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A TENDERLOIN MAGNATE.

An old man who wished to die had his wish granted in the heart of New York. The rumble of a swarming city beat upon his hearing to the last.

There is no horrible example contained in the life and death of James Trainor. He first operated an eating place at Thirty-third and Broadway, and the saying of a police captain who sampled his steak gave rise to the designation "tenderloin," which has been permanently admitted to American speech.

He died at an advanced age, surrounded by luxury, having retired from his spectacular saloon business with a considerable fortune. He saw the spending center of America develop. He met and knew all sorts of characters who were drawn into the vortex of that region of dissipation, wasting, folly and tinsel mirth, the main thoroughfare of which is Broadway. The bar-room he owned was embellished with massive fittings; its walls lined with costly paintings; its atmosphere one of solid luxury.

History is rapidly made in any tenderloin and Trainor saw a swift procession of changes from his vantage place. He saw tragedy and oblivion swallow up many in his little world; he greeted many others who presently turned away, having pierced the pretenses of boughten mirth.

That he lived long and died without anyone in particular to mourn him cannot justly be woven into a moral, but that he always lived well conveys a lesson.

Trainor was of those who sold. He was not in the market for commercialized pleasures. He was one of the few, the cool-headed, calculating, usually morose few, who profit by the excesses of others.

HEREDITY AS AN ALIBI.

If ever a cynical yarn was spun it is that of the man who obtained \$140,000 of his mother by tricky and crime and, with his wife, traveled and dissipated between New York and

Honolulu until one of the many detectives on his trail caught up with him and brought him back. His mother will not prosecute him, but her forgiveness inspires no more appreciative utterance than: "Well, if she sends me to jail, I'll drag her along." "I was born the son of thieves," says the returned fugitive. "What can you expect of me?" He adds that he has but a little time to live and does not care what happens.

We do not go in for ancestor worship much in this country, yet the science of heredity is utilized as an excuse for many sins of omission and commission.

In some countries the fact that a remote forbear distinguished himself in battle for the king entitles one to revel in rapid inactivity. In this country there are those who will blame everything from an appetite for drink to absent mindedness on defects in pedigree.

When the forces of heredity are more accurately measured, such excuses will be out-of-date and instead of a weak surrender to a family failing, the individual will be expected to be especially on guard against faults that are handed down to him. If both parents are thieves, the tendency toward dishonesty will be combated with that much more vigor. It will be realized that, for the self-conscious person, had heredity is the worst alibi of all.

A TIP TO PROPAGANDISTS.

It is reported, or rather charged, that an organized effort is being made to influence both the republican and democratic conventions so that men will be nominated for the presidency who are favorably inclined toward the cause of the central powers.

Of itself, such a movement would seem to be legitimate. Prohibition, preparedness, equal suffrage, high tariff and other issues will inspire attempts from the opposed elements to register their wills in national conventions. No more pressing question is pending than this nation's attitude toward the contending powers of Europe and straight-forward measures to shape sentiment, so long as they aim at no injury to the United States should not be regarded as reprehensible.

But the habit of all special pleaders is to mask their motives and purposes. The value of frankness is not realized. The prohibitionists who have openly declared that, because alcohol impairs the efficiency of labor and hurts their interests as employers, they are in favor of its suppression demand respect immediately, where as the publications in which personal freedom and liberalism are exalted, with expenses paid by those who profit from the sale of drink, do not ring true. Men wise in the ethics and the art of advertising take advantage of the general aversion to any cause which resorts to concealment. Underground tactics to generate

friendliness in this country toward any other country will defeat themselves. If, in the fields of publicity and politics, above-board endeavors are launched to strengthen the case of the central powers—which certainly are under a disadvantage through the difference in language and the condition of news transmission—there should be no objection. Americans are more than willing to hear both sides, and since everything from religion to railroads has at various times played a part in national politics, there is no reason why the line should be drawn at permitting the advocates of any nation to have their say.

There is one splendid thing about a moving picture audience you can't say about the other kinds—it hasn't got a bald-head row.

A Long Island man and his wife decided to experiment with a trial separation, the same to endure for a year. It worked. When he came back after her at the expiration of that period he found her so well satisfied with the separation idea that she wouldn't open the door to him.

One can never tell what a submarine will do next. For instance one rose to the surface the other day after having been lost.

War News of One Year Ago

Germany officially began her submarine warfare. The British steamer Dulwich was sunk without warning and the French steamer Ville de Ville, with warning. Ten men on the Dulwich were drowned. The allies assumed the offensive on all fronts. The Kaiser saw 50,000 Russians captured in East Prussia.

Brazil Wants a Higher Tariff.

Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 1.—(By Mail)—Because they believe American flour and other American products imported by Brazil are crippling home industries here, Brazilian business interests have asked the Brazilian federal senate to build up the tariff wall and keep United States manufacturers from running away with the Brazilian domestic market.

Certain American goods now pay 20 per cent less import duty into Brazil than is paid on the same class of goods imported into Brazil from other countries. This favor is shown to these American goods because the United States abandoned the idea of charging a 3 cent duty on coffee imported into the United States from Brazil.

The Brazilian flour millers and the Commercial Association of Brazil now say this agreement is working great benefit to the United States and great harm to Brazil. They say coffee prices are so high that Brazil can choose its market; and that therefore Brazil will be able to dispose of its coffee in the U. S. whether it is taxed or not; and that therefore it is useless to continue the agreement and let the U. S. manufacturers gobble up all the domestic trade of Brazil in other lines. In proof of their contention the millers cite figures to show that since the agreement was made importations of American flour have jumped from 54,000,000 pounds in 1916 to 152,000,000 in 1914.

The appeal before the federal senate is only for a higher flour tariff, but should the millers get the tariff raised on flour, efforts will be made to revive the tariff upward on condensed milk, rubber articles, clocks and watches, paints, typewriters, refrigerators, pianos, scales, electric fans, cement, building material and furniture and other articles.

American interests in Brazil and Brazilian business men are watching the miller's fight closely. Practically all the Brazilian flour mills are working on British capital, but they are influential in the commercial organizations of the country. American flour has enjoyed a 30 per cent lower tariff in Brazil than any other imported flour and is even said to be under the price of the domestic product.

Pot Pourri Paragraphs

New York, Feb. 12.—The National Indoor Tennis championship for men will be staged on the courts of the Seventh Regiment Tennis club here beginning today. The Florida State outdoor championship will be decided at the Palm Beach Tennis club courts February 28th.

Minneapolis.—Of the 600 jitney buses operating here last fall, only 64 were left today.

Grand Forks, N. D.—North Dakota newspaper editors formed a mutual co-operative fire insurance company, for the protection of their plants.

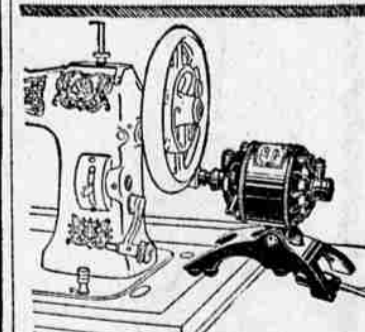
Fort Dodge, Ia.—Clara Gerd Posendahl, young farmer who is six feet and eight inches tall and weighs 290 pounds, is married to a woman six feet tall.

It is too much to hope that the war will tend to go away with modern inhuman styles in foot-wear.

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The Careful man knows that Poverty is worse than sickness so he Banks his money. He does his duty. "SICKNESS IS BAD," BUT POVERTY, AND DEPENDING UPON "CHARITY" IS WORSE. WE CAN'T ALWAYS PREVENT SICKNESS, BUT POVERTY IS NEARLY ALWAYS THE RESULT OF EXTRAVAGANCE AND WASTE. MOST MEN CAN SAVE PART OF THEIR EARNINGS FROM THEIR WORK OR THEIR BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY DENYING THEMSELVES. WHEN SICKNESS COMES DON'T LET IT FIND YOU WITHOUT MONEY. PUT MONEY IN THE BANK FOR SELF-PROTECTION. BANK WITH US. WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS. La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON. Capital \$200,000.00 Surplus \$50,000.00 Resources \$1,000,000.00. Fred J. Holmes, President. F. L. Meyers, Cashier. C. C. Penington, Vice President. E. Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers. DIRECTORS: Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. F. Conley, C. C. Penington, H. S. Brownnton, F. L. Meyers, A. Blokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.

"SILENT VOICE" AT SHERRY'S. Some men succeed by doing good work, and others by working good people. Today's Oddest Story. St. Paul, Minn. Feb. 12.—Buried with the body of Mrs. William Wright under six feet of sod today, was the pudding of the courts of the Seventh Regiment when her son, from whom she had not heard since the Boer war, came home. Her long waiting made her an invalid at 79. A typical scene from the "Silent Voice" featuring Francis X. Bushman which will be seen at Sherry's theatre today only. OREGON EDUCATION UPHELD. Forty-Seven State U. Graduates Are On University or College Faculties. University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 12.—Development of Oregon's institutions of higher education was not rapid until the last few years; yet the state has contributed considerably to the faculties of colleges and universities. Of the University of Oregon alone 47 graduates hold instructional or other positions on the staffs of degree-granting institutions. Some of the institutions are University of Washington, University of Georgia, University of Denver, Washington State College, Vassar College, Kalamazoo College, Albany College, University of Wisconsin, Cornell, University of Idaho. The positions held range from presidencies to fellowships; the departments from engineering to fine arts.



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