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The newspaper office comes in touch with every side of life. This was exemplified to quite a degree on Saturday. Our phone was in constant use from those desiring to know the various results prior to the press hour.

Many desired to know who won the world's championship at base ball. Others wanted to know whether or not Johnson would be able to retain the world's championship in the prize ring over Ketchell. Others wanted to know the results of the football game at Caldwell, where our La Grande boys were victorious. No less than one-half a dozen inquiries were not so much interested in the result of the score at Caldwell as they were to know if any of our boys were injured. Several in the country wanted to know over the phone how the local option cases in the circuit court resulted. One phone desired to know if Billy Boy had yet been captured. There were so many events happening Saturday that it reminded the force of an evening following an election. To those who do not enthuse over sports and cannot see how any one can become interested, would be surprised to know how many are.

Saturday once more demonstrated the advantages of an evening paper. There is no comparison from a news standpoint between an evening and a morning service. Especially is this true on the Pacific coast where the difference of time between Washington, from whence comes the great volume of national news, the same from New York, the commercial center of the country. From Chicago the difference in time is two hours. When it is 2:30 in Washington, D. C. it is 12:30 on the Pacific coast and when it is 2:30 in Chicago it is 1:30 p. m. It can readily be seen that the evening papers through the advantages of time and well organized telegraph service aided by the linotype machine, covers the field of the day on all important transactions. The morning papers covers the criminal field possibly to a greater extent for the greater number of crimes are generally committed during the night time. Hence evening papers often scope the morning papers even in this class of news for often these crimes are not discovered until daylight.

JUST A SOCIAL HOAX.

New York has been gold-bricked. The game was put up on the astute and sophisticated metropolitans during the Hudson-Fulton celebration and the manner of it is laughable. The medium of deceit was the use of attractive great names, and the occasion an event alleged to be socially exclusive to the point of aristocratic frigidity.

The story runs thus: It appears that there once existed in Albany a military organization known as the "Burgesses." It was the cream of masculine society in the capital city of the Empire State. But all "unknown" to the elect of Gotham who believe that the Harlem marks the boundary of barbarism, and beyond that is savagery, that august organization had fallen into decay; it had attained to that state what a prominent New Yorker might once have described as "innocuous desuetude." Its reputation, however served as capital for the gold-brick enterprise.

An Albany undertaker, Jim Burns, by name; an Albany corn doctor, one John Callahan; an Albany horse doctor, on whose card is printed A. B. Hecker; John Webb, a traveling man from the Capital City; and Col. Jas.

Otis Woodward, a man about town from the metropolis, were the promoters, executioners and beneficiaries of the scheme. These were the self-constituted officers of that ancient and honorable body, which had once been known as the "Burgesses," and as such they decided that elite New York would appreciate the honor of their intertainment.

Accordingly proper arrangements were made for a grand Hudson-Fulton ball under the auspices of the "Burgesses." Handsomely engraved invitations were issued to the masculine notables, naval and military, foreign and domestic, whose name was legion in and about New York, and on those invitations appeared the names of Andrew Carnegie, August Belmont, Chauncey M. Depew, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, J. Pierpont Morgan, Levi P. Morton and others equally prominent, as honorary life members of the hospitable and socially inclined "Burgesses."

The bait was swallowed, hook and all. The attendance was all that could be desired. There was a plethora of aristocratic chivalry which was speedily and effectually plucked to the financial advantage of the honorable officers of the long defunct "Burgesses." The charges at the cloak room were \$3 for checking a coat and \$1 for checking a hat. Then at the entrance to the ball room there was a bevy of good looking women, whose obvious duty it was to see that each guest was presented with a boutonniere, for which the guest was politely requested to surrender another dollar. Upon this the guest was allowed to enter into the joys prepared for him from the beginning.

As soon as the ball room was entered the hoax was discovered as a matter of course, and the aristocratic suckers went away from there as soon and with as little fuss as possible, the route of exit having been considerably planned to avoid the incoming throng. The reason for this quiet and unobtrusive retreat was obvious. It was a clear case of social bunco, which New York suffered, and from the "jay" town of Albany! And to make the humiliation deeper, the chief promoters were a grave-digger and two doctors—one corn and the other horse.

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