

PEN THAT JABBED AT RUEF GANG IS DRY

Arthur McEwen of San Francisco Was Brilliant Writer and a Man of Advanced Ideas—Portland Publisher Writer of His Life Work.

The following resume of the life work of Arthur McEwen, the well-known editorial and special newspaper writer, whose death occurred a few days ago, has been furnished by J. S. Tyler, manager of the Spectator, one of the most experienced newspaper men on the Pacific coast and a man who knew Mr. McEwen in the old days of his work in San Francisco as well as during the latter times when he had risen to more prominence in the newspaper world.

The letter from Mr. Tyler follows: "Arthur McEwen was a personal friend of mine in early newspaper days in San Francisco. He was a special writer on the Examiner when Joseph Ward, now of Denver, was city editor. I was a new man at the business and had just broken in as a waterfront reporter for the Call. I became acquainted with McEwen through Will Hart, one of the Examiner's special men, and we three enjoyed many a pleasant evening together at the old Press club in Pine street.

"McEwen turned against the 'interests' in San Francisco and published Arthur McEwen's Letter, a four-page newspaper of small size, but full of vigorous attacks on all things that appeared to the editor to be corrupt. Mr. Hearst and Mr. De Young came in for their share of caustic criticism and the government was hauled over the coals. The paper was a success from the start, the first week's profits being about \$300. The street sales were in the tens of thousands. 'Bob' Davis, brother of Sam Davis, the Nevada short-story writer and humorist, was McEwen's manager. Bob mounted a wagon in Kearney street and shouted for the Letter and urged newboys to handle it. During the early part of the Saturday of first publication the boys did not respond very readily, but it was not noon before the paper was selling so fast that the presses

could not turn them out to supply the demand. "McEwen announced that he would not take any advertisements in the paper for less than \$10 per inch, and that he would restrict these advertisements to certain classes of staple goods. His paper was good during all the time that he published it, but his mind drifted to ideas of greater things and peremptorily he one afternoon ordered Davis to suspend publication. The paper was at no period of its existence a financial failure.

"As managing editor of the Examiner McEwen was brilliant but impracticable. He was too radical in his ideas and was not wont to weigh carefully the serious questions of the day. He was more of a judge of that which savored of poetry and art and humor than of the editorial that might injure the newspaper's standing with the thoughtful citizen. He went back to the special staff and resigned when he determined to publish his weekly letter.

"From San Francisco McEwen went to New York to Hearst and to the Philadelphia North American. With the latter newspaper he remained only a few months and then went back to the New York American where he remained until he was summoned back to San Francisco by the San Francisco Bulletin. He started the campaign against the Schmitz-Ruef faction and exploited some of his most strenuous ideas in the violent battle he put up for the extermination of the so-called Ruef ring. His attacks were somewhat injudicious at times and this lack of careful investigation of conditions caused reflex action on the part of the people and Schmitz was reelected because the feeling that he was being persecuted prevailed among some of the best citizens.

"McEwen went to New York after failing to beat the Schmitz ring and remained there up to the time of his trip to Bermuda."

NO EXPLANATION OF LATE HOURS

Enke Came Home at Midnight, or Later, but Told Wife Nothing.

SHE THINKS HE IS NOT ONE TO GET DIVORCE

Threatened to Use Personal Violence If Her Suspicions Were Verified, and Charges Cruelty Against Him in Counter Charge Filed.

When her husband refused to explain why he stayed away from home until late at night, Mrs. Annie Enke offered her own explanations of the absence, and told Herman Enke that if her suspicions were verified she would use personal violence, according to the statements made by Mrs. Enke in her answer to the divorce suit brought against her by her husband. Mrs. Enke filed her answer in the circuit court yesterday afternoon.

Denials are made to the allegations of Enke that his wife falsely accused him of infidelity, threatened to kill him, and neglected to care for him when he was ill. Mrs. Enke also denies that her husband is deeply or at all attached to their five children. In answering Enke's charges, Mrs. Enke denies that he is entitled to a divorce, and charges her husband with cruelty in requesting that the divorce be granted to her instead.

Enke's cruelty is alleged to consist in staying away from home until midnight at times, and all night at other times, and refusing to explain his whereabouts or the purpose of his absence at all times. Mrs. Enke says that her husband has property in Portland worth \$125,000, besides large sums of money in the bank, the amount of which is to her unknown. This money and property, she says, has been accumulated by their mutual efforts. She asks the court for a divorce and an equitable division of the property and the custody of the children.

The litigants were married in this city in May, 1896, and have five children: Alma, aged 15; Linda, 15; William, 9; Irene, 5; and Herman, 2.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

An illustrated lecture on mountain climbing will be given at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this afternoon by A. J. Dummett, a business man of Seattle.

Mr. Dummett is now on his way east to lecture and exploit the beauty and resources of the northwest. The lecture, which is illustrated by many

beautiful slides, will be a comparison of the mountains of Switzerland with those of the Pacific northwest. The lecture will begin at 7 o'clock, but will be preceded by a half-hour concert by the association orchestra. The programme is free and for men only.

PIANO HOUSE CHANGES

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For the past month extensive improvements have been under way at "The House of Quality" and now carpenters and decorators have finished their tasks and gone, leaving the result of their labors to the admiration of the public.

The new hardwood oak inlaid floor of the general reception room is one of the handsomest ever put down in Portland and has attracted the universal attention of those passing on the streets, being in full view through the plate glass windows extending along both Morrison and Sixth streets. The beautiful and completely equipped Victor parlors are also on the first floor, adjoining the reception room.

The second story, which has also been thoroughly renovated and renewed, with tinted walls and freshened woodwork includes the spacious music room, luxuriously furnished smaller parlors, one each for the Steinway, Knabe and A. B. Chase pianos, also a larger room—reception hall—which has a suitable platform and seating capacity for musical recitals. In this latter room are found representative player pianos, and here one may listen at will to any selections desired. A very commendable feature of this house is its spirit of cordial welcome at all times to those desiring to practice on any of the instruments. A stranger in town may seek out her own make of piano and go undisturbed to any of the smaller parlors to practice, and feel as welcome as she would be in the home of a friend. For "The House of Quality" is the house of a friend to every lover of music.

The largest sized Steinway, Knabe and Everett grands which are always on hand for concert purposes, are also on the second floor. The third floor is given over to organs—pipe organs, chapel and parlor organs—also extensive repair shops. The basement to the wholesale and shipping departments. Altogether over 10,000 feet of floor space is now used by this company.

Decks are maintained for the use of visitors wishing to write letters, etc. Mr. G. F. Johnson, general manager, who has been away a couple of weeks on a trip of inspection throughout the northwest, visiting each one of the long chain of stores, is to be most heartily congratulated on the beautiful establishment which his enterprise has evolved, and on the kindly, courteous spirit which dominates the place, making it not alone a music house for the barter and sale of high grade instruments but a music center for the cultivation of musical appreciation.

Some papers throughout the southern states are getting together and exploiting the name of John W. Daniel, the "Lame Lion of Lynchburg," senior member from Virginia in the United States senate, for the presidency of the United States. Several papers of Virginia and Maryland recently have come out unservedly in their editorial columns for the Virginian.

BIG MAN HELPED ANOTHER TO WHIP LIGHT MAN AND WAS HURT

That two men weighing upward of 200 pounds each attacked with their fists one weighing not more than 140 pounds, and that one of the big men sued the little one for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries sustained in the conflict is alleged in an answer filed in the circuit court yesterday afternoon by Ed Switzer in reply to the suit brought against him by B. Colby.

Switzer is the little man and Colby is one of the big men, according to Switzer's answer, which was filed by his attorney, John A. Lee. Colby brought suit against Switzer for \$10,000 damages, charging that Switzer had struck him in the face and broke his glasses, thereby injuring his eyes.

Switzer says in his answer that he became engaged in a fist fight with a man named Holmes at the Quella February 25, and that though Holmes was more than holding his own, Colby interfered to help Holmes. Switzer says that a general melee between the three followed, and that he does not know whether Colby was injured or not, but if he was it was through his own negligence, and without any malicious or intentional act on Switzer's part. He, then, announces the weights of the participants in the battle, placing his own at 140 pounds, and that of Holmes and Colby at about 200 pounds each. Switzer asks that Colby's suit be dismissed, and that judgment for costs be awarded to the defendant.

HOTEL MANAGER RUNS DOWN RAT THAT ESCAPED TERRIER

Fifteen rats, caught in one trap in a men's furnishing store on Washington street, together with a fox terrier dog, furnished amusement to about 500 people one morning last week on Seventh street, near Stark. When the damage was over the street was strewn with the remains of 14 rodents, while the fifteenth added zest to the occasion by scooting between the legs of the bystanders and eventually precipitating itself through an open window in the Oregon grille.

The act created no end of consternation in the grille room and Manager Dickinson, who has always boasted that he never had a rat in his hotel, was aroused from his slumbers to make war on the enemy.

He was organized by waiters, guests and employees to disclose the rodent. A lively chase followed in which for a time it seemed that the rat would be the victor. Around the huge pillars, under the tables, seeking refuge in dark corners, the rat pursued his terrified flight.

It was all in vain, however, for Dickinson would not give up. His weary supporters flagged and hesitated, but the indomitable "Dick" kept on. The chase continued with increasing fury until finally with a mighty swat and scramble, the game was caught.

Blowing like winded racehorses, the hunters ceased their violent exercise and gave the trophy to a Chinese porter with the compliments of the crowd. The question afterward arose as to how the Chinaman disposed of the game.

DESERTED WIFE AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS

Suit for divorce on the ground of desertion was filed in the state circuit court yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Hattie B. Moodie against Andrew D. Moodie. Mrs. Moodie alleges that they were married at Ellendale, South Dakota, in April, 1886, and that Moodie deserted her in April, 1905. They have seven children, Bertha, aged 21; Andrew, 19; Harold, 12; Eunice, 9; Walter, 7; Grace, 4, and Lois, 2. Mrs. Moodie says that her husband owns a number of lots on the east side of the river. She asks to be

STEAMER DODE ASHORE ON PUGET SOUND BEACH

Port Townsend, Wash., May 4.—The steamer Dode, carrying mail and passengers from Seattle to Port Townsend, went ashore in a fog on a rocky beach at Marrowstone Point near here this morning. The passengers were taken off safely and the ship may float at high tide.



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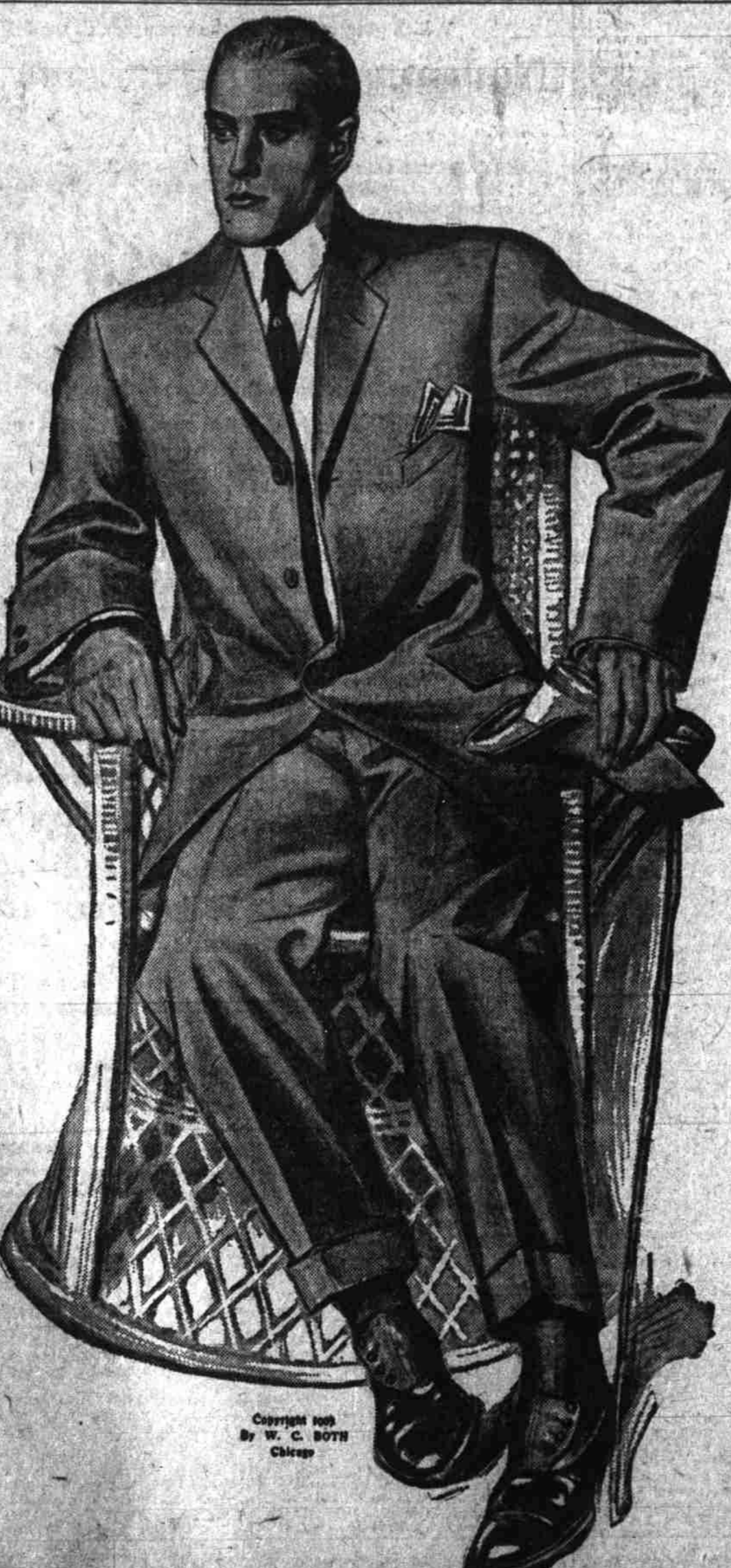
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