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Reginald Barlow, Son of Milt G. Barlow, Prominent Minister

At American Team's Try-Out at Philadelphia

A SURPRISE TO HIS FRIENDS

GILBERT SETS NEW FIGURE

In His Opinion That Every Actor After Becoming Fifty or Sixty Years Old, Should Become a Minister.

Six Olympian Records Broken and One Equalled—Gilbert is Oregon Man and Holds P. N. A. Record for Same Event.

NEW YORK, June 6.—After spending thirty years as an actor, Reginald Barlow, son of "Milt" G. Barlow, once a prominent minister, has announced that he is to enter the ministry. Giving as his ambition the reconciliation of the church and stage, Mr. Barlow announced that he would assist in conducting the service in the church of The Ascension, Green Point, to-morrow evening. The news came as a surprise to his friends. "In my opinion every actor when he becomes fifty or sixty years of age, if he still is in the profession, should become a minister," said Mr. Barlow. "His natural vocation has been, appealing to all sorts of men and women, and he has seen all kinds. It is perfectly natural also that when a man has devoted the greater part of his life to making people laugh, he should want to get down to serious things. There is bound to come a time in the life of every man and woman when he or she must think of serious things."

Influenced by the Rev. Walter Bentley, organizer of the Actors' Church Alliance, Mr. Barlow is planning to enter the general theological seminary in the fall as a resident student although it is probable that he will undertake "layman" preaching under the Bishop Darlington. In the first position he will start on a low salary. Mr. Barlow is 39 years old and made his debut when a boy of nine years. While in Winnipeg in 1900 he joined The Royal Academy Regiment and served in the Boer war for his services in rescuing his captain when wounded, he received a medal from Queen Victoria.

WIRING SYSTEMS

Telephone, Telegraph, and Electric Light and Power Companies have for some time been busy engaged in the construction of subways, or underground conduits, into which their complex, unsightly, and more or less dangerous systems of wires and cables are being introduced. Legislation in many of our larger cities has compelled the Public Service Corporations to inaugurate this improvement, and hasten its completion, and it may be said that the days of the pole line and overhead systems, in our cities and the more progressive towns, are numbered and the use of underground conduits will become general. In fact, it is only because of the great initial cost that the companies do not, of their own volition, enter upon this work more extensively, the lower cost of maintenance, greater security from damage and interrupted service, altogether being much in favor of the underground system, and many of the companies for these reasons are adopting the conduit system as rapidly as their resources will admit and using it entirely for extensions and enlargements.—Cement Age.

ST. NICHOLAS O. K. IN BRISTOL BAY

FIRST LETTER FROM THE ASTORIA-ALASKA FLEET HAS REACHED THIS CITY TO THE GREAT COMFORT OF MANY FAMILIES.

John Simonson, a well known citizen of Astoria, who lives at the corner of Franklin avenue and Thirty-eighth street, has just received a letter from his friend, Hilbert Hanson, one of the crew of the American ship St. Nicholas, hence to Bristol Bay, Alaska, announcing the arrival of the vessel there after a five-weeks' voyage, unmarred by any losses, and with all hands in the best of health.

The voyage was uneventful, save that there was an extraordinary amount of ice in the northern seas this year and which operated to 'dent' the fleet somewhat. Mr. Hanson had nothing to say of any other vessel of the Astoria fleet bound for Bristol Bay, but they are all probably snug in port long before this. The news will be happily received in this city, in more than one home, and the Astorian is glad to send out the cheerful word.

STUFFED TOMATO SALAD.

"A stuffed tomato salad is one of my new recipes," writes Fannie Merritt Farmer the great cooking authority, in her monthly page in the May Woman's Home Companion. "Peel six small tomatoes, cut a slice from the stem end of each, remove the soft inside, sprinkle the insides with salt, and let stand, inverted, thirty minutes. Mash half a ten-cent cream cheese, add six chopped pimientos, one tablespoonful of finely chopped parsley, one tablespoonful of tomato pulp, one fourth of a teaspoonful of dry mustard and enough French dressing to moisten. Fill the tomato cases with the mixture, and serve on lettuce leaves with mayonnaise dressing, which may be successfully made if one will but follow directions. Mix one teaspoonful of mustard, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of powdered sugar and a few grains of cayenne. Add the yolks of two eggs, and stir until thoroughly blended; then add one half teaspoonful of vinegar. Add olive oil gradually at first, drop by drop, and stir constantly. As the mixture thickens, thin with vinegar or lemon juice. Add oil and vinegar or lemon juice alternately, stirring or beating constantly, until two tablespoonfuls each of vinegar and lemon juice and one and one half cupfuls of olive oil have been used. If the oil is added too rapidly the dressing will have a curdled appearance. A smooth consistency may be restored by taking the yolk of another egg and adding the curdled mixture slowly to it. Olive oil for the making of mayonnaise should always be thoroughly chilled. The utensil used in the making of mayonnaise may be a silver fork, wire whisk, small wooden spoon or Dover egg beater."

A ZOOLOGICAL PARTY

A pencil together with a card numbered according to the guests present is given each one. A slip containing a number and the name of an animal is also given each guest. One at a time they go to a blackboard hanging on the wall, and draw the animal for which the card calls. The others write on the cards, opposite the number, the name of the animal they think represented. At the close

each marks his neighbor's card as the host reads the correct answers. A book may be given the one having the nearest correct list.

At the supper following, a miniature Noah's Ark might form the centerpiece, around which toy and candy animals should be grouped in profusion. Ribbons should run from the ark to each cover, where a tiny teddy bear should mark the ladies' places, and a candy horse the gentlemen's.—Woman's Home Companion for May.

CONCRETE BLOCKS.

The improvement in the design and method of using blocks has been accompanied by another gratifying discovery, namely, that blocks will in time be made waterproof if well made, and that the use of a reliable waterproofing compound will carry them over to that period, says Cement Age. Therefore there is no barrier to prevent the building of a durable and artistic house of concrete blocks. With the waterproofing problem solved and a return to rational and common-sense methods in the use of blocks, the industry should continue to expand, even in localities where careless workmanship. "shoddy" blocks and bad designs have created a prejudice against a material really excellent when properly made and used.

WASHING EMBROIDERIES

Make a good lather with soap and warm water, adding one fourth of a teaspoonful of powdered borax to each quart of water. Place the articles in an ordinary glass fruit jar, then nearly fill the jar with the lather. Seal tightly, shake the jar a little, and place it in bright sunlight for twenty-four hours. Of course, if the weather is cloudy, the time should be allowed for. Turn the jar around occasionally, so that the sun may penetrate every part. When the time is up, pour off the lather, press the fabric gently, then rinse several times in clear, soft water. Return it to the jar with more clear water, set it again in the sun, changing the water daily, until the material is white. I recently renovated a bit of fine old hand embroidery, which had become as yellow as saffron, by this method, and it was beautiful.—Woman's Home Companion for May.

.. Clothes Talk ..

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BILLIONS IN SWAMPS.

If it was both good statesmanship and good business to annex far-off, frozen Alaska at a cash outlay of seven million dollars, what is to be said of a plan that will add to the very heart of the national domain lands that, measured in productive capacity, equal the combined arable areas of the fertile states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois for an investment of nothing at all? If it paid to wait many years for returns upon that investment in the Northwest, how much more profitable will it be to receive an immediate income of more than a billion a year from the home enterprise? So writes C. F. Carter in the Technical World Magazine for June.

These conundrums have been propounded to the Congress in the guise of several bills providing comprehensive plans for the drainage of the swamp lands of the country by the national government at the ultimate expense of the settlers thereon. According to the estimates of the geological survey there are 78,473,700 acres of swamps and overflowed lands in the United States. Unofficially some engineers express the opinion that upon actual measurement the swamps will be found to cover a hundred million acres.

With this introduction, Mr. Carter writes a striking article in the reclamation work, in progress and proposed, which is one of the most important features of work by the government of this country today. The story is intensely interesting and is well illustrated.

HOW THE DIRT FLIES.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Geothals, Chairman and Chief Engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, told President Roosevelt late in January that before January 1, 1915, the ditch which is to bisect the vertebrae of the American continent will be completed

and that all will be in readiness for the first ship to make the little pleasure journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific, so writes Roy Crandall in the Technical World Magazine for June.

Inasmuch as the colonel is noted for conservatism and caution, it is believed that he feels deep down in his own heart that at least a year will be cut from that estimate.

It is quite probable that that optimistic statement will come as a distinct shock to the rapidly decreasing army of administration ill-wishers, who hugged themselves a year or so ago when trouble clouds hung low over the canal horizon and joyously proclaimed: "They won't get that job done in a hundred years. They'll let those contractors get in and make a lot of graft; waste millions of the public money; kill thousands of men with yellow and Chagas fever and then quite like the French engineers did. It will be a flat hunting ground for political favorites."

With this introduction, the writer tells what has happened in the digging line a Panama, up to the early months of the present year, and the tale is a startling one for the average reader. The article is well illustrated, with new photographs.

CURBSTONE PHILOSOPHY

It is easier to hit a lion than a hare. A bird in the hand catches no worms.

An iron will needs analyzing. It may be pig iron.

Even the Kohinoor had to be cut and polished.

The fresh consider themselves the salt of the earth.

Take care of the pennies and somebody else will take care of the dollars.

No man was ever truly wise. Even Solomon took more than one wife. The world is usually willing to step aside for a man who knows where he is going.—Success Magazine.