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TRACY AND SEATTLE.

A question which appeals to the philosophic mind at the present time, is the reason for Convict Tracy's very apparent desire to remain in the vicinity of the city of Seattle.

It seems strange that in the face of such ever-present and constantly increasing danger as now threatens him, he should persist in returning to the very outskirts of the big Sound city after having been forced to flee time and again by the minions of the law.

It would seem that he would, after stealing the boat from Madison Point, have fled on to the north instead of rowing south to Renton, where he turned up so suddenly while the police and posse were earnestly searching for him at an entirely different direction.

To the north the country was sparsely settled, heavily timbered, and that way led to Canada and practical freedom. To the south the country fairly swarmed with people who regarded Tracy in the same light as a mad dog and each of whom was bent on his death. Yet the convict, in the face of all this apparent danger, fled southward.

This exact reversal of the tactics which he was expected to use, may be classed by some as generalship, but when one stops to think it becomes apparent that Tracy is laying himself open to such uncalled-for danger in a frantic effort to enter the city of Seattle and reach his friends among the lower element of that city.

We have all seen a snake, surprised by human foe, leave the bit of shrubbery in which it was practically safe from harm, and race directly toward its human enemy, and perhaps to destruction, in a frenzied effort to reach the hole under the rocks which it regarded as home and the only really secure hiding place.

So with Tracy. For years Seattle was honored by his residence and dishonored by his crimes. Practically every member of the under-crust fraternity of that great city stands his friend. Away from Seattle he is alone and must cope with the sheriff and posse as best he may, with perhaps slight assistance from friends. Once within its limits the entire tenderloin district becomes one vast cloak to hide his movements. His tracks, should he walk the streets, would be obliterated almost immediately and bloodhounds could not follow his trail 10 feet.

Once within the confines of Seattle's tenderloin Tracy is far safer than in the deepest mountain fastness of Canada, for only a simultaneous search of every house in the disreputable quarter could hope to locate him; he can be well supplied with the necessities and luxuries of life by his friends, and eventually stowed away on some vessel which will take him to freedom in a foreign land.

It is noticeable that from the very day of his escape Tracy's every effort has been to reach Seattle. From Salem he made almost a bee-line for that point. Portland was a large place and afforded ample opportunity for hiding, but it did not contain as many of his friends as Seattle—and it was not home.

Tracy is trying to reach home, and like the frightened snake, he is running squarely into danger in order to do so. Whether he will succeed

in entering his haven of safety is a question which only time can decide. It is to be hoped he will not.

It is observed that of the graduates at Harvard this year, a larger number intend to follow mercantile pursuits than any other avocation or profession. The fact is cited as an evidence of the higher grade of culture which the business world is demanding, but probably it means nothing more than that there are now a much larger number of merchants in the country who can afford to give their sons a university education just for the pleasure of it and the social distinction it confers.

In 1901 the gifts to libraries for books amounted to over \$3,000,000, while those for buildings exceeded \$8,000,000. Of course, Andrew Carnegie, whose wealth was largely created through the privileges created through protection and other special legislation, was the largest donor.

THE MAN OVER FIFTY.

The name of Senator Pettus, of Alabama, is suggested by the Milwaukee Wisconsin, as one that may be added to the list of those who dissent from the dictum that the present age has nothing for a man to do after he passes the meridian of life. He said to an interviewer the other day: "I am 81 and happy and healthy as a boy. I notice that all of my neighbors who got rich and retired are dead. I never got rich and I never retired. I tell you, young man, the most fatal disease I know of is to quit work. It kills every time. Keep working and you'll keep alive." This is cheerful, sane and wholesome. Enrico Dandolo was 72 years of age and blind when he was elected doge of Venice. He was 81, so modern historians say, when he placed himself at the head of the Fourth Crusade, conquered Zara and Constantinople and changed the political geography of Europe. Byron, in a note to "Childe Harold," accepts the earlier statements, which represented Dandolo's age as 85 when elevated to the dogeship, and 97 at the taking of Constantinople, but in his stirring verse he calls him an octogenarian:

Oh, for one hour of blind old Dandolo,
Th' octogenarian chief, Byzantium's
conquering foe!
Before St. Mark's still glow his steeds
of brass,
Their gilded collars glittering in the
sun.

The brass horses on the west front of St. Mark's were part of the booty secured for Venice by the octogenarian doge when Constantinople fell beneath his victorious arms.

One of the boasts of the present age of the world is that it is an age in which the science of sanitation has lengthened the average of human life. Surely the very time when there are and are to be more old men in the world than ever is no time for the acceptance of the discouraging declaration that men must retire from the world's activities at 45 or 50.

There was the right sort of spirit in old Dandolo; there is the right sort of spirit in Senator Pettus, and there is the right sort of spirit in a man signing himself "Fifty-five Years of Age and No Has-Been," who writes to the New York Mail and Express and says: "The real American of 50—by his family Bible—is sweet 16 in ginger, and Methuselah's senior in horse-sense. So don't drag down any more almanacs and fix a time for smothering him."

EDISON'S STORAGE BATTERY.

In an article entitled "The Storage Battery and the Motor Car," written for the July number of the North American Review, Mr. Thomas A. Edison announces the final perfection of the storage battery. He has been working upon the problem for a number of years, and for the last three years his experiments have been

continuous. The essential feature of a real storage battery, Mr. Edison explains, is that it must be a perfectly reversible instrument, receiving and giving out power like a dynamo motor, without any deteriorating of the mechanism of conversion. This condition is not met by the lead storage battery, which gradually becomes less and less efficient and in a few months wholly inoperative; but the nickel-iron storage cell, which has been evolved from Mr. Edison's experiments, and of which he gives a most interesting description, remains uninjured under any condition one can imagine, even in the hands of an expert. The result of the invention will be to make it practicable for a large number of persons who cannot afford the luxury of a carriage to possess a serviceable pleasure vehicle which will be always at their beck and call. With an initial outlay of \$700, the storage battery automobile can be used at any time at the cost of a 50-cent charge, the cost being met as it is incurred. Mr. Edison predicts that automobile accidents, which occur so frequently at present, will soon be things of the past.

"The French types of electric carriage come nearer to my ideas in strength and stability than any other models. This result has been attained, of course, only by experience. At first I was inclined to the opinion that the French machines were abnormally heavy; but when I study out the concussions and strains to which they are subjected, my inclination is to make the touring carriage even heavier still. It is surprising to me that American builders have not more closely followed these French models, since experiments costing millions must have been made to reach the present stage.

"We hear of fewer accidents in France and Europe generally than in our own country, and they are fewer in spite of heavy types of carriages. One reason for this is that in Europe there are wider roads and less traffic; another is that the public have been educated up to the situa-

Rheumatism



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