

MRS. ASTOR TELLS SOCIETY WOMEN

She Deplores Their Freak Entertainments and Notoriety- Seeking Activities

BUT DEFENDS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Says They May Go to Excess in Amusement, but Are Not Dangerous—Criticizes the Politicians—Actions Harm Name of Society.

New York City.—In an interview Mrs. William Astor who for years was the recognized leader of New York society, is quoted on the subject of society, American youth, President Roosevelt and "freak" entertainment. The interview is printed under the name of Rebecca Insley, an English woman. In part it is as follows:

"I can speak with authority about our young people. They are of a new age and have ideas different from my conservative ones. They are full of health and abundant spirits. It is perhaps true that they go to excess in amusement, but they are not degenerate and not vicious. Our young men enter seriously upon their business interests, and they often take up an individual profession, going in for healthy sports only as well-earned diversion.

"Our young women are trained in domestic matters and taught to appreciate their responsibility to the poor. All my friends do a great deal for the poor, and the daughters are brought up to regard charitable work as an important part of their lives.

"I have heard that our young women smoke and drink and do other terrible things. I know a great many of them and know them very well. I have known them since they were born, and I am quite sure that there is not one in my circle who is a cigarette fiend or drinks to excess.

"I am not vain enough to think New York will not be able to get along very well without me. Many women will rise up to take my place. But I hope my influence will be felt in one thing, and that is in discouraging the undignified methods employed by certain New York women to attract a following. They have given entertainments that belonged under a circus tent rather than in a gentleman's home. Their sole object is notoriety, a thing that no lady ever seeks, but rather shrinks from.

"The best women in New York society, those with the greatest influence, and those who give it its true tone, are almost unknown outside of their own circle. Society newspaper notoriety is as interesting to them as it is to me, as a study, a very amusing one, too, sometimes, as one gains so much information about certain women supposed to belong to us, but whom we never see, and do not know even by sight.

"The political hostesses of London have a much better chance of realizing an ideal to-day than the women of New York. Over there you find at the big balls and musicales a brilliant array of Cabinet Ministers, journalists, Ambassadors, men and women of the stage, painters and poets, and the powers of the money world, such as no leader in New York could bring together, or would attempt to bring together. I have thought of doing it all my life, but have never seen the possibility of success.

"In the first place, we have too many politicians in America, where in England they have statesmen. Many of our Senators and Congressmen seem to use their title to public favor upon their uncouth manners and lack of refinement, on the fact that they have discarded socks or once wore blue jeans.

"If they were all like Mr. Roosevelt, what a difference there would be! Mr. Roosevelt is a true American, but he would be at home in the most elegant court in Europe. He is not above paying scrupulous attention to his wardrobe and his manners. Any hostess in New York or Newport would be proud to entertain him, and the men in Washington like him.

"Many people seem to think I could have done a great deal in making New York society as democratic as it is in London, and open to anyone of intellectual attainments as it is over there. But one can do only one's best under the conditions. English people all recognize a certain authority in social matters. The King is the leader of society and the hostesses who gather about them such brilliant men and women can be as independent as they wish to be without assuming the responsibility of an onslaught upon their own domains. The King's authority is never questioned and the authority of the great old families is never questioned.

"We have to be more exclusive in New York, because in America there is no authority in society, and Americans in general are not inclined to admit its possibility. Each woman is for herself, and trying to outdo the others in lavish display and mad extravagance, with little thought of any ultimate good or any ideal."

Asbestos Slates.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, '08

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CHAS. B. ENT,
Sheriff.
C. W. Miller,
Attorney. 10-15-4t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Theodosia B. McHenry, late of Jackson Township, Deceased.

The undersigned appointed an auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to pass upon exceptions to the final account of A. Z. McHenry, administrator, and to make distribution of the fund found to be in the administrator's hands, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, November 11, 1908 at 10 o'clock a. m., to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in the fund in the hands of the administrator of said deceased will appear and prove the same or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

A. N. YOST,
Auditor. 10-15-4t.

NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court) In re estate of
of Columbia County) P. K. Patterson

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the said Orphans' Court by the undersigned for letters of administration on the estate of said P. K. Patterson, who has been absent from the place of his last domicile, viz. Greenwood Township, in this County and Commonwealth, for more than seven years last past and his whereabouts unknown, and the said Court has fixed Monday, December 7th, 1908, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time to hear the evidence concerning the alleged absence of the supposed decedent and the circumstances and duration thereof.

B. F. BATTIN,
Clinton Herring, Att'y. 10-15-4t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Michael Buhls, late of Wilburton, Conyngham Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of said decedent have been granted to the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the same will make them known without delay to said Administrator at their banking house in Mount Carmel, Pa., or to their counsel,

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Sept. 17, 1908. 6t. Mount Carmel, Pa.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given by John A. Moran, of Centralia, Pa., a registered student at law in the office of William Chrisman, of the Columbia county bar, Bloomsburg, Pa., and the Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa., that he will, on or before the 17th day of November, 1908, file his credentials with, and make application to, the State Board of Law Examiners, to be examined by said Board on the 8th and 9th days of December, 1908, for admission to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

10-22-4t.

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