

JAPAN ASSURED OF FRIENDLY FEELING

American Charge Delivers Message.

BRYAN, ALSO, IS PACIFIC

Administration Now Awaiting Action of Tokio.

PEACE ELEMENTS WORKING

Visit of Japanese Statesmen to California May Be of Benefit in Enlightening Countrymen at Home.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Interest in the negotiations between the United States and Japan over the California land legislation has shifted from Washington to Tokio. The American Government, having delivered its reply to the Japanese protest, is awaiting the new step of Japan and the situation was not even mentioned at today's Cabinet meeting.

Tokio Receives Assurance.

In official circles it is regarded as significant of the desire of the Administration to convince the Japanese government of its purpose to do everything possible to maintain the best of relations that American Charge Dalley-Blanchard has called on the Foreign Minister at Tokio to assure him of the determination of the United States to find a friendly and satisfactory solution of the present issue. Secretary Bryan already has given such assurances verbally to Viscount Chinda.

It is believed here that the visit to California of the Japanese statesmen, Ebara and Hattori, representing both of the great political parties of Japan, will be of benefit, as they will be able to enlighten their people at home as to the conditions in California affecting Japanese residents.

Peace Influences at Work.

Other influences are working in the same direction, and the Japanese-American Society in Tokio is sending one of its trusted members to this country, charged with personal messages to prominent Americans, calculated to relieve friction between the two countries.

Meanwhile, resting secure in the belief that nothing more can be done by them until the next word comes from Japan, the President and Secretary Bryan apparently have discharged their minds from the consideration of the subject.

JAPANESE HONOR AT STAKE

Tokio Conservatives Now Echo Demand for Equal Treatment.

TOKIO, May 20.—Efforts of the Japanese government are concentrated at present on pacifying public opinion, but the task is regarded in many quarters as a more difficult one than at the time of the California school controversy.

Since the death of the old Japanese Emperor, the authority of the government has steadily diminished in resisting the growing influence of public opinion and the spirit of democracy is augmenting throughout the Empire.

Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, secretary of the United States Embassy, visited Baron Makino, the Japanese Foreign Minister, today and reiterated the determination of the United States Government to exert every effort in order to find a friendly and satisfactory solution of the question. He emphasized the fact that it was a California, and not an American question and thanked the Japanese Government for its friendliness and for its attempts to restrain the excitable public opinion of Japan.

It is generally believed in government circles that Washington will find a solution of the problem, but the more conservative elements in Japan are now echoing the public agitation for equal treatment of the Japanese. They declare that the racial issue, which it is contended is involved and the steady recurrence of anti-Japanese bills in California should receive "basic curative treatment."

A prominent official said today: "The Japanese people feel that their national honor is involved. The present question will be solved peacefully, but what is needed to assure the permanence of our traditional friendship is a change of heart in some Americans toward the Japanese."

TACOMA JOINS PORTLAND

Sound City's Commercial Clubs Drop From Pacific Coast Union.

TACOMA, Wash., May 20.—(Special.) Trustees of the Tacoma Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce at a meeting today formally decided to withdraw Tacoma from membership in the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast.

Failure of the California members of the association to aid in lifting the San Francisco embargo on finished lumber is the cause of the breach.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has already given up its membership and it is understood Spokane is considering the advisability of withdrawing. Seattle is reported as opposing the segregation of the Northwest organizations from California.

FAT WOMAN FINDS IT BAD TO BE ILL

AMBULANCE TOO SMALL AND STRETCHER TOO FRAGILE.

Hospital Bed Not Strong Enough After Eight Men Have Helped Patient on Her Way.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Mary Perry, 41 years old, professional "fat woman," exhibiting at a Chicago amusement park, suddenly became ill from blood-poisoning tonight and was taken to the County Hospital after a series of obstacles had been overcome. She weighs 600 pounds.

The ambulance of the Sheffield Avenue police station responded to the call of the amusement park employees but the vehicle was found too small for Miss Perry's awkwardness and the patrol wagon was substituted. Then the stretcher was found too fragile and it was strengthened by heavy timbers. Breathing heavily, five policemen and three park attendants placed her in the patrol wagon.

At the hospital no bed strong enough to support her could be found and two galleys were together and supported with chairs.

Attending physicians after examining the patient expressed the opinion she would recover.

SCHOOLBOY PLAYS ROMEO

Elopement Planned by Seattle Lad Gains Him Fair Juliet.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 20.—(Special.) Cecil Coopes, 21 years old, and Ida Watson, 19, both of Queen Anne High School, now are Mr. and Mrs. Coopes, as the result of a successful elopement engineered by the young swain last Friday, the first step in which was a surreptitious assembling and removal of the bride-elect's luggage from the Watson residence in the presence of the minister on Friday morning. It was not until today that friends were let into the secret.

Young Coopes slunk in the shadows beneath the ledge of his sweetheart's window, Romeo-like, and deftly caught the suitcases his fair Juliet gently dropped. License Bureau Clerk Claude Gage said they could obtain licenses all right if they had proper witnesses. Coopes grinningly waved to a young chum-conspirator and the precious documents soon were in hand. Then followed in quick succession a visit to the minister, a quiet little wedding feast and a start for the honeymoon trip. Mr. and Mrs. Watson were duly notified after it was all over. They were rather taken aback and refused to become applicants for their approval highly of Mr. Coopes.

JUNIOR FLUNK DAY TAME

Aside From Few Kidnappings and Ties Programme Carried Out.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 20.—(Special.) "Junior Flunk Day," the annual occasion on which the students of the Oregon Agricultural College observe the traditional custom of flunking their lessons to serve the institution as flunkies on the campus and practice the tonorial arts on seniors who make themselves too conspicuous was celebrated in artistic fashion last night and today.

The flunkers limited their campus improvement this year to decorating the trees with class colors and flying their banner from the administration building. Aside from a few kidnappings and ties which delayed the assembling of the junior picnic party and their start to the grounds, the Junior programme was carried out with little variation.

THOUSANDS TO EMIGRATE

Pioneer Steamship Man Says Rush Will Follow Canal Opening.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 20.—(Special.) Tens of thousands of the most thrifty, intelligent and industrious people of Scandinavian countries are preparing to emigrate directly to the Northwest and Puget Sound, when the Panama Canal is opened, said Captain John L. Anderson, pioneer steamship man, today who returned yesterday from a three-month business trip to Europe.

Captain Anderson emphasized the fact that \$4,000,000 had already been subscribed by Swedish and other capitalists to establish a direct line of modern steamships between Scandinavian ports and Seattle via the Panama Canal to handle this traffic. He said it was impossible to describe the enormous proportions of the emigration movement of the people of the north as its ramifications extend everywhere over Scandinavia.

BOY, ALONE, FIGHTS FIRE

16-Year-Old Lee Heller Saves Home of Mrs. Gross From Ruin.

Lee Heller, a 16-year-old boy living at 1402 East Hoyt street, Monday night saved the home of Mrs. Lizzie Gross from being destroyed by fire, attacking the flames with no better equipment than a common pail and the water that could be secured from a kitchen faucet, although they had already spread through one entire room of the house.

Mrs. Gross was absent when the house caught fire and the young man noticed the flames when they were well under way. Having no time to hunt for a garden hose or to turn in a fire alarm, he broke into the house and fought the flames alone. The damage to the house will be only about \$700.

The young man had difficulty for a long time in bringing the fire under control, and suffered considerably from the smoke that reached his lungs.

FIGHT ON HARRIS IS COMPROMISED

Agreement Averts Senate Filibuster.

REPUBLICANS ALLOW VOTE

Date, However, Is Set as June 25, After Conference.

CONFIRMATION TO FOLLOW

Democrats Admitted to Have Necessary Votes—Guthrie Confirmed as Ambassador to Japan.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Senators who were looking forward to a discussion of census taking from days of Babylon to the present were disappointed tonight when the promised fight over the confirmation of W. J. Harris, of Georgia, as director of the census, succeeding E. Dana Durand, was submitted to arbitration and an agreement was made to vote on it June 25.

Senator Burton had announced his intention to inform his colleagues on census taking as a fine art, and had piled the space under his desk with ancient and modern records. Other Republicans who opposed the confirmation of Harris were primed with figures and facts, and they looked forward to an indefinitely prolonged, merry war.

Compromise Date Frowned On.

The Republicans had insisted that Harris be not confirmed before July 1, and offers of a compromise on June 1 had been frowned on. The agreement for a vote June 25 was reached only after it became apparent that those opposed to confirmation at this time were prepared to take advantage of the Senate rules and keep talking as long as the Senate remained in session.

No charges ever have been filed against Harris, and since a voting arrangement has been made he probably will be approved, for the Democrats have plenty of votes to confirm his nomination.

In the two hours' executive session tonight the Senate confirmed the nominations of several score postmasters and other officials, including George W. Guthrie as Ambassador to Japan, John Murray Mitchell as collector of the port of New York, G. M. Saltzger as Commissioner of Penitents, and Albert Lee Thurman as solicitor of the Department of Commerce.

The nominations of William H. Berry as Collector of Customs at Philadelphia and of Franklin P. Colcock as Collector at Beaufort, S. C., to which Republican objection has been raised, were passed over.

ANCIENT URN UNCOVERED

Gold Articles of Phoenician Origin Dug Up in Germany.

BERLIN, May 20.—An urn containing a collection of gold articles attributed by experts to the seventh and eighth centuries before the Christian era was uncovered today by workmen on an estate in the vicinity of Eberswalde, about 27 miles from Berlin.

The urn, which is among the most ancient finds ever made in Germany, contains 78 articles. These include bowls, bracelets and rings supposed to be of Phoenician origin and imported to Germany by way of the Baltic.

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LIPTON WILL RACE FOR AMERICA'S CUP

New York Yacht Club Accepts Challenge.

75-FOOT CRAFT TO BE BUILT

Whether Boat May Be Towed Not Yet Decided.

DESIGNER IS NOW AT WORK

Decision of New York Club That Smaller Type of Yachts Shall Compete Pleases Challenger.

LONDON, May 20.—Once more America will defend the America's cup. The classic yachting race was assured for September, 1914, when the New York Yacht Club today sent by cable an acceptance of Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge.

The race will be sailed under the present rules of the New York Yacht Club as to measurements, time allowance and racing conditions.

Sir Thomas lost no time after the receipt of the acceptance in laying plans for building the finest challenger he has ever sent across the Atlantic. Even as yet he does not know whether he will be allowed to tow the craft across the ocean or not, but he says this does not especially matter, as he would want to tow the yacht only in the event of a head wind or a dead calm.

Designer Now at Work.

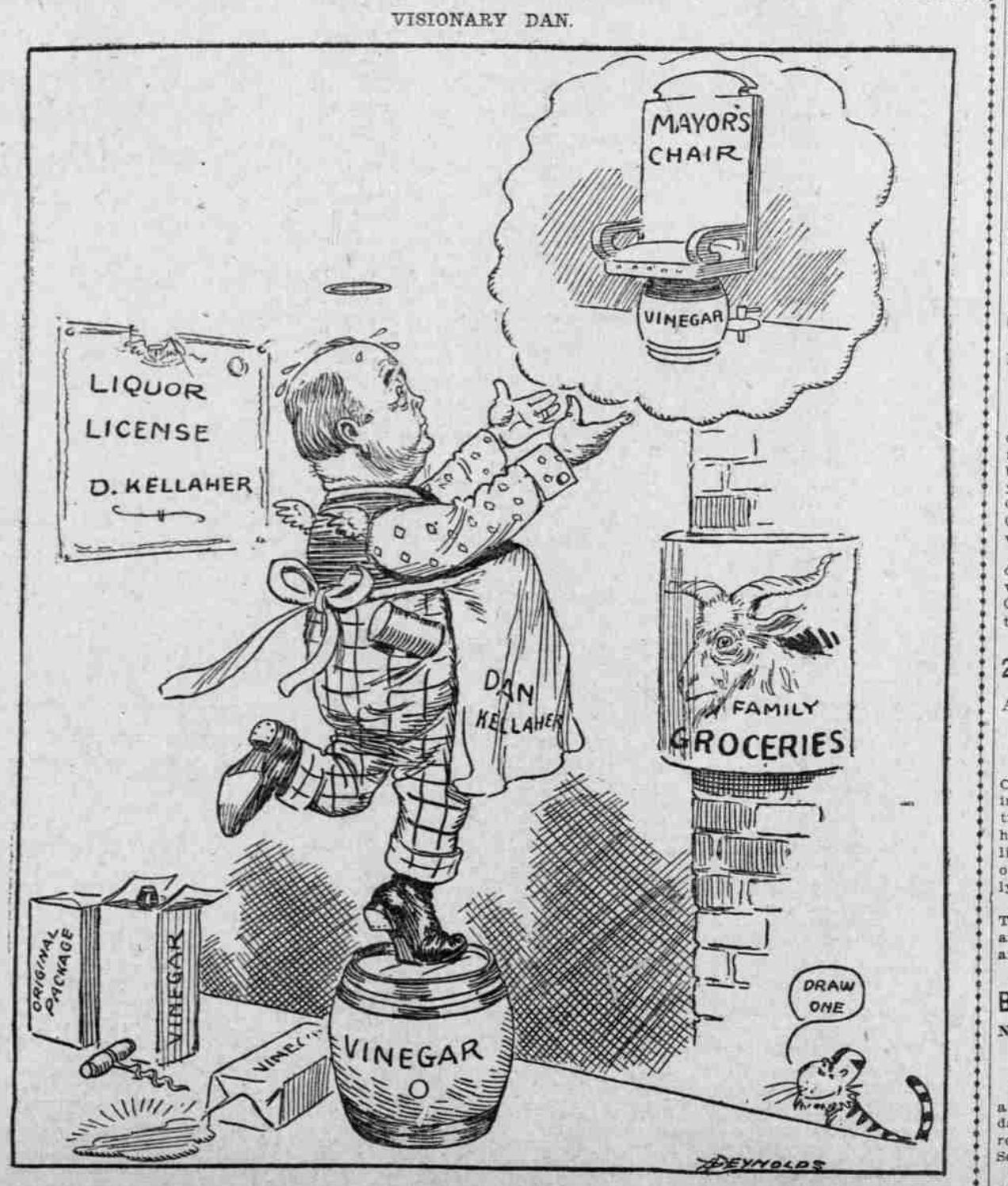
Relying entirely on the sportsmanship of the members of the New York Yacht Club, the Irish sportsman refused to consider the possibility of being opposed by a bigger boat than the challenger he will send. He now has Charles F. Nicholson, yacht designer of Gosport, England, at work on models for the new yacht.

The message of acceptance, sent by the New York Yacht Club, is: "The races are to be sailed as suggested in your cable under our present rules of measurement, time allowance and racing rules, it being understood that the rule requiring a yacht to race at the highest limit of her class in certain cases shall not apply to this match."

Challenger's Length to Be 75 Feet.

"The challenger will be 75 feet on the water line and built under the present New York Yacht Club rules," said Designer Nicholson. "This size was really fixed upon by Sir Thomas Lipton because in his challenge he suggested racing under the same measurement rule as in the last contest, and thought that with the exception of the rule regarding the class in certain cases shall not apply to this match."

VISIONARY DAN.



JAPANESE WOMEN FORM FIRST CLUB

FAIR NIPPONESE OF SEATTLE BECOME "AMERICANIZED."

Little Brown Men Soon to Know Trials of Yankee Brothers in Late Dinners, Etc.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Madame Butterfly and Miss Purple Eyes are doomed. In their place looms the new Japanese woman of the club type, emancipated and progressive, who promises soon to reduce the little brown man to the conventional submissive state of the American husband.

Kimonos have been cast aside for scant tailored suits; huge ornamented hairpins are replaced by Parisian model hats, and the wee little feet are expanding in the roomy recesses of bottles of approved English cut.

But most significant of all, there has just been formed in Seattle a Japanese Women's Club.

This stride in civilization was taken at a meeting of 25 Japanese women in the Y. W. C. A. rooms at which the following officers were elected: Mrs. S. Yosoka, president; Miss Kigo Nio, vice-president; Miss Kusama, secretary, and K. Sakamoto, treasurer. Among the members is the daughter of the Japanese Consul, Atsuko Takashi, and the wife of a Japanese banker, Mrs. S. Takashi.

Local American club women assisted their brown sisters to organize, after which tea was served.

To the short-sighted this organization may seem trivial, but to the far-seeing it is revolutionary. It will only be a few years until the Japanese household, returning home to complain at dinner, will hear from his good dame that she was unable to supervise the household duties that day, as she was preparing a paper on "The American Invasion: Should It Be Tolerated?" And Togo will take himself to his club, and mournfully mutter over his "Sake," "Bad Days Ahead."

CLOCK SOUNDS FIRE ALARM

Chinese Saves Lives With Timpeiece as Enterprise Hotel Burns.

ENTERPRISE, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The Commercial Hotel, a three-story frame building, was burned to the ground this morning. All the 29 persons in it escaped, although some had to jump from second-story windows. The fire started about 2 o'clock on the second floor. The cause is unknown.

A patron and the Chinese cook went through the building arousing the sleepers, the latter starting an alarm clock and carrying it from room to room.

The building and equipment probably cost \$10,000, and were insured for \$5000. The structure was erected four years ago on the site of another frame hotel that had burned. Hayes Kernan was the owner. It is unlikely that the hotel will be rebuilt, but probably a modern brick or stone structure will be put up in a more central location.

GAS TANK BILL IS SIGNED

Erection of Reservoirs Near Church or Residence Prohibited.

Gas reservoirs may no longer be built within 250 feet of any church or residence in Portland. The ordinance prohibiting gas tanks, gasometers and other structures devised for the storage of petrol oils within that distance of a church or dwelling was passed by the City Council last week with an emergency clause, and was signed by Mayor Rushlight yesterday.

The ordinance will prevent the building of a gas reservoir at East Twelfth and Division streets, where the Portland Gas & Coke Company bought ground and prepared to erect such a building. Residents of that district protested and it was on their urging that the measure, which was introduced by Councilman Joy, was passed by the Council.

CULEBRA CUT CONQUERED

Engineer Predicts Early End of Great Canal Difficulty.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Cucaracha slide, greatest of the earth movements in the famous Culebra cut, will be removed by the end of this year, in the opinion of Colonel D. D. Gaillard, the engineer in charge of the Culebra district of the Panama Canal, who has just arrived in Washington.

He believes that, in spite of all the difficulties caused by the earth slides, which involve about 50 acres, the Culebra cut will be finished sooner than some other parts of the canal.

2 ELECTROCUTED; ONE DIES

Accident Near Aurora Fatal to Section Man of Hubbard.

AURORA, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Charles Ball, a section employe, was instantly killed this afternoon by electrocution from a telephone wire that had become entangled with the electric light wires carrying 6600 volts. Another section man named Diek was badly burned by the same wire.

Both men were residents of Hubbard. The accident occurred between Aurora and Barlow. The coroner will hold an inquest at Aurora.

BIBLE MADE COMPULSORY

New Pennsylvania Law Penalizes Teachers Who Fail.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 20.—Under a bill approved by Governor Tener today, 10 verses of the Bible must be read without comment in the public schools of Pennsylvania.

Teachers who violate the law are subject to dismissal.

IMPOSTOR DUPES PORTLAND WOMEN

Posing as Woman, J. A. Baker in Hospital.

YOUTH PROPOSES MARRIAGE

Position as Teacher Offered by Superintendent Armstrong.

PENIEL MISSION GIVES AID

Confessed Forger-Counterfeiter and Feminine Impersonator, Now in Kansas City Jail, Deceives Several "Higher-Ups" Here.

James Arthur Baker, under arrest in Kansas City for an alleged theft in Sumnerland, Cal., came into Portland in men's clothing, posed as a woman, was wooed by a man, and left a few minutes ahead of an investigating cop, three months ago.

There are about 10 women connected in various ways with the Peniel Mission, of 207 Jefferson street, who believed until yesterday that James A. Baker, who was at that time dressed in men's clothes, but who left Portland dressed in women's apparel, first appeared in Portland, supposedly from Idaho, in March. He went to the Peniel Mission, and after an evening there in religious sermons, went to Mrs. Philander Arnold, wife of the superintendent, and "confessed" that he was a woman. He said that in traveling, after a disagreement with parents in Idaho, he found it necessary to wear men's clothes, but that he had decided that it was best to resume women's clothing. He said that he was about to get a position at teaching school, and after examination by Superintendent Arnold of the school board, was given a district position and placed on the list for "her" appearance.

Portland Doctor Operates.

Shortly afterward Baker told women in the Peniel Home, where he was being cared for as a woman, that he was in immediate need of an operation. Dr. George S. Whitesides was appealed to, and he made an examination under ether at a hospital. Dr. Whitesides said he learned the patient was a man and so advised the mission.

In the meantime, George B. Smith, traveling worker for the Peniel Missions, became suspicious of Baker, and asked Acting Chief Slover and Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of the Department of Public Safety for Women, to investigate. They questioned Baker, but as he had evidently not received any money by his deceptions, and they were not sure of their opinions, took no action.

Baker stayed in the hospital two weeks. He is said to have revealed himself fully to a woman, who is still of the belief that Baker is a woman.

Wig Obtained in Portland.

Saying that he had received an offer of a position in Oakland, Cal., Baker asked his friends for sufficient money to go there, and received about \$15 in small contributions, not sufficient to pay his fare. When the entire fare did not materialize, he one day came to the mission and said he was about to leave. He asked to have Mr. Arnold and Mr. Smith, his "kind friends," go to the steamer Roanoke with him, but when the "kind friends" arrived at the dock, they found that he had taken a boat of another line. With him, they discovered, was a man, who had not appeared at any other time.

The disguise which Baker used in California, was the gift of his benefactors in Portland. He lamented to the women who had interested themselves in him, that by continued masquerading as a man, he had lost many of his feminine traits, and his short hair bothered him. They bought him a so-called "transformation" wig.

Portland Man Proposes.

Baker, according to the Portland people who met him, was slim, dressed well in women's clothes, had long black hair, somewhat like an Indian's which he explained by saying that he was a half-breed. Lamenting his gradual changing to masculine gait, and appearance by continual traveling as a man, he said that he had filled with putty or paraffin the bridge of his nose, in order to give the masculine look, and had grafted upon his upper lip, hair skin, which in time produced a slight mustache.

Baker explained his masculine clothes by saying that when "she" went to college "she" found that it was much easier to get along in the world as a man than as a woman. "She" said that "she" had dressed as a man for 12 years.

Confession that "she" had married twice, once to a man and once to a woman, was made by the unusual dual creature, but did not deter a love adventure in Portland. A young follower of the so-called "Right Reverend St. Martin," an evangelist, asked the pseudo young woman's hand in marriage.

"She" held his offer in abeyance, until they should "be better acquainted," and before that condition came about "she" left Portland.