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DISGUSTING COURTSHIP.

Charles G. Gates, son of the late "Bet-you-a-million" John W. Gates, Gates, buried in Paris last Saturday, stands head and front above the rest of lovestick swains—even Lafferty. He had his second wife all "copped out" long before he got his divorce from his first wife, and to accomplish his sinister end, he had the engagement already existing between his secret fiancée and her lover cut off, and his own divorce effected, all at the same time. Ostensibly talking bonds and finance, the young plunger, who seems to be a chip of the old block, though his dead father did his plunging in the mire of money, he would dash up to Minneapolis occasionally and make love to his sweetheart. All this time he was still a married man. Now, his father buried, his divorce secured, the Carter-Hopwood engagement broken, Gates is a free lance and care free to marry the pretty school girl he met at a summer party. Gates' singular performance stands out as a precedent of downright nerve that can only be emulated by the history of his father; always remembering that the recklessness his father showed ran toward the almighty dollar while the younger scion of the illustrious house tilts his daring pranks to matrimony. Maybe if the younger Gates would marry some farmer girl as did his father before him he would have less trouble and certainly make less farcical matrimonial laws and social prestige.

The whole affair is nauseating to respectable people and cannot help but be a stunner to even those who dote on queer capers in things matrimonial.

FAIR MATTERS NEED ATTENTION.

Constant attention to the thousand details necessarily needing adjustment will be the duty of the fair commission from now on. Falling on the shoulders of a few, the fair's arrangement is a stupendous task, to which former members of the commission take oath. It has come to be a practice, locally, that the fair matters should be left to a few—a few who may be able to administer the affairs

with more expedition than many yet, the fact remains that what really makes a fair is the whole-hearted cooperation of the district a fair is to represent. Unless the farmers commence early to lay plans for dropping ranch duties, fair week and coming to the fair with their families and pumpkins, the fair can never be what was intended for it.

The live, active hustlers behind the details of arrangements will look after their affairs with minute attention but it is primarily the producer of stock and grains and fruit and vegetables that makes or unmake a county fair. With these elements all working together, as reports from outlying district fully indicate, the coming Union county fair can have but one outcome—a great big success that the community warrants.

LETTER WRITING AS A POPULATION GETTER.

The time will soon come when settlers or prospective settlers or even just plain seekers after western data, can come to the coast at reduced rates. Commercial clubs may tease, and real estate men beckon to the immigrant's with more or less success to themselves and the community, but the personal letter, written from friend to friend, brings the results. If each La Grande and Union county household interested itself in bringing one family here from the east during the next 30 days, see what a "crop" of homeseekers the valley would get if only one-fifth of the families landed their friends. There can be no greater power of attraction to the northwest, than that of warm friendship beckoning and though it is perhaps too late now to accomplish much this fall, systematic letter writing will get the results if results are to be had.

DANGER OF TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION THROUGH BUTTER.

The possibility of the transmission of tuberculosis by milk is now well known. The equal danger of tuberculosis being carried by butter is only beginning to be realized. Yet cream contains tubercle bacilli in even larger quantities than milk. It is difficult to state the percentage of contamination, but it probably averages about 12 per cent. The germs of tuberculosis can live in the butter, in spite of the salt which it contains, and the cold temperature in which it is stored, for a period of about three months; in fact, in some cases the germs have been found to increase even in butter containing from 2 to 3 per cent of salt and stored at a temperature of zero centigrade. Dr. Alfred F. Hess of New York, in a recent number of the Journal of the American Medical association calls attention to this danger and says that the public should be warned against impure butter, as well as against impure milk. As a remedy, he proposes the manufacture of a certified grade of butter, to be made under the same conditions as certified milk. The demand for such butter could never be general, as the price would be prohibitive to many, but there are probably many who if aware of the danger of ordinary butter, would willingly pay the additional price of a safe product for their children. Certified butter would be, primarily, for children, just as certified milk is, primarily, for infants, chil-

dren and invalids. On the other hand, pasteurized butter—that is, butter made of pasteurized milk—costs but little more than ordinary butter, and does not differ from it in taste, color or appearance. In Denmark, for instance, pasteurized butter is the staple. It is also made and sold in many European countries. A pasteurized butter will be put on the market of new York in the near future, at a cost of 5 cents per pound more than raw butter. This increase is permissible under the circumstances, but it will probably not be necessary when the demand for such butter has been established.

MECHANICAL PROGRESS IN 35 YEARS.

Five different types of prime movers which develop approximately the same horsepower under their normal conditions of operating shown in their correct relative sizes in an illustration in the September Popular Mechanics Magazine, strikingly attest the wonderful progress in mechanical engineering made during 35 years of evolution and discovery. The five types include the steam turbine, Francis water turbine, electric induction motor, modern Corliss engine and the Centennial Corliss engine of 1876.

This interesting comparison was suggested by the passing away of the famous old Centennial Corliss engine from the car shops at West Pullman, Chicago, Ill., where, after being in continuous service for nearly 30 years, it has just been superseded by a modern electrical equipment. The Centennial engine was built at Providence, R. I., for exhibition at the Philadelphia Exposition of 1876. At that time it was considered the last word in engineering design.

Barbaric and heathenish alone fitly describe the cruelties invoked on the negro at a Pennsylvania town yesterday morning. Hanging and shooting, may sometimes be meet and just, but burning, never. Black or white, murderer or saint, all individuals are entitled to trial, and no amount of stretched imagination can atone the atrocious, inhuman and barbaric cruelties aimed at the fellow in question. The officials of that city will be derelict in their duty if they do not punish the leaders severely.

Our Lafferty is no quitter, anyway. Under fire he comes out announcing his candidacy for renomination.

"THIS IS MY 46TH BIRTHDAY."

Edwin L. Norris.

Edwin L. Norris the present governor of Montana, was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, August 15, 1865. He received his education in the country schools, and in 1886 graduated from what is now the Western Kentucky Normal school. During the next two years he was engaged in teaching school at various points in Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas. His spare time was spent in the study of law. In 1888 Mr. Norris moved to Montana, and during the next year he finished his legal studies and was admitted to the bar. In 1896 he was a successful candidate on the democratic ticket for the Montana senate, and four years later he was elected lieutenant governor of the ticket headed by J. P. Toole. Mr. Toole and Mr. Norris were the only two democrats elected on the ticket that year. In 1903 Governor Toole resigned, and Mr. Norris became governor, and in 1908 he was re-elected.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- August 15.
- 1769—Napoleon Bonaparte born. Died May 5, 1821.
- 1771—Sir Walter Scott, famous Scotch novelist, born. Died Sept. 21, 1832.
- 1791—Duff Green, statesman and diplomat born in Woodford county, Ky. Died at Dalton, Ga., on June 10, 1875.
- 1810—Gen. John B. Magruder born in Winchester, Va., died in Houston, Tex., Feb. 19, 1871.
- 1814—The British made a midnight assault upon Fort Erie which was repulsed.
- 1846—First newspaper published in California issued at Monterey.
- 1889—Republicans of Iowa nominated Joseph G. Hutchinson for governor.
- 1891—The Bering Sea arbitration award was delivered.
- 1903—Joseph Pulitzer gave \$2,000,000 for a school of journalism in Columbia university.

THE FALL COAT SEASON OPENS WITH A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PLUSHES AND CARACULS

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