

A MAN'S DIARY FROM DODGE.

CONTENTMENT HOME

The Diary of a Man Who Tried a Week of Housekeeping.

"You See" in Charge

Monday Morning, 7 a. m.

I am glad you suggested my keeping a diary and selling you a copy of it each day for I am sure you will feel more contented and will enjoy your visit much better to know how smooth things are running and how well I am getting along with the cooking and the care of the pets. I know you feel a little nervous about leaving them with me, but when you read from my diary each day how devoted I am to them and the kitchen work, I know you will be at perfect ease. I know you would not have one of them hurt or abused for anything in the world and when you see how kind I am to them you will be sorry you did not leave the baby with me which would have relieved you a great deal. Now I do not want you to give yourself one moment's trouble about my being able to do the cooking for me and how I will give Friskey and your Angora cat, diekey bird and biddy, Friskey and Anga are laying cuddled up by the stove together on the little bed you made for them sound asleep.

I do not think they have missed you yet so contented and happy they seem to be, and for Diekey bird I guess he thinks you are somewhere listening to the song he is singing for it is sure one of melody and love and his voice seems sweeter to me than ever before. And Biddy, that little pet hen of yours is picking at the kitchen door. I guess she wants to say "good morning" to you. I will go and give her a few crumbs out of my hand and see how she will take to me. And your jellies and jams I will be just as careful of them as I can and will use your China dishes at all times I have to so you don't worry one bit and try to enjoy every minute of your visit so you will be refreshed and more hopeful when you come home.

If you should feel the least bit worried about anything write to me and not to Bobby about it as he seems a little shy and nervous to have you come anyway.

You asked me before you left if I thought I could do the work—well you just wait and see. I do not think there is much to do as you were never in a hurry and as I will have no sewing or washing to do it seems funny I can't—just watch my diary—and as for the pets—bless their kind, cute hearts—but my! it is 10 minutes to 12 and I haven't picked up the breakfast dishes yet! By-by.

Monday, 2:30 p. m.—Just got through dinner. It was a little late and that pudding you told me how to make I forgot it so gave them a quart of your huckleberry jam and they seemed to like it all right, maybe a better than they would the pudding. I had to get out some of your China dishes as there was not enough without them as it would have made dinner late if I had waited to wash the breakfast dishes before setting the table. The hired man did not seem to mind it much while they were waiting for dinner, but Bob said it would cut into the day's work quite a little—but he was always a little unreasonable. Friskey will not let that cat eat with him so he had to go without his dinner for I am not going to set two tables for cats and dogs. Diek seems kind of stupid, but I have not fed and watered him yet; maybe that is the reason—don't worry one bit.

Your Husband Until Tomorrow

Home, 8:45 a. m.—The men are just gone out from breakfast and I am not sorry they are gone, either. That Bill thinks he is awful smart. I forgot to mix the hot cake batter last night and he said they were about the flattest flapjacks he ever saw. They did not look any flatter to me than any other pancakes do, but they seemed a little heavy somehow, and I guess I did not get quite enough salt in the recipe. I tried to make it raise good, but the cat and the dog will have all they can eat for once, if I get time to feed them. They had quite a row last night, and I had to put the dog out of doors.

That "bloomin'" bird seems a little dumpy and don't seem to have any tune to his song, tho' perhaps he thinks I do not know what music is. I will show him. There is something on fire in the kitchen and I must go.

Ranch, Friday at 11 p. m.—I have not had time to write a word since Tuesday. The fire did not do much damage, a few old towels and a table cloth or two and one of the cupboard doors, my eyebrows and most of my hair (but I don't suppose you will mind that). I saved all your pets and now I think I can easily catch up. Don't worry.

You know I told you I forgot to mix the hot cake batter the first night. Well the next night I mixed the jar chock full. Some time in the night I heard that infernal cat prowling around, and I got up to see what had happened. I am sorry, but he knocked that fine lamp you got for an Xmas present off the table and broke the chimney and globe. I am sorry I had to use it, but I forgot to fill the reading lamp. But I kicked the cat across the room and she got away. If a cat has really got nine lives she may come to, don't worry. But what I was going to tell you about was that stuff in the yeast, for it ran out and all over the floor, and before I got back in bed I had half of it with me between the sheets, for it worked up through my toes and everywhere else it could find lodgement. It seemed to be stuck on me, and followed me all over the house. Write me how to get it off the brussels carpet before it dries on.

Had to use two more quarts of huckleberry jam for supper, as there were a few things I forgot to cook. Broke four of your china cups but only two of the saucers—after that infernal cat on the table.

That bird has not sung a note today. He may be sick, but I think he is lonesome, and it may be that he is hungry, for I have been so busy I forgot to feed him yesterday and the day before. He can stuff now, for I just fed him.

I am going to fire that cat and go to bed.

Purgatory, 10:30 a. m.—Do you intend to stay forever? Hot breakfast this morning, but nobody came to eat it. If they think they can spit me they are off. Just knocked that dog-gone hen off the back porch with "God Bless our Home. Don't know whether I killed her or not, but she seemed a little dazed when I struck her. "God Bless our Home" is a wreck anyway, as it glanced off the hen and knocked your five gallon pickle jar into kingdom come.

That cur of yours, I guess he had the hydrophobia, at least I gave him the remedy they use for it, for I drowned him in a tub of water, and it seemed to do him good. I wish he had been 12 dogs so I could have drowned him 12 times. That cat you left here I guess will get away unless I shoot for I cannot get near it any more.

Poor Dick was dead when I got up this morning, hanging with his head between the wires of the cage. Suicide, may be. I don't know, but don't worry.

Ate up the last jar of your huckleberry jam today and have begun on strawberries. Had the misfortune to break your gold-lined steak dish, with side dish to match.

I see you want more money—what are you doing? You had 88c, and your return ticket, and stamps to write me, when you left, and you have only been gone a week. You can do just as you have a mind to, for there won't be much for me to do next week, for what aren't I dead have left the ranch. But if you want to stay longer I will rake off 25 or 30c, some day and send it to you. But there is nothing more to "Diary" for this closes it.

P. S.—maybe you had better come home.

P. S.—Bob is yet alive and he sends you his love.

With much feeling, your husband until death.

THAT SCHOOL MATTER AGAIN.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CASE IS PRESENTED.

Four Schubei Residents Present a Signed Statement.

Editor Courier:

Considering the fact that you have devoted considerable space to the lament of Robert Ginther, permit us a little space in your valuable paper to state the case as it really is.

Not one of the "little fellows" was thrown into the so-called "pond." The nearest approach to its being done was in the case of a little boy about six years old, stopping with a family living nearby, for the purpose of attending school. He being pursued by one of the larger boys of the junior class (who had finished their recitations) for the forenoon) caught the little one, dragged him to the water's edge, and was in the act of throwing him in, when a daughter of the family with whom the boy stays, saw the performance and went to the rescue, arriving just in time.

Whose was the older boy?

This also answers the query as to "where was the teacher?" as everyone knows that at that hour the advanced grades are having their recitations and the teacher has something to do besides watching the "little fellows" at play.

R. G. is very well known to the people of this community and great allowance is made for his erratic words and deeds.

The statement that his children were waylaid and maltreated on the school grounds is true only so far: One of his boys watched his opportunity and tripped up a larger girl so that she fell into the mud. This not being enough she was spat upon by him with muddy water, her companion also receiving a portion. They caught the boy and spanked him soundly. (What an outrage!)

On another occasion there was some soft, sticky mud thrown (by one of his boys also) into the face and hair of the girls, daubing them in a serious way and also soiling their clothes. Another spanking bee there and then was the result.

This is a fair illustration of the trouble all the way along. Other children played pranks also, but R. G.'s were the only ones to take offense. It all comes from his faculty of being able to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel on almost any pretext.

When everything is boiled down and the "hot air" squeezed out, all that remains is best described as "a tempest in a teapot." Primarily all things connected with the affair were of trivial importance and anyone of ordinary sense would have so considered them. Not so R. G. His faculty of making a mountain out of a mole hill is where the blame rests.

The complete refutation of all charges by the teacher and pupils would have shown most anyone which way the matter stood, but if not the findings of the board of directors and supervisor, which exonerated the teacher and pupils completely, and also censured him for his conduct, would have been sufficient to have brought one to his proper senses.

On the contrary it seems to have been the "good which urged him on to madness."

An old proverb has it that "chickens come home to roost." Had not R. G. rushed into the limelight and blazed his trail with printers' ink through the columns of the public press, everything would have been well and no occasion for the parents to "take a hand."

Hoping you may make room for this letter and leaving R. G. and his brood to the just consideration of the public, we are very respectfully yours,

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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

President Not Convinced Government Could Make Telegrams Cheaper.

Washington.—President Taft informed congress in a message that he did not approve of Postmaster-General Hitchcock's suggestion that the government buy and operate all telegraph lines as an adjunct of the postal system. Mr. Taft said that if it could be shown that the public would benefit by receiving service at a less price than is now paid he might think differently of the plan, but that he was not convinced that would be the effect.

Mr. Taft approved the adoption of 3 parcels post, recommended by Mr. Hitchcock; said the placing of assistant postmasters in the civil service should be followed by the placing under the classified service of postmasters, and commended the postal savings system. Preparations are being made, he said, to establish this system at about 40,000 fourth-class offices.

President Taft also approved and forwarded to congress the report of the commission on second-class mail matter, recommending that the postal rate on magazines and newspapers be raised from one cent to two cents a pound. Postmaster-General Hitchcock originally recommended a four-cent rate, but later changed this to two.

Senate Tariff Plans Unsettled.

The tariff programme in the senate will be framed at conferences which the Democrats, the "progressive" Republicans and the regular Republicans are planning to hold soon after the finance committee concludes its hearings on the house steel revision bill. That will be early in March.

Democratic leaders virtually have decided to make a first stand for the house measure, with perhaps a modification that would not interfere with party solidarity in congress, and then, having gone on record for the straight Democratic bill, to endeavor to reach some common ground with the "progressive" Republicans.

"Progressive" Republican senators have talked over the situation informally, and while no conclusion has been reached, the plan of those not active is to make some concessions to the Democrats. The "progressive" Democrat is for reduction of duties, but not such a reduction as will carry the tariff below the protective point.

Taft Pleads For Two Battleships.

President Taft, speaking at the peace meeting of the Navy League, declared that the time had not come for this country to be economical at the expense of an adequate naval establishment; expressed the hope that the present congress would authorize the construction of two battleships, and said:

"In order to keep up with other nations, I don't think two battleships are too many, and I am partly responsible for the government and I am entirely willing to meet the responsibility by signing a bill for two battleships."

River Appropriation Bill is Completed

The river and harbor bill carries the following items for the Northwest: Mouth of Columbia River, \$1,000,000; Celilo canal, \$600,000; Columbia and Willamette below Portland, \$150,000; Willamette, above Portland and Yamhill, \$20,000; Tillamook Bay, \$200,000; Willamette, Portland to Oregon City, \$10,000, and \$250,000 additional for maintenance; Columbia, Celilo to mouth of Snake, \$30,000; Snake River, \$25,000; Siuslaw, \$5000; Coos River, \$3000; Tillamook, maintenance old project, \$5000; Clatskanie, \$1000; Columbia, Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$25,000; Lewis River, \$8,500; Skagit River, \$15,000; Puget Sound and tributaries, \$25,000; Hoquiam River, \$12,000.

National Capital Brevities.

Hearings will be held by the house interstate commerce committee on March 7 on the Sulzer apple box bill, which is very similar to the Lafean bill of the last congress.

With the passage of the chemical revision bill by the house another Democratic tariff measure was added to the senate calendar.

The house has passed the Taylor bill, which provides that no qualified entryman, who prior to June 25, 1910, made bona fide entry upon land in any government irrigation project and who established residence in good faith, shall be subject to contest for failure to maintain residence or make improvements prior to the time when

water is available for the irrigation of his entry.

A congressional investigation of the strike of textile workers at Lawrence, Mass., where men, women and children are being beaten and arrested by militia and police, and their constitutional guarantees disregarded, is certain.

President Taft and the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, are both said to be heartily in favor of the early consummation of an arbitration treaty with Germany.

CONGRESSMAN M'KINLEY



Photo by American Press Association.

Congressman M'Kinley of Illinois, manager of President Taft's campaign for renomination, also chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee.

ITALIANS SHELL BEIRUT

Many Killed and Injured When Warships Bombard Town.

London.—Sixty persons were killed and scores injured in an Italian bombardment of Beyroot. The custom house and several harbor buildings were damaged during the half hour in which shot and shell rained into the city, and several small Turkish gunboats were sunk during the bombardment. The populace of the city fled. No mention is made of any Americans or Europeans being injured.

The gravest fear is felt here for the safety of many foreigners in Beirut, where most of the tourists en route to Jerusalem stop on their trip. The city has a population of twenty thousand.

Tacoma Crime Speedily Fixed.

Tacoma.—Eight hours after the discovery of the bodies of Mrs. Willis Brown, aged 23, and John Alden, aged 38, on a county highway near East Larchmont, and 14 hours after they had been killed by blows on the head from a club, Willis Brown, aged 54, the dead woman's husband, pleaded guilty in the Superior court to murder in the second degree.

CRISIS IS DUE IN TEXTILE STRIKE

Lawrence, Mass.—A crisis is due in the strike of the 25,000 men, women and children of the textile mills. Following an attack by the police and militia upon the children, who were to have left the city to be cared for by citizens of Philadelphia and Providence, the strikers feel that now something from the outside, probably the federal government, must come to rescue them from state and civil outlawry.

The city officials have given back to the parents most of the children who were taken in charge as they were about to be placed on a train en route for Philadelphia.

The strike leaders and some of the parents declare that they have a legal right to send their children away for a vacation. At the poor farm, on the other hand, the officials said that when the parents called for their children they said they had surrendered them under misapprehension.

Trial of Detective is On.

Los Angeles.—The trial of Bert H. Franklin, the McNamara detective, who is charged with having bribed members of the McNamara jury, began Tuesday. This is the case in which an indictment charging a similar offense has been returned against Clarence Darrow, the attorney for the McNamaras.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club 87c; bluestem, 90c; red Russian, 85c.

Barley—Feed, \$39 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$23 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, valley, \$15; alfalfa, \$13.

Butter—Creamery, 25c.

Eggs—Ranch, 20c.

Hops—1911 crop, 38c; contracts, 25c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@14c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c.

Mohair—35c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 85c; club, 85c; red Russian, 82c.

Barley—\$49 per ton.

Oats—\$30 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, 37c.

Eggs, 21c.

Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton.

LOUIS NAPOLEON'S ESCAPE.

Disguised as a Workman He Fooled the Ham Fortress Guard.

From the researches made by M. Thirlier come some interesting details of the escape of Louis Napoleon from the fortress of Ham, in northern France, on May 23, 1846.

It seems that the sole credit for the escape must be with Louis Napoleon himself. He made his valet, Thelin, buy a black wig, some rouge, a cap which was scrubbed with pumice stone and a pair of sabots. Then he cut off his mustache, put on a blue apron, a blue pair of trousers and a close fitting shirt of coarse stuff.

Some workmen were carrying out some repairs to that part of the fortress where the prince lodged, and this gave color to his disguise, so much so that the two watchmen entertained no suspicions regarding the man who walked past them and out at the great gate, a pipe in his mouth and a plank on his shoulder. The sergeant on duty at the drawbridge was reading a letter as he passed and took no notice of him. It was then 5 o'clock in the morning.

Four times that day, the last time at 5 in the afternoon, did the governor, Demarle, send for the prince. Each time Dr. Conneau replied that the prisoner could not see anybody because he had taken medicine. When at last the governor lost patience and went himself to the prince's room and walked up to the bed on which the supposed invalid was lying, he discovered that a very presentable dummy had taken the place of Louis Napoleon. The discovery was made too late. By that time the fugitive was over the Belgian frontier.—Paris Journal des Debates

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