

# Brevities

## THE HALL OF FAME.

The Duke of Portland has the largest private picture gallery in the world.

Lieutenant Colonel Hodges, recently appointed a member of the isthmian canal commission to succeed Jackson S. Smith, will take charge of the work for lock designing.

Judge L. F. Parker, Jr. of Vinita, Okla., who was recently appointed as assistant attorney general in charge of land litigation in Oklahoma, has resigned on account of ill health.

President Roosevelt has appointed John C. O'Laughlin of Washington as secretary to the American commission to the Japanese exposition at Tokyo in 1912. His salary will be \$5,000 a year.

Vi Kuyin Wellington Koo, a Chinese student, has been elected editor in chief of the Spectator, Columbia university's daily publication. He has been connected with the paper two years.

Sylvester Adams of North Stoneham, Me., who is seventy-five years old, shot a bear recently. He dragged the bear three miles up the mountain in places where he had to take off his shoes to keep his feet, it was so slippery.

The stump of an old oak tree near the Springfield reservoir in Ludlow, Mass., was the meeting place the other day of two of four "boys" who, fifty-years ago, agreed to meet again at the chosen spot at this time. The two "boys" are Homer King of Worcester and Arthur King of Ludlow.

T. F. O'Connor was presented with his portrait in oils at Leeds recently by the Irish League of Great Britain in commemoration of his unbroken presidency of the league for twenty-five years. John E. Redmond made the presentation and paid a tribute to Mr. O'Connor as a safe, consistent and courteous guide for the Irish people in Great Britain.

Jean de Reszke, the famous tenor, has severed his connection with the Paris Opera House. De Reszke was ambitious for years to have a voice in the management of the opera house and was finally taken in, but after six months, with the title of singing director, during which time his advice was ignored and no authority given him, he resigned in disgust.

## Modes of the Moment.

The voiles, both cotton and silk, make up into excellent waists, and their soft silk lining makes them dressy, cool and chic.

The pongee waist is a necessity of the summer wardrobe. Not only is it an ideal traveling waist, but it is very good as a dress waist.

The perfectly plain waists have been put aside this season for the waists that are in two or three colors. Cream waists, all in strips, of violet, blue and gold, are worn with skirts of tan, yellow or cream.

It is a season of wide contrasts in materials. Taffeta waists are trimmed with embroidered linen, and waists of foulard are made up with strips of hand embroidery set in panel shapes down the front.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## New York City.

The assessed value of the land in the boroughs within New York has a little more than doubled during the ten years of consolidation.

New York city has one public park that is 250 years old, and that is Bowling Green, which was the playground of the first Dutch settlers.

According to the opinion of a foreign traveler who has visited all parts of the earth, civilized and uncivilized, Coney Island is the brightest spot at night that the world knows.

Manhattan's postoffice has larger receipts than any other postoffice in the world for the amount of territory covered. The receipts promise to amount to more than \$18,000,000 this year.—New York Herald.

## Long Bridges.

The Tay bridge in Scotland is the longest in the world, measuring 9,606 feet.

The famous old Brooklyn bridge is 3,000 feet long and 138 feet above the water.

At present the Victoria bridge over the St. Lawrence at Montreal is the longest bridge in America. It is 9,184 feet in length and stands sixty feet above the river.

American railroad bridges are considered the marvels of the world, and New York city will have when it spans the Hudson with its two new structures the most expensive, the longest and the most remarkable bridges in the world.—New York Tribune.

## Plays and Players.

Margaret Wycherley is leading lady of a stock company in Providence.

Bruce McRae is to be leading man with Ethel Barrymore in "Lady Frederick."

Henry Arthur Jones prefers the first production of his new plays to take place in this country.

"The County Chairman," "The Sultan of Sulu" and "The Sho-Gun" are to be produced in London.

Billie Burke will star in "Love Watchers" in this country next season and the following year will produce the play in London.

# AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, August 29th, 1908, closes the last week's operation of the Coos Bay Steam Laundry under the personal ownership of the writer, the property having been merged into a corporation of the same name, whose officers will, on the date named, assume control of the business. The officers are J. E. Lyons, Pres.; M. D. Lyons, Sec.-Treas.; J. C. Jones, General Manager, and J. Edgar Mauzey, foreman, all being interested in the business as stockholders of the corporation. Upon Mr. Jones and Mr. Mauzey will fall the active operation of the plant, and two better equipped men would be hard to find. Mr. Jones has been with us in the capacity of foreman for the past eighteen months, and prior to that was for eight years with the Walla Walla (Washington) Steam Laundry. He is a thorough, up-to-date laundryman, and will keep in front of the times in all that is new in the laundry business. Mr. Mauzey is too well known to the most of you to require an introduction, as he was connected with the Coos Bay Steam Laundry for many years before it passed to its present ownership, and has been employed in almost every line of work in connection with the business, so it is sufficient to say that this is a well merited promotion to probably the best all around laundryman that Coos County has produced.

Now a few words personal to myself. I am not a laundryman, but a lumberman, who got into the laundry business through the time honored way of being "seen" by the man with the "experience," who had me in and the door locked before I hardly had time to realize what was taking place. The foregoing announcement is the result of almost two years' hard work, spent in establishing, equipping and organizing out of the wreck of sixteen thousand dollars, a real steam laundry, operated by real laundry people, as a real business proposition. A plant that is, and will continue to be a credit to the city and county, and one whose equipment will always be kept ahead of the growing demands of a growing community.

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