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STRAY TOPICS FROM LITTLE OLD NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 30.—Quite by accident the police authorities learned the other day that "private" exhibitions of extremely lurid moving pictures are given in this city by some concern the members of which have not yet been identified. The police authorities exercise strict supervision over all moving picture shows in this city and, under an agreement with the makers of the films all films are submitted to a corps of censors before they are given out for reproduction. The films shown at the "private" seances had never passed through the hands of the censors. They were of a character so obscene that they made the detectives blush when they witnessed the exhibition of the films at a dance hall in Harlem, rented for this purpose by the still unidentified backers of the enterprise. By a mere ac-

cident two detectives heard of the "show" and obtained admission to the hall upon payment of \$1.00 each. After some of the pictures had been shown the detectives raided the place and confiscated the films and picture machine. But not a single person could be found willing to admit that he was in any way connected with the show. A thorough search is to be made by the police to find the backers of the enterprise and to learn where and by whom the obscene films were made. It is a rather characteristic fact that the crowd of about one thousand men attending the "private" picture show consisted almost wholly of well dressed men and comprised a large number of Tammany and other politicians, including a number of aldermen. In fact, it was an alderman who entered the only protest against the confiscation of the films and picture machine by the detectives. He was not willing, however, to admit that he was in any way interested in the show.

There are some fine specimens of imbecility among the justices of the peace in the small towns around New York. A brilliant example is a certain J. P. in North Tarrytown, who divides his time between painting barns and holding court. The other day a man was brought before him, charged with robbery. The evidence was that the man had robbed a woman under threat of bodily injury of \$200, but was afterward arrested. The barn-painting J. P. listened to the evidence without interest, but when the policeman, who had made the arrest testified that he had found a revolver and a dagger upon the person of the prisoner, he pricked up his ears. He pronounced the prisoner guilty of carrying concealed weapons and fined him \$25. The man paid his fine out of the \$200 which he had taken from the woman and lost no time in effacing himself so completely that even the Tarrytown police could never catch him. The woman who had been robbed and the policeman who had arrested the robber were indignant, but the J. P. was highly pleased with his clever disposition of the case.

A few days ago a meeting of "Army Women," that is, of the wives, sisters and mothers of army officers stationed in or near New York, was held at the Waldorf-Astoria. The object of the meeting was to start a movement in favor of the restoration of the past canteen, which was abolished a few years ago to quiet the strenuous protests of the temperance women throughout the country. Many prominent army women delivered addresses in which they strongly favored the restoration of the canteen for the best interests of the men as well as the service. Several ministers, thoroughly acquainted with the conditions existing in army posts, also vigorously supported the movement. One of the speakers caused considerable merriment when she told that only recently a prominent member of the W. C. T. U. had asked her, "Why do you want the soldiers to carry those canteens filled with whiskey slung over their shoulders?"

Aristocratic Fifth avenue was the scene of a lively fox hunt the other day. A large red fox, imported from Alaska as a window feature for the Hudson Bay company's fur store on Twenty-third street, escaped through the carelessness of a clerk and led a lively chase along Fifth avenue. With a pack of pursuers in full cry at its heels, the fox ran up Fifth avenue to Thirty-fourth street, where it doubled on the hunters who were following on foot and in automobiles. At Thirty-third street the animal turned east and tried to hide in a doorway, but was trapped there and captured.

A sign in Chinese characters hanging on the Broadway side of the fence surrounding St. Paul's church, attracted considerable attention from the thousands of men and women who pass the church daily on their way to and from work in the financial district of the lower part of Manhattan. All kinds of theories as to the meaning of the characters on the sign were advanced. Some thought that a Chinese laundry was to be opened in the basement of the church, while others were of the opinion that the sign contained the announcement of some Chinese meeting to demand the abdication of the Manchu dynasty. At last, however, the puzzle was solved. It was ascertained that the puzzling characters merely contained the announcement

that the Chinese Sunday school connected with the church would hold its meetings every Sunday at No. 29 Vesel street.

The Continental hotel, the last but one of the old hotels on Broadway below Twenty-third street was closed the other night and within a few weeks the famous old structure, which was built in 1865, will be torn down to be replaced by a 20-story loft and office building of modern construction. A few weeks ago the property was sold to a real estate syndicate for \$1,250,000. For more than forty years the hotel had been a Merrifield hotel. The late E. L. Merrifield purchased the hotel in the early seventies, when it was known as Barnum's hotel. After Mr. Merrifield's death his son, Mark E. Merrifield, took charge of the hotel and conducted it successfully and profitably to the present time. For many years the hotel was the home of George Francis Train and it was also the popular meeting place of the Methodist and the Congregational ministers of the city.

The old Sayre homestead in Southampton, L. I. which is reputed to be the oldest frame house in the United States, and for many years was one of the most interesting show places in that village, has been torn down as unsafe by order of the authorities. The house, which was built in 1648 by Thomas Sayre, one of the early settlers, and always remained in possession of the family, was extremely interesting from the fact that all the material in the old building, excepting the glass, was home made. Even the nails were turned out by the village blacksmith in those days.

FACTS ABOUT REGISTRATIONS IN 1912.

- General election will be held on November 5.
- Primary election will be held on April 19.
- At the general election will be elected president, vice president, one United States senator, congressman for new Eastern Oregon district, secretary of state, sheriff, clerk, assessor, treasurer, coroner, surveyor, commissioner, justices of the peace and constables, recorder, superintendent of schools, dairy and food commissioner, railroad commissioner (2nd district) state representative, Union and Wallowa counties senator from Union and Wallowa counties, representative from Union County, joint senator including Union, Malheur and Morrow counties.
- At the primary election parties will nominate for same offices and in addition will express their choice for president and vice president and will elect delegates to their national conventions.
- Registration closes on April 5.
- Last day for candidates to file nominating petitions, April 4.
- Registration reopens April 29.
- Closes for last time May 15.

GARY IS DISPUTED.

Louis Brandeis Finds Fault With the Working Hours.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Testifying before the Stanley committee investigating the steel trust, Louis Brandeis took exception to the statement of Judge Gary of the trust, that the steel corporation is a model employer. Brandeis said: "The report of the commissioner of corporations during May, 1910, shows that 50,000 men or 20 per cent of all the corporation's employes worked 84 hours or more weekly. This means 12 hours of work each day, including Sunday. He asserted that the shifts changed periodically and that some men are compelled to remain on duty from 18 to 24 hours. 'I understand,' he said, 'that some of the men are over 40 years of age. I am surprised they are not incapacitated for work under the conditions they are compelled to endure.'"

FRATERNAL ORDERS OF LA GRANDE.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. N. MOLITOR, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.
H. J. RITTER, Ex. Rul
H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Saturdays at K. P. hall. All visiting members welcome.
D. FITZGERALD, C. C.
J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.

M. W. OF A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in K. of P. hall, over Lilly's hardware store. All visiting neighbors are welcome.
W. A. DUNN, V. C.
W. F. LANDRUM, Clerk.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall.) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights.
A. C. HAYNES, C. C.
R. L. LINCOLN, M. of A. & S.

EBEKASHS—Crystal Lodge No. 50 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.
MISS HELEN McLAUGHLIN, N. G.
MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.
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