

Names of Note In the News

Victor Murdock and Denatured Alcohol. Dr. Wiley and His "Poison Squad." William J. Gaynor - Nora S. Blatch - Keikichi Aoki.



VICTOR MURDOCK

VICTOR MURDOCK, the Kansas congressman who was one of the chief supporters of the new denatured alcohol law in the fight for its passage in the house of representatives, is red-headed. He hails from the district once represented in congress by the late "Socksless Jerry" Simpson, and while Simpson was elected on the socks issue, Murdock owes his success in part to the fact that his cause was championed by the red-haired veterans of his bailiwick. Murdock at twenty married a girl of fifteen, and he was then earning only \$30 a week on his father's paper, the Wichita Eagle. He asked for a raise, but the elder Murdock said it would be unfair to the other reporters to give it to him. The next morning the head of the house of Murdock was astonished to receive a note informing him that his son Victor had resigned and would try his fortune in Chicago. So Victor transferred his allegiance from the Wichita Eagle to the Chicago Inter-Ocean. He worked two weeks without drawing his pay. One day in the third week the city editor called him to his desk. "You are wanted in the business office," he said.

"That is their way of firing men here," the new reporter thought. "Is your name Murdock?" the business manager asked. "Yes, sir." "Well, I just wanted to look you over, for you are a great curiosity. We never heard of your like in Chicago before. You didn't come last Monday and get your money, and now here is the second week up and you haven't asked for it. Every other reporter in this town spends his money before he gets it. Here, take your money and hereafter call for it every week."

"Yes, sir," replied Victor meekly. "That day Murdock wrote his wife: 'I have \$44. Pack up and come here.'"

Professor Harvey W. Wiley's famous "poison squad" promises to become an issue in congress. Dr. Wiley, who is chief of the bureau of chemistry of the agricultural department, insti-



PROFESSOR WILEY AND PURE FOOD.

tuted the squad in the course of his tests to determine the effects of using certain chemicals for the adulteration and preservation of food and food products, medicines, etc. It was one of the important factors in producing sentiment favorable to pure food legislation. Borax preservatives and similar devices of some manufacturers must now flee before the club of the pure food law. As to the poison squad, Dr. Wiley always maintained that its members could not be injured—that the tests were so conducted that no deleterious effects would be felt by those who, at government expense, ate at the table where chemically treated foods were served. But the recent death of a member of the squad, Robert Freeman, has changed the situation. His mother wants the government to pay her damages, maintaining that the tuberculosis from which he died was caused by his being fed boracic acid. Congressman James Hay of Virginia has taken up the matter and will seek to have the squad abolished.

Justice William J. Gaynor of New York declared in a recent speech to the Lawyers' club of Buffalo that the lawyers are the makers of the trusts since they constitute 70 per cent of the members of the legislature. They control the legislation of the country, says the judge, and are chiefly responsible for the conditions which exist. Judge Gaynor has given a great deal of study to economic questions. Some months ago he made a speech before the Economic club of Boston on the subject of railroad rebates in which he advanced the plan of having the government appoint the general freight agent of every railroad.



WILLIAM J. GAYNOR.

The way Judge Gaynor gets through a supreme court calendar would throw a lazy man into convulsions. He is punctual to the minute when court opens and loses no time in getting

down to business. He insists that members of the bar shall not be crowded out of their seats by spectators, and when he gets started on the docket he expects the barristers to be ready. As soon as the calendar is disposed of Judge Gaynor jumps right into the trial of a case, and the business of the court goes whirling along at a rate that compels the lawyers to stir themselves to keep up with it.

A swelled head is a bad thing to have, whether the cranial enlargement comes from too much champagne or too much flattery. Senator Chauncey M. Depew, who after a long period of illness and seclusion is back in his place in the senate chamber and in good health once more, says that if he ever had the swelled head he has been effectually cured of the disease. Before the Armstrong insurance investigation he was "The Pea" and "Our Chauncey," and his after dinner oratory was in constant demand. Now his dinner invitations are few.



SENATOR DEPEW THEN AND NOW.

and if he makes any postprandial remarks they occupy small space in the public prints. A silk hat that might have been too small for the junior senator from New York before all this is several sizes too large now. Speaking of the difference, the senator said the other day:

"For fifty years I had nothing but praise and flattery from the press. I entered politics as soon as I left college as a stump speaker in the campaign of 1859.

"All the fifty year period of my activity in politics that followed called out nothing but praise from the newspapers. During the last two years I have had nothing but unlimited criticism.

"I am curious to know just how long it will take for the criticism to reduce entirely the feeling of gratification—the swelling of my head—that was created by the fifty years of flattery. I realize that there has been a reduction—when I reflect that the opposing forces operated in the ratio of fifty to two."

And the senator from New York laughed a laugh devoid of bitterness.

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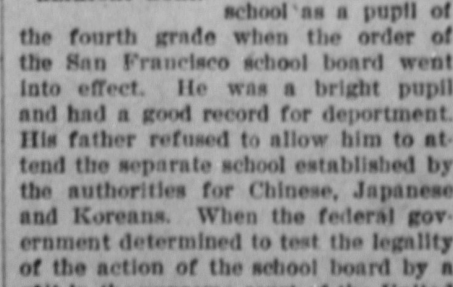
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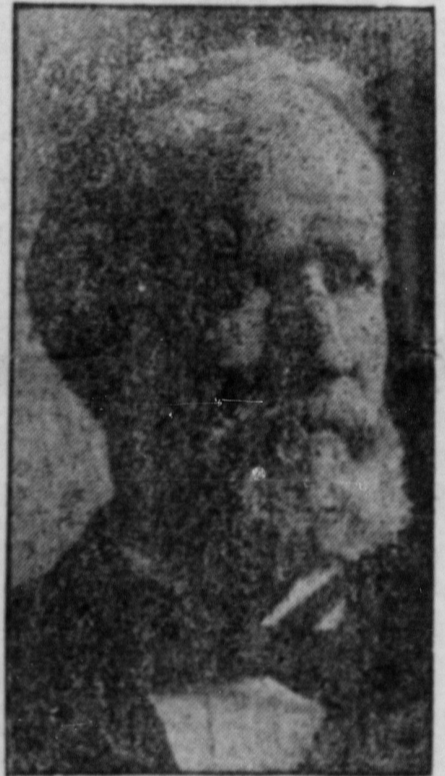
Enforcing the Pure Food Law

Uncle Sam's Plans For the Task—One Hundred Inspectors to Be on Duty Throughout the Country. Hayburn's Work.



SENATOR HEYBURN

It is safer to eat now than it was prior to the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, 1906. The pure food law is now in effect. Of course, in spite of the new law on the statute books, a man who spurns plain fare may ruin his digestive organs, and children who overindulge in sweets at the holiday season will, as usual, get the stomach ache. Uncle Sam's pure food inspectors cannot help that, but they can prevent the sale through the means of interstate commerce of adulterated, misbranded, poisonous or deleterious foods, drinks, drugs and medicines. When Professor Thomas B. Stillman of Stevens institute gave his now famous "synthetic dinner" at a New York hotel, he showed how easy it is for manufacturers of food and food products, beverages and medicines to impose on the public if the law does not prevent. At this dinner the professor served dishes "synthetically constructed"—that is, built up before the very eyes of the diners out of chemicals with very hard and unpalatable names. Everything but the meats and cigars was made in an extemporized laboratory in plain sight from the table. The feast began with Martini cocktails and ended with cognac. In between were oyster cocktails, green turtle soup, roast partridge with current jelly, vanilla ice cream composed of cottonseed oil and essential oil and coffee and creme de menthe. The guests snacked their lips over the salad made of protein, artificial egg and chorony. The dinner was intended to point a moral—namely, that skimmed milk should not masquerade as cream. If a man



JAMES WILSON.

chooses to drink sauterne concocted from malic acid, tartar, alcohol, acetic ether, gucin and essence of naphthal. he is welcome to his preference, but he should be protected by the law from having such things palmed off on him as the real article.

The main object of the pure food law, which passed congress last June after a big fight against it had been put up by the manufacturers of adulterated foods, is to guarantee the public against the sale in interstate commerce of impostures in the way of misbranded goods and thus to assure as far as possible the consumption of healthful products. One of the foremost champions of the law in the senate was the member from Idaho, Weldon B. Heyburn. He is a good example of the benefits of pure food, as he tips the scales at over 300 and has an appetite like a horse in haying time. In his younger days the senator once purchased two empty whisky barrels of a saloon keeper in Idaho, saved the barrels in two and used them in hoisting ore out of a mining shaft. In one of the barrels he found the remains of three large plugs of tobacco and in the other two plugs. They had been used to give venom to the whisky, so that water could be added. A temperance man might say the patrons of the saloon were just as well off for drinking watered whisky flavored with tobacco, but they did not get what they paid for, and that illustrates the case for the pure food law.

The agricultural department, of which Secretary James Wilson is the head, is responsible for the administration of the new law. Although it went into effect on Jan. 1, some time must elapse before the force of inspectors adequate for its enforcement can be fully organized. It was only a few weeks ago that the secretary of agriculture obtained from congress authority to establish such a force. The sum of \$250,000 will be spent by the government in carrying the provisions of the law into effect. The inspectors must be appointed only after their fitness for the work has been shown in civil service examinations. They will travel about the country and keep watch for suspicious goods.

LAUREATE FOR THE NAVY.

James B. Connolly and His Enlistment as a Yeoman.

At last the American navy is to have a Kipling, and the people of the United States will be able to read about their sea fighters and the life they lead without delving into dry reports about construction, repairs, equipment and gun practice. James B. Connolly, whose sea tales have won him a high rank among American writers, has enlisted in the navy as a yeoman. He is assigned to duty on the battleship Alabama and will see service in the West Indies and the Philippines. A very unusual fact about this enlistment is the circumstance that the new yeoman on the Alabama entered the navy at the personal solicitation of the president of the United States. Mr. Roosevelt has read Mr. Connolly's stories. It is well



JAMES B. CONNOLLY.

known that he takes a great interest in the navy, having written much on the subject himself and having been assistant secretary of the navy department. It is said the president has an idea that it would much increase the pride of the American people in the sea fighting branch of the government service if Mr. Connolly were to write about the nation's ships of war as entertainingly as he has written about the peaceful fishing fleets that sail out of Gloucester to the famed Grand Banks. With President Roosevelt to conceive an idea is to put it in execution at once; hence Mr. Connolly's enlistment and his assignment to the Alabama, with a private cabin and a special typewriter. There is precedent for such an enlistment, for Rudyard Kipling went to sea on a British cruiser during the maneuvers of the English navy to get material for his "Fleet in Being." A yeoman is supposed to keep books, but it is not believed Connolly will spend all his time adding up accounts.

Like Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Connolly is a Harvard man, and he first came to notice as an athlete, having been a member of the famous all American team which took part in the Olympic games of 1893. His love of the sea comes by inheritance, as he is the son of a New England skipper and was brought up in the neighborhood of Gloucester, whence come the quaint characters that figure in his tales.

If a cat spelled dog and cow And horse and mouse and heaven, If two plus two made six and nine And twelve and eighty-seven, If "see the man" was all there was To learn inside my reader, No box would be as big as I: In school I'd be the leader. If school took up at nine and then Let out in an hour or less, If half of this was singing songs And the other half recess, If all the days were holidays "Cept Christmas and Thanksgiving, I'd know what people mean who talk About the joy of living. —Ellis O. Jones in St. Nicholas

What Ails You?

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When broiling fish add an onion to the water and sweet herbs tied in a piece of muslin. This is a French cook's suggestion and very tasty.

Slices of fried bread or ordinary toast spread with anchovy paste are delicious if covered with scrambled eggs. This is a very nice supper dish.

When making cake beat your eggs thoroughly and mix in the last thing before baking. One well beaten egg will go as far as two badly beaten ones.

Persons who have been brought up on dried figs feel disappointed that fresh figs are not sweeter and resemble melons more than figs. Fresh figs have to be peeled and are usually eaten with cream.

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