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THE NEW SENATE.

Great anticipations are afloat as to what "the new Senate" will do for the country. It will begin its career on March 4 with an infusion of so much strange blood and so many ideas which to the old Aldrich regime look revolutionary that many people are wondering what will happen.

There is some conjecture as to who will be the very newest of the new Senators. La Follette's novelty has just its first shine. He is still the phenomenon from Wisconsin, of course, but use and acquaintance have dimmed the wonder of him.

BIOGRAPHICAL INCIDENTS.

Facsimile advertisements of the year 1837, of S. T. Logan and E. D. Baker, and of J. T. Stuart and A. Lincoln, attorneys at law, at Springfield, Ill., recall many incidents of biographical interest.

Baker's career was that of a brilliant orator and adventurous soldier. He was elected to Congress from Illinois, led a regiment in the war with Mexico, and later had a part in the direction of affairs at Panama, at the time of the construction of the Isthmian Railroad.

Lincoln attended the terms of the Circuit Court in most of the counties of Central Illinois, during many years. Logan lived till the year 1830. He was one of the delegates of Illinois to the convention that nominated Lincoln for the Presidency in 1860.

Lincoln to the office of Surveyor-General of Washington Territory, which position he held several years. He was instrumental in starting the Washington Standard, a weekly paper at Olympia, which is still published.

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MULTNOMAH CLUB EXPANSION.

There lies to the immediate south of the grounds of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club a tract of land that is a natural extension of the club's present athletic field.

Portland takes a special pride in the Multnomah Club, and is deeply concerned in its continued welfare and growth. It has done much for the young men of Portland, and it has done besides a remarkable work for the young men of the city.

DELINQUENT CHILDREN.

According to a recent article in The Herald, Boston has reason to be disquieted over the increase in the number of youthful offenders against the law. It seems that the city had 3229 delinquent, wayward and neglected children in the month of January last.

According to The Herald's account, the usual practice is to turn juvenile delinquents over to their parents for corrective treatment instead of punishing them directly. More than 3000 cases of this kind were reported last year with the result that a large class was promoted from juvenile delinquency to adolescent crime.

THE UNREASONABLE FRENCH.

A Washington dispatch announces that "American tariff experts do not view with complacency the probability that the French government within the next year will put into operation a revised tariff which is being considered by the French government."

Chicago beef packers are again to be "investigated" by the public, alarmed for its stomach's sake, will be relieved to learn that this is not to be an Upton Sinclair investigation, with a second volume of "The Jungle" at its back, but simply an inquiry into railroad rebates and monopolistic favoritism as forbidden by the anti-trust law.

Excitement in Church.

Long Creek Ranger. There was a little excitement in church Monday night. The minister had just finished his discourse when Fred Dustin arose and shouted out, "Here! Here! Here!"

stake. Bad conduct will lose them their best friend. Under this influence they develop trustworthiness, carefulness and industry. The trouble with Judge Lindsey's method as a panacea is that it can only be applied successfully by men who are miracles of humanity and patience.

It seems strange that it is necessary to submit the "fastway" dispute over the rechecking baggage to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The only railroad reason for refusing to check through over competing lines is that by making it as troublesome as possible for the passenger to recheck at Portland he might be induced to make the round trip over the same line that brought him west.

OREGON'S TIMBER WEALTH.

Oregon timber lands are attracting more capital to this state than is invested here for any other form of investment, and conservative estimates place the amount invested in this state in the past two years at more than \$75,000,000.

"The problem before the American people today," says the Washington Star, "is to regulate their city affairs in such a way as to reduce to a minimum the opportunity of the grafter to play his dishonest game by keeping citizens constantly on the alert to insure a high standard of efficiency in office, and by punishing with severe penalties all who are caught tampering with the public welfare for private gain."

The wheat market took another flight upward yesterday, and for the first time this season the July option passed the dollar mark, while May soared up to a fraction less than \$1.12 per bushel.

Largest Chimes in the World.

Three of the four chimes for the great clock at the corner of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company building in Madison Square, arrived and have been hoisted to a staging on the outside of the tower.

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CAPTAIN JAMES BOWIE.

Story of His Life and Death.—The "Bowie Knife." Albert P. Terhune in Chicago Evening Journal. Two men stood facing each other with leveled pistols on a Mississippi River sandbar, near Natchez, one early morning in August, 1837. The duellists were Samuel Wells and Dr. Maddox, a couple of local celebrities who had quarreled and who had chosen single combat as a last resort.

Again, at the word of command, the combatants pulled trigger. Again neither was hit. It was decided that honor was satisfied and a reconciliation was attempted. But this by-means of the duel. The backwoods and pioneers who had gathered to watch the duel. They broke into the discussion. One furious word led to another. Knives and pistols were drawn and the angry growls, they agreed that two more shots should be fired.

The bravest man and most renowned soldier of the American Revolution, Georgia, Bowie as a lad had moved to Louisiana and was gradually drifting westward as a leader in the great movement that was clearing the trackless continent. Bowie was poor, but full of resource.

As the two factions attacked each other, Bowie was wounded by a pistol shot in the forehead. He did not retreat. He drove his home-made knife to the hilt into the body of his assailant—Major Norris. The other party fled in confusion. In that impromptu battle six men were killed and fifteen wounded.

A goodly share of the "bowie knives" were made in Texas. Bowie was a born leader, and many a day he led his followers to the front. He was in command at the celebrated "Grass Fight" in 1835. The practice had enabled him to be formed in New York in 1838. In the following year at Philadelphia occurred the first recorded removal of the appendix as a precautionary measure.

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AMERICAN FLAGS OVER OWN SHIPS.

Whether Built Here or Elsewhere, Advises Congressman Kustermann. Washington, D. C., Herald. The Hon. Gustavus Kustermann, of Wisconsin, already known to readers of this paper for his estimate of the money cost of the Hon. John Wesley Gaines' Annapolis, for the exposure of the Standard Oil joker in the tariff bill, and for his seasoned optimism, is not a verbose and flowery orator.

Even the collars and transports which accompany our fleet have no official right to fly the American flag. Was there ever a more beautiful example of a government trying its own arms and the individual decents upon the humiliating spectacle thus presented, yet few of them have the courage to say, as our Wisconsin friend has done, "We will not allow our own manufactures. Only a stupid and antiquated navigation law, of a type that has been abandoned for half a century or more by the two most progressive maritime nations, stands in the way of our sailing American ships under the American flag."

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Life's Sunny Side

Professor Spinks, the scientist, who was engaged in a profound psychological work, rang for his man-servant. Then he indicated the following note to the Police Commissioner: "I will thank you to send one of your men to arrest my cook. She has stolen my purse."

"The servant, who had at once answered the bell, stood at his elbow, waiting for his employer to finish the note. He stooped to pick up something that was lying under the table. As the note was handed him the servant handed the object he had found to the scientist, remarking as he did so: "Here is your purse, sir. It was lying under your table."

"Ah, your are just in time," observed the psychologist. "Give me the note." This being done, the investigator of the man-servant's ethics and morals thereupon added the following postscript: "The purse has just been found. It will, therefore, be unnecessary for you to send anyone."

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William Jennings Bryan has a habit, when speaking of addressing his arguments to some one man in his audience. In this way, he claims, he can concentrate his thoughts much better. Of course, this is a very laudable intention, enough not to be embarrassing to the victim.

Once during one of his campaigns he addressed himself most particularly to an old farmer who, he observed, followed all he said with marked attention. Bryan was much pleased. After the speech was over the candidate sought out that old farmer.

"What was it that struck you most particularly about my speaking?" he asked. "Well, began the farmer, and paused seemingly as if he were in deep thought. "I could see while he was speaking!"—New York Times.

An elderly patient in the Tennessee mountain region was suffering from a malady the remedy for which the doctor prescribed in the form of capsules. The old woman trusted her doctor, and took the medicine, but she noticed much suspicion.

Some time after she had taken the capsules she was asked by her son how she felt. "Pretty," she replied. "Don't you want nuthin' to eat?" "No."

"No," she replied. "The old woman arose from her bed and took her seat in a rocking-chair. Thinking that the attention would be gratefully received, the son filled his pipe and, taking the pipe to the mouth of the hearth, carried both to his mother.

"Take that away, son!" yelled the old woman, the utmost shriek. "Do you know better, or come near me when I've got them cartridges in me?"—San Francisco Star.

An amusing story of the King's visit to Brighton was told last night by a Northamptonshire clergyman who has just returned from there. The King, on his visit to Brighton, was accompanied by his partheners, the Rev. Cecil Maunsel, rector of Thorpe Malsor, near Kettering, said that he vouched for the authenticity of the following story:

One day ago a boy walked up to His Majesty as he was walking along the esplanade at Hove and said to him: "Mother, you'll be pleased to see me." "Yes," replied the King, talking out his watch. "It is a quarter to 1."

The boy then informed His Majesty that he had been waiting for him to see the following King. The captive was 33 inches long, with a seven-foot spread of wings.

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