

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

Up to this time Mr. Taft has not missed a single putt that he really needed.

Did the Earl of Warwick wink when he was describing the bongos and okapi?

Nobody will envy the spanking committee appointed by the house to deal with Mr. Roosevelt.

Another advantage of early Christmas shopping is that you may possibly buy something sensible.

Anyway, President Castro's table manners are just as good as his debating manners.

Now let some one volunteer to go out and rig up a truce all around until after Christmas.

At last reports Tom Johnson was just as broke as he was when he first said he was broke.

It is about time General Simon was picking out the consulate in which he will take refuge.

We think they are rubbing it in on Emperor William when they won't even let him talk into a phonograph.

The advantage of a golf cabinet over a tennis cabinet is that fat men are eligible for active membership.

It cost \$4,000,000 to bury the late emperor of China. And there isn't a first class muck-raker in the whole kingdom.

Has not the Standard Oil troubles enough without having to answer for the dissemination of chewing gum?

If the reichstag passes the new tax bill, every stein of beer a German drinks will help pay for a new battleship.

While Mr. Roosevelt is in Africa we wish he would find out for sure whether a jackrabbit can kill a bull moose.

If Mr. Rockefeller were to give a walter a \$2.12 tip some New York papers would feel impelled to get out an extra edition.

The return of part of the Chinese indemnity came just in time to help pay the expenses of the Chinese emperor's funeral.

The ways and means committee is discovering what a painful operation it is to jar loose an infant industry from the bottle habit.

Morgan says he has never been a pessimist. Optimist is not so difficult when one has vaults bursting with coupon-bearing bonds.

Perhaps Tiny Tim Woodruff heard a noise like a steam roller getting ready for action when he was seized by that recent attack of modesty.

We hope Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman is not trying to expel any members of the Ananias club when he says that everybody is good now.

Why does the New York World keep on asking, "Shall the Democratic party die?" Does the World think the recent election was a wedding?

If it be true that Emperor William is pining away, then th eHon. Jack Abernathy had better take a few wolves and depart for Berlin immediately.

Will Mr. Roosevelt be so good as to use the new special delivery stamp with a peace album on it when he sends another message to congress?

The news that a Southern gentleman is sending President Roosevelt a nonfion of whisky probably rouses certain inexpressible feelings in the breast of the Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks.

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The farmers turned out \$5,000,000 worth of products last year. Why don't they take some of the money and go out and uplift themselves?

If the women do get a chance to vote on the liquor question in Washington, certain statesmen will depart hence right after the ballots are counted.

That cloud of gloom noticeable about the Milton tercentenary is caused by the neglect of "Fingy" Conners to interject a few classy obiter dicta.

Maybe Emperor William will be able to wriggle off his muzzle long enough to pass out a few remarks on President Castro, who is about to visit Berlin.

Three or four gentlemen who heard yesterday that Governor-elect Lilley of Connecticut was to be investigated were able to refrain from shedding tears.

The soldier who was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for eating an apple got off with light punishment. Adam got a life sentence for the same offense.

King Manuel of Portugal, who is threatened with a revolution, is another gentleman who will agree that there are worse things than a session of congress.

A Dublin man killed himself by accidentally cutting his throat with a safety razor. Even in death the national tendency to bulls could not be suppressed.

Late last night it was stated on the highest authority that Mr. Roosevelt had not called in his physician on account of the proposed rubuke that congress has handed him.

Mr. Bryan says he is worth only \$150,000, and yet he is going to be the guest of John W. Gates. Mr. Bryan will need a conservation commission of his own if he keeps on.

There is not a word of truth in the report that the Congressional Record will suspend publication for lack of copy. The Hon. John Wesley Gaines has not unlimbered yet.

The Pennsylvania man who has not spoken a word since he was killed, 30 years ago, probably was stricken dumb by shock when he realized what a narrow escape he had.

"Knocked Out by Matrimony" will be the title of the next melodrama in which John L. Sullivan will play the star. From the tenor of the old pugilist's remarks when testifying in his divorce suit, it is inferred that he prefers real war to marriage.

CALIFORNIA WILL PROTEST. Merchants Object to the Increase of Rates on Southern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Shippers and importers of California are arranging to unite in a statewide protest against increase in transcontinental tariffs announced by the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe roads. The opposition on the part of interests most affected will take the form of a score of mass meetings held in the leading cities on December 20, when representatives of the leading industries will set forth the grievances of the business men against the carriers.

ORCHARD IS STOLEN. Clark County Farmer Finds His Trees in Neighbor's Field.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—Adolph Joster, a Clark county farmer, accuses his neighbor, William Kalke, of stealing a pear orchard. Joster told his story today to Prosecuting Attorney Stapleton, and the latter has agreed to take action for recovery of the trees.

Joster resides five miles from Vancouver. He had but recently planted a pear orchard, and Sunday went out to inspect the trees. He could hardly believe his eyes. The trees had disappeared. Going to the farm of his neighbor, he found his trees replanted. He was sore of heart to think that the neighbor, whom he had induced to follow him from the Patherland, should have committed the depredation on his fine new orchard.

"I will write him a letter, Mr. Joster," said the county attorney, "and tell him it is an offense against the law."

"Fence, nothings," replied Joster. "He stole mine pear trees and left der fence."

TONG OFFERS \$2,000. Letter Found in Murdered Man's Room Reveals Plot.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Mysterious murder of a Chicago Chinese today led to the revelation that a price of \$2,000 had been sent by a Chinese tong on the head of Moy Dow, a wealthy Chinese merchant of national prominence. This disclosure came while detectives were investigating the death of Chu Chin Ching, found strangled, it is believed with his own guano. Chu, it is believed, was a victim of highlanders. A letter was found falling of the price of Moy's head.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

(From Saturday's Daily.) V. A. Dunlap of Talent was in the city yesterday.

D. B. Russell went to Grants Pass yesterday on business.

M. E. Worrell has returned from a business visit to Portland.

Miss Maudie Gaines went to Ashland yesterday for a short visit.

Professor Taylor will spend part of his holidays' vacation in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore returned to their home near Wimer yesterday after several weeks spent in the city visiting.

Miss Blanch Riddle will leave this morning for Riddle, where she will spend the school vacation and holidays with her parents.

Miss Walton and Miss Burns, two teachers in the high school, will leave this morning for Eugene for a holiday visit with relatives.

Mrs. C. D. Abbott and children arrived yesterday from Corvallis, Or., and went over to Jacksonville. Mr. Abbott recently purchased the old Taylor house there.

Dewitt Smith and family and G. W. Sawyer and family arrived yesterday from Egan, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of Mrs. A. P. Powell of South Medford.

S. H. Claspell was here from Butte Falls yesterday after goods. He reports the roads as being bad most of the way, only a very light snow having fallen there this season.

Word was received yesterday of the death of Mrs. Adams at Butte Falls Thursday. Mrs. Adams was the daughter of Aaron Beck, who has resided in that section for a number of years.

The Morning Mail is pleased to be able to announce this morning that Mr. A. J. Stewart, formerly of Medford, now of Cottage Grove, is improving rapidly from his recent serious illness.

While working about his horses yesterday morning, Constable A. D. Singler was bitten over the left eye by one of them. The skin was cut for a distance of one and a half inches, requiring several stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. J. M. Kiernan and daughter, Miss Marie, went south yesterday. Mrs. Kiernan goes to Yreka to visit an aunt who is quite ill, while Miss Marie goes to Edgewood to visit her brother, Charles, who is employed in a store there.

(From Sunday's Daily.) G. N. Smith was here yesterday from Wellen, trading.

Adam Schmidt was here from Jacksonville yesterday.

George McKilligan is home from Phoenix to spend Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Bell was down from Talent yesterday visiting friends.

Thomas McAndrew returned home yesterday, after spending some ten days at Portland.

Forest Ranger J. E. Griddle is building a new barn on his property on Central avenue.

S. H. Snyder returned yesterday from Grants Pass, where he has been for several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hosler of Ashland were in the city yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Scott Davis.

A steam boiler was taken out yesterday for use at the coal mine being opened up northeast of the city.

Mrs. R. T. Blackwood was down yesterday from Phoenix doing Christmas trading with the busiest men on earth.

Herbert Kentner, Fred Strang and Derrah Earhart are all home from school and will spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Marie Rockwell of Portland, who has been visiting her friend, Mrs. T. W. Miles, for several days, returned yesterday to her home.

V. C. Brown of Spokane is here on a visit to his friend, P. M. Kershaw, and is looking over the country with a view to locating.

Misses Ruth Merrick and Clara Wines returned home yesterday from Eugene and will enjoy the holidays with their parents in Medford.

Miss Fannie Whitman arrived in Medford yesterday from Portland, having been called here by the death of her grandfather, J. D. Whitman.

U. L. Appleford of Chicago, western sales manager of the Standard Gillett Light company, arrived yesterday and will remain several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Smith, formerly in business here, were down from their home in Ashland yesterday. They will remain in the city several days.

W. A. Burr, proprietor of the Burr Piano House in Roseburg, was in Medford yesterday on a visit to his friend, W. M. Hodson, of the Hodson Auto company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hair and Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Lowell of Woodville were in the city yesterday doing Christmas shopping, as were also

many others from the various towns towns between Ashland and Grants Pass.

Mrs. C. I. Hutchison and daughter, Miss Fern, returned yesterday from Portland and will spend the holidays at home with Medford relatives and friends.

The Pacific & Eastern railroad has a small crew of men at work keeping their track in suitable condition for use. The company now runs its train in place of the motor car.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis of Fargo, N. D., arrived in Medford yesterday and will move at once to the N. S. Bennett place, south of Medford, which place Mr. Davis purchased when here last summer.

SOCIETY WOMEN "EASY." Book Agent McFarland Says They Snag at Bait.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—John M. McFarland, chief witness in the trial of a clique of book agents accused of swindling rich women all over the country by securing enormous sums of money for de luxe editions, is threatened with exposure tomorrow. Attorneys for the other defendants claim they will prove he was in prison in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake.

McFarland today told how extremely "easy" rich society women were and they snapped up any proposition that looked like easy money or that promised to deprive any other woman of a coveted volume. McFarland told how he, acting for "men higher up," had first secured \$200 from Mrs. Patton, wife of the big broker, and subsequently by representing to her that he could buy fine books in Baltimore that were wanted by a Portland, Or., millionaire, and clean up several thousands. Mrs. Patton had been induced to increase her indebtedness to \$23,300.

He said the scheme was to visit some rich woman and ask if she had a certain line of books, offering a fabulous price for them. Of course she did not have them. A week or so later another member of the gang would visit her and offer a rare edition of the same books. With a view to selling them at a big profit to the first agent, she would buy the books and never see either of the agents again.

PULLMAN CAR INVESTIGATION. Claimed That Upper Berth Should Cost Only Half That of Lower.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17.—The upper berth of a Pullman was further disparaged today when two women took the stand before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, who is considering the plea that the upper berth should cost only half as much as a lower. The witnesses also affirmed that it is terrible to tip the porter, said tipping being necessary to get any kind of service. Both witnesses testified that they never take an upper berth unless compelled to by circumstances, both agreeing that there is a deal of trouble in getting in and out of one and that the ventilation is bad.

Commissioner Lane took the case which specifically applies to the rates between Chicago and St. Paul under advisement, and left for Washington tonight. Other cases involving the rates between Duluth and St. Paul and St. Paul and Seattle will be heard later.

"NO" TO 100 WOMEN. Aged Millionaire Bachelor Thought They Wanted His Money.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—Levi Merrick Stewart, known as "Elder" Stewart, a millionaire bachelor, celebrated his 81st birthday and became reminiscent.

"Many people," he said, "think it an achievement to have lived 81 years. I do not consider it so. Many people think it strange that I have lived all this time and never married. I do not think that strange, either."

"I have had more than a hundred proposals of marriage, but I have never felt called upon to accept any of them. Some of them came after I had made a little money, and I feared the senders wanted it more than they did me. That is one reason why I never married."

SHOWS MEXICAN METHODS. Chinaman Tells How He Was Smuggled Into Country.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—What federal authorities believe to be a complete exposure of the methods used in bringing Chinese into this country from Mexico, was made in the United States district court today by Chin Bow. He was called as a witness for the government in the case of three Mexicans charged with smuggling Chinese into the United States. Chin Bow was arrested with five other Chinamen and the three defendants, at Imperial Junction last June.

Chin Bow identified the prisoners as the men who led him and his companions across the border. He said the bargain was made with Charlie Sam, a Chinaman of Ensenada, who made a business of getting Chinese into this country. Chin Bow said he was to pay the Mexicans \$310 to get him into this country.

PAT CROWE'S PET PLAN.

BODY OF POLICE CHIEF FOUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The body of Chief of Police Biggy, who was drowned from the police launch Patrol opposite Alcatraz island in San Francisco Bay on the night of November 30, was found by the crew of the freight ferryboat Transit. It was floating off Goat island, face upward, with the arms outstretched. The harbor police were at once notified and, procuring a launch, Sergeant Donovan recovered the remains. The face is very much disfigured, but the body has been fully identified as that of the dead chief.

When the corpse was taken from the waters it had on the long coat and gloves worn by Biggy on the night of his disappearance. The launch with the body landed at the Mission street wharf.

Before the launch with Sergeant Donovan and several police officers on board reached the place where the body was first seen, it had been picked up by the crew of the scow schooner Georgia Woods, who aided in transferring it to the police boat. News of the recovery of the remains spread quickly, and an immense crowd assembled at Mission-street wharf, where they were landed.

In the presence of Acting Chief Cutler, Chief Deputy Coroner Kennedy and other officials, a search of the clothing in which the body was attired was made immediately upon arrival at the morgue. By means of the two badges which Chief Biggy wore, a locket with his monogram, a muffer, stickpin, his police whistle and other articles, the identification was made beyond the shadow of a doubt.

The watch which Chief Biggy always carried was stopped at 9:12 o'clock. So far as could be ascertained there were no papers in the pockets to which any significance could be attached, and it was concluded that if Chief Biggy had a written resignation prepared on the occasion of his visit to Police Commissioner Hugo Kell at the latter's home in Belvedere, he had disposed of it in some manner before he met his death.

Much to the surprise of the searchers, a hammerless revolver, with all chambers loaded, was found in a pocket, notwithstanding the fact that the late chief's pistol was found after his death in a restaurant where he had dinner on the night of his death.

There were no marks of violence on the body, but an autopsy will be held to assist, if possible, in clearing up the manner of death. The inquest probably will not be held until next week.

WRIGHT CAPTURED FRANCE.

PARIS, France, Dec. 18.—In addition to establishing a new record for heavier-than-air machines remaining in the air one hour and 52 minutes and 59 seconds, Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, achieved another record late today, attaining the height of 360 feet in a strong wind, winning the Sarthe Aero club's prize for height.

During the flight, at a height of 90 feet, a strong gust gave the machine an alarming backward set, but it soon righted and the craft continued an upward flight, circling the field again and again.

The Aero club tonight gave a banquet in Wright's honor.

TRIED TO WRECK TRAIN.

The Lives of 40 Passengers Endangered in Washington.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 19.—Trainwreckers tonight threw the switch on the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia railroad inside the city limits here and derailed the southbound passenger train, endangering the lives of 40 passengers. The train ran for some distance along the ties and came to a stop when the engine was on the brink of Whatcomb creek.

Engineer Story saw the thrown switch and put on the emergency brakes in time to prevent a loss of life. No one was injured. The police have no clue to the wreckers.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

From the Chicago News. My darling wife is pretty firm. Beneath her sway I sometimes squirm.

But there's one thing that I must say— She doesn't always have her way. She puts her foot down mighty flat— There's not a bit of doubt of that. She's not one that I love to cross. But, all the same, she's not the boss. She often orders me around, It's best to humor her I've found. Still, there are times no doubt of it, When she must gracefully submit. I am by nature mild and meek. And she's strong-minded so to speak. Yet she has not been slow to find That others have some strength of mind.

That she must tremble at a frown And humbly take a calling down. On such occasions I am free To say it rather tickles me. It does me good to see her shrink, She needs the discipline, I think. She's pretty often brought to book, By me? Good gracious, no! Our cook.

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