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## AN IMMORTAL MAN

THE POOR HOUSE RECEIVES ONE OF THE MOST QUEER AND INTERESTING CHARACTERS.

Was an Infant Phenomenon but for Fifty Years Has Lived as the Birds Live—Had Life Passes Over All Leading Railroad.

Bucyrus, Ohio, Feb. 10.—When the doors of the Crawford county poor house closed the other day behind J. N. Free, the "Immortal J. N.," the curtain was rung down on one of the most unique and interesting characters this country has ever known. There are few people in the country, at least in the middle west, who have not seen or heard of the "Immortal J. N."

Eighty years ago Jacob Newman Free was born in Tiffin, Ohio, the eldest son of a Presbyterian minister. Half a century ago he became known as the "Immortal J. N." and ever since he has been living as the birds live, but in a much greater condition of luxury. When he was admitted to the county infirmary the other day he proudly displayed to the officials of the institution an old pocketbook containing more than 100 slips of paper reading "Good for J. N.," being life passes signed by officials of the railroads of the country. By means of these passes "J. N." traveled wherever he pleased. He visited every state and territory and in every city of more than 2,000 inhabitants he had friends. He claims and his claim is generally believed, that he knows more people personally than any other living man. Everywhere he went he stayed at the best hotels and for half a century no landlord was found bold enough to even present him with a bill.

In his youth "J. N." was an infant phenomenon. At 4 years of age he read almost all of the Bible, and during his teens he acquired a reading and speaking knowledge of no less than 13 languages. During the gold craze of '49 he went west and started a stage line. Within two years he accumulated a fortune of \$50,000. A partner robbed him and "J. N." returned to Ohio and began the study of law.

Within a few years he was prominent at the bar in Cincinnati. One day, so the story goes, he was defending a murderer, in whose innocence he strongly believed. As a result of his eloquence the man was acquitted. The same day his client confessed that he was guilty. "J. N." rushed back to the courtroom and started to explain, but the strain and excitement had been too much for him. He was stricken with apoplexy. Within a short time he recovered his physical health, but never his mental poise.

He became the "Immortal J. N." and started on the wandering life which he has followed for fifty years. He was the apostle of "pressure," a mysterious force, which but for him would crush out of existence all the inhabitants of the United States. He was well acquainted with President Lincoln and numbered many distinguished men among his friends. During the war he even started out to find Jefferson Davis and save the union by putting the "pressure" on the leader of the confederacy. He got well within the confederate lines when he was arrested and given 30 minutes to leave the country. "J. N." says he still has twenty-nine and a half minutes of the time coming to him.

Oakland, Cal. Feb. 10.—I. B. Small, formerly an Oregon farmer, is likely to spend a term in the jail because of hostility toward the man who stole the affections of his wife. The family affairs of the Smalls, and the part which John Grant played in their domestic drama, has caused them much notoriety during several years.

Small was a rancher near Oswego, Oregon, until Grant appeared and carried off Mrs. Small. Small pursued the runaway pair through several states and finally located them near this city. Grant was arrested, charged with adultery and convicted, but Governor Pardee commuted the sentence several years ago and Grant was restored

to liberty. The commutation of his sentence followed a ruling of the supreme court that a person cannot be found guilty of adultery unless the adulterous relations are open and notorious.

Upon being restored to liberty, Grant and the Small woman resumed relations, which further enraged the deserted husband. Small is now in the county jail, charged with having threatened the life of the man who stole his wife. He is bound over in the sum of \$100, but refuses to put up bond to keep the peace. He says he prefers to go to jail, and a term of six months is now staring him in the face.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 10.—Horticultural Commissioner Elwood Cooper is about to issue a statement that while at the Santa Rosa convention he met an eastern entomologist who is intimately acquainted with the Gypsy moth ravages in Massachusetts. This gentleman is of the opinion that within five years the Gypsy moth will be introduced into every state in the union, that, in fact, it is already in several states, although unrecognized, as a result of the eastern authorities refusing to allow specimens to be sent out. Cooper therefore asks that horticulturists keep the closest watch, and send him specimens of all caterpillars they find, with samples of their food, in order that the most energetic measures may be taken at the earliest possible moment.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Chief Justice Fuller will be 73 years old tomorrow, and with the recurrence of the anniversary there has come a revival of the oft-repeated statement that the holder of the highest judicial position in the land intends to resign. For fully a decade this report has been periodically circulated, and Secretary Taft and others of prominence have often been mentioned as Mr. Fuller's successor on the supreme bench. So far as is known, however, the chief justice has no more definite intention of resigning now than he did when the report was first published. He bears his age lightly, and apparently enjoys the honors of his official position and the social life of the capital. Mr. Fuller spends much time in work and study, yet finds time to move among his fellow men in a social way. He is not a clubman, in the accepted sense of that word, but he is occasionally seen both at the Metropolitan club and at the Chevy Chase club.

Portsmouth, England, Feb. 10.—The monster battle ship Dreadnaught, which, when finished, will have cost \$7,500,000, was launched here today by King Edward.

The ceremony was the most simple possible, the king having vetoed all decorations and pageantry on account of the death of his father-in-law, King Christian.

There was a moment of suspense after the king touched the electric button removing the last block as the huge ship hesitated and appeared reluctant to take the water. But slowly she began to move, and glided down the ways in safety.

Among the occupants in the royal stand were the American naval attaché, Lieutenant-commander John H. Gibbons, and the other attachés, the admiralty officials and a few privileged persons.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—Andrew Roebuck, aged 10 years, a pupil in the Lawrence public school, will be examined by physicians to determine why he cannot stop running. The examination is being made at the request of Professor Graham, principal of the school. His pupil has run the truant officers almost to death chasing him.

The boy is not a wilful truant, but if he starts to run when he leaves his home in the morning he cannot stop until he becomes exhausted. This, of course, carries him past the school house. Professor Graham says the complaint is genuine and is not similar to that which afflicts many boys who do not want to attend school.

Recently the boy started to run when he left home and was found that evening, completely exhausted, at Fayetteville, 22 miles away. He had run all the way.

Some splendid bargains at the Bazaar.

## AFRICAN CHURCH FIGHT

PASTOR KNOCKS DOWN ONE OF THE BRETHREN AND IN TURN IS KNOCKED DOWN HIMSELF.

Fight Was Precipitated When Collection Was Being Taken—Tried to Oust the Pastor—China Trying to Make Trouble.

St. Paul, Feb. 11.—Efforts which the congregation of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal church in this city have been making for several weeks to oust their pastor, Rev. Mr. Seymour, culminated in a riot during the service this morning, during which Rev. Seymour planted his fist in the eyes of Trustee R. C. Miner, knocking him down and was himself sent to the floor in front of the altar by Trustee Robert Lowe. A free-for-all fight was prevented by the arrival of a patrol wagon full of policemen, who had been called when the row started.

The trustees of the church recently voted to reduce Mr. Seymour's salary from \$80 to \$10 a month, but, notwithstanding this, Mr. Seymour had refused to give up his church. This morning after preaching a sermon on "Brotherly Love," the pastor announced the collection. Two of the insurgent trustees came forward to take up the collection, but Mr. Seymour called vociferously upon two of the stewards, faithful to him, to gather up the offering.

The congregation by this time was filing before the contribution boxes. Mr. Seymour stood guard over one, but two unfriendly trustees held the other boxes.

Mr. Seymour attempted to take charge of one of these boxes when R. C. Miner, a trustee, who was holding it, objected. The pastor promptly swung his fist to Miner's eye and the latter went down. Robert Lowe, who was holding the other contribution box, immediately went after the pastor and felled him before his own altar. At this time the entire congregation was in an uproar and taking

The women rushed toward the combatants and weaned them, but it looked as if a free-for-all fight would result, when the arrival of the police, and their threats of wholesale arrests, brought an end to the affair.

Hong Kong, Feb. 12.—The anti-foreigners rioting in South China is increasing and the situation is daily becoming more and more serious. While all foreigners are more or less liable to insult, Americans are singled out to be booed at and jeered, and in a number of instances treated with showers of missiles as they go about.

Advices from Canton states that the viceroy there seems determined to create trouble and has had several wordy passages with the American Consul-General, Julius G. Lay. The latter invariably has had the better of all arguments and has compelled the viceroy to furnish

protection to the attaches of the consular offices whenever their duties compel them to go beyond the city limits. That the American official has had the better of all controversies that have arisen has excited the people and leaflets have been circulated urging the Chinese to co-operate and expel the viceroy from Canton.

Bands of armed men are reported to be operating in South China, burning mission stations and destroying the homes of native Christians, but the details of these outrages are suppressed by the officials. Japan is watching the situation closely and it is reported is holding transports ready at Nagasaki, to be used, should it be necessary, to land troops in China to protect Japanese interests. Similar conditions are reported at Manila, where regiments of American soldiers have been supplied with field equipment and could take the field within twelve hours.

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Portland, Feb. 10.—Oregonian: Oyster houses in Portland, although not having the reputation of Richards' Hotel and not containing rooms, are said to be conducted on the free-for-all plan. Liquor is sold in boxes after the saloons close at 1 o'clock, and boxes are maintained where young women can be accommodated with a potion to quench the thirst. In one of these houses, at 143 Seventh Street, conducted by Albert Johnson, Mrs. Alice E. Valley says that she lost a purse containing \$107. In order to get part of her money back she made a settlement yesterday in the office of the district attorney whereby Johnson returned \$60 of the amount lost.

As told by Mrs. Valley she went to the oyster house for the purpose of telephoning to her son. She laid the purse and ratchet on a stand while telephoning, but left the place without her money. She claimed to have returned immediately for her purse, but that in the meantime it had been taken. The police were notified, and Detective Welch took up the case, later turning it over to Detective Hartman. Welch said last night that there was no doubt that the woman lost her purse in the place and that it was stolen. Johnson was advised to make a settlement to escape notoriety, and yesterday, it is said, gave Mrs. Valley \$60.

Johnson, when seen, denied that he had made a settlement, and denied that Mrs. Valley had lost \$107 in his place. He said that she had told him that the purse contained \$47. The district attorney advised Mrs. Valley to settle for \$60.

The police, however, investigated only the robbery matter. They did not and have not investigated the character of the places in the central portion of the city. Boxes where drinks are sold after the closing hour for saloons are maintained in almost all the oyster houses in the city. Drinks are served to women at all hours of the night and day.

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