

Spinning on the Common.

That historic bit of ground known to the world as Boston Common has been the background of many a strange and picturesque scene.

In 1720 an attempt was made in Boston to encourage the art of spinning and to establish schools where the process could be taught to the poor.

In 1747 a society was organized for the encouragement of the industry, and the fourth anniversary was publicly celebrated.

"In the afternoon," says an old account, "300 young female spinners, decently dressed, appeared on the common with their spinning wheels.

The Size of Great Men.

The Iron Duke has always been a mystery. I have read that he was six feet four inches tall. I have read also that he was only five feet six inches.

This Day and Time.

"Dis yer day an' time," said Brother Williams, "is too much fer me. Ef dar wuz a Joshua livin' who could make de sun stan' still he do it so he could save on de gas bill, an' ef Jonah wuz livin' now an' a whale didn't have any mo' sense than ter swaller him he'd lan' dat whale high an' dry an' sell him ter de lle trust, an' ef Lot wuz gwine 'long wud his wife an' she wuz turned into a pillar er salt he'd bull' a fence roun' her an' 'lect hisse'f president er a salt trust!

A Telephone Opiate.

The elder's wife was seriously ill, and the doctor advised rest and quiet. But the lady was very devoted to church work and worried herself into hysteria because she could not attend services and hear her favorite pastor preach.

The elder grasped the suggestion and made the necessary arrangements for transmitting the sermon into his wife's room.

At noon on the Sabbath the doctor called and asked, "How did it work?" "Fine," declared the elder, rubbing his hands gleefully. "Ten minutes after the sermon began she fell sound asleep."—Philadelphia Ledger.

His Criticism.

Robert Louis Stevenson once took an eccentric acquaintance of his to hear Sir Charles Halle play the piano at St. James' hall, London. Sir Charles was a musician of the most correct and severe British type, though a German by birth.

Taking No Chances.

A farmer who took much pride in the looks of his fattening pigs once purchased a pair from a neighbor. Upon delivery at the usual age of eight weeks they seemed to him rather small.

A Hard Stunt.

Mamma—Good gracious, Georgie! What is the matter with Freddie Jones? Is the child having a fit? Georgie—No, mamma. You know Freddie stutters, and we bet he couldn't say "altitudinosity" before Bobbie ran twice around the block.—Puck.

BRYAN'S RUNNING MATE

Nebraska Man Non-Committal As to Berry, Johnson, Folk and Mitchell, Lincoln, Neb., June 23.—Nothing could be learned from William Jennings Bryan respecting his choice of a running mate.

Mr. Bryan will no doubt be named on the first ballot at the Denver convention. Up to June 13 Bryan, not counting any New York support, had twenty-five votes more than the two thirds necessary for a nomination.

During the past week the entire Tennessee delegation, twenty-six votes has been obtained; a part of the Florida delegation, chosen under a second primary election, has been instructed for Bryan, and Congressman Sulzer speaking for the Tammany organization, has said that the Nebraskan will get the seventy-eight New York votes if one adds Pennsylvania's 68 votes then Bryan will have 873.

Swanson to Second Bryan.

Richmond, Va., June 23.—Governor Swanson has been invited by William Jennings Bryan to second his nomination at Denver and has accepted. The governor served in congress with Bryan.

WON'T RUN WITH BRYAN

Gray Won't Accept Democratic Nomination For Vice President.

Wilmington, Del., June 23.—Federal Judge George Gray would not under any conditions accept the Democratic nomination for vice president. A definite announcement to this effect was made by former Congressman L. Irving Handy, who will make the speech at Denver placing the judge in nomination for the presidency, which task he performed four years ago.

"Judge Gray would not consider the nomination of vice president on the ticket with Mr. Bryan or with any other presidential candidate. If the Denver convention should nominate him for this office he would immediately decline the honor and somebody else would have to be named. The judge would look upon the office of vice president as a place with all of the deprivations of a convent and none of the consolations of religion."

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Gets a Job.

New York, June 23.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will have his first experience of actual work this summer as distinguished from the labor involved in study, and will get that experience as an employee of the United States Steel corporation. Young Mr. Roosevelt, who is a member of the junior class at Harvard, in the academic department, visited the ore holdings of the Steel corporation last year. John C. Greenway, who was in the Rough Riders' regiment in the Spanish War, and for whom the president holds a hearty friendship, is the superintendent of the western Mesabi department of the Steel corporation's ore properties, and it is under his direction, it is said, that the younger Roosevelt will be employed.

President and Taft to See Boat Race

New Haven, Conn., June 23.—President Roosevelt and Secretary William H. Taft will both witness the Yale Harvard boat race on the Thames a New London next Thursday. This interesting and important fact makes necessary a change in Secretary Taft's plans for the latter part of the present week. The secretary had arranged tentatively with the president to confer with him at Oyster Bay on Friday. He was to be accompanied to Oyster Bay by General Luke E. Wright, who is to succeed him as secretary of war. A telegram received by Judge Taft from the president requested that the indicated change be made, because he had himself decided to witness the boat race on Thursday.

Dies of Hydrophobia.

Pittsburg, June 23.—Bitten three months ago by a dog, Charles Waitzer died of hydrophobia at the Magee Pathological institute of the Mercy hospital. Waitzer had been in great agony and his last moments were filled with suffering of the most intense nature. His wife and two children were bitten by a pet cat which had been attacked by the dog, and are undergoing treatment. There are thirty persons at the hospital taking the Pasteur treatment.

Pickpocket Gets \$1275.

Pottsville, Pa., June 23.—A pickpocket made a rich haul on Center street by abstracting a roll of money amounting to \$1275, that William Fritz had wrapped up in a handkerchief and placed in his pocket. Fritz is from Coaldale and came here to pay for a hotel license.

Son Born to Spanish Queen.

Madrid, June 23.—A son was born to Queen Victoria of Spain Monday night. Queen Victoria, formerly Princess Empress of Battenburg, and King Alfonso were married at Madrid on May 31, 1906. Their first son was born on May 10, 1907.

Set Himself Afire.

Wedding guests to the number of a score came to the little home at 511 Greenwich street, Philadelphia. They were the friends of Nathan Presser. He was to have been married Sunday evening to handsome and wealthy Rose Schattenstein, of 639 Grant street, Allentown, and his friends had come in gala dress to wish him god-speed and to go with him to Allentown for the wedding.

But instead of a place of festival the laughing visitors came suddenly upon a house of sorrow. The bridegroom-to-be had poured oil over his clothes and set a match to them. A moment later he had been found, a whirling pillar of flame, in his bedroom, and conscious, but shrieking in hideous agony, at the Mt. Sinai hospital, a block away, the man had died.

He removed the tank from an oil stove, and after pouring the contents over his clothing, went into the yard, where he set himself on fire. When the members of his family found him he was burned from head to foot and unconscious. At the hospital he was able to tell the physicians he had sought death by fire.

Twice before, when on the point of marrying Miss Schattenstein, he lost the money he had saved for the occasion. Saturday night he said he was disheartened and feared he could not marry, because his money was all tied up in his business.

Hysterics Restore Sight.

James Cantillon, of Marionette, Wis., who was totally blind, regained his sight at Bellevue hospital, in New York city, during a fit of hysterics which followed the surgeon's announcement to him that his case was considered hopeless and that he probably would remain blind for the remainder of his life.

Cantillon, who is a professional base ball player, had to have his left eye removed as the result of an accident in Chicago several months ago. The sight of the other eye failed from sympathetic affection. He came to the Cornell University Medical college here for treatment and was preparing in Bellevue for an operation. Sunday the surgeons decided that an operation would be useless and so informed Cantillon, who thereupon became hysterical. Suddenly he cried out that he could see, and tests showed that the sight of the right eye had been almost completely restored. The specialists now hope to complete the cure.

Williams Resigns As Minority Leader

Congressman John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, resigned the minority leadership of the house of representatives to take effect Dec. 1 next. This announcement is made by Congressman H. D. Clayton, chairman of the Democratic caucus. In resigning thus early he is actuated, he says, by a desire to give the minority ample time to consider whom they want to succeed him and also for the reason that if the next house is Democratic the new speaker whoever he may be, ought to have the experience which the position of floor leader would give him during the short session next winter.

Money Order Clerk Accused.

Patrick J. Messett, for many years the trusted money order clerk in the Scranton, Pa., postoffice, has been remanded in \$5000 bail there to answer a charge of embezzling funds of the office. He was arrested on a specific charge of embezzling a money order for \$142 given him by Postmaster Mat thew McPherson, of Dickinson City but it is alleged that an examination of his accounts shows a shortage of at least \$5000.

Drowned While Crabbing.

George S. Wolfe, of Philadelphia, is missing and is supposed to have fallen overboard and been drowned while on a crabbing trip in the Thoroughfare at Atlantic City, N. J. The rowboat which he had hired was found adrift, and in it was found the missing man's sack coat and letters which led to his identification. As he could not swim the assumption is that he leaned over to get a crab and lost his balance.

Fatal Burns From Odd Cause.

While she was burning caterpillars from a mulberry tree in her yard Mrs. Jane Jones, widow of the late Jacob C. Jones, of Seaford, Del., was fatally burned. A speck of flame fell from the torch and fired her clothing. Neighbors who were attracted by her screams extinguished the fire, but physicians say she will not recover.

Girl Killed By Trolley Car.

Effie Hirschman, of Eshback, Berks county, a pupil at the West Chester (Pa.) State Normal school, was run over by a trolley car at Milltown and killed. She was accompanied by three school companions, who escaped. The girl's foot caught in the track as she was in the act of crossing the road in front of the moving car.

Hears He's An Heir and Drops Dead.

Wesley Myers, twenty-seven years of age, of Columbus, O., dropped dead from joy when a letter was delivered to him announcing that by the death of an uncle a large sum of money had come to him and inclosing a check for \$200 as a part of it. Myers was a pressman.

Killed In Duel On the Street.

Two wealthy farmers, Robert Harris and Robert Rowuck, fought a duel with pistols in the streets of Keyser, W. Va. Harris was killed and Rotruck was mortally wounded. There had been ill-feeling between the men for a long time. Both had large families.

\$200,000 Blaze at Tamaqua.

The plant of the Tamaqua (Pa.) Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire. Loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Bribes For Clergymen.

"Three or four attempts have been made to bribe me," said a clergyman. "My friends of the cloth tell me that they, too, have been occasionally tempted with bribes.

"Once it was the advertising manager of a health food. He offered a subscription of \$100 to our mission school if I would tell from the pulpit how much good the health food had done me. I made him give me the money for the mission under threats of exposure, but, of course, I did not mention his food in the church. The church is no place for health food talks.

"The widow of a drunkard and general good for nothing offered me \$50 if I would lie in praise of her husband in his funeral sermon. I praised the man heartily in the sermon—no matter how bad a man may be. If you examine his character you will find in it many traits worthy of praise—and to the widow I wrote a note of gentle rebuke.

"Often we are asked to date back marriage certificates, to say a couple were married in six months or a year before they really were. A man once offered me \$1,500 to perpetrate a wrong of this sort. I thrust a tract in his hand and turned him out of doors."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Rain and Animals.

"Lions, tigers and all the cat tribe dread rain," said a zoo keeper. "On a rainy day they tear nervously up and down their cages, growling and trembling. We usually give them an extra ration of hot milk. That puts them to sleep. Wolves love a gray day of rain. They are then very cheery. Treacherous as the wolf is, no keeper need fear him on a rainy day. He is too happy to harm a fly. Snakes, too, like rain. They perk up wonderfully as the barometer falls and the damp makes itself felt in their warm cases of glass.

"Rain makes monkeys glum. They are apt from instinct, when they see it through the window, to clasp their hands above their heads and sit so for hours. That attitude, you know, makes a kind of shelter. It is the primitive umbrella. So, when it rained, the naked primitive man and woman sat gloomily in the primeval swamps of giant ferns."

Amphibians.

Two commercial travelers in a railway carriage entered into conversation.

One of them tried hard to make the other understand something, but he was either very hard of hearing or slow in believing.

At last his friend lost his temper and exclaimed: "Why, don't you see? It's as plain as A B C!" "That may be," said the other; "but, you see, I am D E F."

A Fatal Disease.

A celebrated general once inquired of one of his soldiers the cause of his brother's death.

"My brother died, sir," replied the soldier, "because he had nothing to do."

"Well, my man," said the general, "that is reason enough to kill the greatest general of us all."—Exchange.

A Particular Patient.

"Are you sure that is what is the matter with me?" "Yes, madam."

"Well, you'll have to guess again, doctor. I won't have it. It's too common a complaint."—New York Press.

A Natural Curiosity.

"Do you know what I do when a man offers me advice?" said the curbside philosopher.

"No." "Ask him if he's tried it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not Suspicious.

The Constable—Yes, your worship, the prisoner is a most suspicious character. The Accused (indignantly)—It's him that's suspicious. Aw'n no suspicious of onybody!—Punch.

The good man prolongs his life. To be able to enjoy one's past life is to live twice.—Martial.

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