

GOTHAM LETTER

New York, Feb. 28.—An institution where the respectable working man who finds herself out of work may find a refuge or shelter is about to be erected in this city. It is a sad reflection upon a city of the known benevolence and charity of New York that such a place has not existed heretofore. The movement looking to the erection of such a hotel was begun some time ago and has steadily grown, until now the principal merchants and business men of New York, together with philanthropists and other public spirited citizens, are ready to co-operate in the work of ameliorating the condition of those members of the working-girl class who have no home to go to and must resort to the small hall bedroom of a boarding house, with its attendant temptations and loneliness. The plans contemplate the construction of a large hotel on the lines of the Martha Washington, but of less pretention and cost, where every patron will indulge that independence which begets self-respect and self-reliance.

A downtown server of quick lunch authority for the statement that the Russo-Japanese war has boosted the rice business.

"We sell more rice than we ever did," he says, "and I account for it in the fact that people have been reading about the Japs' prowess in battle and the fact that rice forms an important part of their diet. The inference, you see, is that rice must be a good thing to eat. That's the way the idea seems to work out, at all events. Americans, with all their originality, are the most imitative people on earth, and nothing catches them so quickly as a health fad. In restaurants you can observe this every day. It used to be fish and wheat that were boomed as supplying brains and brawn, but rice is supplant-

ing them or giving them a hard run for place just now."

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is endeavoring to stop the exhibition of babies in incubators, and it is likely a bill to that end will be passed by the New York legislature. Under its provisions, those placing infants in incubators on exhibition in any public place will be held liable for a misdemeanor. The measure would put a stop to the incubator shows which infest Coney Island and surrounding resorts every summer.

In most of the fur and cloak houses of the metropolis the girls employed as models to sell and show the goods are often invited to dinner and theatre parties by buyers from out of town stores who come to the city to replenish their home stocks at this time of year. The good taste and experience of these women are of valuable assistance to the buyers, and the social courtesies are in part appreciation of the fact.

One of these saleswomen, the other evening, accepted an invitation to dinner, and to the theater afterward, from an especially good customer. As she wanted to look extra nice, she borrowed an ermine stole from the stock without saying anything to the firm about it, intending, of course, to put the stole back in the morning.

At dinner a clumsy waiter spilled a glass of claret on the dainty white fur, and the girl had to get \$128 out of her savings to make good its value to her employers. She is now ready at any time to give expert testimony as to the expensiveness of dinners at this particular hotel.

The habit of seafaring men to decorate their persons with colored representations of ships, mermaids, stars, anchors and other nautical designs, is

frowned upon by Uncle Sam in regard to his own tars, but no definite means have ever been attempted to keep Jack from practice of the pictorial art upon his skin. The initiative, according to a story told about the Brooklyn navy yard, has been taken by Miss Helen Gould, whose interest in the man behind the gun is well known. Miss Gould, according to the story, has offered a reward to every man who will stay for five years in the navy without being tattooed. No one has yet claimed the reward.

The energetic Merchants' association is considering a scheme to save the city \$5,000,000 annually by using the water power of the Croton aqueduct for lighting and heating purposes. The plan is to install several large turbine wheels to generate power, and the idea is to combat the gas and electrical monopoly by furnishing the city this power at the rate of \$20 annually for each horse power. While the main power plant, according to the plan proposed, is to be located at Croton, there are to be turbine wheels outside of the water reservoirs east and west of the Hudson river and on Long Island. These turbines, it is claimed, will develop power enough to generate electricity to light the streets and public buildings, to supply all motor power needed by the city and to leave a surplus power from which the city can gain a substantial revenue. According to the plan, which officers of the Merchants' association say never before has been brought forward, the reservoir water is to pass through the turbine wheels, placed in airtight bulkheads, which will not lessen the water pressure in the city, nor injure the water for domestic use.

Not all of Captain Steve O'Brien's sleuths who were at the dinner of President Roosevelt last week at the Waldorf-Astoria were disguised as guests. At least six were in the guise of waiters, with napkins over their arms. Some of these were at the head table and a few were at tables immediately in front of the President.

They didn't perform all the duties of waiters, but confined their attention to pouring wine, an accomplishment in which all seemed to be pretty well versed. A real waiter served the food, but probably not one of the guests detected the difference. The same thing was true at the dinner in "Little Hungary."

The reasons these precautions were taken was not because any of the guests were suspected—the lists had been carefully compiled—but because extra waiters had been hired for the occasion. The police were just a little bit afraid that some anarchistic person might get in as a waiter. The sleuths were there to do business with him if he did.

The history clerk at Bellevue hospital registers an average of 100 patients a day, and naturally he encounters names which are queer. He got one name the other day which he said ought to go in somebody's hall of fame. A bartender walked into the hospital with an unmistakable case of alcoholism and registered as "Stony Lonesome."

A Touching Story

is the saving from death of the baby girl of Geo. A. Eyer, Cumberland, Md. He writes: "At the age of 11 months, our little girl was in declining health, with serious throat trouble, and two physicians gave her up. We were almost in despair, when we resolved to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. The first bottle gave relief; after taking four bottles she was cured, and is now in perfect health." Never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. At J. C. Perry's drug store; 50c and \$1.00 guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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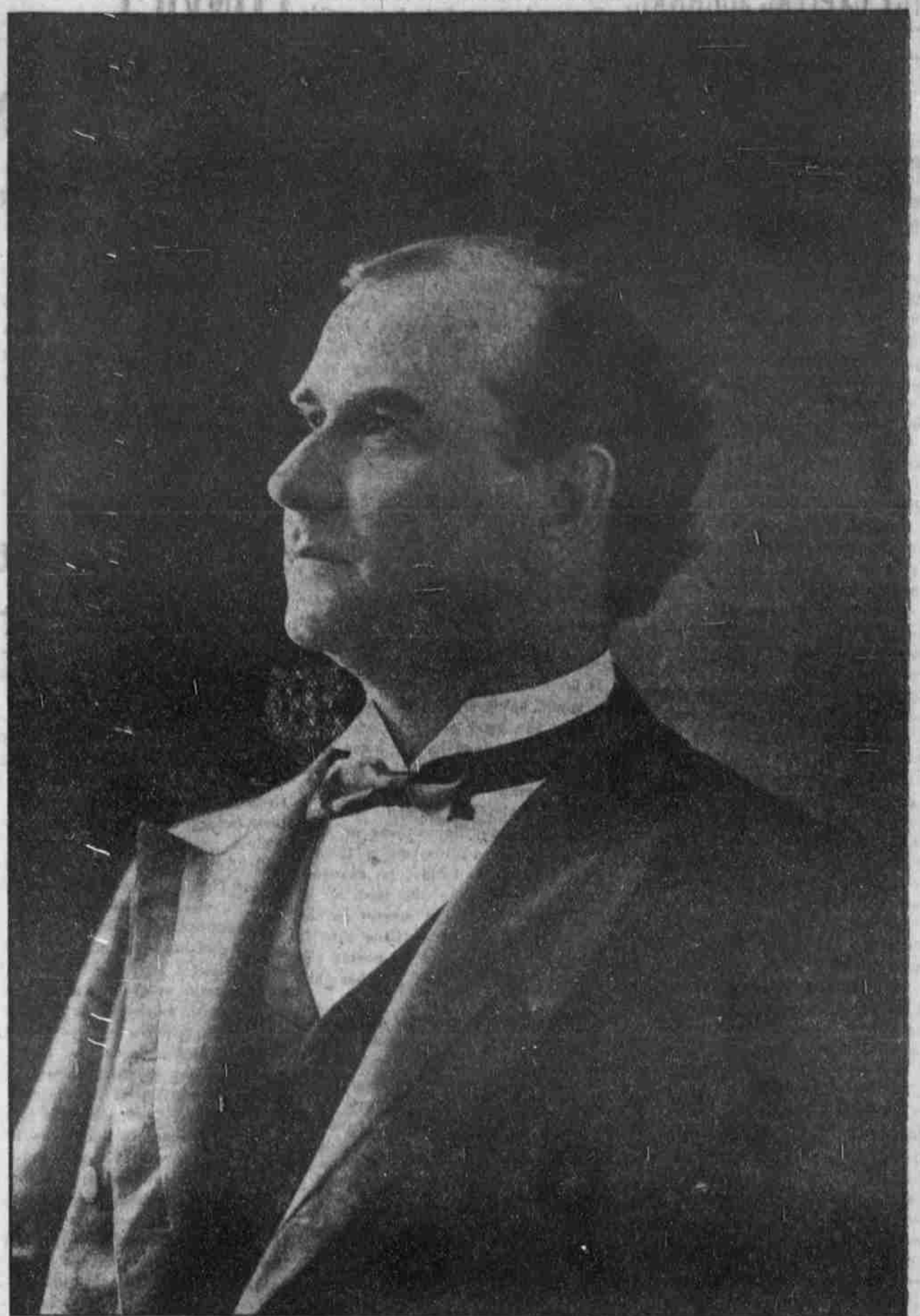
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A Rare Relic.

Coquille Herald: E. A. Franklin, superintendent of the county poor farm, has left with us for a few days an exceedingly rare relic, like which there are but few in existence. It is in the form of a small glass sauce dish, one of a number of which were caused to be manufactured by a number of leading ladies of the country at that time and one presented to each of the soldiers who survived the famous battle of Bunker Hill. The inscription it bears is "From the fair to the brave. Bunker Hill battle, June 5, 1775." This particular dish was presented to a Revolutionary soldier by the name of Hubbard—his first name has been lost to Mr. Franklin's family. His widow, when a very old lady, gave it to Melissa Winters on her seventeenth birthday. She gave it to her niece, Mattie C. Warren on her seventh birthday, and she in turn gave it to her daughter, Edna M. Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Franklin, at the age of seven. This keepsake has been in the family of Mrs. Franklin for about 70 years, and no small sum of money would be any temptation for it. There is being a

receptacle made for the dish in which it will be sent to the Lewis and Clark exposition this summer.

Peculiar Disappearance.

J. D. Runyan, of Buttrickville, Ohio, laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a powerful remedy for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at J. C. Perry's drug store, price 25c.

Operation for Appendicitis.

Ursel Kay, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kay, has successfully undergone an operation for appendicitis, and Dr. Robertson, who operated, says that he is swiftly recovering.

Insane Patients.

Frank Swope and McKinney Royce were brought to the insane asylum yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Davis, of Umatilla county.

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