

ARCH POISONER IS NEAR DEATH

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Extremely Weak.

UNABLE TO LEAVE BED IN ASYLUM FOR YEAR

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Journal Special Service.
Taunton, Mass., Oct. 10.—Jane Toppan, the Lowell nurse who killed a dozen of her patients at various times in an extremely weak condition at the insane hospital here and her death is believed to be a question of a very short time. For a year and a half she has refused to eat, and her weight has been reduced from 110 pounds to 80.

It was early in 1902 that the case of Jane Toppan attracted the attention of the entire country. In November of the preceding year she had been arrested on a charge of murder in one of the women patients. Soon, however, the investigation of the authorities led them to believe her guilty of other murders. If the woman was guilty of half the murders of which she was strongly suspected she was entitled to a place in criminal annals rivaling that of H. H. Holmes, the Chicago man who was executed for his numerous crimes.

The specific crime for which Miss Toppan was arrested was the poisoning of Mrs. Mary Gibbs at Calumet, Massachusetts, in August, 1901. Indictedly she was held responsible for the deaths of three other residents of Calumet at about the same time. She also was suspected of the murders of some of her patients in Lowell, Chicago and other places. All of the crimes were said to have been committed by the use of poison. They were evidently planned with fiendish subtlety and executed with sureness, patience and without the shadow of remorse. Suspicion was finally awakened and bits of evidence came out by degrees. It was shown that all the victims had passed away suddenly and with the same symptoms of poisoning. The remains of Mrs. Gibbs were exhumed and traces of arsenic found in the stomach. Suspicion finally pointed so strongly to Miss Toppan that she was arrested and held on trial. At first she took a situation quietly, but soon after being confined in jail she broke down and became a mental and physical wreck. A medical commission appointed to examine the woman declared her insane and consequently she escaped being tried for any of the 11 deaths alleged against her. During the four years she has been confined in the Taunton asylum her condition has grown steadily worse, and for more than a year she has been unable to leave her bed.

PORTLAND HOST

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portant one to the Masons of Portland. For the third time in the city, a building has been in part, at least, designed for Masonic occupancy. The square and compasses carved in stone marks one at First and Burnside streets, the other is the old Masonic temple at Third and Alder streets. It seems unfortunate some memorial of each building cannot be incorporated into this temple, as a token that the craft remember and appreciate the labors of the pioneer brethren. Local bodies of Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar and the Order of the Eastern Star can find in the completed temple suitable and comfortable accommodations for Masonic work and fraternal association. Here they will enjoy the advantage and privilege afforded by the opportunity these apartments will supply for social intercourse and friendly companionship.

This temple has become a possibility through the labors of earnest brethren who patiently and faithfully supported the cause of Masonry through the trials and deprivations of frontier life, and daunted by the disadvantages and hardships they encountered. They were determined to establish their beloved order upon a substantial foundation. They may have missed a measure of the fame to which their zealous service was entitled, but they did not fail to win success.

"Many of these brethren are dead, and it is impossible to make up a roll of honor without incurring the danger of

WOMAN CROSSES LABRADOR



DR. N. J. FULTON, Naturopath.

Don't You Do It

(Journal Special Service.)
DON'T you punish that poor stomach with a lot of patent medicine poison.

DON'T get it into your thoughtless head that you must drench that stomach with drugs—or die. If you really desire to die, die decently—without the nostrums—only you will not die so soon.

DON'T imagine that "I must take a tonic to build me up." If you MUST drink, buy your liquor by the gallon and "doctor" yourself. It will cost you a heap less money.

DON'T get it into your head that science went to sleep when medical colleges opened their doors, and that "we're all dummies" if we have not an M. D. appendix to our names.

DON'T give a drop of medicine to any of my patients.

DON'T TREAT ALL MANNER OF DISEASES.

Especially rheumatism, neuralgia, stiffened joints, weak stomachs, insomnia, nervousness, women's diseases, etc. etc.

MYSTERY OF Grand Lodge.

The grand lodge was organized in 1858, and being then strong neither numerically nor financially; now there are nearly 8,000 Master Masons who owe it obedience, and it owns a majority of the stock of the building association.

It is a source of just pride that the grand lodge of Oregon now comes with dignity to occupy its own temple, and thus assume its proper position among the great jurisdictions of the world.

There are more than 1,000,000 Master Masons in the United States and these are subject to the grand lodges of the several states. With these grand lodges and those of foreign countries, whithersoever Masons are dispersed, over land and sea, fraternal correspondence will be maintained.

In the future, as in the past, messages of encouragement and fraternal counsels will be exchanged and valuable brotherhood guaranteed that the traditions of Masonry will not be violated or the principles of Masonry violated.

It is exceedingly gratifying to know that a capital of Masonry has been established in this grand jurisdiction. The craft will assemble annually in this temple to transact the business of the stated communications.

Within its walls Masonic hospitality will be constantly practiced in the reception and entertainment of visiting brethren from other grand jurisdictions.

"These indictments I think are good, and the demurers will be overruled in each of these cases."

At the request of Attorney George F. Martin, representing a number of indicted men, they were allowed until next Tuesday to plead. The dates of the trials will probably be set at the time the pleas of the indicted men are entered.

This is the third date that has been set in the circuit court for hearing the pleas of the 13 men. The indictments were returned by the grand jury in June and the men were arraigned shortly afterward. At the time of their arraignment they were allowed until July 25 to plead. Before the time for pleading came they avoided it by filing motions to quash the indictments. In these motions the validity of the grand jury was attacked.

Judge Fraser ruled that the grand jury was a legal body and denied the motions to quash, he named September 1 as the day on which the accused men should appear to say whether they were guilty or not guilty of the offenses charged. Again the necessity of pleading was avoided by filing demurrers attacking the validity of the indictments. These questions were argued before Judge Sears at great length, and voluminous briefs citing expert decisions in favor of their clients were filed by the attorneys for the defendants and the district attorney.

"Masonry has grown with the strength of the state and never was more prosperous than it is now. It will gain numbers rapidly in the future; its fortunes are inseparably bound up with the fate of city and state; its principles are sound and true to the best standards of human association and by its traditions we know the craft has always exerted a wise and salutary influence upon its members and society. Forever Masons would commit temple, city and state to the future, with the invocation:

"Peace within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companion's sake I will now say peace be within thee."

The Best Authority.
The cleverest of lawyers occasionally find their match when engaged in their favorite occupation of breaking down an opponent's witness; and this frequently occurs in the case of "horny" individuals.

The following wordy contest between a hostler and a counsel is one of the most amusing specimens of the kind:

"Now, I ask you, sir, under what authority do you swear to the man?" asked the hostler.

"Under what authority?" said the hostler, interrogatively.

"You are to reply and not repeat the question put to you."

"I don't consider a man's bound to answer a question before he's time to turn it in his mind."

"Nothing can be more simple, sir, than the question put, and I repeat it. Under what authority do you swear to the animal's age?"

"The best authority," said the witness, gruffly.

"Then why such an evasion? Why not swear at once?"

"Well, then, if you must have it—"

"Must! I will have it!" thundered the counsel, interrupting the witness.

"Well, if you must and will have it," rejoined the hostler, with imperious gravity, "why, then, I had it myself from the mare's own mouth."

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Vicksburg Monument.

The preliminary trial of the battleship Minnesota, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding company, will take place in New England waters Wednesday.

In honor of the 30,000 Illinois soldiers who participated in the campaign and the siege of Vicksburg, a \$200,000 temple monument will be dedicated in the national park at Vicksburg the latter part of the week, the exercises extending over three days. The governors of Illinois, Mississippi and Louisiana will participate.

Meanwhile the campaign in other sections will not be neglected. Massachusetts, where the situation is very muddled, but none the less interesting, is being left by both parties to take care of her own troubles. Mr. Bryan will be heard in the middle west, and Vice-President Fairbanks will push into the southwest to offset the influence of the recent Bryan tour in that section.

Wabash Road Meeting.

Stockholders of the Wabash railroad will hold a special meeting at Toledo Monday to vote on the financial plan which includes an one of its features the retirement of the debenture bonds.

Thirty or more governments will be represented at an international congress to be held in Paris next Monday.

The annual meeting of the Altos railroad, scheduled for Monday, may develop a fight for control between the Harriman and anti-Harriman factions.

The American Mission association will hold its 50th annual meeting during the week at Oberlin, Ohio, beginning its sessions Tuesday.

The 34th annual convention of the Na-

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"I began to laugh."

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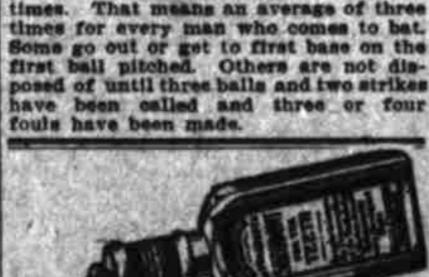
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