

MR. E. Z. MARK BECOMES AN AMATEUR DETECTIVE



1. "GREEN GOODS" DEALER—Yes, Mr. Mark, you see it is simply impossible to detect them from the genuine. I will sell you five thousand dollars for one thousand.

MR. E. Z. (aside)—I'll trap him. I'll give him a thousand dollars in marked bills, make an excuse to leave the room, and go outside and send for the police. (Aloud) I'll take it. Maru is your one thousand dollars. Will you excuse me for a moment while I leave the room?



2. MR. E. Z.—Say, would you be kind enough to run for the police? I have a "green goods" man, cornered in here.

STRANGER—Why, I am just the man you want. I am a Government detective. Where is he?



3. STRANGER—I arrest you in the name of the law. Come with me.

MR. E. Z.—That's right, Mr. Detective. You will find on him my one thousand dollars in marked notes. Take him down to the lockup and tell the Judge I will bring to appear against him in half an hour. I will bring the counterfeits with me. The Judge can hold my thousand dollars as evidence.



4. THE JUDGE—"Green goods" man? Detective?

What are you talking about? There has been no detective or "green goods" man here. He has your one thousand in good money? Well, Mr. Mark, you can kiss it good-bye. That stranger you called in was, no doubt, a confederate, there for the purpose. Mark, you have been duped again.

HERMANN'S STRENGTH GROSSLY EXAGGERATED

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ality is by no means so large as is claimed by the organs of that party. It is true that Tongue carried the district in 1902 by a plurality of 7,372, but he was an incomparably stronger candidate than Binger Hermann. Tongue had made an admirable record in his three preceding terms in congress and he had accomplished much for the district and the state, and his record was unimpaired by public charges of dishonesty. His Democratic opponent was unable to call forth the full strength of his own party, and hundreds of Democrats voted for Tongue, while many more stayed away from the polls. That Tongue's plurality affords no criterion for the present campaign is demonstrated by a comparison of his vote with that received by Hermann in 1903.

Tongue's plurality in 1902 was 7,372, but he received 8,272 more votes than were cast for Hermann only one year later. Tongue's total vote in 1903 was 23,885. Hermann's vote in 1903 was only 15,313.

It is true that the election of 1903 was a special election with none but the congressional candidates to be voted for, and this would naturally result in a diminished vote. But it was certainly to be expected that the greatest falling off would be in the Democratic vote, especially in view of the crushing defeat of the year previous. Moreover, the Democratic congressional committee was without funds to make an aggressive campaign, while Hermann's managers had unlimited funds at their command, the aid of numerous subsidized newspapers throughout the district, and the active assistance of hundreds of Republican officeholders. Notwithstanding

these unequal conditions the Democratic vote last year, as compared with 1902, showed a decrease of only 3,171, while the Republican vote decreased 8,272. The Democratic decrease was less than 30 per cent, while the Republican was over 35 per cent.

Binger Hermann's devious public record was not so well known in 1903 as it is now. He had not then been recommended because of his complicity in the land frauds. But enough was known to arouse the distrust of thousands of voters who had cast their ballots only a year before for the Republican nominee, and they refused to give their support to Hermann.

Figures Speak Plainly.

The figures for the two elections are as follows:

Election of 1902—	
Thomas H. Tongue, Rep.	23,885
J. K. Weatherford, Dem.	16,213
Tongue's plurality	7,372
Election of 1903—	
Binger Hermann, Rep.	15,313
A. E. Reames, Dem.	12,042

Hermann's plurality 2,271
A change of less than 1,000 votes last year would have converted Hermann's victory into defeat. He is confessedly the weakest candidate whom the Republicans could have put forward, and his campaign is necessarily and wholly a defensive one. The prediction that he will be elected by 10,000 or by 6,000 majority is manifestly absurd.

The political complexion of a congressional district, of course, undergoes changes and the results of elections that occurred six or eight years ago may not have much bearing upon the present campaign. But it is interesting to note that the Republican victories in the First district have as a rule been hard-won. In 1900, with both a Democratic and a Populist candidate in the field, Tongue's plurality was 3,019. In 1903 he carried the district by only 2,037.

and in 1896 his plurality was but 63. In the latter campaign Tongue would have been defeated if the Democrats and Populists had joined forces, for their combined vote exceeded Tongue's by over 7,500.

FORMERLY LIVED IN EUGENE.

Sidney C. Sladden, under arrest in Louisville for swindling a life insurance company, and suspected of wife murder, was formerly a resident of Eugene. The Guard says:

Sidney, or Charles Sladden, as he was known in Eugene, is a son of Colonel and Mrs. S. P. Sladden, who reside on the outskirts of this city west of Skinner's Butte. He was engaged in the grocery business here with his father fourteen or fifteen years ago, and was at one time captain of the local militia company. He was known all over the state as a dashing beau, and was in great demand in all the social affairs of several of the valley cities. During one of the many social visits he made to Salem he met, fell in love with and married Miss Nellie Gilbert. In the latter part of 1890, Miss Gilbert was at the time one of Salem's social leaders, and the marriage was looked upon as a good one. It was not long, however, before the young couple began to quarrel. Sladden and his wife lived about a year together, when, to the surprise of everybody, Mrs. Sladden began proceedings for divorce, charging her husband with cruel and inhuman conduct. Col. S. P. Sladden, the man's father, has left for Kentucky to do what he can to get his son out of the scrape. Sladden did not contest the proceedings and a divorce was granted.

Leap Year Troubles.

Mayme—Jack is to let me know in 10 days if he accepts my proposal.
Edith—Isn't the suspense terrible.
Mayme—I should say so. Why, I don't know whether to break off my other engagements or not.

DRAMATIC EVENT OF CONFERENCE

ENTIREMENT OF THE BISHOPS THE MOST PATHETIC INCIDENT IN THE ANNALS OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—AMUSEMENT CLAUSE IS UNCHANGED.

(By C. E. Kline.)

(Special Correspondent of The Journal.)
Los Angeles, May 18.—Since the retirement of a number of bishops by the action of the general conference of the Methodist church in session here, at least a score of prominent churchmen have been mentioned as their probable successors, among them being the name of Dr. T. B. Ford of Oregon, who is considered a strong possibility.

An immense crowd was present at the Methodist conference this morning at the opening ballot for bishops. The colored delegates are appealing to the conference in an attempt to secure the election of a colored bishop. The conference is divided and the colored people insist on making a great fight. A resolution recommending a change in the marriage ritual to exclude the word "obey" was referred to the committee on revisions.

Yesterday's session decided against recommending any change in the amusement clause, after a vigorous struggle in the committee meeting. It was also decided to continue the publication of the Pacific Christian Advocate at Portland.

The most pathetic incident in the annals of the Methodist Episcopal church transpired in the conference, when the greatest of all Protestant churches set its seal of disapproval upon the career of its bishops, asking them by an overwhelming vote to step aside and give place to younger men. These men were Andrews, Foss, Walden, Mallalieu and Vincent.

It was an unprecedented scene, when Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, walked with quick, firm step to the platform, from which the death sentence was to be pronounced upon the official career of five of Methodism's highest officials. A silence fell upon all those present when Dr. Buckley said:

"Every person in this house, I suppose, regards with pity the man whose duty it is, as chairman of a committee, to report on a matter of this kind. The destiny of the young preacher, and the destiny of the old preacher, turns upon the decision of a bishop. The memory of the first great faculty to fall. A man may stand and preach like an angel at 85, but he cannot take on new matter, unless he be a prodigy, and it is never safe to legislate for prodigies. We can only legislate for the general average of mankind."

"It has been said that the man who talks about retiring a bishop is a cruel man, but if you do not retire these bishops at this conference you will not retire them at any future conference, and you will have aged men in all the chief centers of church activity."

At this juncture Dr. Buckley was interrupted by one of the bishops—Foss—who rose from his chair on the platform and in a voice in which were blended touching humility and stately dignity, asked of the conference permission to put a question to Dr. Buckley in private. There were many cries from the floor, "Let it be granted."

It was indeed an impressive moment when the white-haired bishop, who has long served the church with absolute fidelity and marked services, and Dr. Buckley, chairman of the committee, stood conversing inaudibly, while the great assembly waited and watched in perfect quiet. Bishop Foss turned and walked slowly back to his seat. He had learned his fate. If his spirit resented under the shock, he held himself under perfect control. His career was ended.

A minority of the conference vainly endeavored to obtain respite for the doomed bishops by various motions, hoping to organize their shattered forces to the support of the marked men, but it was no use. The ballot was ordered, and by nearly three to one the five men were relegated to obscurity.

The conference was given an excursion to River Side, the most famous orange-producing locality in the world, and The Journal correspondent was shown every possible courtesy. Not a few from the colder climates are looking out of the corners of their eyes for a location, and while charmed with the oranges and lilies, they prefer, they say, Irish potatoes, apples, hay, milk and butter, plenty of good water and all sorts of fruits and berries—Oregon's specialties.

Among the interesting characters in the conference in Honolulu, Judge Edith, chief justice of the state of Delaware, who is chairman of the committee on judiciary in the conference. He is

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BITS OF MINING NEWS

brueque in manner, quick-spoken, clear-headed and wield considerable influence.

A \$100 nugget was found in Spanish Gulch, Wheeler county.

Work at the Uncle Sam mines, Blue River district, is progressing nicely. The snow is about two and a half feet deep and is going off slowly. The building of a sawmill has commenced and work on the new stamp mill will soon begin. At present there is a good deal of underground work going on.

Active work in the Sparta mining district has begun. The old Sparta ditch and placer mines have begun operations. A company of Michigan men have bought into the property with F. W. Talmadge and are now shipping out supplies and additional tools and machinery. It is their intention to make things hum and make a big cleanup this year. The ground is very rich.

The button from 15 pounds of Buckeye rock weighed 47 grains, and is worth \$3.40 making the ore worth nearly \$500 to the ton in gold. The ore was picked at random out of the bottom of a six-foot cut, without any attempt to sort it. At the point from which the rich stuff came the shoot is 20 inches wide. On the surface it shows only a few inches, but widened to 20 on going down 20 feet. From this it is argued, of course, that the pay streak will rapidly gain in width and depth.

The nearest hydraulic mine to Grants Pass is the Dry Diggins, owned by the Golden Drift Mining company, lying on the north side of Rogue river just above the company's dam. The season's run is practically over, but it will take about a month to clean up the race and sluices. The water used is taken from gulches and is of short duration. This season's run was 35 actual working days. In this short period about 120,000 tons of ground was piped off, averaging 13 to 15 feet in width.

Southern Oregon copper is slowly but gradually coming to the front. Two New York capitalists expected in the Rogue river valley to examine the Blue Lead copper properties on upper Applegate. It is reported that a sale has been made of this property to New York capitalists for \$250,000, and these two gentlemen that are being sent here are experts at the copper business and will examine the mines thoroughly as the purchasers have until May 15 to take up the property. The richness of the Blue Lead copper mines has never been questioned, and if some of the people of the east could visit southern Oregon and see the activity in mining they might wake up to the importance of the industry in the region.

Business will hum in the Greenhorn district this summer. President and Manager G. W. Daines of the Belcher, Red Lion and Humboldt mines, returned from Chicago and New York yesterday. Since he has shipped \$20,000 worth of new machinery, most of which preceded him and is now here ready to be installed, as soon as the roads are open. He says that he will have a large force of men soon at work on the Belcher and Red Lion. While the men are at work constructing the mill and adding new buildings to the property a large force will be kept busy under ground blocking out ore and getting ready for the mill, which it is expected will be in operation at least by August. The plans of the company, Mr. Daines says, are very comprehensive and they will spare neither pains nor money to fairly develop their properties in the Greenhorn district and make them pay dividends.

It is anticipated that extensive placer mining will be carried on on Eagle creek during the coming season. The Hillsboro Placer Mining company has been working on an extensive scale. The company owns the Merritt ditch. They propose to thoroughly repair it and increase its capacity to 3,000 miners' inches. An up-to-date hydraulic elevator will also be installed. It has long been known that large quantities of gold existed in the bed and on the bars of this creek, but on account of the many boulders that it was necessary to handle it became evident that capital and work on a large scale was necessary to handle the ground and make it highly remunerative. Besides the yellow metal in the form of grains and dust this creek has been prolific in its yield of nuggets, although none of extraordinary size have yet been picked up. Several years ago William Meacham found a nugget valued at \$7. Later Isaac Hiatt lifted one worth \$20.

FOUND A COAL MINE NEAR THE WILLAMETTE

Mme. De Sainte Told Her Visitor That It Was Located Near a Navigable Stream, and So It Was.

Samples of coal from a prospect located within a short distance of the Willamette river were brought to Portland last week for treatment. The finder had heard of the marvelous powers of Mme. De Sainte, the great clairvoyant and traveler, and on Sunday called at her parlors, northwest corner of Seventh and Taylor, to hear what that celebrated seer had to say about it. The great clairvoyant was not told his errand further than that he desired to see her professionally. Without hesitation he was informed that: "You have discovered a coal mine, and it will make

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