

SEEKS TO LIVE DOWN HIS SHAME

Work From French Painter's Brush Recalls Pathetic Life Tragedy.

By Paul Villiers.
(Herald News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Paris, Dec. 12.—Bravely trying to live down the shame brought upon him by an ambitious woman, "Francis Houssey," as he now calls himself, has exhibited at the George Petit Galleries 40 sketches in oil, some of which depicting quaint old nooks and corners in Nuremberg are unusually good.

Only a comparatively small number of people know that Francis Houssey, the painter, is identical with Frederic Humbert, the husband of the Grande Theresse of the phantom millions, who was always a pathetic figure, perhaps more sinned against than sinning, and there is a fresh pathos in this one man show of his.

When the doors of the prison were opened to him, he did not ask anybody to assist him, he set to work with the grit of a true man, and tramped, knapsack, paint and brushes slung over his shoulders and a few francs in his pocket throughout southern Germany.

As he writes himself to the art critic, M. Arsene Alexandre, he determined to work out his own salvation and his sketches show both determination and talent. The endeavor is pathetic and commands respect.

Guiltily weak throughout the whole story of colossal frauds, the son of a former minister of justice, and the husband of the unforgettable Theresse, sank low, but one must admit he is struggling manfully to retrieve his disgrace.

Convinced that it is supplying an immediate want Les Sport, the most enterprising sporting paper in Paris and probably in the world, has just published a map of aeroplane landings in the city.

The suitable landings indicated by this pioneer of aerial guides begin with the wine depots at Barbis and end with the Parvis of Notre Dame. The roof of Hotel Meurice, the courtyard of Lafore, and the national printing establishment are also pointed out as offering certain advantages, while the Beauce de la Concorde, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Esplanade des Invalides are not omitted. The plan has been drawn up by the society de Nouveau Paris, which is fighting hard to modernize the city, just as the society de Vieux Paris is striving with might and main to preserve every old wall and crumbling ruin.

A brilliant idea has just come to the mind of M. Francois Jourdain, president of the Nouveau Paris, which is to promulgate as a law reserving the belt of fortifications around Paris as a future landing ground for aeroplanes. It would, to him, make the city an aerial promenade, once the earthworks, walls and ramparts had been leveled and the ditches filled.

As to the private stations mentioned on the map, the owners are only too anxious to serve the public. The proprietors of the big department store, known as the Galeries Lafayette, offer a prize of \$500 to the first aeroplanist whose machine lands on the roof and the same offer is made by Hotel Meurice.

That France is easily the wealthiest country on earth is proved by the death duty statistics which have just been communicated to the chamber. The United States may boast of many more immensely rich people but France can point with pride to the fact that more than half of the population, counting men, women and children, have property to bequeath.

The total amount of money left by persons who died last year amounts to \$1,092,200,000. The number of these who left property was over 400,000, while the total deaths did not reach twice that figure. The average estate, possessed by a French man, woman or child is therefore, nearly \$2,750.

But the most remarkable feature is the number of small estates as compared with the United States. Thus \$1,650,000 was left in sums not exceeding \$2,000. Of estates between that figure and \$10,000 there were nearly 48,000.

On the other hand large fortunes are few. Only 524 persons left over \$200,000. Only seven died worth from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 the latter being the largest amount recorded.

From the death duty figures statisticians deduce the following conclusions: Four million French persons own less than \$50 apiece; 4,000,000 less than \$250 and 4,000,000 more less than \$1,000. But 1,700,000 possess \$4,200 each, 27,000 \$15,000, 17,000 \$30,000, and 90,000 from \$70,000 to \$140,000.

There are 18,000 possessors of 1,000,000 francs—that is \$200,000. Very large fortunes are few. No person died last year worth more than \$4,000,000. Three estates of that amount paid duty in 1905 and three in 1904.

The total wealth of France is estimated at about \$4,500,000,000 and there is no country whose wealth is so equally divided among the inhabitants.

CONSUL MILLER BUYS
Purchases Farm of 314 Acres Adjoining Sheridan.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Sheridan, Or., Dec. 12.—Several large sales of walnut bearing land have been made recently, among them being the sale by Terex Brothers and George E.

Waggoner to Honorable H. B. Miller, United States consul to Japan, of a tract comprising 314 acres of the Andy Bewley place, adjoining town. The work of improving and beautifying it will commence at once. After making a careful inspection of the soil and surrounding conditions, Mr. Miller stated that this vicinity is particularly favored for nut culture and fruit growing. Before leaving today to join his family in California he said that he should make this place his summer home and would make arrangements for the building of three fine residences on the portion of the land overlooking the beautiful valley of the Yamhill.

The present city council has commenced a \$22,000 addition to the city water system. The voters have demonstrated their confidence in all the old officers by reelecting them by good majorities, with the single exception of councilman in the First ward. The following are the officers elected: Mayor, H. H. Winslow; recorder, J. R. Mendenhall; treasurer, W. Beck; councilman First ward, S. T. Sanford; councilmen Second ward, E. M. Yeaton and J. M. Yocom; marshal, C. E. Drum-meller.

Civic pride was also an issue in the election, and it is understood the newly elected officers pledge themselves to a thorough business administration and the improvement of streets, alleys and sewers.

A Bad Shortcoming.
Two women were at a vaudeville performance listening with unmoved solemnity to the remarks of a "monologist." Finally one of the solemn pair broke the icy silence.

"That fellow," she remarked, "has a defect which, in a humorist, is fatal. 'What is it?' asked her companion. 'He isn't funny.'"

MRS. GEORGIA ALLYN SAMPSON



Mrs. George Allyn Sampson of Boston who has been placed under arrest in connection with the shooting of her husband, Harry Sampson, shown below, who was a nephew of the late Admiral Sampson.

ALL IS READY FOR INSTITUTE

Heavy Attendance Expected at Farmers' Meeting at Island City.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
La Grande, Or., Dec. 12.—The full program for the coming farmers' institute at Island City December 17, has been announced. Portions of it are already before the public, but today local committees having the affair in charge, prepared the complete schedule of events. The institute will prove of great value to the farmers and it is believed that the attendance will be large. The program follows:
10 a. m.—Quartet and chorus, "The Farmer Feeds Them All"; "Horticulture Outlook in the Grande Ronde Valley"; Professor C. I. Lewis' discussion; song, "How Industry in the Grand Ronde Valley," by R. E. Reynolds; discussion; song, "Dry Farming"; Professor C. E. Bradley, solo, "Daddy's Little Tom Boy Girl"; Kate Gekeker, "Why Not a Scientific Farmers' Association in Union County?" E. D. Jasper.
7:30 p. m.—Song, "Wild Bird"; talk on "General Agriculture" by Dr. James Withcombe; recitation, "The Nature of Fakers' Luck" by Rufus Huffman; solo, "Mandaley," by Alex. Huffstun; an illustrated stereopticon lecture on "Breeds of Horses of Livestock; the Agricultural College and its Work."

BUTTE MAN WINS FAME

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Helena, Mont., Dec. 12.—To Thomas Hickey of Butte belongs the distinction of having killed one of the largest elk ever slain in Montana. Hickey was engaged in a hunt west of Helena when he saw a herd of elk. He fired at one of the animals which for size apparently holds the record.
The hunt was an immense affair, and the carcass, which is lean and sinewy, weighs 700 pounds. The antlers of the elk have seven prongs on one side and six on the other, a condition some of the local naturalists are at a loss to explain. The elk was undoubtedly the nephew of his clan. Residents of the Helmsville section, which borders on the Big Blackfoot country, have seen the big bull for several years, but none was so fortunate as to even wound him. He has been in the locality for a long time and was wiser than most hunters.
Mannix informed Hickey of his presence and the Butte man started out with the deliberate purpose of "bagging" him. Luck was with the hunters, for they soon sighted their game and at rather close range. Two shots brought him to earth, never to rise again. The first shot was fired while Hickey was facing the bull and at a distance of 500 yards. The bullet struck the left antler with such force that the bone splintered, though it did not break the horn badly. The elk turned a complete somersault, picked himself together, so to speak, and started on a run. Hickey fired again and this time shot the animal through the loin.
The animal presents a magnificent appearance, although a trifle thin for this season of the year. Its hoofs are as large as those of an ordinary cow, while the carcass occupied an entire railroad truck when taken from the train. It is proposed that Hickey become a member of the Elks' fraternity and present the head to the Butte lodge, but he has taken no step as yet. Hickey also got two fine teeth which he is having mounted into hatpins for his daughters. Hickey has been known a long time as "Dead Shot" Hickey, and he has now unquestionably proved his right to the title.

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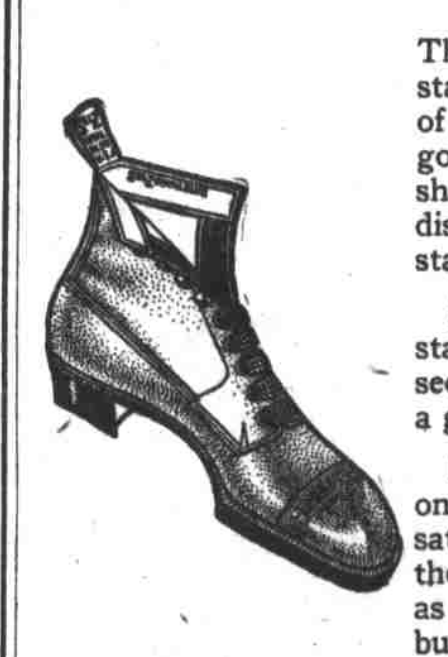
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