

SAVING LABOR

Electrical Wizard Predicts the Passing of the Chore Boy and Salesgirl and Banishment of the Horse.

In the June number of Popular Electricity Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, makes a few predictions about "The Tomorrows of Electricity and Invention."

In the not far distant future, says the wizard of Menlo Park, all the chores of the household will be done by electric machines and the armies of clerks and sales people in the department stores will be replaced by motors and slot machines.

"Animal labor"—that is, human labor must give way, he insists, before the scientific work of the electric machine.

"My plans are simple," says the inventor. "Nothing that is fundamental and successful in dealing with the wants of humanity in the mass must ever be complicated."

"At least 144 houses can be built in a year with this equipment. A single house can be cast in six hours."

"The house I would give the workman has a floor plan 25 by 30 feet, three stories high, with cellar, on a lot 10 by 60 feet, with six large living and sleeping rooms, airy halls, bath and every comfort."

"Who would not forsake the crowded apartment or tenement of such terms for a roomy, substantial house, fitted with modern conveniences, beautified with artistic decorations, with no outlay for insurance or repairs and with no dread of fire or fire bug?"

"Rats and mice and other bugs will have as much show in them as in the steel safe of a bank. Cement neither breeds vermin nor harbors it."

HASTY WEDDINGS FOLLOW DIVORCE

Married nine days after she was divorced, in violation of the Oregon law providing that divorced persons shall not remarry for six months, Mrs. Mabel Beebe has begun suit in the circuit court to annul her life contract with George Oules.

Another mix up over the six months law was granted in the case of Mrs. W. Long and Mrs. S. A. Bayley took a license after Mrs. Bayley had been divorced earlier in the day by Judge Gantenbein.

Long was brought into the county court several months ago on complaint of one of his sons, who alleged he was incompetent to look after his property.

Senator Barrett's Mother Succumbs

Senator Barrett's mother, Mrs. J. Barrett, 77 years old, died last night after an illness of three weeks, from general debility.

ROOSEVELT LINED UP WITH FOES OF G. O. P. MACHINE

Insurgent Leader Exhibits Letter That is Short but Significant—Views Known, and He Says Unchanged.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 25.—At the capital today a representative of the United Press was shown a letter that received from Roosevelt practically endorsing the fight against Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and the house "organization," and inviting one of the influential insurgents to meet him in New York on his arrival in America.

Coupled with this letter comes the announcement with excellent authority that Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given June 23 by Robert G. Collier, editor of Collier's Weekly, and one of the strongest supporters of the insurgent cause.

The letter shown to the United Press representative today was an answer to a nine page exposition of the insurgent position, covering fully late developments in the insurgent fight. In reply Roosevelt sent just five lines. In effect the letter says:

"You know my views on the insurgent situation. They remain unchanged since I last talked with you. I wish to see you in New York immediately after my arrival there."

"I know Roosevelt thoroughly disapproved of the present leaders of both house and senate before he left America," said the recipient of the letter. "I had every reason to know that they were not only out of sympathy with the Roosevelt policies but that they had allowed themselves to get out of touch with the sentiments of the public in general."

"I believe that Roosevelt has no personal objection to Cannon and the other organization leaders, but that he disapproves their methods, which he considers a relic of bossism."

Roosevelt's letter was written from Deaneater House, Ambassador Reid's home, in London.

Masked Men Hold Up An Italian Porter

Marco Madugno, Italian porter, who more than a year ago was set upon by an armed band of horsemen, whom he believed were members of the Black Hand, after he refused to pay money demanded in several threatening letters, reported to Postoffice Inspector E. C. Clement today that he was held up and robbed Sunday night by a gang of masked men.

When, after Madugno received several Black Hand letters last year, he reported to the postoffice inspectors, he was given permission to carry a revolver. So, according to the story he told the inspectors, when six or seven horsemen rode up to his dwelling in the Italian colony in South Portland after midnight, one night and demanded money, he shot at them. He said they fired six or seven shots at him. He believed he wounded one of the riders.

Madugno told Postoffice Inspector Clement about his experience Sunday night. He said he was returning from church. He was passing through a dark space when three or four masked men, who talked gruffly in Italian, poked revolvers in his face. He threw up his hands, and they went through his pockets, taking \$11 in silver.

Madugno said he is positive they are the same men who wrote him a dozen or so Black Hand letters, and who made the midnight call at his home.

Madugno is employed as porter in Solly's pool and billiard hall, sixth street near Washington street.

Drunk Loggers Wreck Camp

Bellingham, Wash., May 25.—Angered because they were discharged, following a difference of opinion regarding matters pertaining to their work, a gang of four intoxicated loggers last night wrecked the James Pinkey camp. Warrants were sworn out for the arrest of the men.

DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE



COMET SPEEDWAY

DR. GILTNER'S ESTATE VALUED AT \$200,000

Dr. Jacob S. Giltner left property worth \$200,000, according to an estimate filed in the county court in connection with the probate of the will.

NEW COMPANY HAS \$1,750,000 CAPITAL

With a capital of \$1,750,000, the Blitzen Valley Land company has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk.

SO. PORTLAND DOES NOT WANT OLD BUILDINGS

The South Portland Boosters' club at its last meeting drew up a resolution authorizing the secretary to send a letter to the mayor and city executive board, protesting against the removal of old buildings to South Portland.

SUES FOR POSSESSION OF GASOLINE MOTOR

The Pacific Aviation company has begun suit against the Wells-Fargo Express company for possession of a gasoline motor and \$500 damages.

Memorial Day at Sandy

RAILWAY MAIL CLERK HELD TO GRAND JURY

Bishop B. McCarter, song writer and prominent in musical circles in Portland, today confessed to postoffice inspectors that for more than a year he has been systematically robbing the registered mails.

WRITES THAT OREGON ADVERTISED IN EAST

In a letter to President B. S. Josselyn of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, Fred Lockley, manager of the Pacific Monthly magazine of this city, writes that he recently had a very pleasant chat with President Taft and also spent a couple of evenings with Senator Chamberlain and Bourne.

ASK OREGON ELECTRIC FOR SPUR TO QUARRY

Mayor Bailey, of Hillsboro, County Judge Goodwin of Washington county, and E. W. Haines, of Forest Grove, have applied to John E. Stevens, in charge of the Hill lines in Oregon, for a spur connecting a rock quarry in their district with the line of the Oregon Electric so as to enable them to bring out rock to be used on the roads of Washington county.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO BOOST FOR PORTLAND

All Elk lodges in the Pacific northwest will unite in the slogan "Portland 1911" when they meet in annual convention at Detroit July 31.

VALUES TWO MIDDLE FINGERS AT \$5000

Valuing the two middle fingers of his left hand at \$5000, Julian Brown has begun a suit against the Cannon Manufacturing company for that sum.

HARLOW WOULD SELL PROPERTY OF FATHER

F. R. Harlow, guardian of his father, C. C. Harlow, petitioned the county court for permission to sell real estate belonging to his father for \$22,250.

EVIDENCE ALL IN IN ANDERSON CASE

Fort Casey, Wash., May 25.—The court martial trying Lieutenant Anderson, of the One Hundredth and Forty-ninth Coast Artillery, who was in charge of the mortar battery that fired upon the battleship, the battleship's master, Major Evan Thomas, has completed the hearing and adjourned. The verdict is expected tonight.

STANFORD MAN HOLDS POLE VAULT RECORD

Stanford, Colo., May 25.—Lee Scott, star athlete of Stanford University, today holds a new world's pole vaulting record, having broken the former record held in the dual track meet with the University of Colorado late yesterday.

JUDGMENT FROM WILDE

Washington Society Women Came to Regard Committee Hearings as Entertainment and Each Had Her Hero.

Washington, May 25.—People went day after day to the Ballinger-Pinchot hearings and the women have predominated in the audience, the proportion of eight or ten to one. A certain number of them have become known to the members of the committee as "regulars."

From the beginning it has laughed politely but derisively or amusedly as it was tickled by something that was said. On two occasions, at least, it has hissed or otherwise expressed doubtly its disapprobation either of the course of the committee or of the attitude of a witness.

Some of the women who have been regular attendants at the hearings have been attracted to them by a keen desire to follow the affair intelligently and derive their source of information at first hand. Others, and they probably comprise a majority of those who have come day after day, have been attracted to the room in which the hearings are held in the senate office building by the sharp clash of personalities.

There has been an unexpected revelation of essentially antagonistic personalities among the women who have been regular attendants at the hearings. There was the same atmosphere of adoration and sort of yearning outreach toward the chief figures of those days that has been visible at so many of the Polish pianist's public appearances when, after he had played his regular program, the women of his audience masked themselves about the platform on which he sat while he played Chopin pieces and threw violet at his feet.

At times when Gifford Pinchot was on the stand nobody would have been greatly astonished had a bunch of violets come hurtling through the air and landed as a votive offering beside the chair in which Mr. Pinchot sat. He made a strong appeal to the women. There is no question about that. He is handsome, a bachelor, has an "interesting" face, and has lived long in Washington, where he has a great many friends. The sentiment in the audience was almost overwhelmingly for Pinchot in the beginning of the investigation.

At a later period, the sentiment was in a state of indecision, and vacillated rather aimlessly; then for a period it turned toward Mr. Ballinger quite strongly; but a fortnight ago the Ballinger wave receded perceptibly since Mr. Ballinger, embarrased President Taft by declining to produce or tell the truth about the now notorious Lawyer memorandum until the facts had been literally forced out by the disclosures of the stenographer Kerby.

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, chairman of the investigating committee, and Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, counsel for Glavin, have furnished much of the interest of the hearings to the audience. They have clashed almost from the beginning, as it was natural and inevitable that they should. They have provided the form of contest that so greatly appealed to the Romans in the high old days of the imperial circus. Two men more unlike than Mr. Nelson and Mr. Brandeis could scarcely be thrown together. The Minnesota senator attacks his opponents with a sledge-hammer. He smashes and bludgeons his way through opposition, fighting like the Vikings from whom he is descended.

Nelson and His Outing

Brandeis has a mind that is comparable to an Italian rapier; a supple, tempered piece of steel, of which he is thoroughly the master. Nelson and Brandeis have been battling from the first. It was inevitable that they should be. They have nothing in common. Mr. Brandeis, like Mr. Pinchot, has appealed strongly to the sympathies of the women in the audience. One of them, it will be recalled, on one occasion was so stirred by some interchange that the lawyer had with Senator Nelson that she so far forgot herself as to cry out that the committee should no longer hear Brandeis. Mr. Nelson is not a favorite of the women, especially to the hearings. He sojourns himself through some of the weary hours of his duties as presiding member of the committee with chewing tobacco. The comfort that he attracts from this employment is obvious, but it has no contributed to his popularity with the feminine group.

POSTOFFICE ROBBER FIGHTS FOR LIBERTY

Frank Wayne, who more than four years ago was sentenced to the federal penitentiary at McNeil Island to serve nine years for robbing the Sellwood postoffice, is making strenuous efforts to regain his liberty.

Through the influence of his brother, who is said to be wealthy, Wayne has forced his case again into the federal courts, and is endeavoring to obtain his freedom on a technicality, alleging that sentence was wrongfully executed.

Canby vs. Portland Blues

Canby, Or., May 25.—Tomorrow the baseball team of Canby is expected to meet the Portland Blues here at home. The Portland team comes well recommended and a good game is looked for. The grounds have been worked over during the last week and are in better shape than ever. A good attendance is expected.

Curly Flight Further Postponed

Albany, N. Y., May 25.—Much to the evident disgust of hundreds of spectators, Aviator Glenn H. Curtiss climbed into his aeroplane today and then climbed down again without attempting a flight. Curtiss donned his aviation clothing, but after leaving the plane he said that the weather was still unfavorable for a flight. The wind blew steadily from the west all day. Curtiss plans to visit the New York World \$10,000 prize offered for a successful flight from Albany to New York during which the contestants are to be selected the privilege of making two descents.

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