

QUIT BLOWING OWN HORN.

Congressmen Have Taken Hints and Are Now Very Modest in their Autobiographies.

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 28.—The gentle gibes of the heartless scribes in the house and senate press galleries, the scribes aver, are responsible for the almost total absence from this year's Congressional directory of the once numerous annual crop of autobiographies of "self-made" solons. Mighty few of the extraordinary large number of new congressmen this year dwell upon the days in the log cabin and the hardships of early youth. Some men who formerly took much space to tell about themselves now win distinction by going to the opposite extreme.

Minority Leader Mann made one mistake in his brief description of himself. He wrote: "James R. Mann, Republican, of Chicago, was born in 1856; elected to the Fifty-fifth and succeeding congresses. Member of the Banking and Currency Committee." This last statement got into the proof sheets of the directory, but the committee makers did not put Mr. Mann on the B & C committee.

Here is a notable sample of brevity: "Thaddeus H. Caraway, Democrat, Jonesboro."

This is a whole story—of the life—of the Representative of the first district of Arkansas as told by the member himself in the directory.

The member from the Fourth district of the same state says of himself:

"Otis Wingo, Democrat, of De Queen, member of Sixty-third congress, re-elected to Sixty-fourth congress."

There is another brief sketch in the directory which records modestly the story of the rise to political fame of a Western senator. The story was first told with more regard to detail. Then somebody gave him a "hunch" and he beat the jokes-smiths to it by a neck and stopped the proofs and now three lines tell the story.

Colorado has a delegation in the house that reads like this: Representative Ben Clark Hillard "was born in a log cabin on a farm eight miles north of Osceola, Clarke county, Ia." Representative Charles Bateman Timberlake: "His boyhood was spent on a farm."

Representative Taylor: "Spent his early life on a farm and stock ranch." Probably the most interesting narrative of one's self in the directory is that of James Harvey Davis, "Cyclone" Davis, as he is technically known in the nomenclature of political explosives. Mr. Davis takes up some space to tell about this matter as follows:

"In debating the money question with Gen. Watt Hardin in 1892 at the capitol building in Frankfort, Ky., he was reported by the Cincinnati Inquirer and Chicago papers as a 'Tex-

HORSE AND RIDER PLUNGES OVER 85 FOOT PRECIPICE

Bull Fight and Other Thrilling Scenes Enacted in "Carmen" Here Tonight.

At the Rolfe theatre today and tomorrow Albany picture fans will have the opportunity of seeing the greatest film yet shown here. This is no recreation on "Hypocrites," "Avenge," "Conscience" and one or two other big features exhibited here in the past, but a statement that will be borne out but the reader upon attending the performance and witnessing the elaborate Wm. Fox production of "Carmen" at the Rolfe Theatre.

The elaborateness of this picture is beyond description in a short news story. Suffice to say that large fortunes were expended in erecting replicas of whole cities, unlimited expense entailed in sending camera men to Spain to photograph the beautiful scenery in the mountains of that country, the bands of Andalusian gypsies, in bringing scores of these people to America to be used again in scenes, the transportation of an Andalusian bull to America to be used in the bull fight, the train of an army of soldiers, and countless other details. Over 5000 people are employed in making the picture.

Of prime interest is the fact that Theda Bara plays the role of Carmen in this picture version of the famous old grand opera. At the time the Wm. Fox production was in the making a rival picture company was producing another version of Carmen, with Geraldine Farrar in the title role. Miss Farrar, who is one of the world's

as Cyclone," under which title over half of his mail is now received."

The final triumph is recorded as follows:

"Was elected to the Sixty-fourth congress with the Hon. Jeff McLemore (chosen to fill a temporary vacancy) as colleague, receiving some 200 votes less than his colleague, an alleged penalty for not having always been a 'collar' Democrat, and heavily scratched by rabid antic."

The "colleague" to whom Cyclone Davis refers adds a bit of spice to the Texas delegation chronicles. "Jeff McLemore," as he signs himself, pleads guilty to having been born "on a farm two miles west of Spring Hill, Maury county, Tennessee." He adds that the event occurred on "Friday, the 13th of March," and "w/o's afraid in a storm."

"He is a bachelor and a newspaper man," said he.

"Had but a little schooling," writes Jeff McLemore, "because of his aversion to teachers, and as a pupil never saw the inside of a school room after he was 14 years old."

WHO IS WHO IN OREGON TO BE ANSWERED SUNDAY

At Meeting at M. E. Church R. P. Hutton Will Speak and Hammer Quartet Sing.

A mass meeting at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon will be addressed by Supt. R. P. Hutton of the Anti-Saloon League; the Hammer male quartet will sing and the question of who is who in your county and state will come up for a hearing.

One judge in Oregon has never failed to decide against the dries. He is a candidate for re-election. What are you doing about it? The dry law has very drastic penalties but with the absolute power of a czar over it the district attorney can make it a failure or a success. Is it good business to nominate a man to do a job, elect him to do it, pay him to do it and then have to go and do it yourself?

A lot of questions that have been coming to the front in these dry states and a lot of situations that the dry forces must cope with if they stay in the saddle will be up for treatment Sunday afternoon at the 2:30 mass meeting in the Methodist church. Come hear the Hammer Quartet. They were the hit of the state convention in Portland. Hear Hutton the man who knows from a dozen years' experience east and west. Come with the question that about the law that you want settled Sunday afternoon, 2:30, Methodist church.

Mr. Hutton will speak in the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:00.

U. P. Social Tonight

At the U. P. church basement tonight there will be a 15 cent social, to which all are invited.

greatest grand opera singers and America's favorite in song, gives a wonderful version of Carmen in her production, but the unanimous opinion in Portland where both films exhibited at the same time, was that the Theda Bara picture was far the better. Farrar can sing, but she cannot act with Bara. Besides, where there were scores of people employed in one there were hundreds in the scenes of the other.

There are many thrills in this production. In one scene a horse and rider plunges over an 85 foot precipice, dashing into a pool of water below. Both horse and rider turn a complete somersault in the air on the way down. The horse swam ashore and cared for in a hospital for several weeks, having sustained a broken leg and had bruises from lighting under the horse. A real bull fight and other thrills add to the tenseness of the production.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Things That Are More Comfortable Now Used to Be Luxuries.

No economist has put enough emphasis on the fact that if the cost of living is higher now it is to a large extent because the average man is demanding more comforts and luxuries, and these must cost more. Before the days of plumbing and bathrooms the workman missed some obvious bills, but he is not ready to throw the plumbing out of the house.

Oil is cheaper for light than electricity, but people pay more for a modern light because they want the better service even at the higher prices. Workmen by the thousands have phonographs, a form of entertainment unknown until a very few years ago.

Even street cars are rather a new thing, and the poorest families spend many dollars every year for this service, which has become indispensable. Magazines are purchased now by many people who ten years ago had never subscribed for such a publication.

Thousands of articles are for sale in every department store of which a large percentage are purchased at some time or other by the average wage earning family.

Modern living does cost more assuredly, but it also yields more.—Milwaukee Journal.

SPEED OF A STAR.

With a Thought That Points a Moral to Impatient Humanity.

There is a star—a reddish star known as Arcturus—that is traveling at the rate of 150 miles a second, and what is interesting about it is it is coming this way and will come for many years, but it is so far away that it doesn't seem to have any motion at all. It is in exactly the same spot, so far as our vision is concerned, where it was a century ago.

There is another star known as the "runaway" whose speed is twice that of Arcturus—that is, it could sweep across Ohio in a second of time.

We refer to this fact that the gentle reader may understand how insignificant are the little concerns of life that tear his patience into tatters and turn the world into woe. Long after he has gone Arcturus will be traveling 150 miles a second and to all appearances not budging an inch. How modest and patient should this touch of heat and light make us all! And yet, as Teobynson says:

We cannot be kind to each other here for an hour
We whisper and hint, and chuckle, and grin at a brother's shame.
However, we brave it out; we men are a little breed.

—Columbus Journal.

Saves the Tires.

He doesn't look like a very important part of a big automobile organization, this stooped, grizzled man, but the president of a great motor company says that "Magnet Bill" saves his salary a dozen times over every day he works. Rain or shine, summer or winter "Magnet Bill" may be seen walking slowly about the automobile plant, his eyes on the ground. "Magnet Bill" gets his nickname from the fact that his tools consist solely of one tin bucket and a big steel magnet strapped to the end of a shovel handle. It is his duty to save automobile tires by removing from the roadway every nail and bit of metal that might cause a puncture. Thousands of cars are run over the roadway to the testing place, and it is figured that without the precaution taken by "Magnet Bill" the cost for cut and punctured tires would be \$20,000 every year.—Popular Science Monthly and World's Advance.

Origin of a Japanese Dance.

The origin of the Kume-mat, the dance performed at the coronation of the mikado, is traced to Jimmu Tenno, an early hero, who while on his eastern expedition found a certain chief-tain called Tsuchihime most obstinate in his resistance and unapproachable. Thereupon he ordered O Kume Nushino Mikoto to entice out the chief-tain, to whom sake was offered and dances were shown with the result that finally he was overcome and slain. The descendants of O Kume Nushino Mikoto put this fact into songs and music, from which sprang the dance.—Argonaut.

From the Ship's Well.

An old lady on board a vessel observed two sailors pumping up water to wash the decks, and the captain being near, she accented him as follows:

"Well, captain, so you've got a well aboard, eh?"

"Yes, ma'am; always carry one," said the polite captain.

"Well, that's clever. It's so much better than the nasty sea water, which I always dislike so."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Fate of a Duchess.

We have had excellent morals drawn from the substantial waist of the Venus of Milo for the admonition of the fashionable woman. But what can we say about the Duchess de Mazarin, who (G. Duval tells us in "Shadows of Old Paris") "died in 1775 from tight lacing, although she had posed for a statue of Venus?"

Exactly So.

"The doctor knows I hate camphor," "So?"
"Yet first he made me sniff it, and now he has prescribed it as a treatment."
"I call that rubbing it in."—Kansas City Journal.

The best way to live is to cast away troubles and contentions, which cannot be cured by fretting.

MILLIONAIRES MADE IN SCANDINAVIA BY WAR.

Taking Advantage of the Situation Clerks and Others Have Profited Immensely.

By Chas. P. Stewart

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Copenhagen, Jan. 28.—(By mail)—Scandinavia is enjoying a tremendous war boom. It is more or less common to Sweden, Denmark and Norway, but so far as appearances go, it is most pronounced in Norway. Sweden has sold to the belligerents, especially to Germany, immense amounts of ram and finished products, including war munitions, though these latter sales were not countenanced by the Swedish government. Denmark, being separated from Germany only by an imaginary line instead of a stretch of mined and dangerous water, has done still better. The lion's share of the war business, however, has gone to Norway.

The Norwegians have profited, to some extent, like Sweden and Denmark, by sales of their own goods to the belligerent nations, especially to Germany, but it has been as middlemen that the bulk of their business has been done. Norway was the world's third maritime nation when the war broke out. England ranked first, Germany second, England still ranks first but even the British mercantile marine has suffered heavily from the destruction incidental to war. Germany's merchant shipping has been out of commission altogether since the early days of hostilities. This was Norway's chance.

Compared with Norway, America's war boom has been a small affair. This is speaking relatively, of course. In actual dollars and cents the European struggle unquestionably has brought more money to the United States than to any other country. Comparatively Norway has been the bigger gainer. That is, the Norwegians are richer by the struggle to the extent of about \$200,000,000 in actual cash thus far. To properties they already owned there has been added a value of approximately as much more. This is on a basis of a population of 2,500,000.

An addition of \$80 per capita to Norway's wealth in a year and a half has been felt emphatically. It has meant a boom such as the old world has not seen hitherto in historic times. Millionaires have been created wholesale. Many of them are millionaires only in kroner—a kroner being in the neighborhood of 27 cents—but a jump from nothing in 18 months, to a fortune of \$250,000 to \$270,000, which has happened in hundreds of cases, is not so bad. The big old shipping firms have profited in actual millions of dollars. The newly made millionaires in Norwegian money are mainly mere clerks in shipping houses, or working officers of ocean going craft who were able to command a little credit and branched out in business for themselves.

Please Correct Mistake.

Rocky Mason lives at Salem, as also does Kola Neis who fell and broke his arm, and Charles Snowgoose, resident at Kenos, Klamath county.—Medford Sun.

But Rocky doesn't live at Salem, Albany is his home and has been all his life. Speaking of names the editors of the Mail are Ruhl and Smith!

Sale Continues Next Week

Owing to very inclement weather making it hard for persons to take advantage of our sale, we will continue the sale all of next week. Scores of people have come regardless of the storm, while we know that others have been waiting for the weather to moderate.

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CITY NEWS

Juniors to Play—

The junior basketball teams are also going about the country looking for trouble. The Albany high school junior team will play the Washington junior high school team of this city Saturday evening at the high school gymnasium. The game will begin promptly at 7 o'clock. This will be the first time these juniors will have taken a look at each other.—Salem Journal.

McCourt President—

John McCourt, of Portland, son of

Jas. McCourt, of this city, yesterday was elected president of the Republican club of Oregon, beating Chas. A. Johns and others.

Top Jumped Off—

The top of Jun. Hoff-Joe, of Nye Creek, is reported having jumped off into the ocean, sweeping the whole away, never to return. This old landmark, photographed thousands of times, will be missed by visitors at the Bay.

City Hall—

Several years ago Albany voted a new city hall, but nothing is being done towards its construction. Instead the old hall is to be renovated, a long-felt want.



Theda Bara in Wm. Fox's Production of "Carmen" at the Rolfe Theatre Tonight and Saturday.

Another Year of the Panama-California Exposition

San Diego

This beautiful exposition will continue all the year 1916—bigger and better than ever. Many of the best exhibits from San Francisco have been transferred to San Diego. If you neglected to see San Diego in 1915 do not fail to see this beautiful city this year. The winter is the logical time too. Six months round-trip tickets are on sale daily from all Pacific Northwest points to Southern California.

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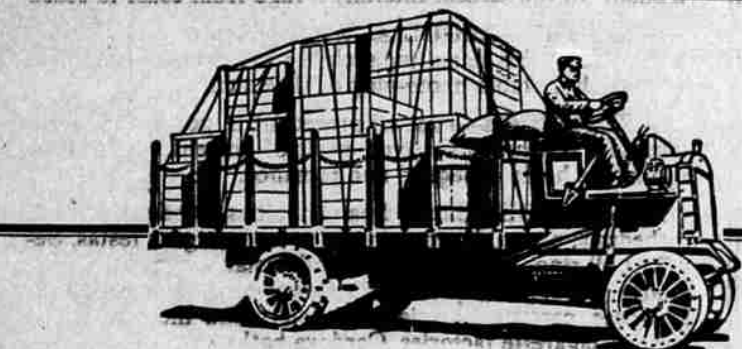
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