

SHORT STORIES OF MANY PEOPLE



IT would not take many families of the size of that represented in the picture at the head of the column to make a fairly populous city. Patrick Cavanaugh is the American citizen who is carrying out the Roosevelt principles as to anti-race suicide by bringing up the family shown. He lives at Alameda, Cal., and has recently petitioned the legislature to pass a law exempting heads of such large households as his from taxation. In the photograph produced above Cavanaugh stands at the left end of the column, his wife next him, and their children, numbering twelve, form a series of steps, ending with the little tot at the extreme right. As Cavanaugh and his wife have scarcely yet reached middle age, they have hopes that their family may one day be even larger yet.

The New Year's festivities of southern California take on quite a different character from those of more northerly communities where snow and ice generally prevail at this season. In the balmy climate of Los Angeles and Pasadena and other cities of the southern California coast floral parades, carnivals of roses, processions



CLIMBING ALOFT.

of decorated automobiles, etc., are more in vogue than snowshoe races, skating contests, tobogganing and sleigh riding. In fact, the latter amusements would be out of the question. Among the New Year customs yacht racing and rowing contests take a lead. Many of the young women of the cities on the coast are expert in oarsmanship and in climbing aloft in the rigging of a ship.

Southern California has sometimes been called the Italy of America. There "winter" means green hills, a carpet of wild flowers, children playing outdoors, butterflies floating, fruits ripening and high on the horizon such snow peaks as the untransferred easterner never saw.

It is said by scientists that each year brings a difference in temperature from the preceding year, and while New York is gradually becoming warmer California grows the faintest degree colder. As the matter stands now, however, winter in California is more like a prolonged summer than anything else. Except that the dates on the calendar tally with those that mark a blustery day in New York, there is little to suggest that the season has changed. Although the temperature varies in different parts of the state, really cold days with frosts



FAIR EXPERTS IN OARSMANSHIP.

are almost unknown except in the extreme north. Winter in reality is the time of blossoms.

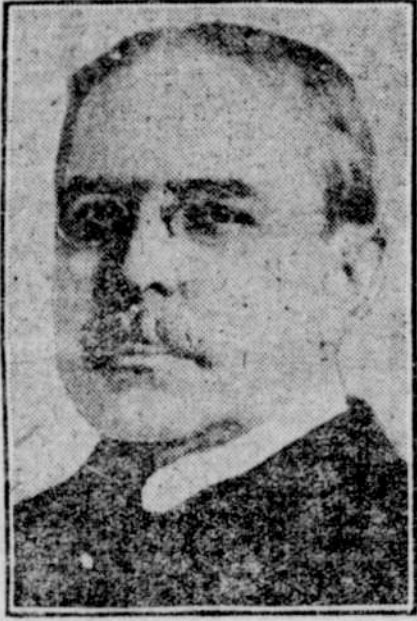
The first thing that attracts the eye of the visitor is that the trees are always full of foliage. There being no autumnal changes of climate, the trees remain the same the year round.

When Central park, New York, begins to look bare and the weather bureau issues warnings for a cold snap and snow the bulletins in the west are predicting rain, with warm southerly winds.

The exodus from the east begins in early November. Many of the large hotels and popular resorts have their accommodations engaged months in advance by the winter pleasure seekers who at this time find California all in holiday attire. Nature covers the mountains and highways with a wealth of scarlet manzanita berries, a non-edible but very decorative fruit which resembles the English holly. The manzanita grows on a spreading bush about four feet in height. It is largely used for Christmas decorations.

In the southern part of the state the popular winter resorts for bathing, boating and fishing are Coronado, Catalina, Redonda, Santa Monica and the far famed Long Beach of Los Angeles.

When Senator Philander Chase Knox goes into the next cabinet as secretary of state a vacancy in the upper branch of congress will be left, and the question of how it should be filled is engrossing the attention of legislators and politicians in Pennsylvania. A leading candidate for the post is George T. Oliver of Pittsburg. Mr. Oliver is publisher of the Pittsburg Gazette, which he bought in 1900. He was born in Ireland in 1848, came to this country in early life, graduated



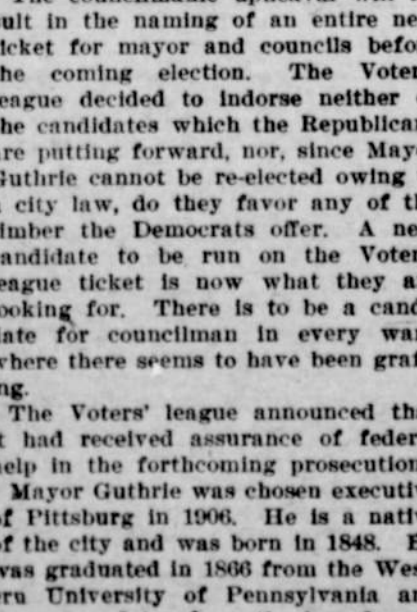
GEORGE T. OLIVER

from Bethany college, in West Virginia, in 1868, studied law and was admitted to the bar of Allegheny county in 1871 and practiced for ten years thereafter, when he engaged in iron and steel manufacturing.

Mayor George W. Guthrie of Pittsburg has had the task put up to him of upholding the credit of his city in the face of charges that grafting has been going on upon an extensive scale among the councilmen of the municipality. The mayor has appointed a committee of safety to carry out measures for unearthing crooked doings and punishing the guilty. It is said that Andrew Carnegie has put up \$150,000 for use in the work of moral regeneration. The story told in the Duquesne club and the Pittsburg club is that the man who told of Pittsburg conditions to President Roosevelt also went to Andrew Carnegie and laid an array of facts before him. The result, according to rumor, was the authorized expenditure of \$150,000 in detective work. It is said that altogether about \$1,000,000 is available for use in running down grafters and punishing them.

The councilmanic upheaval will result in the naming of an entire new ticket for mayor and council before the coming election. The Voters' league decided to endorse neither of the candidates which the Republicans are putting forward, nor, since Mayor Guthrie cannot be re-elected owing to a city law, do they favor any of the timber the Democrats offer. A new candidate to be run on the Voters' league ticket is now what they are looking for. There is to be a candidate for councilman in every ward where there seems to have been grafting.

The Voters' league announced that it had received assurance of federal help in the forthcoming prosecutions. Mayor Guthrie was chosen executive of Pittsburg in 1906. He is a native of the city and was born in 1848. He was graduated in 1866 from the Western University of Pennsylvania and two years later from the law department of Columbian university, Washington. He married in 1886 Florence V. Howe. In 1879 he was associate



GEORGE W. GUTHRIE

contingent of the Tilden electors before the Florida returning board. He has been associated with various reform movements and in 1902 was Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania.

GOOD BUSINESS.

The Thrifty Young Man Found a Profitable Investment.

A millionaire, hoping to encourage his young son in ways of thrift, promised to give him 2 per cent a month interest upon any money that he might save out of his allowance and deposit in the paternal treasury. The young man was getting 55 a week for pocket money and promised to show his appreciation of his father's affectionate offer. He began to make deposits without delay and kept the practice up with remarkable regularity.

The old gentleman noticed presently that the deposits exceeded the whole of the boy's allowance, but accounted for this by supposing that he had saved some money previously. Besides this, he received money frequently from his mother. So the fond parent rejoiced in the saving disposition that his son was displaying.

This continued until the boy's deposits assumed such dimensions as to demand an explanation. It then turned out that most of the money he had been depositing had been borrowed. Inasmuch as he was drawing interest on his deposits at 2 per cent per month and was paying only 10 per cent per year for them he had found the business decidedly attractive and profitable. —Pearson's Weekly.

THE DEVILFISH.

He is Not a Man Eater, but a Gently Reared Monster.

Contrary to popular belief, the devilfish is not a man eater, according to an official publication issued by the Smithsonian institution, Washington, after an authoritative study of the subject by Dr. Theodore Gill, associate in zoology in the national museum. "The food of the devilfishes," he says, "so far from being large animals and occasionally a man or so, as has been alleged, appears to be chiefly the small crabs, shrimps and other crustaceans and young or small fishes. Rarely does one prey on large fishes."

Dr. Gill says that in a number of respects the young devilfish grows up under nursing and training remarkably like that of a human being. It is nourished, for instance, from its mother's milk. It is a peculiarity of the devilfish, he adds, that, instead of laying many thousands or millions of eggs, it normally has only a single young one at a birth. A baby devilfish is sometimes as broad as five feet and weighs twenty pounds or more.

Dr. Gill adds that devilfishes move about from place to place in a sort of submarine flight, speeding themselves along by flaps of the long winglike fins.

Day Dreams.

If you have a particular piece of work to do, get it done. Don't wait for the mood to strike you.

Don't dream! There are more precious hours wasted in day dreams than any of us would care to think about if we counted them.

The queer thing about day dreams is that so few of them ever amount to anything. The dreamer is only semiconscious when building his air castles, so, as a rule, they have no practical foundation.

While you are at work, keep your mind on what you are doing, and do not let it wander off to what you would like to be doing. Only by keeping your mind on what you are doing now can you bring it fresh and keen to the things you like doing best when the time for doing them comes. Thinking too much about even great happiness takes the "edge" off it.

The best time for day dreams is after you have gone to bed.—New York American.

Contagion and Infection.

A contagious disease is one in which the disease producing organism goes direct from the person having the disease to a person who has not the disease without passing through an intermediary medium, as in tuberculosis, for example. Malaria, on the other hand, is an infectious disease, because the organism which produces it is taken from a person by a mosquito, reproduces itself in the mosquito and is transmitted by the mosquito which may never have been in contact with the person by whom the original organism was given off.—New York American.

Another Way.

A well known London physician was invited out to the country for some shooting; but, although he tried several times, he could not hit a single rabbit.

"I'm very unlucky," he exclaimed. "I've killed nothing all day."

"Never mind," said his host. "Write the rabbits one of your prescriptions."

Foul.

"Foul tactics," declared the halfback. "What's the trouble now?" demanded the referee.

"I tried a kick for the stomach, but this fellow blocked it with his head."—Kansas City Journal.

Good Behavior.

Employer—Why were you discharged from your last place? Applicant—For good behavior. Employer—What do you mean by that? Applicant—They took three months off my sentence.—Cleveland Leader.

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