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### EVENTS FOR FEB. 17.

- Bangor, Me.—Annual encampment, O. A. R., Department of Maine.
- Wichita, Kas.—Opening of three days' convention of Kansas Bankers' association.
- Milwaukee, Wis.—Convention of Wisconsin state gas association.
- Petersburg, Va.—Meeting of Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias.
- Schenectady, N. Y.—Opening of Schenectady poultry association show.
- Washington, D. C.—Convention of United States naval reserves association.
- Pine Bluff, Ark.—Meeting of Arkansas Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

### THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

With the beating of tom-toms and gongs, the Chinese new year will be ushered in at midnight tonight by Celestials all over the world. The year is reckoned in the Chinese calendar as the thirtieth in the reign of the Emperor Kuang Su.

No other holiday is so important in the estimation of the Chinaman as New Year, and they have been preparing for the festival for days. Stores have been decorated, and the utensils and store fixtures have been laid away, to be replaced by ornate chairs, fancy screens, tables covered with potted plants and gaudy canopies and hangings. Fluttering from the door-tops and balconies are bright red streamers bearing the inscription "Dong Hi Shan Toy," which in English means "A Happy New Year."

The stores and dwellings were closed today to the public and the Chinamen enjoyed in their private quarters elaborately prepared meals and listened to music furnished by orchestra, band, phonograph and music box, for the up-to-date Celestial thoroughly appreciates the music that is supplied by the modern mechanical musical instrument. The reception of intimate acquaintances and relatives marked the day.

The Chinese have a peculiar belief in regard to the celebration of their new year. The closing of the old year and the beginning of the new marks practically a new existence with the celestials. All Chinamen believe that they are doomed to destruction if they permit the new year to find them in debt, and they use every effort to pay all their bills before the New Year day arrives. Then, too, if the relations between themselves and any of their acquaintances be strained, they seek each other and square themselves with a good handshake. Both agree to forget the past. Should this practice be neglected, it is said that the guilty one is doomed to destruction.

### NAVAL STRENGTH.

The naval department's last report has an official chart showing that the United States has the fifth largest navy in the world.

Great Britain is first, with 201 vessels with 1,000,000 tons built, and 38 vessels now building.

France has 96 built, 576,000 tons, and 14 building.

Russia has 54 built, with 418,000 tons, and 14 building.

Germany has 73 built, with 387,000 tons, and 13 building.

America has 73 built, with 294,000 tons, and 28 building.

Next in order is Italy with 28 built, with 258,000 tons, and six building.

Japan has 44 built, with 248,000 tons, and three building.

### THE PHILOSOPHY OF ELBERT HUBBARD.

"Love and marriage are private affairs, and, beyond providing that a man should not allow his wife and children to become public charges, the government should keep its coarse hands off."

There you have some of Elbert Hubbard's philosophy. Mr. Hubbard is advanced. In his own estimation, he is so far ahead of the procession that he can safely preach a doctrine of license and disregard for law and find his excuse in epigrams. He can distort the English language and make sin an invitation. He can clothe indecency and give it an air of respectability. He would have man, the animal, be natural even to the limit of his animal instincts, and the woman, his wife—well, if she doesn't like it, there is the divorce court.

Mr. Hubbard has paraded the fact that for 12 years he wrote daily to a woman not his wife, and finally married the co-respondent in the divorce case wherein he was defendant.

Because there are a great many fools in the world Mr. Hubbard is dangerous. He has a great brain, and a soothing manner of handling words. He does make an impression.

And he is especially harmful, because not all of the young men and women who hear him and read him can appreciate what a hollow and hurtful doctrine is his. They look up to this disciple of unrestrained passion. They see in him a man feted, quoted, honored. Few, if any doors have been closed to him. Society says he has the "artistic temperament," and must be excused for his peculiarities, and then welcome him.

If you study the doctrine of Elbert Hubbard you will come to a conclusion something like this: "Hubbard is like a French novel or a problem play. I am old enough to in no way be influenced by either. But I want my girl and my boy to grow up pure and clean, in the faith and in the footsteps of their mother. I want them to believe in God, in the permanency of love, in morality. I want to bar them from temptation; from all that the world has not tested and found good."

And after you have reached that conclusion there will be no place in your home for the preachings or teachings of any man who glorifies in WRONG.—Seattle Star.

## MORE MANLY RECEIVERSHIP LITERATURE

### Fine Literary Compositions But No More Poetry for Creditors

## ANONYMOUS PRODUCTIONS FROM THE SAME AUTHORSHIP

### Hot Air for the Unfortunate Victims of the Gilbert Bros. Suspended Bank Instead of Prompt Action in Their Behalf

(From the Daily Statesman, February 17, 1904.)

IS FOR PEACE. THE TRUE VERSION.

A Correspondent Who Hopes the War Will Ere Long Be Over. How It Happened That the Story of the Grafting Got Started.

Editor Statesman: Won't some benevolent individual buy Hofer's claim against the Gilbert Bros. bank, and stop his yawp? And then let the receiver give him an advertisement or a dollar or two, and have him barking in his praise. On another momentous occasion General Grant said, "LET US HAVE PEACE."

Editor Statesman: The report that a picture of the Madonna was grafted the other evening at the exposition to the school children is a mistake. It arose from the fact that Whofer, the grafter, delivered a lecture on Madonnas. It was natural under the circumstances to confound the fact, hence the report.

(Statesman, Feb. 14, 1904.) THE CORRECT ANSWER. (Statesman Feb. 16, 1904.) AN ANECDOTE.

The Conclusion Was That the Little Boy Lied, and This Was Right. A Correspondent is Reminded of One and So He Tells It For the Benefit of Others.

Editor Statesman: A little boy, seeing two ladies across the street, said to another little boy, "One of those ladies is my mother's sister, and yet she is not my aunt." What relation was she to the little boy? Respectfully referred to Mr. A. F. Hofer, Jr., and his communication of the 11th inst. ORPHAN. February 12th.

Editor Statesman: So Whofer prints the poetry, brands himself. That reminds me of the story of the cheap clodgings man and his customer. The purchaser objected to the clothes offered him, saying, "Man alive, you don't mean to offer me goods like that; they are rotten, shoddy, the wool in them stinks." "Umph—um, mine frendth, the goods don't stink; I was the stinker," said the Whofer. SEE. Print this, Mr. Hofer.

The above four communications illustrate another chapter in the Gilbert Bros. bank receivership; that all emanate from the same pen, even including the headlines, and are evidently considered high-toned literary productions by the author and a complete justification, is apparent.

The fitness of such a person who would fight out such matters in the above manner through a newspaper to be a receiver is beginning to be seriously doubted, and no one will blame the creditors for moving to have him discharged.

The above are the manly methods employed to defend the receivership. Anonymous flings from behind the cover of newspaper protection have always been characteristic of small minds.

The peace that the managers of that bank scandal have in mind is the peace of the wolf desiring to devour the entire lamb. They shall lie down together, according to the scriptures, but, according to the ways of receiverships, the lamba will be inside.

When Mr. Albert paid the school children 100 cents on the dollar, the managers of the receivership made light of his generosity, by saying it was nothing but what all the creditors would get in due time. Then came the recent announcement, to let the public down easily, that about forty per cent was all they need expect.

The proceedings over the receivership are made at "chambers" and at special and adjourned terms of court, and the newspapers have got hold of very little of those proceedings. The reporters should take up those proceedings and arguments to restrain the rapacity of certain parties, and publish them. Let the public have more of the facts, and less personalities and anonymities, Mr. Receiver. The Journal will freely give space to your own statements, and make no charge whatever.

One fact can be gleaned by the public from the tenor of the above communications—and no one will doubt whence they proceed—and that is that the author judges everybody by himself—all want graft—all are blackmailers, all act from the standpoint of personal gain.

The gentleman who rushed into this office, and accused the editor of the Journal of trying to blackmail him, and tells citizens the same thing over his office counter, owes it to the community, if he has any facts on which to base his communications, to give them to the public, and let them be investigated.

Because The Journal has had the nerve to say the receivership should not be dragged out indefinitely, and that as rich a man as Mr. Bush could settle the whole matter, by keeping all he had, and taking the balance, and merely paying the depositors 100 cents on the dollar—forsooth the editors are branded blackmailers. Is that right?

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### Had Enough of Widows.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 17.—A. A. Howlett, the Syracuse millionaire who lived 82 years and then became noted as a humorist by giving a birthday banquet to 134 widows, had another birthday today, but this time the widows were conspicuously absent from the celebration program.

"Nix," said Mr. Howlett today, "I had all those women here last year, and I gave them a good time. This year I am having a good time myself with the boys. As a result of my last year's celebration, for 12 months I have been kept busy receiving letters asking me to marry. The letters have poured in from every part of the earth I have ever heard of ex-

cept China. I have not received a proposal from a Chinese woman, but I may get it yet. I haven't read half the letters, and, of course, I don't pretend to answer them. They have come in all languages, and some have even sent English translations of their own letters. There are 15 from Germany, dozens from England, a few from France, Russia and Ireland, and some from Africa, Holland, India, Italy and South America."

### Salem Real Estate.

Johanna O'Brien has sold to Anna, George and Charles O'Brien a valuable piece of residence property in this city, consisting of lots 7, 8 and 9, in block No. 1, Reed's addition to Salem, and a strip 19 1/4 feet wide along the south side of lot 9. This property is situated on the east side of Capital street and the south side of Marion street. The price was \$3500.

Mrs. Addie Parvin and Z. M. Parvin have sold their 50-acre prune farm south of Salem adjoining the J. R. Pat-

erson donation land claim to W. H. Claypool. They also transferred to Mrs. Addie Parvin 5 acres of land adjoining the Sunnyside Fruit Farms, for \$1600.

The Benedictine Priory of M. Alpin have sold to Seraphin Keel, 2 acres of land in section 10, t 6 s, r 1 w, for \$950.

G. R. Matthews and wife have sold to Mary Alpin lot No. 8 in block No. 4, in Settlemier's addition to Woodburn for \$275.

J. J. Ryan and wife, of Butteville, have sold to Josie Ryan lot No. 2, in block No. 8, and to James Ryan lot No. 3, in block No. 8, Butteville, the consideration in each case being \$20.

Geo. Cussiter, of Silvertown, returned home this morning, after a brief stay here.

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Payne From Wisconsin. Chicago, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Washington says: "It has been practically determined that Postmaster-General Payne, of Wisconsin, vice-chairman of the National Committee and close to the President, shall carry on the preliminary republican campaign work until the assemblage of the Republican National Convention. At that time,

the new National Committee and a new chairman will be chosen. "In connection with the election of a chairman at that time the names of Secretary Shaw, ex-Governor Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, and Governor Durbin of Indiana, have been mentioned.

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