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#### PROSPEROUS ASTORIA.

Among a certain element, the opinion prevails that the closing of the Astor street dance halls will result in a loss of population and the possible closing of a number of business concerns. It is estimated that 500 peaple will leave the city. Let them leave. Those who see fit to seek another community because they have been denied an opportunity to indulge in their lustful diversions will not be missed. They will represent the class that not only conceived and maintained the dance halls. but supported them, and among the emigrants will be a goodly number of upon fallen women for their sustenance. Surely no person, who is favored with more than a limited conception of common sense, or morals, or whose intellect assumes more than mediocrity, can per-Word's crusade? Of course not. Then, is it not reasonable to assume, or may not the Astorian predict, with more than small degree of certainty, that the crusade for a clean city will give Astoria an impetus such as it has never enjoyed. Rather than a business concern being forced to the wall, its patronage will be increased. Money which heretofore found its way into the coffers of the dance hall element will be circulated through various channels. The pittances leeched from the younger element will reach the merchants of the city. The boys will eventually appreciate that self-support is one of the rudimentary and most essential characteristics of the true manhood and they will learn to husband the money they earn and purchase necessities ,rather than depend upon the indulgence of their parents. Those who have so wantonly given out this Job's comfort have been most indiscreet.

## PEACE CONFERENCE.

Fire !!

The outlook for a meeting between the Russian and Japanese peace plenipotentiaries is now most propitious. True, the selection of M. Nelidoff and Baron Rosen, as Russia's representatives, and of Minister Takahira and Baron Komura, to act for Japan, are only tentative, and it is possible that Nelidoff and Komura will be unable to serve, because of the ill health of the former and of exigencies that will require the latter's presence at Tokio. Notwithstanding, while no official an nouncement has been made confirming the selections, that Rosen and Takahira are regarded as certainties, is convincing that both countries are more favorably inclined toward the consummation of a peace than heretofore. Diplomatists, at Washington, look for an official announcement of the personnel of the conference in a few days. The fact that this announcement is not now forthcoming is, probably, due to the insistence of Japan that the names of the plenipotentiaries be withheld until more material assurances are received that Russia is acting in good faith. Since the opening of hostilities in the Far East, Japan has been wary, in every instance where questions of international importance were at stake, waiting for Russia to take the initiative. The declaration of war was due to Rus sia's unseeming indifference to Japan's repeated offerings of a peaceful settle ment of the dissensions arising from the Russian occupation of Manchuria Japan was never in favor of the war. She is not only in favor of the Wash- state. ington conference, but of an armistice and it is possible that a temporary cessation of hostilities could have been arranged when the peace conference was first proposed if Russia had shown any inclination to meet Japan half way. Russia is expected to make the official announcement of her selections within a few days. Japan will follow immediately. That the conference will occur called to see what has become of it." in August is practically assured. It

should result in the ending of the war.

THE MORNING ASTORIAN but in the event that it should not, owing to another of Russia's vagaries. it will not be, in the least, surprising.

## COMMENT

Scattle burglars entered a Pike street store, according to the "P. I.," and after taking a small sum of money, left. Naturally, and they presumably hit the "Pike" so lively, many moons will pass ere the northern city's able police force apprehend the culprits.

News comes from the "Rose City" that its schoolmistresses, rather than teach under the present regime, contemplate matrimony. Heavens! what an alternative!

"Did the train run so fast it left the track, killing 19 persons!" queries the Syracuse (N. Y.) Telegram, with reference to the wreck of the "20th Century Juggernaut," which occurred at Mentor. O., recently. The officials of the Lake Shore railway can best answer that

In San Francisco, an Italian who had imbibed too freely, with true manly instincts, shared his coat with a statue of Benjamin Franklin, which graces usual appreciation of humor, the Ital- a check now?" ian explained, as best he could, that "be thought the statue was cold." There the poet to himself as he hurried out, may have been a subtle truth in that "that I forgot to read the proofs, and "Poor Richard" did for this country and is not at all as I write it. I'm going those miserable parasites, who depend there is the possibility that his ruffled to quit writing poetry and learn to set and magnetic shade drew the inebriated type."-Cleveland Leader. Italian to the bronze effigy.

Dr. A. Conan Doyle, the eminent ereator of an eminent sleuth, is at last Daughter of John E. Parsons Gets Sepceive aught but good in the removal of in the clutches of the law. What joythese places and their frequenters. Has ous news for Moriarty. Mr. Doyle stag-Portland suffered as a result of Sheriff gered sleepy Lun'non, by exceeding the speed limit.

> Ever try and figure out the loads and loads of loads that are being fired Plains. Mrs. Morgan charged that her into a defenseless people in Lodz.

A man, prominent in the French field of literature, is quoted as saying that President Roosevelt is creating an epoch in American history. Appreciation of a fearless chief executive, with a "big stick," from abroad, should invite infinite admiration from among the people of this country.

Marquis Ito dispatched his aide to inquire into the health of Vice-admiral Rojestvensky. Upon his return to St. Petersburg, a representative body of the bureaucracy will call upon the defeated officer to inquire as to how soon it will be convenient for him to face a firing squad. And they call the Japanese beathens

Russia has announced Nelidoff and Rosen as her tentative selections for peace plenipotentiaries. It is to be hoped that the experiment will be favored with more success than the Muscovite strategies in Manchuria and in the marine theater of the Far East strife.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Limit "I won't call him an epicure, He's

nothing but a glutton." "My, that's rather a harsh term."

"Well, he's one of those fellows who will eat a hearty breakfast and then discuss with his wife what to order for dinner."-Philadelphia Ledger.

## A Critical Juncture.

"Biggins is a great friend of yours." "He has been, heretofore," "Don't you expect him to remain so?"

"Cant' tell. I have just indorsed his

## Their System.

She-I won on every race today, He-How did you manage it?

"Why three or four other women went in with me and we bet on every horse in each race,"-Kansas City Times.

## Her Business Faculties.

A young woman, stylishly gowned called at the First National bank, of this city and inquired how she could send \$50 to a friend in an adjoining is against the policy of the law, be-

"Buy a New York draft and send it to your friend," suggested the teller fluently.

Following his advice she bought the draft, and, taking it with her, went and Shoe Workers' Union, and the away. In less than a week she re- defendant is held personally liable to turned.

not received that money, and I have his place in a Haverhill shoe factory "You wrote her?" asked the teller.

velope?"

"Yes. I certainly did-and glued it

"And you are sure you put the draft in the envelope!"

"Why, no; I kept that-I thought that was my receipt for the money I gave

"Well, I'm flabbergasted!" said the teller, as he fell over himself, "if that isn't exactly like a woman."-Chicago Record-Herald.

## A Big Pop.

Jameson-If it wasn't for one thing I'd marry that girl.

Benson-Afraid to pop the question? Jameson-No; afraid to question the

#### Tough Flour.

"I want to complain of the flour you ent me the other day," said Mrs. Newliwed, severely,

"What was the matter with it ma'am!" asked the grocer.

"It was tough. My husband simply wouldn't eat the biscuit made with it." -Woman's Home Companion.

## It Sometimes Happens.

"Ah! Mr. Austinkip," said the great editor, "allow me to congratulate you on Washington square in the California that sonnet of yours. It isn't so much at metropolis. When arrested for "dis. the start, but it works up to a climax orderly conduct" by a 'Frisco police, that is tremendous. That last line is man, who must be possessed of an un. genius, sir-genius! Shall I write you

"And little does he think," muttered incoherent utterance. The majority of that the last line was so utterly illegible Americans are forgetful of all that that the printers had to guess at it! It

## MRS. D. P. MORGAN FREE.

## aration From Husband.

New York, June 27 .- Mrs. Edith Parsons Morgan, daughter of John E. Parsons of Rye-on-the-Sound, won her suit yesterday for a separation from her husband, David P. Morgan, at White husband had cruelly treated her and deserted her in addition to kidnapppiing three of her children. She also said he had speculated with some of her funds and invested some of the estate of his father and caused the estate to dwindle.

It was last May that Mr. Morgan kidnapped three of his children and took them to Ithan, Penn., where he kept them concealed, and this was th beginning of the marital troubles of the Morgans, Justice Keogh decides that this was an act of desertion. Francis Wellman, who represents Mr. Morgan. it is reported will carry the fight to the Appellate Division, and, if necessary to the Court of Appeals to get possession of the three children, if it is within the law to do so. Justice Keogh does not grant Mrs. Morgan any alimony or order Mr. Morgan to contribute a cent toward the support and education of his four children, Helen, Edith, Percy and John E. Morgan Mrs. Morgan at the present time, is residing with her children in a big country house on the outskirts of Harrison, and she was greatly pleased when she learned that

she had been granted a separation. Justice Keogh finds that on May 29, 1904, the defendant deserted and abandoned his wife and without her consent or knowledge carried off their daughter Edith and their two sons: that thereafter for two weeks the defendant kept their whereabouts concealed from the plaintiff and for more than four months kept the children in Pennsylvania. The justice finds that for a long period prior to October 22. 1904, the defendant had been guilty of conduct toward the plaintiff amounting to cruel and inhuman treatment, and that the welfare and interests of the children require that they should continue to reside together with the plaintiff.

It is said that Mrs. Morgan has ber children guarded because she fears Mr. Morgan will again try to kidnap them.

## A BLOW TO THE UNIONS.

Attempt to Force Laborers to Combine Found Illegal.

Boston, June 27 .- The Massachusetts Supreme Court handed down a decision to-day holding that the attempt to force all laborers to combine in unions cause it aims at monopoly of the labor

The decision was in the case of Michael Y. Berry against Jerry E Donovan, representative of the Boot damages for obtaining the discharge "It's very strange, but my friend has of Berry, a non-union shoemaker, from because he was not a member of the union. The court holds that the con-"The same day that I paid it to you." tention that the discharge of Berry

"Did you put a stamp on the en- was justified on the score of warrantable competition was not a good defence in the case. The plaintiff was authorized to recover judgment on the \$1,500 verdict ordered at a lower in a lower court.

> The employing firm was under agreement with the union to hire only union men and not to retain a workman after a notice from the union that he was objectionable. Donovan declared that he acted under this agreement, but the court holds that he was not justified. The court says:

We have no desire to put obstacles in the way of employes who are seeking by combination to obtain better conditions for themselves and their families. We only say that under correct rules of law and with proper regard for the rights of individuals labor unions cannot be permitted to drive men out of employment because they choose to work independently.

"Poor Fido," said the amateur sportsnan when he had shot his dog. "How I will miss you."

"It's too late to talk about missing him now," replied his companion.

"I," said the orator, "come of a good old stock, rooted deep in the soil-"The only stock I ever heard of that rooted deep in the soil," interjected a farmer in the audience, "was hogs."

"You'll take a couple of tickets, of course. We're getting up a raffle for a poor cripple in our neighborhood-" "None for me, thank you. I wouldn't know what to do with a poor cripple if I won him.

"George certainly is a man of ac

"What has he done!"

"Why, the very next day after the heiress accepted him he gave up his job at the bank, and joined the "Don't Worry Club."

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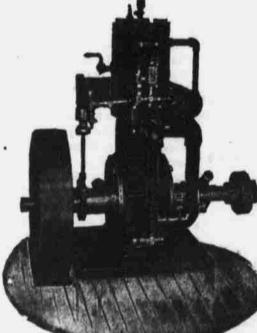
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