to Enid. Mrs. Norman set about to avenge the living death of her husband. There was but one way to do that. She has brought suit against some forty of the prominent citizens of Ames for \$50,000.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION ACT, and
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUDGER ROY, DECEASED, INTERSTATE.

TAKE NOTICE that by an Order of His Honor, Judge Young, made the 23rd day of November, 1911, I was appointed Administrator of the estate of Ludger Roy, deceased, intestate, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to forward the same to me at Prince Rupert, B. C., properly verified, on or before the 12th day of March, A. D. 1912; and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the fourth.

Dated this 5th day of January, A. D. 1912.
THOMAS A. ROY, Administrator.
Feb. 5. Prince Rupert, B. C.

= THE COSY CORNER =
DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN

This is a little section of the paper which from day to day will be devoted to subjects of special interest to women. Any and all of the ladies of Prince Rupert are invited to contribute to its columns and to take part in its discussions. Suggestions and criticisms are invited by the editor. The hope is expressed that "The Cosy Corner" will find a social need.

ELECTROCUTED EGGS.

New Idea for Securing "Absolute-ly Fresh" Eggs Many Moons Old.

It is possible that the peculiar taste of a cold storage egg, which is something not easy to mistake, may be removed if experiments now being made by an electrical company are successful. It is claimed that when fresh eggs are placed in cold storage the eggs are alive; that they are slowly frozen to death, and that in spite of the preservation qualities of the ice the eggs do not taste good when cooked. It is now believed that by electrocuting the eggs the natural fresh taste may be retained and not removed when the eggs are placed in cold storage. The eggs are "killed" by placing a metal cap on each end of the egg and then passing through it a current of 500 volts.

USEFUL CORSET HINTS

How Any Woman Can Create a "Special" Corset Herself.

Neatness of waist and hips, with absolute flexibility of motion, can be had by wearing the corset made of silk jersey.

This has a very low bust and is short over the hips; it is boned in front, back and with one broad steel on each side. Comfort and freedom are assured to the woman who provides herself with a corset of this type.

For the woman who goes in for athletics, yet wishes a trim figure, there is the corset made of elastic fabric.

This, too, is cut short above the waist line and just covers the hips; but it is made without steel or bones, excepting in the centre of the back and in front, where it fastens. Extreme elasticity in this fabric makes it possible for the wearer to stoop or bend her body in any way she chooses without even feeling the confining lines of the corset. Specially made corsets are, naturally, high in price, but the woman with a slim purse can alter an inexpensive corset in a way to give the freedom found only in the higher priced garment.

Have the high bust of the corset cut off at a line three or four inches above the waist, and bind it first with satin ribbon.

Sit the material in two places (between the boning), each side of the front, from the top to the waist line.

These cuts or slits can be bound or overcast; but the best plan is to stitch them flat on the sewing machine and run several rows of stitching back and forth at the waist line, so that they will not tear out at that point. Now sew two pieces of wide heavy elastic across the slits at the top edge of the corset, catching the elastic only at each end, but allowing it to lie flat when the slits are closed.

When the corset is adjusted to the figure and laced properly the set to stretch apart when you

elastic in front will allow the corset wearer to move quite freely, sing, take a long breath or bend or stoop over. This method gives perfect freedom to the upper part of the body and makes a very comfortable corset.

KEEP YOUR VOICE SWEET

Simple Natural Remedies for Hoarseness Used by Singers.

A sweet voice is a powerful charm. One should always talk in a low but distinct voice. To keep the voice at a proper tone never call from one end of the room to another, nor at any distance where it becomes necessary for one to shout with all one's might, as this coarsens and roughens the voice, and in time ruins it.

Many singers swallow the yolk of a raw egg before breakfast each day in order to clear the voice.

Buttermilk is very refreshing when the voice is fatigued. A gargle of salt water is recommended for a slight irritation of the throat and vocal chords.

FRAUDULENT MARRIAGE

Illiterate Man Hired Some One Else to Write.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Because John Grum, illiterate, hired some one else to write his wonderful love letters, Justice Morschauser has annulled Grum's marriage to Louise Snell on the ground that it was fraudulent.

If a gas stove is not equipped with a broiler, try heating a pan piping hot. Put the steak into this without greasing and turn as soon as it is seared on the bottom. Keep turning until the meat is done.

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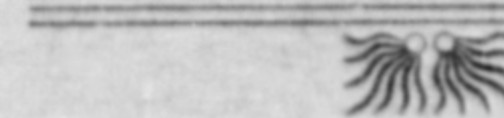
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