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Bluffing an Outlaw

By C. B. LEWIS

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The New Yorker silver mine, located in Mexico, but owned and worked by Americans, had been in running order a year before Jose Favara put in an appearance. He had been heard of, however. He was known as a cattle stealer, a claim jumper and a general outlaw, and it was the popular belief that he stood in with the police. At any rate, he had not interfered with his operations to any extent, and he walked the streets of the town as free as any other man. One day Jose appeared at the mine. He walked straight to the superintendent's office and, doffing his hat, said:

"Senior Barnes, I beg you to excuse me. My name is Jose Favara. I should have called on you weeks ago, but have been busy in other directions. I am now here to do business with you."

"Well, what is your business?" queried the superintendent, although he had a pretty fair idea of it.

"To arrange to draw my monthly salary, senior."

"By performing what services?"

"For leaving your mine in peace."

"In other words, you mean to levy tribute on us?"

"The senior hits the nail on the head at the first blow. My terms are \$200 per month in cash. I shall call for it myself. If accepted you will be under my protection. If not—"

"You will make trouble for us?"

"The Senior Barnes hits the nail again. I like to do business with an American."

Jose Favara was told that he would have to wait a few days until his proposition could be submitted to the president and board of directors in New York. He was agreeable. He went away bowing and smiling, and Mr. Barnes sat down and wrote a letter.

The proposition was extortion pure and simple. The authorities could be appealed to, and would doubtless do something. Nevertheless the fact remained that Jose was a bigger man in that district than the authorities. He could harry and harass. He could scare every peon out of the mine in two weeks. He could capture every mule and driver engaged in transporting the ore over the mountains. He could do lots of things to make the situation unpleasant, and the superintendent recommended that a monthly salary be paid. He added that \$200 per month was dog cheap.

The president and his board looked upon it as a rather funny case, but followed the advice of Mr. Barnes. From that time on for two years Jose Favara regularly appeared on the 10th of each month and received his "salary." Twice during that time the peons would have struck for higher wages had he not appeared and threatened them with his vengeance. A Mexican lawyer discovered what he thought was a flaw in the title of the New Yorker and would have made cost and trouble had not Jose sent him word that he was after his scalp. It was conceded that the outlaw earned his wage.

Things were going on satisfactorily when the old president died and Mr. Nerville was elected in his place. While the dividends were large, Mr. Nerville wanted to increase them. He saw a way to do it by lopping off and cutting down. A cut of 10 per cent was made in wages and salaries, and the \$200 per month to Jose Favara was cut off entirely.

When Mr. Barnes wrote that this move would bring trouble, he was directed to arm his staff and fight. When he asked for rifles and dozens of condemned Springfield rifles were sent him, but not a single cartridge. He wrote for cartridges, but was answered that the president would soon take a trip to Mexico in his private car and would visit the mine and give further instructions in person. Mr. Nerville had been known in trade as a hustler. As president of a silver mine he determined to be a hustler.

Jose Favara called, as usual, on the 10th of a certain month to be told that his salary was nil. He had been discharged. Mr. Barnes entered into particulars with him, even to stating the probable date of the arrival of the president. Jose was impassive and unimpressible. He smiled the same old smiles and bowed the same old bows. He knew he had earned his money, but if he felt sore he gave no sign of it. He went away saying that he might call again, and things went on as usual for three weeks.

Then President Nerville arrived. It was twenty miles over to the railroad, and he had to make this distance on the back of a burro, but he made it. He arrived at the mine at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At 6 the peons came up from the shaft and announced that there was a strike on. There were 400 of them. Next morning Jose Favara appeared. He wanted to know if his salary was to be restored.

President Nerville flattered himself that he was a fighter. If not an actual fighter, then he was a good bluffer. He had been bluffing for thirty years and had the art down pat. The miners had the art down pat. The miners might strike, and he hanged to them. They might be out for a week, but they would then be tumbling over each other to get back. As for Jose Favara, he was an outlaw, a blackmailer, an extortioner. Not another cent should he draw from the treasury. If he made one little move against the peace and harmony of the New Yorker the majesty of the law would be invoked and he would find himself behind prison bars.

HINTS FOR FARMERS

Alfalfa Versus Clover.
Alfalfa is ready for cutting a full month before red clover. There is a strong advantage in dairy farming, since green crops are needed at the earliest possible moment in the spring. After cutting alfalfa springs into growth more promptly than clover, and a second crop is produced within six to eight weeks. Clover lasts two years and alfalfa ten to thirty years. In New Jersey the average yield of green forage per acre was 36,540 pounds for alfalfa and 14,000 pounds for red clover. The weights of dry hay were 8,258 pounds and 4,088 pounds and of protein 2,214 pounds and 616 pounds per acre respectively. In the same state alfalfa was found to contain 1,800 pounds of dry matter and 265 pounds of protein per ton as compared with 1,034 pounds and 246 pounds for clover. In other words, alfalfa not only yields two and one-half times as much as red clover, but its feeding value is much greater pound for pound.—Country Life.

Feeding the Horse.
Regularly in feeding is a great desideratum, as the animals thrive so much better on 25 per cent less food. The horse is a sort of clock. He knows just exactly when his feed is due and looks for it, worrying if it is delayed, but satisfied when it has been eaten. The horse which is fed irregularly does not thrive, and its appetite is never satisfied, while many stable vices are likely to appear. Only the quantity the horse will eat should be placed before him, and he should be fed early in the morning, at noon and at night. Appetite varies, but an average is about 100 pounds of hay and forty-five pounds of oats per week for an average horse. He will also eat a few roots, carrots and Swede turnips, but not much at a time. Vary his food with a few apples, stale cake, potatoes (never raw), beans, corn (not much), banana skins, etc.—New York Post.

Kind of Eggs to Set.
Eggs that are abnormal in size, shape or any other respect should be rejected, not because none of them will hatch, but because they will not hatch well, and it is a waste to use them, says H. W. Jackson in National Stockman. I do not think it is necessary, however, to go to extremes in following the popular idea that only eggs similar in size be set together. Experiments at West Virginia station show that large and small eggs give approximately the same percentage of evaporation under similar conditions, hence large and small eggs do not need very different conditions of treatment.

The Profitable Hog.
The hog is really one of the farmer's most profitable crops and is worthy of more attention. He is useful to the dairyman because he will eat the by-products of the dairy; he is useful to the grain farmer because he will convert the grains and grasses of the farm into money; so from either standpoint he will show a profit. The more care you devote to him the better he will pay you. One must get the idea out of his head that anything is good enough for a hog. The fact is that nothing is too good for him.—Farming.

Top Grafting.
More grafting should be done of the tree fruits and less of the public's money. Many worthless trees from the standpoint of fruit are permitted to occupy our orchards, yet valuable if utilized as stocks for top grafting. Top grafting is not difficult, but it doesn't do it itself. In fact, it has some advantages. So utilize the old cherry, plum, pear and apple stocks.—National Stockman.

To Catch Rats.
A sure way to catch rats is to place in a pan of bran or sand a steel trap so the bran or sand will steady the trap. Spread over the trap a very thin cloth or a piece of mosquito bar to hide the trap and shun; then sprinkle breadcrumbs or cheese crumbs over the trap on top of cloth. Place this where the rats get to it, and you will catch a rat every pop.—Cor. Farm Progress.

Fattening Hogs.
Mature hogs can be fattened on corn and water, but growing hogs should have some slop feed. They have muscle and bone to make as well as fat to put on, and this requires a growing feed. Wheat middlings or wheat middlings and oilmeal make the best slop. When barley is cheap one-third barley meal might be used.—Forest Henry at Minnesota Institute.

Cause of Crumbly Butter.
Probably the cause of crumbly conditions in butter is the fact that most of the cows are strippers. If this is the cause it will quickly be removed when fresh cows come into the herd. Some feeds have the effect of slightly softening the fat, and one of these is linseed meal. I suggest a little of this meal be used in the ration.—Professor R. A. Pearson.

Warts on Cherry Trees.
A correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean says that the best remedy for black warts or knots on cherry trees is to cut off the warts and then burn them. When this can be done without serious injury to the tree cut off the warts and paint the wound with a coat of thick bordeaux mixture.

Early Vegetables For the North.
Of the varieties of peas tested at the experiment station in northern Michigan, Notts Excelsior proved the best for the middle early kind of peas. Peep of Day corn planted June 10 was ready for use Sept. 1.

Is the Moon Inhabited.

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Whom I love with an undying zeal and for whose support I now appeal.

I was born and bred a democrat of the strictest type and in my allegiance to the democratic party I have never faltered, having been the same yesterday, to-day and forever. I have been township constable ten years and deputy sheriff eight years, and with this record I place myself unreservedly and with confidence upon the democratic altar.

Your obedient servant,
DANIEL W. PEGRAM.
April 6, 1906.

NOTICE.

TO THE VOTERS OF WARREN COUNTY.

I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Treasurer, subject to the action of the approaching democratic convention, and solicit the support and co-operation of my friends throughout the county in securing my nomination.

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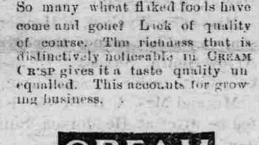
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PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Famous Woman Suffragist.
Miss Susan B. Anthony, the veteran woman suffragist, who recently passed her eighty-sixth birthday, was prevented by illness from attending the celebration of the event held at the Hotel Astor, New York, by the interurban political economy council. She had promised to be there, but, as she said in a telegram of regret, "The word of a woman of eighty-six cannot be relied on like that of a girl of sixteen."
There were many humorous stories with the homage which was given the



SUSAN B. ANTHONY.
absent guest. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the council, told of Miss Anthony's experience on her first lecture tour. On the first afternoon a few men were the only persons to hear her lecture, though once or twice she could see the door open and through a crack see the tip of a woman's bonnet. They did not dare to venture then, but in the evening the men, finding the lecturer not at all rabid, came again and brought their wives.

Rev. Anna Shaw told of a big meeting at which they had been speaking of Miss Anthony, and she herself joined in the applause that followed.

"I leaned over to her and said: 'This is not your turn to applaud, Annet Susan. They are talking about you.'"
"Oh, no, they are not," she returned. "They are talking about the cause."

Didn't Dress the Part.
The attire of Representative Murphy of Missouri does not meet with the approval of the negro messenger who stands guard over the private office of the first assistant postmaster general, Mr. Hitchcock. When Murphy came to Washington from the Ozarks he wore a homespun suit. He is still wearing it. Recently he had some business with Mr. Hitchcock.

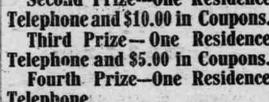
"Hol' on, boss; nobody but congress can go in dar," said the messenger as Murphy started into Mr. Hitchcock's office. Murphy proceeded to explain, but the negro interrupted. "Ah kan't help it," he declared. "Dem's my orders."

Murphy showed his card and walked in, leaving the negro apologizing.

"He don't dress like a congressman no moaner rabbit," was the negro's comment.—New York Times.

How It is Pronounced.
Representative Schneebell of Pennsylvania has pity on the linguistic infirmities of his fellow citizens. He thinks that name of his is too much for the average man or woman, so he doesn't expect him or her to pronounce it without assistance. Mr. Schneebell has provided himself with cards on which are printed under his name these words: "Pronounced Snay-blay."

France's New President.
It is said of M. Clement Fallieres, who on Feb. 18 assumed the duties of president of France, former President Loubet retiring to private life, that by temperament he is unable to be a partisan. His equanimity is said to be wonderful, and in the midst of most



M. CLEMENT FALLIERES.
exciting scenes he remains calm and dispassionate. His enemies charge him with lack of will power, but they cannot say that he is whimsical or capricious. One of his failings is an alleged leaning toward the pomp and ceremony of office, but his republicanism is rock rooted and unassailable.

In appearance he is not a striking personality, his great gift giving him almost a grotesque shape; but, taken altogether, he is said to be the man for the Elysee who will continue the ideas and the correct attitude of Emile Loubet.

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