

POET EXPLAINS HIS NOTED WORK

Watson Says Mrs. Asquith and Step-daughter Together Compose "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue."

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The Times today publishes a statement to which is appended the autograph signature of William Watson, the English poet, who arrived here yesterday, settling a question that has been the food for world-wide gossip, as follows:

"The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue" is a composite photograph of Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter, Violet. The poem is a portrait of the physical characteristics of Mrs. Asquith and the mentality of Violet Asquith. The latter is the voice of the family and rules them all. Violet is the real official voice speaking with authority."

The poem which has caused so much comment, as having been applied to the wife of England's premier, refers to the mental qualities of "The Woman" as follows:

"Who slights the worthiest in the land sneers at the just, condemns the brave

And blackens goodness in its grave." The physical portrait of the subject of the poem is:

"She is not old; she is not young. The woman with the serpent's tongue;

The haggard cheek, the hungering eye,

The poisoned words that wildly fly, The famished face, the fevered hand—"

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Mrs. E. E. Emerson and her two daughters left Sunday morning for San Diego, Cal., where they will spend the winter.

John A. Wetzel was here during the week from Yoncalla attending to business affairs.

City Engineer Osgood was here last Saturday on business connected with the new water system.

J. O. Isaacs bought a fine business lot on Pine street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, yesterday from I. B. McDonald. The lot is 55x140 and will soon be valuable as a business location.

Three Gold Hill boys, Donald Avery, Lester Parker and Alfred Huntington, aged about 12 years, ran away from home Monday of last week and walked to this city through the drenching rain, when they were picked up by Marshal Holmes on telephone advice from their parents and sent home on the evening train.

A bunch of youngsters from Medford attempted to "make Rome howl" in Central Point Thanksgiving evening, but Marshal Holmes soon squelched their exuberance of spirits by giving them the alternative of behaving themselves or taking quarters in the cooler for the night. They behaved.

Miss Ivy Ames of Nebraska, who is making a tour of the coast, arrived Tuesday to visit for a few days with her aunt, Mrs. A. C. Walker, of near town. She has been visiting for some time at Woodburn, and will go from this place to Los Angeles on her way home.

Mrs. Fredenburg of Hornbrook, Cal., left for her home Friday after spending several days, the guest of Mrs. W. A. Owen. Mrs. Fredenburg was a former resident of this city, when her husband was proprietor of the Central Point hotel a number of years ago when that hostelry was first opened.

E. E. Miller has purchased lots 3 and 4 in block 70, at the corner of Sixth and Hazel streets, from the Central Point Townsite company, the consideration being \$225. He will build a modern residence and make a permanent home of his property.

M. Marshall and his son, Earl Marshall, left last Friday for an extended trip through California, where they will look over different sections of the Golden state with a view to locating.

Claude Clark and Arma Welch, both of whom have been working in Portland for several months, have returned to Central Point for the winter.

Notice is hereby given that J. H. Carlin has purchased the several interests of the other partners in the Oregon Realty Co., with offices in the Rogue River depot and Jackson County Bank building, and will continue the business under the same name. Please call and settle all accounts with the old firm at once. 223

The distinguished head machinist of the Mail Tribune composing room departs this morning for his extensive holdings at Eagle Point.

LABOR COUNCIL BACKS UP PINCHOT

Pasadena Leads in Movement to Get General Indorsement for the Forestry Chief.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 4.—With the view of advocating a general indorsement of Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot and his policies of conservation of natural resources, the Central Labor Council of Pasadena today announced the adoption of resolutions declaring itself unable to be against the plan of giving the property of the people to great corporations.

The resolutions follow: "Whereas, the conservation of the nation's resources is of the utmost importance to the whole people, and since this vital question may be settled by the present congress; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Pasadena Central Labor Council enters its most emphatic protest against giving the people's property to the great corporations, thereby greatly increasing the domination, which is too great, and suggests that congress lose no time in enacting legislation necessary to preserve to this and future generations their rightful interests, especially in the coal lands and power sites held by the government.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the two senators from this state and to the representative from this district.

"Resolved, That we urge the various organizations of the city to take prompt action in the matter, that congress may know how emphatically the Pinchot policy of conservation is sustained by the people."

MEDFORD KNOCKERS DRIVEN TO ASHLAND

Secretary of Commercial Club of That City Says They All Are Locating There.

(Communication.)

Ashland, Or., Nov. 27, 1909. To the Mail Tribune: I wish to congratulate you upon the success you have had in ridding Medford of that undesirable class of so-called knockers you have ETAOINSHRDL knockers. You have succeeded, I believe, in driving most of them to Ashland, but after a good deal of work on our part have shipped most of them to some other place.

We find, however, that our good neighboring town of Medford has a most willing, contemptible, lying bunch of knockers, who are using every opportunity to kuife Ashland in order to discourage people from even taking a look at us, by the slanderous and most untruthful remarks.

Now, all we ask is fair treatment, and if you will, through the medium of your newspaper, have this contemptible, unneighborly action stopped it will be greatly appreciated, I assure you.

One instance in particular is called to our attention—that of a boarding-house keeper in Ashland, who took particular delight in taking people to Medford and introducing them to certain real estate dealers. Our natural conclusion is that some of your real estate men are stooping so low as any knocker could by offering to divide commissions on prospective sales.

Kindly give such knockers wide publicity and I am sure that your actions will be greatly appreciated by the fair-minded citizens of both Medford and Ashland.

Thanking you again and wishing you all possible success, I remain, H. O. FROLACH, Secretary Ashland Commercial club.

A BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF TWINS. Arrived in Medford the other day. One adds to the refinement and culture of the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gore of 144 South Central, while the other adorns the home of E. N. Warner, 806 West Main.

Words fail to express the satisfaction it gives us to sell those wonderful grand Steinway pianos, the possession of which is the dream of every pianist. In the words of Mrs. E. E. Gore, "a Steinway piano is the only piano we can really buy with our eyes and ears closed." Absolute perfection in every detail, a work of art, the consummation of tireless study of the greatest brains in piano construction in all the world for nearly a century. Sold by Sherman, Clay & Co., 134 West Main st. 220

RUEF THINKS IT ALL OVER

Ex-Boss Believes That He Has Spent His Final Day Behind the Prison Bars.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—That he will never be punished by penal servitude for the crimes he committed while he was the recognized boss of San Francisco's politics during the regime of former Mayor Eugene Schmitz is the confident opinion of Abe Ruef. The ex-boss believes that when he was released on bail of \$350,000 by Judge Cabaniss Thursday he had spent his last day behind prison walls.

Ruef spent yesterday at home with the members of his family. Throughout the day he was visited by friends, and received their congratulations upon his release. Concerning the indictments pending against him, Ruef refused to speak. He declined in any manner to discuss San Francisco's politics.

"It might justifiably be considered presumptuous of me to discuss such matters now," he said. "If I have opinions they would be without interest to the public. Anyway, this is not the time to make them known."

Expects to Win. Concerning his appeal, which is pending, Ruef said:

"Naturally I expect to win. We took a thousand exceptions in the case in which I was convicted, and the grounds of our appeal are many. I have spent \$20,000 in preparing the appeal and with it a record consisting of 6000 pages. Nothing more can be done at the present time, but I confidently expect victory."

Since his incarceration in the city jail Ruef had become an advocate of prison reform. The conditions in the local jail, he said, are partially responsible for his falling health.

"I suggest," he said, "the adoption of a charter amendment compelling every police judge to spend 30 days in the jail; he then would have an opportunity to acquaint himself with conditions and could govern his actions upon the bench accordingly."

"Remember, my talking of these conditions is first hand, it is a revolting system we have, and my interest in its betterment will be permanent. I suffered horrors contemplating possible contagion; almost any disease might be abroad there. However, I deem the year spent in the prison as an 'inestimable privilege.'"

RAILROAD MAY ADOPT LITTLE BLUE-EYED BOY

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 4.—In the scenic hotel at a little station on the Great Northern in the Cascade mountains there is today a pretty blue-eyed baby boy who may be adopted by the great Hill railroad system. The little mite was found lying in the snow between the ends of the ties by a track-walker early yesterday morning, where it had been dropped from the ODrional limited, east-bound. The mother of the little one, Mrs. Gorge Roth of Georgetown, is in a precarious condition at the hospital at Leavenworth, at which place she was removed from the train by employees of the road, who searched the coaches following the news of the finding of the child.

Pending the receipt of word from the mother of the little one, it will be kept in the care of the women at the scenic hotel, and if Mrs. Roth does not take the baby it will be adopted by one of the Great Northern railroad men.

TABLE ROCK ITEMS.

 The long rains of last week caused Rogue river to overflow its banks and do much damage to fencing.

A special school meeting will be held December 9 to consider the question of voting a tax for the ensuing year.

S. C. Collins has received a large consignment of pear trees, which he will set out as soon as the weather will permit.

Because of the high water we were without mail or telephone service for several days last week, but the blockade has been raised and we are now enjoying the luxury of knowing what's going on in the world.

Several people from here attended the lecture on "Lincoln," by Professor Adrian at the Agate schoolhouse Saturday night, and all speak well of it.

Dr. W. M. Van Scoye from Illinois has rented office rooms in the new building on West Main street and will open a dental office in a few days.

A Chat on Clothes

Fine feathers make fine birds. Fine clothes create prestige. They represent your social standing and determine your judgment and your taste. They produce respect and confidence, and impart the assurance which surmounts all barriers. Look at the men who have force dtheir personality on the world. Could they have broken the exclusiveness of higher society circles without that stamp of refinement and culture—fine clothes?



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Another point is that true style requires quality. It is next to impossible to produce fashion without using high-grade material which will stand wear and keep its shape. So that it pays to buy fine clothes.

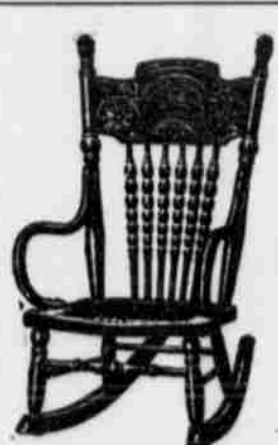
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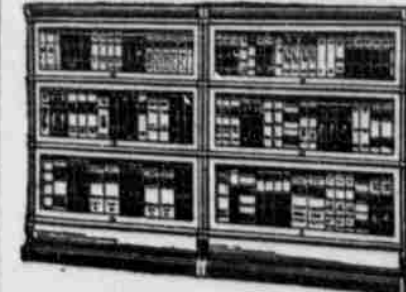
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A Few Hints for Xmas

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