

THEATRES - SPORTS - SOCIETY & WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

FIDDLING WHILE ROME BURNS

Nero, an emperor, ruled Rome during the years 54 - 68 A. D. History asserts that during a big conflagration he indulged in his favorite pastime, playing the fiddle. When the populace of Rome became incensed he sought to appease them by appealing to their brutal senses by torturing the much despised religious sect called Christians. . . . Since that time the world has produced many prototypes in a lesser degree, of the Roman Emperor. The populace is being robbed while the guardians of their interests literally, play the fiddle. Recent revelations made by big bankers during the investigating and probing of the investigating committee, U. S. caused one of the committee members to remark that "the best way to restore confidence in the banks would be to take these bank presidents out of the banks and treat them the same as we treated Al Capone when he failed to pay his income tax." The big conflagration, burning up the hard earned money of a trusting people has been going on for years. Our guardians of the public trust have fiddled during the burning. The Octopus of crime, which always begins with the weak, has fastened its tentacles on society with such tenacity as to make a plaything of lawful authority. It began with the lynching of Negroes for superstitious crimes and developed into attempted assassination of Presidents of the nation. Had the Neroes not been fiddling when the Octopus of lawlessness there would now be no Nero; deploring. Then we have the Neroes of that group of American citizens termed Negroes. All about the conflagration of racial intolerance is raging, yet, they fiddle and even dance. It is one of the pitiful habits of a former condition that still clings. The desire to imitate is still strong. Remember the story of the monkey who watched his master shave? He cut his own throat.

COLLEGE GRADS

A careful scrutiny of the crops of college graduates, Negro, turned out in the last two decades has failed to show any outstanding number who have fitted for leading the Negro out of the morass in which he has become imbedded. True, any number of the alphabetic affixes and cum laudae have, by reason of those affixes to their sheepskins, assumed a leadership, but in the main they have proven to be a lot of rotten fraternity leaders; hypocritical churchmen and grafting politicians. They assume the position that instead of their being of service to their people that the people should be of service to them. They crawl under the precarious shelter of a diploma and point to the sign of the affixes thereon as proof that they should wrap their mantles about them closely and hold themselves aloof from the people; that is unless they become hungry and see those people with food. The man or the woman who is capable and can act without personal selfishness deserves, and will obtain the support of the mass of the people regardless of their collegiate affixes. The college graduate is preferred when he or she can throw off the air of the campus for the breeze of the homely lawn.

NEW ADMINISTRATION PRACTICE

The trek to the National Capital has begun and Washington will be flooded by Democrats and others long before the close of today. One of the trying times for incoming politicians is the season of "plum shaking" ushered in by party adherents. Every partisan, no difference how remote his work, imagines that he or she has a claim on the party and a feed coming from the public trough. Many will be disillusioned and many heartaches will result from the scarcity of pie cuts. What interests us most is, when will the promised era of Prosperity set in. Walking down the street recently with a friend, he pointed to a suit of clothes in a store window. Gee, he exclaimed "ain't that a dandy, and how cheap!" "Yes, but if you have not the money to purchase it what difference the price," we said. And in the parlance of the street, "That's that."

Reduced wages will not help economic conditions any more than the amputation of a leg will help locomotion. Start the "if" blood, money, of the nation flowing and better conditions will follow. Fertilize and water the roots of the tree and it will produce fruit.

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"RACKET"

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ted, becomes the reporter that he is. Watch the course of their efforts, and you will be surprised at the startling ending of this fast moving story.

Three shots rang out in rapid succession, clear against the quiet of the October night! A man slumped slowly and quietly to the ground, and as the red flow of blood oozed from his temples he was still. He was dead. As he fell to the pavement, a small car, with curtains up, swiftly turned into the little alley next to the building before which he had been standing, and dashed away into the blackness of the night while crowds of pedestrians rushed to the side of the fallen man, and those inside the building came out to see the result of the leaden death.

The man lying there so peaceful and quiet, with his life's blood ringing around his head in little streams, was Harry Brooks! Brooks, "the" Brooks; that clever youngster from over in Southwest Washington, who had been bucking the racket for the past ten months, and making headway too. Yes it was Brooks, who lay there shot dead, by whom? Nobody knows, nobody saw the killing; only a few bystanders paid attention to that small car which darted like an eel into Brown's alley, a second behind the fatal shots. The shrill voice of police whistles and the siren of the police ambulance broke into the stillness and the dazed bystanders moved back to make way for the passage of the mighty arm of the Law into the circle, where the body of the inert gangster lay dead. The clear-eyed young Sergeant of Detectives who reached the body first, looked amazed, as he straightened up. "It's Harry Brooks," he said to his subordinates, as they gathered around to see who had gotten the fire of death. So they knew him too, well, he was well known, this Harry Brooks. For all during the past ten months, Southwest Washington had whispered the name of Brooks. His "numbers" racket was growing, and every day his "runners" were increasing their collections. And Brooks had a reputation for "paying off" no matter how large the "hit", Brooks always paid, and as a result he was taking the business which once belonged body and soul to Buck White and Joe French, the "big shots" of the north-west rackets. It was whispered that Brooks got his break by "hitting" 749 for five dollars, and then became a banker himself, with tremendous luck. And using his inborn sagacity, he had become a power; being the "boss" of the racket in Southwest.

Meanwhile, let us go back a period of one month. It was the night of September 21, and the time was two o'clock in the morning. As we enter the elaborately decorated portals of Washington's smartest night club, the Alcolona, that emporium of red hot jazz, rhythm, melody, and carefree abandon, and gaiety; we see Buck White and Joe French, co-partners and owners of this lavish layout of expensively equipped bright spot. They are seated in a quiet corner, at one of the smaller tables, each smoking a big Havana Cigar, with wreaths of grey smoke curling upwards over their heads, to mingle with the torrid jazz, as poured forth by Red Botley, and his Twelve Red Hots who were just then giving it high wide and handsome to the world over Station WTX in their usual thirty minutes on the air from two to two-thirty each morning. Crowds of dancers sway on the floor as Fess Brown croons "underneath The Harlem Moon". All tables are taken tonight, and a huge crowd packs the club. There are folks of all descriptions, white, brown, girls, boys, sheiks, shebas and everything. It is a gala night, for this was "Celebrity" night, and among those dancers out there in the little twenty-by-twenty dancing space were some of the best known stars in the theatrical world, as well as a generous sprinkling of movie celebs. But let's listen in on Buck and Joe:

"Great night we're having tonight, eh Joe?" says Buck. "Yeah man!" replies Joe, the more suave of the pair, and the Beau Brummel, so admired by all the girls who stared at him whenever his 16-cylindered Cadillac rolled down You street, like a castle on wheels.

"There is Smoke Dawson over there at that table near the center." "You know, Buck," says Joe, "I believe he will be the next heavyweight champion of the world, if he keeps in trim." Yeah, but not unless he lays off that bottle he's been hitting so hard tonight," replied Buck. "Say Joe, I get a little uneasy about this liquor biz every now and then, do you think we are safe in trusting Mulligan, that flatfoot?" "We paid him off, didn't we," said Joe, caustically, "and threw in plenty boot, too, didn't we?" If Mull pulls anything funny on me, he won't be here long enough afterwards to smile about it." "Well, let's change the subject. There's Patsy Malone, the movie queen over there, and Tate Swift, the guy who starred in that last show on Broadway, what was the name of it?, well anyway it was a whang. I understand he is signed up for two pictures out in Hollywood at a hundred fifty grand each." "It's a big night, so let's enjoy it." (To be continued Next Week)

Seattle News

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ADVOCATE ON SALE AT BROWN'S BARBERSHOP, cor. 23rd & Madison

The Mid-winter conference of the Young Women's Business and Industrial Club will be held in Seattle. There are two speakers from the Seattle group, Miss Sadie McIver and Miss M. Peoples.

The High School Girl's Reserves will repeat the play "Radio Maid" at the First A. M. E. church Friday, March 3. A sketch called "Reducing" was presented by Thelma Howard, Mildred Artis and Winifred Ingrham.

Miss Jerry Hunt entertained a number of her friends at her home, 224 24 Ave. in honor of Mote and Toots Prince of Everett, Wn. Dancing was enjoyed.

The Juniors Girl Reserves met in a joint session with the Central Girl Reserves for a health project.

The annual election of officers for the Allen Endeavor League was held Sunday Feb. 19th. The results are as follows; Mr. Wm. McIver, president; Miss Cleo Hunt, Secretary; Miss Marjial Fletcher, Vice President; Miss Vivian Jordan, Asst. Secretary and Mrs. Martin, treasurer.

Mr. Adams Cooper has been confined in his home with a fractured knee, the result of a street car accident.

Miss Cleo Hunt entertained a number of her friends with a house party at her home Feb. 22. Dancing and bridge were the features of the evening.

Among the visitors in our city last week were Miss Madeline Duncan, Mr. Bill Duncan and Miss Clara Giddon, of Portland, Ore. Misses Alice and Inza Wilson, Allie Wilson, Erma Tanner, and Georgiana Spencer of Tacoma were all guests of Mr. Francis Fair.

The Falcon Club's officers are Mr. Clarence Jackson, president; Mr. Gene Holmes, vice president; Mr. Charles Danals, secretary and Mr. Ernest

Chandler, treasurer. Joe Staton's "Jug Band" played at the Washington Athletic Club Friday 24th.

Two couples were married last Wednesday; Mr. B. DuBois to Miss M. York and Mr. Charles Monroe to Miss Paulen Johnson.

Mr. G. W. Turner, one of Seattle's oldest colored pioneers passed away at the Harborview Hospital. Before entering the hospital he resided at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. Lewis.

Mr. Robert Kowser is celebrating the first anniversary of his established Cleaning and Pressing business at 22 and Madison St. The fact that he has made good progress, he announces that he is starting a dressmaking department in his shop.

Miss Katherine Anderson was given a surprise party at her home the 27th of February by the Six & Six club of which she is a member. Mrs. Anderson has been offered a position in Keetchikan, Alaska which she is planning to accept.

The Harmony Art Twelve Club met at the residence of Mrs. Leona Britton, their president. Mrs. H. C. Thompson presided.

The Six & Six Club met at the home of Mrs. Helen Leftridge.

Bill Roberts Rythm Racketeers played at the Rainer Golf Club Saturday night, Feb. 25.

Mr. Roberts also announces that his boys are playing at the Tennis club every Friday night. Mr. Udell Johnson as their Master of Ceremonies is the talk of the town. Don't miss their next dance which is "Pal Night."

The Excelsior Club met at Mrs. H. Duvall's home. A dainty luncheon was served. Mrs. Walker, the advisor of the club presented some very clear ideas for the girls to work out.

Mr. Joe Staton is improving. He has been confined to his home several days but will soon be out again. Miss Gladys Manning of Tacoma spent the week end in Seattle.

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SOCIAL



Belated Social Note by Miss Eunice Mott—Miss Jeanette Pearson observed her 13th birthday anniversary by entertaining a group of sixteen girls from 6 to 9 p. m. at the home of her mother on First street recently. Dancing and games were the diversions. Pretty valentine decorations enhanced the attractiveness of the rooms with their soft lighting effect. Ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Pearson, assisted by Miss Bada Pearson, the honoree's sister.

Miss Fair's Party. (Belated News)—Miss Katherine Fair was hostess on Wednesday night of last week at a Bridge party at her home, on Haight avenue. Cards were played at four tables and delicious refreshments served.

George Canandy motored to Portland with the Willamette Glee Club last Sunday and visited for several hours with his mother and other relatives.

The Sunday Night Supper Club was entertained last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Reed, at their home on 35 N. Cherry street. Seated at the beautifully appointed table were Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin. The hostess served a delicious three-course turkey dinner. Tall white candles furnished the soft lights for the table which was attractively set with silver ware, crystal and china. Games were enjoyed at the close of the meal and the evening's prize was won by Mr. Franklin. The men wore tuxedos and noted among the attractive dinner gowns worn by the ladies was a pretty red crepe with black satin sleeves which was worn by Mrs. Morgan with black suede pumps.

Sergeant Joseph White Camp and the Ladies Auxiliary held a joint social at their hall in the Court House on last Saturday night. The ladies served appetizing home made dough-nuts and hot coffee. The dough-nuts were made by Mrs. Emma McGinnis.

Cards were played at several tables and some of the members of Scout Young Camp were there and enjoyed the festivities. Mr. McArthur sang and Mrs. Mable Shepherd played the piano.

Mrs. Lula Clark of Boise, Idaho, was a pleasant visitor in the City on Sunday and left on Tuesday for Chicago, her former home.

SAYS ADVOCATE STARTED JOURNALISTIC CAREER

(Reprinted from "This and That" column in the Chicago Bee of Feb. 26)

The Advocate that arrived from Portland, Oregon, edited by Mrs. Beatrice H. Cannady Franklin, appeared to be a regular "Clifford C. Mitchell" special edition, judging by the many features and comments carried. Of course, everyone knows that the Advocate is the paper that started me in the journalistic game three years ago this coming March.

I'm sorry I can't comply with the request of the Advocate editor for a picture of myself. I'll promise however that if I ever get so foolish and reckless as to spend perfectly good postage money for photographs of myself that the Advocate will receive one promptly.

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HI-WAYS TO HEALTH
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SIGNS OF SPRING

In looking about for signs of Spring one welcomes the appearance of rhubarb. Rhubarb is now found in most markets and is another table possibility that is fresh, different, inexpensive and therefore welcome with the flowers of spring.

Rhubarb is classed along, in food value, with greens of all kinds, as beet tops, turnip tops, dandelions and spinach, although it is usually used as a fruit. The importance of these foods lies in their mineral and vitamin content. They are particularly valuable for their calcium and iron, which are points to remember, as we are not always certain of getting all of these minerals that we need.

Calcium is needed by the human body for building and repairing bones and teeth. Some also is needed to keep the blood and the circulation in good order, which contributes largely to general health. Milk and cheese are the richest sources of calcium, and without a generous amount of them, it is difficult to get the amount of calcium to meet the daily requirement. Although greens contain calcium, it would be practically impossible to eat enough of them to equal the amount from as little as a pint of milk. Because of this we depend on milk and dairy products for supplying calcium and on the greens for iron, as well as other minerals.

To bring the amount of calcium taken up to requirements it is well to combine milk and cheese with greens and the recipes following are suggestions for doing this.

Escalloped Spinach

2 eps cooked spinach 1/2 tsp salt
2 tbspn minced onion Pepper
1 egg slightly beaten 1/2cp milk
2 tbspn butter, melted 1/2 cp. bread crumbs

Put the spinach through a sieve, then add all other ingredients, except butter and bread crumbs. Place in a buttered baking dish. Mix butter and bread crumbs together, and sprinkle over the top of the spinach. Bake in moderate oven until the crumbs are nicely browned. This will take about 15 minutes. Yield: 6 servings.

Rhubarb Betty

4 tbspn melted butter
1/4 tspn salt
1 quart fine dry bread crumbs
Cinnamon or nutmeg
1 qt. sweetened rhubarb sauce or 2 quarts raw sliced rhubarb, sugar to sweeten.

Mix butter and salt with crumbs. Place rhubarb and crumbs in alternate layers in a greased baking dish, and sift the cinnamon or nutmeg over the top. Bake the pudding in a moderate oven. If rhubarb sauce is used, this will require about 25 minutes. If raw rhubarb is used, cover the baking dish at first and bake for 25 minutes or until rhubarb is tender. Serve pudding hot with or without sauce.

Wash the greens through many waters until clean, remove any tough bits with or without sauce.

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