

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

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GOVERNOR PIERCE'S CHRISTMAS SPEECH

We Are Actors in Most Absorbing, Amazing Drama of All the Ages

(Governor Walter M. Pierce delivered a radio speech at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, December 25 (Christmas), in Portland, the occasion being the dedication of station KEX, the Portland unit of the Western Broadcasting company. The following is what Governor Pierce said over the radio.)

Tonight as governor of a million people in the state of Oregon I extend the greeting of the season to radio listeners everywhere. Twenty-three centuries ago Plato, the great Greek philosopher, said: "I thank God that I was born Greek and not barbarian, freeman and not slave, man and not woman; but above all, that I was born in the age of Socrates." The favored of earth then expressed his appreciation in this statement that sounds so queer tonight. How much more appreciative and thankful we should be that we have been given existence on this beautiful earth at this time. We are the descendants of the barbarians mentioned by Aristotle, the builder of the most wonderful civilization and culture that has ever existed. Thankful we should be that we are living at a time when no woman need repress her sex, for in every walk of life she is welcome, a real part and parcel of this age, and not the drudge that our mothers were through the ages.

Greek culture even at its zenith rested upon human slavery and was of value to only a very small percentage of the people. We are living at a time when our culture beneficially affects a very large percentage of our people. Proud, happy and grateful each of us should be this Christmas evening, that our lives have been extended to the days of the automobile and radio. But we live in America on the Pacific coast and within the boundaries of Oregon, the most beautiful and happily situated of all the states in the union.

Today, we celebrate the 1926th anniversary of the birth of the gentle Jesus, the one who taught "peace on earth and good will toward men." He was indeed the courageous reformer, the real friend of woman and the downtrodden, striking at selfishness and greed as the chief cause of wrong and crime. He taught, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." He taught the golden rule and he taught man the doctrine of self respect. It was queer, strange philosophy to the favored few of earth who sought only personal comfort, deaf to the appeals of human suffering.

Christmas should not only be a time for the giving of gifts and

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WHITE HOUSE FLOOR WALKER NEW TITLE

Stearns Close Friend of Calvin Coolidge, Irons Out All Little Things

BOSTON, Mass., (Special)—The floorwalker of the White House is the title given to Frank W. Stearns by the Washington correspondent of "The Independent."

Frank W. Stearns is, as every one knows, President Coolidge's closest friend.

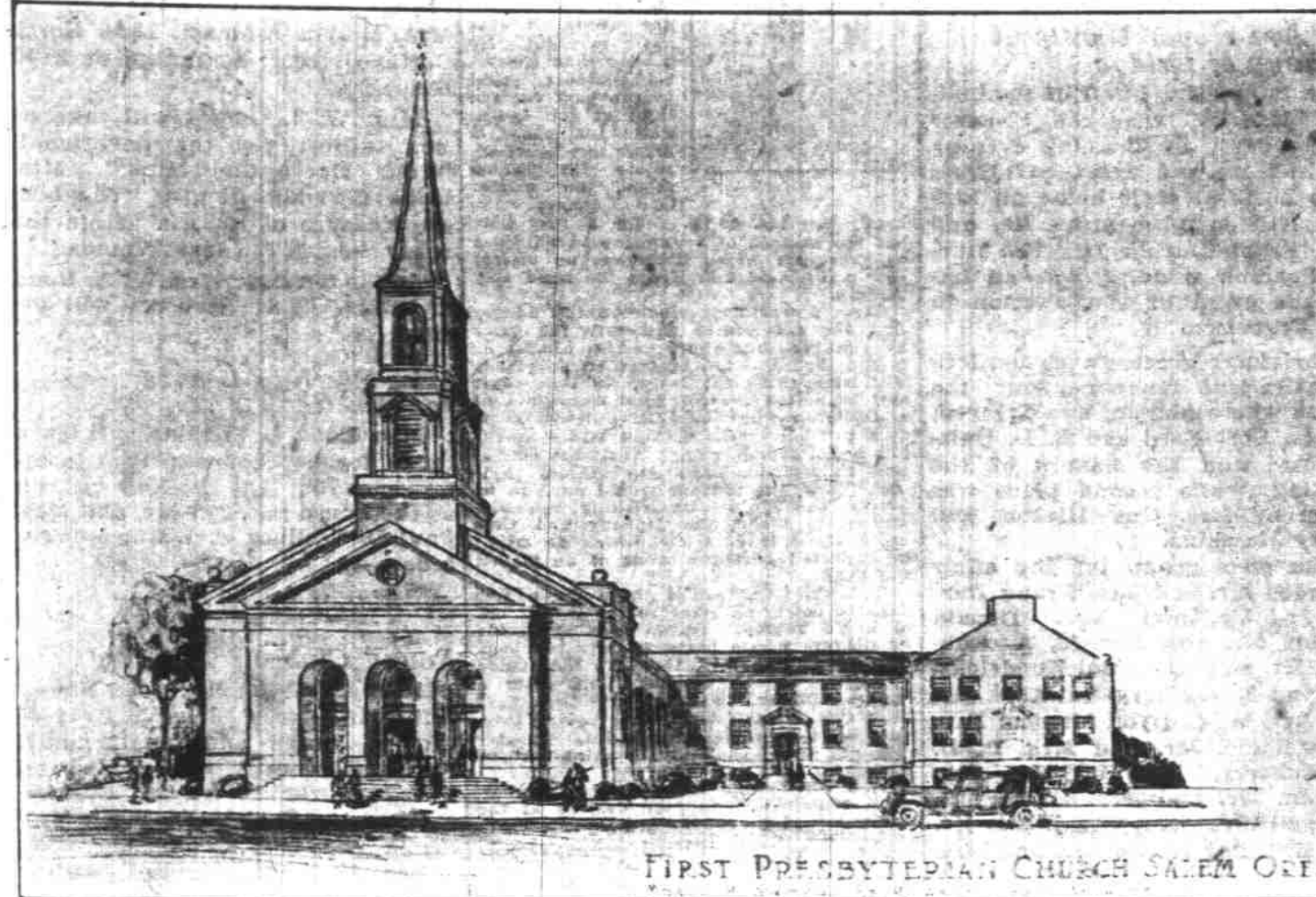
"Long, long ago, while his father was building up the great house of H. Stearns Company in Boston, young Frank paced the aisles and smiled at customers. He learned how to satisfy the client, the reluctant to spend their dollars as well as their pennies. He could pick out a million-dollar buyer from the purchaser of a book. So now he has become the floorwalker of the White House," writes the author of "Back Stage in Washington," in "The Independent."

The Washington revelations is compiled according to one who has access to "behind the scenes" matters.

Mr. Stearns greets this man and that with the same discerning eye that separated the sheep from the goats in his Boston store. He knows about all the trivial little things about the executive offices that no one else cares to do. Perhaps he is thanked for his work. He should be.

"He is always present but usually in the background. He does not push himself forward.

FINAL PLANS DRAFTED FOR NEW EDIFICE



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SALEM ORE.

Presbyterian church, Salem, Oregon

RAILROADS PAY BIG FOR ROYAL TOURS

Transcontinental Jaunts of Queen Marie and Others Paid by Lines

WASHINGTON (AP)—Supplying of special trains and cars to distinguished visitors who wish to see this country in deluxe style has become an interesting phase of American railroading.

Through the courtesy of the railroads, in many cases, members of royal families and other notables have been able to tour the United States and Canada in luxurious equipment at nominal cost to themselves. The transcontinental jaunt of Queen Marie of Rumania and the earlier visit of President Machado of Cuba are outstanding instances when the railroads themselves played host and footed most of the transportation bills.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden paid for the special car which, attached to regular trains, took them across the country on their recent visit, but the Prince of Wales and Marshal Foch of France rode in special trains that cost them next to nothing.

The most consistent user of special trains is President Coolidge, but he buys his own ticket out of a special appropriation provided for the purpose. The government, at times employs special equipment with which to transport distinguished visitors from New York to Washington and return when they pay official calls to the national capital.

More than the desire of the railroads to be courteous hosts to visiting sight-seers is necessary in supplying trains at nominal cost to the guests. Under the law only railroad employees are allowed free transportation and in order to carry Queen Marie, for example, at a one dollar fare, a special tariff had to be filed with the interstate commerce commission and that body's approval received.

In Marie's case, she paid out of her own pocketbook one dollar for herself, her two children and each member of her immediate party to each of the several railroads over which she traveled on her \$2,000 mile tour. Railroad fares alone, at winter tourist rates, would have totaled approximately \$20,000 for the nearly 50 persons aboard the Royal Rumanian.

Another huge expense borne by the roads was that incident to stocking diners and private kitchens aboard the several special cars making up the royal train. Special illustrated booklets describing the country through which the queen passed and elaborate menu cards also were paid for by the railroads.

Women Adopt Standard College Athletic Garb

NEW LONDON, Conn.—(AP) Styles in athletic garb for undergraduates in Connecticut college for women are going to stay "put" hereafter and not change at the whim of the students themselves. The freshman's costume is a "hockey tunic." Succeeding classes will use it and until each in turn arrives at the dignity of senior rank. The tunic is navy blue and white blouse, the instructors wearing black in contrast. The chief points in the costume are that they are neat, tailored and comfortable.

Public bath-houses for dogs are maintained at the city's cost for the sportsmen of Strasbourg.

By FRED J. TOOZE

Plans for the erection of a new Presbyterian church edifice to succeed the present building erected in 1869, have been under way for two years, and approximately two-thirds of the \$125,000 fund necessary to complete the building and equipment has been subscribed.

The final campaign for raising the balance of this fund is now under way. Special programs for the campaign are scheduled to begin today—the first Sabbath of this new year—and will be continued on Jan. 2-9-16-23 and 30. These weeks and Sabbaths are, for the church, "five loyalty weeks," "five great Sabbaths." There will be special services, special sermons and inspiring music. Campaign committees will be assisted by Rev. George G. Downey, D.D., of the board of national missions, an outstanding figure in church erection in the United States.

"Everybody at Every Service" will be the slogan; "Loyalty Lifts the Load" is the motto.

The sermons and services scheduled for Loyalty Sundays include: "January 2: (Annual week of prayer, cottage meetings) Morning, 'The Church That Grew.'—Acas' 2:47. Evening, 'Men and the Kingdom.'"

January 9: Morning, 'The Economy of Effort.'—Ex. 18:13-37. Evening, 'Ministering Womanhood.'

January 16: Morning, 'Surprise Symposium'; evening, 'The Message of the Old Hymns.'

January 23: Dr. George G. Downey, D.D., speaker. Morning, 'How the First Church in the World Was Built.' Evening, 'I—Me—Myself.'

January 30: Morning, 'Communion and Reception of Members.' Evening, 'Youth and the Church.'

The following special specials, "Food, Fun, Fellowship" will be for everybody present. Mark the dates and be on hand.

Men's dinner, (limited to 151) Wednesday, Jan. 19. Dr. Downey will speak on "The Biggest Thing in America."

Women's dinner, Thursday, Jan. 20. For women, cooked by women, of course; safety first, served by men. Speaker, Dr. Downey.

Another dinner, a deep secret for the present, on Jan. 21. All dinners complimentary. Education; not solicitation, is the purpose.

The architectural plans of the new church portray it as an edifice of outstanding attractiveness and utilitarian value. It is of colonial type, tower rising above the foyer, brick exterior, tile roof, windows and trimmings to harmonize in outline and color. The entire structure consists of the main auditorium and educational department section. The outside ground surface measurements are 125 feet facing Chemeketa and 122 feet on Winter street. The main entrance to both auditorium and wing are from Chemeketa street.

DR. VEHR'S MOVES TO 10 ROOM SUITE

Surgeon Will Occupy Spacious Quarters in First National Building

One of the first tenants of the new First National Bank building will be Dr. George Vehrs, who will move into his new offices on January 1, from his former location in the United States National bank building.

A ten room suite will be occupied. Three rooms are planned as reception rooms. They will be nicely furnished with upholstered easy chairs and heavy rugs, in colors harmonizing with the tinting of the rooms, are on the floors all designed to give a homelike and restful appearance.

The seven treatment rooms are intercommunicable from the reception rooms. They will be equipped with the most modern instruments of precision for diagnosis, X-ray, and for treatments in physio-therapy, surgery and medicine.

Dr. Vehrs says with thoroughly trained specialists and sufficient transportation facilities Salem is destined to become the medical and surgical center of the Willamette valley.

Since the coming to Salem two and a half years ago, Dr. Vehrs has made an enviable record. Before coming here he studied pre-medicine at Loyola university in Chicago, is a medical and surgical graduate of one of the largest and most up-to-date medical colleges in the world—Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, and hold an honorary degree in surgery and medicine of Alpha Omega Alpha from the latter institution.

After leaving there Dr. Vehrs trained in surgery at the Sacramento county, Cal. hospital and Mt. Zion hospital, San Francisco.

During the World war he was promoted to a captaincy for extraordinary service during the battle of the Arzonne and served two years in army hospitals in England, France, Germany and this country. Post graduate training was taken in St. Agnes hospital, Baltimore, under Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood and at St. Mary's hospital, Minneapolis, under Dr. Robert Emmett Farr in local anaesthesia of major surgery.

Such strides have been made in caring for those in need of medical and surgical attention in the Willamette valley that Dr. Vehrs finds it necessary that he move to larger and better equipped offices.

Kentucky Branded Felons Early Court Records Show

LEXINGTON, Ky.—(AP)—Persons convicted of felony were liable to being branded as a punishment, it is revealed in the early records of the Fayette county circuit court.

The first victim of this form of punishment was a preacher named Francis Barrett who was convicted of stealing "one man's saddle valued at six pounds." He pleaded not guilty, but upon conviction the court sentenced him to "be burned in the hand, which being done in the presence of the court, he is therefore discharged from custody."

The sentence was carried out March 21, 1798 and at the same time for court Henry Clay was admitted to the bar when the following order was entered: "Henry Clay, Esquire, produced in court a license and on his motion is permitted to practice as an attorney-at-law in this court, and thereupon took the several oaths of law proscribed."

FARMERS HARDEST TO FOOL, HOUDINI

First Training of Magician Was in Traveling Shows and Fairs

NEW YORK—(AP)—Harry Houdini found farmers "harder to fool than city people," and several times the magician's tricks nearly failed when he performed them face to face with rural audiences.

"In country parts, where men themselves perform the magic of making the soil bear harvest, I've found them less gullible," he wrote in an article published today by Farm and Fireside. "They know it's just a trick."

Houdini's first training in leg-erdeman was in the small towns, with traveling shows and later as a magician at county fairs.

As an example Houdini told of an experience in an Iowa town, where he undertook to escape from a thief-proof barn within an hour.

"Finger the locks as I would I could make no impression on them," he said. "I exhausted myself and leaned against a door section to rest for a final spur. To my amazement the door opened and the witnesses applauded me. I bowed with grace and went back to the farm house to dress. The farmer came into the bedroom and explained that, out of pity, he had left that section of the barn door unlocked, unbolted!"

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It is his present day lament that while he once shot the best golf in the senate, he has failed thus far to capture the cabinet championship. Dwight Davis, the war secretary, former national tennis champion, and donor of the Davis cup, is too young and too husky for him. Davis and Secretary Jardine of the agricultural department are among the golf-and-breakfast devotees as are Senators Hale of Maine, Butler of Massachusetts, and Harrison of Mississippi, and former Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska.

They may be politicians, cabinet-makers, senators or what not, at other times, but once a week, they're just golfers—and breakfasters.

SEEKING REWARD FOR SEED PIONEER

Wickham Gave Seeds to World Which Now Produce 94 Per Cent of Rubber

BOSTON, (AP)—(AP)—Pecuniary reward for a deed that gave inception to the present rubber industry is virtually complete after 18 years of effort by a Boston ship broker.

Fifty years ago Henry Alexander Wickham, an Englishman, gave the world the seeds from which now comes 94 per cent of its rubber supply. Quincy Tucker, the American who has been soliciting private and official gifts for Wickham, announces that his campaign is near its close.

Wickham in 1876 was a small planter 500 miles up the Amazon river when he was asked by the India office of London to obtain 70,000 "Hevea" rubber tree seeds which then were guarded as a Brazilian monopoly. The germinating life of the seeds was only three weeks, so he chartered a small tramp steamer, obtained immediate clearance by telling shipping authorities he was carrying rare and perishable botanical specimens to the queen and raced to England.

The seeds were rushed to Kew Gardens, London. Only a fraction of the seeds germinated but they gave birth to the immense plantations in Malacca, Java, Ceylon and Sumatra.

When 60 years old, Wickham had little to show for his life. Tucker visited the Amazon in 1904 and carried away a dream of a rubber empire for American industry. He became acquainted with Wickham and in 1908 began his campaign to obtain financial recognition for the Englishman.

POLITICAL LINES OFF IN GOLF PLAY

Old Senatorial Foursome Grew and Many Indulge in Game Now

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CHARLESTON KNEE AND JAZZ THROAT NEW ILLS

LONDON.—Many habitual diners in public places in the West End are suffering from an attack of "jazz throat" and suffer so badly from hoarseness that they have to be medically treated. This, says a throat specialist, is caused through attempting to carry on a lively conversation during meal-time through the din of modern dance music.

And then over on Harley street the "Charleston knee" is a new ailment occupying the attention of specialists.

Numbers of girls are now going about with bandaged knees because of ligaments strained doing the dance for long periods when unaccustomed to the intricate and unnatural side wave.

Brownsville—Woolen mills will greatly extend chain of 20 retail stores through Northwest. Mills employ 100 people, and clothing factory 75.

MEN'S SMOKE ROOM BOWS FOR WOMEN

Smoking Cafes for Ladies Not Popular According to Director of Film

LONDON.—(AP)—Feminine smoke rings are being blown with increasing defiance from heretofore exclusively masculine arm chairs in London smoking cafes.

Astonished glances and angrily rustled newspapers fail to disturb the innumerable Lady Nicotines who are slowly ousting men from their strongholds.

"A few years ago no woman would ever have dared pass our doors," said the director of a firm which operates 50 smoking cafes in the London city district. "Today we could not keep them out if we tried! A few years ago if any woman did succeed in entering we certainly would not have permitted her to indulge in a cigarette—not even a scented one with a strip of pink satin around the end."

"But everything is different now. Women have been smoking for years—at homes, at dances and in the cafes and restaurants of the West End, but lately they have even swarmed into the smoking cafes of the city which, even after smoking for women had received universal sanction, were by common consent regarded as the exclusive resort of men."

"Why not smoking cafes for women if they are so keen for their coffee and cigarettes?" it was suggested.

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP ORGANIZED AT YMCA

Two Sections to Division; Five Objectives Part of Constructive Work

The young men's division of the Salem Y. M. C. A. was organized on December 6 by a group of 30 young men who believe that the program of the Y. M. C. A., while having a strong boys' work and many activities for older men, did not have as good or as challenging a program for young men. The Y. M. C. A. was originally organized for young men and by young men.

The Y. M. D. is simply an organization of the younger men of the Y. M. C. A., for the purpose of improving the spiritual, intellectual, social, economical and physical conditions of young men and to clarify their thinking on present-day problems. These young men are not in school for the most part but are just starting out in life for themselves. They have mutual interests and face many of the same problems. This is accomplished in a democratic way. The young men have an association within an association. They elect their own officers, and with the counsel of some older men determine their needs and set up and promote a program based upon these needs and their interests.

The objectives of the Y. M. D. are seven-fold: Vocation, to help young men to adjust themselves and find their logical life work; recreation, to provide good times—recreation that recreates; physical fitness, to help each young man to the means of proper physical development; brotherhood, to give young men the sense of brotherhood with all men; education, to create and satisfy a desire for education, both as equipment for earning power, vocational and for appreciation and enjoyment of life—cultural; religion, to give opportunity for spiritual growth and expression in service; family and community; to help them understand how to take their places helpfully in their present homes and to plan wisely for homes of their own; and how to identify themselves with the life of the community.

The Salem Y. M. D. is similar in plan to other Y. M. D.'s which have sprung up in some of the leading Y. M. C. A.'s in recent years. The young men meet as a group every Tuesday night for dinner, on much the same plan as the Kiwanis or Rotary clubs. They participate in group singing and listen to a speaker or a discussion of some important topic. After the meeting they divide into smaller groups for the purpose of further discussion. After adjournment these clubs meet in athletic competition on the gymnasium floor. The inter-club and divisional activities are conducted by the young men's council. This council consists of the officers of the divisions, and the president and secretary of each group.

At the meeting on Tuesday, December 28, Rev. C. E. Ward of the First Congregational church, addressed the young men on "Making Good," and on the following:

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VILLAGE WONDERS OVER SHAKER CURSE

One Town Blessed the Other Cursed, Former Prospers While Latter Fails

LEBANON, O.—(AP)—Has the Shaker's curse, called down upon the village of Lebanon more than a century ago, come true?

Has the blessing pronounced upon the then neighboring village of Dayton at the same time been realized?

Superstition clings to the soil, and in this little town, despite the influences of education and science, many may be found who believe the century-old curse and blessing have been efficacious. And they point to the two towns today as proof.

When the nineteenth century was but a few years old, a colony of Shakers was founded near here, known as Union Village. About the same time a colony of Shakers called Watervliet was founded near Dayton.

The people of Lebanon reviled and persecuted their pious, prosperous neighbors. Mobs visited Union Village bent on mischief. Life became almost unbearable at times for the "brothers" and "sisters." Oddly enough, however, the best of feeling existed between the Watervliet Shakers and the people of Dayton, and the intercourse of the two communities was almost invariably pleasant and friendly.

In 1820 an elder at Union Village announced that in a vision the Lord had instructed the Shakers to pronounce a curse upon Lebanon and its people and a blessing upon Dayton. There was some demur, but recently two elders appeared on horseback in the streets of Lebanon and rolled up and down calling the curse of the Lord upon the village for the intolerance and bigotry of its people. Later in the same day, the two elders appeared on a street in Dayton, and waving their hats as they rode called upon

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CIGAR HOLDS POPULARITY WITH SMOKERS IN GERMANY

BERLIN.—(AP)—The ever-present cigar is one of the most striking sights in the streets and cafes of Berlin and other German cities. Cigarettes are plentiful, and their use is increasing, but the cigar is still the popular smoke. The pipe is seldom seen in public places, and then usually in the mouths of visitors.

"HUMPTY DUMPTY" TELLS REAL STORY

"Keep the Issues of Life," Do Not Spoil It by Folly, Happy New Year

By Rev. Ernest H. Shanks
There is an old nursery rhyme that always excited my fancy when I was a boy. For a long time I could not see very great sense in it. It was just a jingle with little meaning, I thought. Then one day it dawned on me, that there was a real true meaning in it, and ever since that day I think it is a bit of fine illustration, I almost said philosophy.

You remember how it goes:
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses, and all the king's men,
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again.

Of course they could not, for Humpty Dumpty was a common egg that did not have even a Christopher Columbus to make it sit up straight and secure. So when it fell off the wall it broke into many pieces and made a complete wreck of itself. It was so completely spoiled and wasted that it was of no use whatever to any purpose for anybody. It was a total loss.

But was Humpty Dumpty only an egg? I think there are a good many Humpty Dumpties in the world, and a lot of them are men and women, boys and girls; and not bad eggs at all. Some very good people, as goodness goes in polite society, suffer from as serious a fate as did the poor fellow of the old rhyme. The consequences are about as terrible, too.

We used to have a little poem about "Meddlesome Mattie." Ask some of the old folks if they do not remember. It went something like this in the first verse:

"Oh how one ugly trick has spoiled,
The sweetest and the best;
Mattie, though a pleasant child,
One serious fault possessed;
In vain you told her not to touch,
Her trick of meddling grew so much."

Well, as the story goes, Mattie came to great grief, because of her meddling. It reminds me of the story of Art Bolling. Art was a splendid fellow. His people were very well-to-do and well thought of in the community. Art had a bright future as it seemed and everybody expected him to become a great man. It was easy for him to learn, and at school he had fair grades. He could have had much better, but he loved to play and sometimes got into difficulties by his little tricks that he

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