

TAFT IS TARGET FOR CRANKS

WEIRD LETTERS DELUGE
STANDARD BEARER'S MAIL

Honest Youths Who Seek Education—Maids Who Desire College Puns, Invalids and Poor Widows All Join in Creating Deluge of Freak Requests—Mrs. Taft Also Is Besieged by Begging Letter Writers—A Repentant Confederate.

Cincinnati, Sept. 16.—The joys of a candidate, so Judge Taft has found, are not all in the wordy struggle of challenge and counter challenge between rivals for office.

When Mr. Taft wants relaxation from the cares of the campaign he can find it in the letters of hundreds of cranks all over the United States, for whose vagaries the republican leader is a target. The letters come on every mail.

"Would you stake a loan of \$200 on an utter stranger and take chances of reimbursement before January 1?" William H. Taft would not, even though he is a candidate for the presidency and temperamentally inclined to oblige rather than disappoint.

The question was put in a letter received from a Newark, N. J., woman. It is only a fair sample selected from hundreds of begging letters which are found in Mr. Taft's mail. Most of the applicants for loans or aid of another character give some explanation of the need which has led to the making of application to the candidate, but the Newark woman says only: "Needless to add, the necessity is indeed pressing for me to call on you."

The requests for gifts range from a horse and wagon or a cow to jewelry. Here is one from a young lady in El Paso, Tex., who wants a Yale pin for her collection:

"Dear Sir: Please pardon this bit of audacity in my writing to you, but I have taken a great interest in your life and affairs since I heard of the candidates for the presidency. Now, I wish a favor at your hands.

Couldn't Buy One.

"I am a young girl in high school who is collecting pins. But as luck would not favor me I have not obtained one which I greatly desire—namely, one from Yale. Many girls buy the pins, but I prefer none if they cannot be given to me, for the giver adds half the pleasure. Now, I ask you, if not too much trouble, to break luck's spell and gratify the wish of a humble friend and send her a Yale pin. I sincerely hope I may some day see you as president of the United States. I should then be extremely proud if you would be so kind as to send me a Yale pin."

Mrs. Taft also gets her share of the applications for aid to churches, fairs and guilds. "Send just a little thing for the fancy table," is a frequent appeal, and had she time Mrs. Taft could be as busy as her husband. The requests for her range from embroidering a pair of suspenders or making a rag doll down to straight and candid applications for cash. Most of these go into the Taft office, where they are answered with those addressed to the candidate.

Had Mr. Taft granted all the requests made to him to aid poor youths to an education he would now be able to dispense with the proposed organization of Taft clubs in universities, for every university in the country would have had a personal representative financed by him.

Cripple Sends Regrets.

One of the most original requests comes from a cripple in California, who says that he goes about in a wheel chair, and proposes to sell the advertising privileges of the chair back to Mr. Taft. This man says:

"I have an invalid chair which friends gave me and go out and sell small stuff of all kinds to help myself along. During election or campaign times I have an advertising board on the back of my chair on which I place all of the candidates whom I work and vote for. I wish to place your photo in the center of my advertising board and ask you to kindly send latest cut of yourself to place there. I go all over the country and in the small towns. On September 9 I shall be in a town where there are 100,000 or 125,000 people and by advertisement can be seen by all.

"As this is the only way I have to help myself along, send what you think it is worth."

"P. S.—Win we must or bust and let no teaser come to hush me up."

From an Old Confederate.

This is a very common type of begging letter. It comes from Virginia and says: "I am here to vote for my party (republican). I am now advanced in years and was born by a democratic daddy, served in the rebel army and only cast one democratic vote. That was for Grover Cleveland. I am a true republican and cast out by my comrades. The question has been asked me: 'How can you vote the republican ticket, being a Confederate soldier?' My answer is this: 'I want prosperity.' I am old and feeble and have lost my hearing; cannot work and have not a penny to spend. I have no clothes or money to buy. But money could not buy me to vote for the damned democratic ticket! If you have anything to send to a good old rebel republican, address it to —, Va."

Kodol will, in a very short time, enable the stomach to do the work it should do, and the work it should do is to digest all the food you eat. It makes the stomach sweet and it is pleasant to take. It is sold here by Tallman & Co.

THE ROYAL CHEF'S MERRY BROTHERS.



ROYAL CHEF COMPANY HAS MANY ARTISTS

"The Royal Chef" with Wm. H. Conley in the stellar role, will make its first appearance in Pendleton on Saturday, Sept. 19. The list of artists contains the names of numerous people of thorough training, wide experience and reputation and taken as a whole, point to a salary list very expensive, including Herbert Carter, Karl Stall, Walter E. Smith, Donald McKenzie, Mary Malatesta, Julia Curtis, Bly Brown and La Belle Laurette. As for the mounting of the play itself, none but the highest

PLENTY OF WHISKY. DEMAND IS LESS

Washington, Sept. 16.—According to the internal revenue bureau there are some 192,321,912 gallons of whisky in or approaching Attorney-General Bonaparte's "semper idem" class, the "straight goods," or "real stuff," now deposited in the government warehouses of Kentucky, Maryland and Pennsylvania. While some of this is too young to be called "semper idem" just yet, any of it is good enough to enter the "E pluribus unum" class of wet goods discovered by the attorney-general.

The three states named produce the great bulk of the beverage spirits made in the United States. In addition to the quantity stated, Ohio and Illinois have 11,000,000 gallons each and Indiana 4,000,000 or 5,000,000. The internal revenue bureau statement, just given out for the information of the trade, indicates that the available supply of whisky at the close of the fiscal year was 10,000,000 gallons less than at the same period the year before. This, in a general degree, was due to decreased production. There also was a material reduction in the withdrawals of spirits for consumption, reaching probably some 16,000,000 gallons.

"FOOTBALL OUTLOOK GOOD," SAYS MORTON

Walla Walla, Sept. 16.—"Football prospects are good and what is more they are getting better every day," said Manager Carl Morton of the Whitman team, this morning.

Mr. Morton arrived in the city this morning to attend school and incidentally to get things ready for the fall work on the gridiron. Several other members of the team also arrived and work on the football field is to begin at once.

"Many of the old men will be back," said Morton, "on whom we were not counting earlier in the summer. The four year rule and the one year rule will work something of a hardship on our team, but we hope to pull out of the season with the best end of the score."

GOLD HAD NO LURE FOR HUNGRY HORSE.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Robert McCormack, a coal dealer, sold a horse for \$1200, all in bills. He decided the money would be safer in the barn than in the house, so put the roll of bills in a sack of feed. In the morning he fed his horse out of the same sack, says a Waterbury (Conn.) special to the Tribune.

At breakfast McCormack was telling his family about selling the property when Mrs. McCormack suddenly asked him:

"What did you do with the money?"

That started him for the barn at a quick step, where he found he had given the \$1200 roll to a horse for breakfast and that intelligent animal had tried to eat it, but finding it lacking in flavor, had nosed it along the manger while cleaning up his food. The money was intact.

THIRD TEETH AND NEW SIGHT AT 81

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—Harry Eddleman, 81 years old, a retired Roxborough farmer living at Gladwyn, who is here on a visit to his son, Albert Eddleman, has three large new molars cutting through his gums, and

praise can be given. It is said to disclose a fine appreciation of scenic values and an artistic sense of correctness. The entire production throughout was newly built in New York for this season's tour and displays unusual fidelity to artistic standards. The second act, showing the interior of the "Rajah's" palace, gives the appearance of architectural solidity, distance and correct perspective, while the first act is a beautiful and rich picture of Orientalism. Every property down to the smallest detail is in keeping with the surroundings. The play is costumed with remarkable richness and better still, the players know how to wear them.

No better example of lighting effects has ever been employed in spectacular production. The appearance of the "Chef" in Pendleton will be awaited with interest, for although seen here before, much of its reputation has preceded it. Ben Jerome, the composer of 30 "song hits" of the piece, is a most prolific writer.

The humor of this musical pastime is fresh and piquant and never of the cheap species, to which even many well known authors stoop at times. The "Chef's" New York and Chicago record is a guarantee of solid worth and merit.

Seat sale opens Friday forenoon at Pendleton Drug Co.

others are coming, he says, because he can "feel 'em grow."

The old man began reading a newspaper without glasses the other day, and his son inquired why he didn't wear his "specs." Thereupon the father assured the son that his failing eyesight had been restored and then he also displayed his new set of teeth.

Eddleman belongs to a sturdy family, his grandmother having lived to be 103 years old.

FORESTRY NURSERIES FOR NEZ PERCE RESERVE.

Forestry farms, where forest trees will be cultivated and grown under scientific farming, are to be introduced on the Nez Perce Indian reservation and Indian Superintendent O. H. Lipps has been asked to recommend the kinds of trees to be grown, says an item from Lewiston.

The forestry bureau is responsible for this innovation, but the work will be done by the Indian department, under the direction of forestry experts and the young trees will be furnished by the forestry bureau.

In order to select the trees best adapted to this climate, Mr. Lipps has written to the state horticulturists for an opinion and the selection will be made after this report has been made. A small acreage will be set out first and the "home-made" forest will be added to year by year until the steep hillsides of the government farm at Fort Lapwai are clothed in a cultivated forest.

The innovation is attempted primarily as an object lesson to the citizens of the state to show them the necessity of and the value to be derived from reforestation. That the reforestation will add to the water supply is conceded.

Numerous small springs issue from the barren hillsides and in summer they go dry, but with trees, grasses and shrubs growing on the high lands it is believed that evaporation will cease to such an extent that the water supply will be augmented.

It is probable that the first trees will be set out this fall, but if the red tape of the department makes this impossible the first forest trees will be planted next spring and the government will strive to show the citizens how best to reforest their denuded areas.

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That there is necessity for action of the kind is shown by the volume of business transacted by the dead letter office. During the last year, 13,145,172 pieces of mail matter were sent there, because the postoffices were unable to read them.

WHIRLWIND BARBER IS
EQUAL TO EMERGENCY.

Milton, Del., Sept. 16.—Two men were shaved at one time in one barber chair by Barber Wright. When he called "Next," two men made for the chair and crowded into it together.

Without the least hesitation Wright slapped the lather on both faces, and while rubbing it in on one man's face started to shave the other man with his other hand.

Both men grasped the novelty of the situation and allowed the work to continue.

Shaving each man with alternate strokes, he was soon combing one man's hair with his left hand while his right hand was drying the other fellow's face. Both were satisfied.

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