

JUST A JOKE, FRIENDS SAY

J. Bruce Polworth Has Not Been Completely Captured by the Republicans.

WILL SOON COME TO ASTORIA

His Nomination at Cathlamet Regarded as Humor by Local Acquaintance of Warhorse.

Friends of Hon. J. Bruce Polworth of Cathlamet, Wahkiakum county, Wash., are of the opinion that he has not been swiped by the republicans. One of his closest friends said yesterday that J. Bruce would remove to Astoria about January 1, and for this reason he did not accept the democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney of the county. "You may put it down for certain that Bruce will not permit himself to be captured," said his friend. "The republicans nominated him for attorney, but I regard the nomination in the light of a joke. As the leopard can not change his spots, so also Bruce can not change his politics. As to the report that he has been turned down by the democrats of Wahkiakum county, I regard it as a variance with the facts. Bruce may have mixed matters with a few democrats up the river, but not with the party organization. Why, he is the recognized leader up that way, and it isn't quite reasonable to suppose that he would turn down himself." It was stated yesterday that Mr. Polworth would not accept the republican nomination.

AN ASTORIA CONCERN.

Star Theater Built by Union Men, Declares Mr. Gevurtz.

"This talk about union labor and spending money in Astoria makes me weary," said Manager Gevurtz of the Star last evening. "Why, we have spent \$25,000 in Astoria, and before we get through with the Star will have added another \$5000 to our investment. The Star was built entirely by union labor. We scoured Astoria for union men, and when the contractor, Mr. Gordon, found it impossible to get enough men here to finish the theater within the contract time, he brought down men from Portland. Today I wired Mr. Gordon to find out if his men belonged to the union. Here is the reply: 'Portland, Sept. 10.—P. Gevurtz, Astoria—All union men on job at Astoria. (Signed) G. W. Gordon.' Mr. Gordon has built all our theaters, but the electrical work, the plumbing, the painting, the decorating and everything else has been done by Astoria labor, so far as we could secure Astoria labor. The Star theater is an Astoria institution, and is trying to do business on a business basis. I guess we'll get along all right," concluded the manager, as he sized up the 700 people in his house.

CODY DIVORCE SUIT OFF.

Scout and Showman May Not Press the Case to Trial.

The suit for divorce brought by Colonel W. F. Cody, the scout and showman, against his wife last February

may never come to trial. In a letter to friends in Denver, Mrs. Cody said under the law of Nebraska Colonel Cody is required to pay her lawyers' retaining fees. The attorneys acting for Mrs. Cody made a demand on Colonel Cody for \$1000. He has not yet paid it, and until he does he can not press the suit.

Mrs. Cody had until April to answer, and an extension of time was granted owing to the absence of important witnesses. The charges brought against Mrs. Cody were of a startling nature, alleging attempted murder among other things.

Colonel Cody is expected home in about a month, but it is not believed he will press the case. A strong defense has been prepared and Mrs. Cody means to fight.

GERMAN NAVAL MANEUVERS.

Will Practice Landing of Men on Coast of Fatherland.

London, Sept. 10.—The German navy is to practice the landing of forces on the coast of the fatherland during the naval maneuvers which will commence this month. This experimental work is similar to the tests about to be made by our own naval forces on the Essex coast.

The results obtained by the two navies are to be compared by the German staff for the benefit of the German naval and military authorities.

The German emperor, with whom the idea of making this comparison originated, is to take personal command of his fleet, and the maneuvers are to last from September 4 to September 10. In order that the work may be fully appreciated by the general staff, a contingent of 60 staff officers will accompany the ships and watch the methods of disembarkation.

A fine fleet of warships is being mobilized for the maneuvers, and trials will be made with different patterns of boats and rafts for landing purposes. No attaches representing other countries will be present.

The German army maneuvers will follow those of the navy. The German emperor has especially invited Colonel E. A. Le P. Trench to attend the operations. This officer is in charge of the supply and transport arrangements at Gibraltar, on the staff of Field Marshal Sir George White, and he was decorated by the kaiser on the occasion of his majesty's visit to the Rock.

The British experiments are creating considerable interest in all continental military circles, and 50 attaches from various nations have received permission to attend the operations.

THIS MAN IS 138 YEARS OLD.

Thomas Harte, Irishman, the Father of 45 Children.

London, Sept. 10.—Thomas Harte, an Irishman in Leeds workhouse, says he is not merely the oldest subject of King Edward, but also the oldest man in the world.

He was born, he says, in the year 1767; he is even sufficiently precise to know the date of the month—it was June 12, 1767. On this basis he would certainly be in his 138th year.

He has been the husband of five successive wives, all from Yorkshire, and the father of 45 children. He is still in good health and in full possession of his mental faculties. There is no record of an older person than Harte in Great Britain.

"She said I might kiss her on either cheek." "What did you do?" "I hesitated for a long time between them."

ALASKA PACK 400,000 SHORT

Careful Estimate of the Northern Pack as Given by the Associated Press.

NOT MORE THAN HALF A PACK

Aggregate of All Varieties to Date Only 303,800 Cases, With but Little More to Be Put Up.

Seattle, Sept. 10.—The pack of all varieties of salmon in Southeastern Alaska, up to September 1, according to information received by local houses, aggregated 393,800 cases. Of this total there are 201,000 cases of reds, 180,300 cases of pinks, and 12,000 cases of one-pound tall kings. The figures on medium reds are not given as that pack was still in progress and will not represent a very great total. These figures are claimed to be as nearly correct as it is possible to secure at this time and will not vary much from the statements returned by the canneries. Very few of the canneries have equalled their pack of last year, and in addition many establishments were closed up entirely this season.

The reports have already been received from the westward and Bering Sea districts, and the total shortage in the red Alaska salmon pack for 1904 can safely be placed at 400,000 cases. The pack on medium reds has not been completed, while the canneries have finished with the pinks. On reds there will be a few more cases put up, but not enough to materially change the figures given. The totals show a pack of reds nearly as large as last year for southeastern Alaska, but Bering sea notes a big decrease.

HEDRICK'S STILL AHEAD.

The Bill for the Coming Week at Hedrick's Popular Theater Eclipses Any Yet Produced.

Undoubtedly the attractions to come before the Astoria public at Hedrick's amusement house tomorrow evening will comprise the greatest entertainment yet produced in this city.

Samson and Zaccho are world renowned for their incomparable feats of strength and skill. Nothing to equal them is to be seen elsewhere on the world's stage. Samson has the most remarkable muscular development and performs the most astounding feats of strength of any of earth's strong men. Breaking half-inch steel chains; breaking a silver dollar; tearing a pack of cards; juggling with heavy dumbbells; throwing a 275-pound dumbbell over his head and catching it; lifting with one finger a barrel filled with water and sand and weighing 600 pounds; sustaining a weight of 400 pounds on his body while hanging inverted; raising a horse and platform weighing 1500 pounds with his teeth; whirling a man, suspended from a chain held in his teeth; these and many other incomprehensible feats are performed nightly by the unequalled Samson.

While Samson has absolutely no equal among men, there is one woman in whom he finds his match. Zaccho, the queen of lady entertainers, and champion of Europe, has lately come to America to tour the country in company with Samson, making the strongest team ever on the stage. Her marvelous exhibitions of strength, skill and muscular development have been the charm and astonishment of every city where she has been seen. This remarkable woman lifts more than 1500 pounds with her teeth alone. The paraphernalia and wardrobe of Samson and Zaccho are a show in themselves.

Fields and Whallen are two other attractions that have been engaged for the week, and of that little need be said beyond the verdict given by the Baltimore American, one of the most responsible papers in the country, in a criticism of a performance at a theater there. The American said:

"The best features were John C. Field, Jr., and Carrie B. Whallen in a sketch replete with melodious songs. Theirs is unquestionably the neatest turn on the bill, and received the lion's share of applause. Miss Whallen's costumes are things of beauty, and much finer than is expected at such performances. Mr. Fields introduced his original character of 'Chimmie Padden,' the Bowery boy. He created this part and was the first to play it."

The four performers mentioned above would be more of an attraction than is ordinarily found in any other theater in the northwest, but Manager Hedrick has also engaged others, also for next week, among them being Belliveau and Roberts, who are of the

very highest class as sketch artists. They are direct from the Orpheum circuit in San Francisco, and the present is their first engagement in the northwest. They are certain to make a hit among lovers of the vaudeville business here.

Manager Hedrick has decided to retain the Union band and orchestra. On Monday and Thursday evenings of next week he will have an open-air performance in front of the theater by Samson, who will give the public a good idea of what he does on the stage.

Theater-goers should remember that if they can't get seats for the first performance on Monday evening, they can wait until the second.

A full orchestra matinee will be given this afternoon at which children will be admitted free if accompanied by adults.

It will be a one and one-half hour show, with lots of music. Remember the place, corner Twelfth and Duane.

WAS LADEN WITH DYNAMITE.

Steamer Sunk Off Highland Light Was the Longfellow.

Highland Light, Sept. 10.—The steamer Longfellow of Wilmington, Del., bound from Wilmington, Del., to Lake Superior with a load of dynamite, sank off shore in the night. There were 16 men in the crew. All were saved.

Captain Riley of the Longfellow reported that his vessel sprang a leak while on Nantucket shoals yesterday afternoon. She was abandoned off Pomet River station at 10 o'clock last night, and sank about midnight a mile off shore.

MARKET REPORT.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—December wheat opened \$1.08 1/4 @ \$1.08 3/4; closed, \$1.08 @ \$1.08 1/4; barley, 45 @ 51c; flax, \$1.19 1/2; Northwestern, \$1.27 1/2.

Portland, Sept. 10.—Wheat for export—Walla Walla, 77c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 83c. For shipment east—Walla Walla, 82c; bluestem, 85c.

Soldierly Discretion.

Just after the Russian Admiral Alexieff departed from Port Arthur a member of congress met Admiral Dewey and discussed the situation.

"What made Alexieff quit in such haste?" inquired the statesman.

"I will answer that by relating an anecdote of our civil war," replied Admiral Dewey. "When General Hood left Nashville on one side of the city just as the federal troops were entering upon the other his colored servant was captured. When asked why his master quit in such a hurry the old darky answered:

"Well, boss, 'spect Massa Hood don't think he kin do his' justice in this yere town."—New York Times.

Ladies' Hands.

Boston Transcript: Is devoted to athletic sports destined to modify the physical characteristics of the race?

Already, in England, according to The Westminster Gazette, not only is the size of ladies' gloves increasing as a result of innumerable games of golf and tennis, but the shape of their hands is approximately that of man's. It might be supposed that such a modification will be unpopular among men.

If Julia's fist becomes as big and hard as her husband's, what becomes of him in case he tries to enforce his legal right of exacting obedience? She may easily become a very uncomfortable kind of angel to have in the house. Those, however, who uphold the athletic girl and her ways contend that as Julia increases the size of her extremities she also enlarges her heart.

FAMOUS CASE IS SETTLED.

Miss Birdie McCarty Gets \$6000 of \$70,000 Sued For.

Portland Telegram: Buried somewhere in the records of the United States court are the papers in the case of Miss Birdie McCarty vs. James D. Heryford, and buried with them is the paper which announces that the case has at last been ended. Miss McCarty has accepted the verdict of Judge Charles B. Bellinger that she receive \$6000 for her wounded feelings, and the money has been paid over. She wanted \$70,000 a little more than a year ago, but time and experience have wrought a change and \$6000 will do.

Nothing was made public when the settlement was made. Many times attorneys on either side were asked, but always the same answer was given. "We are waiting for the other side to act." Whether the "other" side did act or both sides got together and acted simultaneously, is not known—but the case is ended.

Miss McCarty is still in Portland, but will probably leave before long, as she testified during the trial that she had a position teaching in a school in the east this fall and winter. James D. Heryford, the erstwhile ardent lover and cattle king of central Oregon, is

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on his ranch near Lakeview and will probably remain there.

He did not want to pay Miss McCarty \$6000, but decided to do so, upon the advice of his attorneys, rather than bear the expense of another trial in a higher court. Judge Bellinger, when he set aside for the second time the verdict of a jury which was supposed to be fair and impartial, stated that in the event Heryford refused to pay Miss McCarty \$6000 he would allow the second verdict of \$10,000 to stand, and that Miss McCarty must accept \$6000 or a third trial would be granted. This is one of the most remarkable decisions handed down in the United States court for the district of Oregon in a civil case.

The case started more than a year ago, when Miss McCarty brought suit for \$70,000 on grounds of breach of promise. She secured a verdict for \$22,500. This was immediately set aside by Judge Bellinger. The bill of complaint in the case was filed in 1902 and in 1903 a short time before the trial an amended bill was filed charging seduction as well as breach of promise, and along these lines the case was fought to a finish, ending nearly two years from the time the original bill of complaint was filed.

Miscellaneous Wants

WANTED—Wants for the want column of the Morning Astorian.

FOR SALE—At Gaston's feed stable, one Landis harness machine, one 20-horse motor, one starter box, 35 feet 8-inch leather belting, 30 feet 4 play 8-inch rubber belting, 1 pair butcher's wall scales, 1000 grain sacks; one Smith-Premier typewriter.

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