

### Brief Snapshots At Folk In the Public Eye.



JAY GOULD.

THE Gould family has been very much in the public eye of late. Some members have been conspicuous for one thing and some for another. Some have been winning honors and some merely notoriety. Jay Gould, son of George J. Gould and grandson of the late railroad king whose name he bears, has set out to make his mark as a tennis player. Some day or other he may make his mark in the world of business, but at present the world of sport is that in which he aims to shine. His latest achievement is winning the title of amateur champion in court tennis from the Britons. That was rather cruel on Mr. Gould's part, because the sport is one in which the British have always claimed to beat the world. Young Gould's chief opponent and the player from whom he won the championship was Eustace Miles. He is a vegetarian, and it was in allusion to this in connection with the battle over tennis that Punch perpetrated the following lines:

A wonderful athlete called Miles  
Coated cabbage in forty-four styles.  
The result of this fact  
Was exceedingly bad,  
Jay Gould has a corner in smiles.

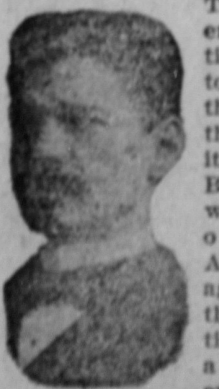
At the crucial point in the contest with Miles Gould's racket wrist went back on him. Twice it took a cramp and play had to be stopped while it was massaged. At this time Gould played as if his very life depended on every stroke of his racket. His doggedness—the "sand" which made his grandfather such a dominant figure in his lifetime—kept the young player going even after he had used up all his boyish store of vitality.

In the house of George Gould are domestic peace and tranquility. Miss Helen Gould, never having married, is not troubled over the question of how to manage a husband. The domestic affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould have not protruded into the public gaze. But Anna and Howard and Frank have all had reason to think favorably of the "trial marriage" idea. Anna won the title of countess, but at the price of much unhappiness and finally a resort to the divorce court. Howard and his wife, who was the actress, Katherine Clemons, have frequently quarreled and are at present seeking freedom from each other. And now the quarrels of Frank and his wife have become public property. In the latter case the husband says it is another instance of too much mother-in-law. Indeed, both Mr. and Mrs. Gould have denied that there has been any serious quarrel between them, and Mrs. Gould remarked: "Whatever trouble we have had has been caused in a measure by my mother's quick temper. She does and says a lot of things she doesn't mean."

Mrs. Gould was Miss Helen Kelly of New York and was quite popular in society. She married Mr. Gould five years ago. She is tall and slender, with golden brown hair. Her mother, Mrs. Edward Kelly, in speaking of the incident, said: "This was not a case of 'too much mother-in-law.' It was a case of a loving mother trying to save her daughter from a broken heart."

The witty Bishop Stanford Olmsted of Colorado at a dinner in Denver said apropos of Sabbath breaking: "I was talking to an eastern clergyman the other day about his church attendance. 'I suppose,' I said, 'that in your district rain affects the attendance considerably?' 'He smiled faintly. 'Indeed, yes,' he said. 'I hardly have a vacant seat when it is too wet for golf or motoring.'"

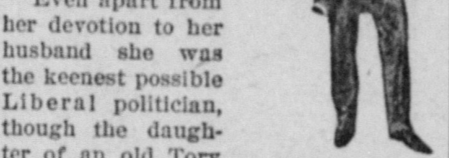
Dr. Louis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald, who was recently decorated by the emperor of Japan, accomplished much through his journal for the relief of the starving Japanese in the famine of a year ago. He is now engaged in similar work in behalf of the famine stricken Chinese.



DR. LOUIS KLOPSCH.

death of the elder Talmage Editor Klopsch has supervised the publication of the sermons of his son, Rev. Dr. F. De Witt Talmage. Dr. Klopsch is a native of Germany and came to this country in early childhood.

Sir Edward Grey, who has been put up by the present Liberal government in England to defend one of its principal measures, the army bill, is one of the leading figures in parliament. It is predicted that he will some day be premier. He has been in parliament since he was twenty-three, and at thirty he was Gladstone's undersecretary for foreign affairs. He was greatly assisted in his political career by his wife, who died about a year ago. In an article about Lady Grey written at the time of her death the writer stated: "Even apart from her devotion to her husband she was the keenest possible Liberal politician, though the daughter of an old Tory squire, Major S. F. Widdrington, whose ancestor is mentioned in the 'Ballad of Chevy Chase,' and her personal popularity in the border county was responsible for much of its Liberalism. For Sir Edward she worked incessantly and brilliantly, from his first political campaign, two months after his marriage in 1885, down to the late battle, from whose triumph she has been so tragically called away. Lady Grey had a large desk at Ffoloden devoted to political papers, answered many of Sir Edward's letters and throughout his five campaigns frequently took notes at his opponents' meetings of points in the speeches which she thought needed reply."



SIR EDWARD GREY IN PARLIAMENT.

Former Senator Chandler's statement that a movement is on foot among Christian Scientists to retire Mrs. Edgely from the headship of the sect and put in her place Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson has called attention to the career of that lady. She was formerly first reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientists, New York, and has been called high priestess of Christian Science in that city. The church of which she was head recently erected a new edifice at a cost of about \$1,000,000. Mrs. Stetson while its first reader, or pastor, enjoyed a salary of \$5,000. She is head of the Christian Science Institute in New York. After her retirement as first reader in the First church she remained a member of the board of trustees and the most influential person in the organization. There was a movement about two years ago to displace her leadership, but it did not succeed.

Dr. R. D. Evans, one of the experts in the Thaw trial, was criticizing at a physicians' dinner the browbeating method of cross examination that the courts permit. "But my criticism," Dr. Evans ended, "has been feeble, and what good is feeble criticism? The critic, to score, must be epigrammatic, unexpected, humorous. Thus, in my native Bridge-town, a candidate for congress spoke at a mass meeting, and afterward a politician asked an old farmer what he thought of the speech. "'Waal, I dunno,' said the old man soberly, 'but I think six hours' rain would 'a' done us a lot more good.'"

The subject of equal pay for men and women who teach in the public schools has been a good deal under discussion of late. Sometimes even the male teachers do not receive very high salaries. Senator Isidor Rayner of Maryland is one of those who believe that the educators of the land are none too well paid. At a reception not long ago he told a story about a teachers' meeting in a district where the salaries were extremely low. "A rich, portly banker opened the meeting with an address," he said. "The banker concluded his remarks with an enthusiastic gesture and the words: "'Long live our schoolteachers!' "What on?" shouted a thin, pale, seedy man in a black coat slightly smeared with chalk marks."

Curve Pitching. Curve pitching is not a new feature of baseball by any means, yet many veteran "fans" well remember the days when the man who talked about making a ball curve would have been locked up in the town calaboose with iron pills chained to his ankles. Baseball historians aver that curve pitching came into vogue in the early seventies in some localities, and in spite of the length of time that has elapsed since that period, in which the development of curves has been diligently pursued, it is the opinion of expert observers that there are many mysteries and possibilities that are as yet unsolved and inexhausted.

Even in Death. Roberts—Poor Williams died and left a wife and three children. Jones—That's nothing. He was too mean to take them anywhere when he was living.—New York Life.

Governor Frank Frantz and an Oklahoma mill and elevator.

Matter of Orthography. Lola—I told mamma this morning that the sun affected my eyes. Grace—What did she say? Lola—She asked whose son I had reference to.—Chicago News.

The Wily Fox. A story is related in Bailey's Magazine of a rector of a parish not far from Oxford, who as he was walking across some fields heard the cry of hounds. The pack ran into an adjacent field, and presently a fox came toward the clergyman and trotted along by his side as a dog would do. The huntsman, looking about, saw nothing but the rector and what seemed to be his dog, and cast off in another direction. As soon as the coast was clear the fox gave a whisk of his brush and disappeared through the hedgerow.—St. James' Gazette.

### Oklahoma State And Her New Constitution.

THE newest thing in constitutions is the instrument adopted by the late constitutional convention of the proposed state of Oklahoma. In view of the political controversy over the question of its approval by the president it bids fair to become a much discussed document.

The friends of the new constitution declare it to be the best ever drafted by the people of any state. Its critics oppose some of its provisions, and in Republican quarters the claim has been made that it was so drawn as virtually to nullify important parts of the statehood enabling act passed by the last congress. It is also said that in the division of the state into legislative and congressional districts so much advantage has been given to the Democrats as to make it impossible for any other than that party to control the state. But while partisan bias may in some respects affect the view taken of the Oklahoma constitution it has many features which are likely to commend themselves to the public without distinction as to political creed. Among these are the provisions against child labor, those prohibiting the issuance of watered stocks and making the books of quasi-public corporations subject at all times to inspection, the employers' liability law, the eight hour law for state, county and municipal work and the provisions for stringent regulation of railroads and other large corporations.

The constitution contains several features that embody the latest ideas on the subject of government by the whole people—namely, the initiative and referendum and nomination of officers by direct primary instead of through the old party convention system. In fact, it is claimed by friends of the new instrument that Oklahoma has profited by the mistakes of the older states, avoided the bad features of the constitutions of other commonwealths, borrowed their good features and initiated some new methods that other states long to have, but are prevented by selfish interests from enjoying.

The act admitting Oklahoma to statehood which the last congress passed provided that before a state govern-



GOVERNOR FRANK FRANTZ AND AN OKLAHOMA MILL AND ELEVATOR.

ment could be instituted a constitutional convention should be held and the instrument adopted by it should be submitted to the president of the United States for his approval and to the people of the new state for ratification or rejection at the polls. The convention thus called for met at Guthrie and was in session for many weeks, adjourning in April. The draft finally agreed upon was adopted without a dissenting vote, but with twenty-seven of the eighty-five delegates present not voting. The convention was composed of ninety-eight Democrats, two independents and twelve Republicans. The constitution will go before the people of Oklahoma for approval or rejection, and the returns will be canvassed by the chief justice and secretary of the territory of Oklahoma and the senior judge of the United States court of appeals for Indian Territory. They will certify the result of the vote to the president, and if favorable—provided also that he finds nothing in the constitution inconsistent with a republican form of government—he will issue a proclamation declaring the result, and Oklahoma will thereupon be considered admitted into the sisterhood of states. In the meantime the existing authorities in Indian Territory and Oklahoma will hold their posts, including the governor of Oklahoma, Captain Frank Frantz, who was appointed by President Roosevelt.

There are about 45,000 words in the new constitution, which is about 30,000 words more than the average. This unusual length is in part explained by the fact that about one-third of the document is taken up with fixing county boundaries, another large section is devoted to defining how the question of prohibition shall be submitted to the vote of the people of different localities, while still another long section contains provisions as to putting in operation the principle of the initiative and referendum. It is stated to be the first time that the ideas underlying this principle have been so fully written into the constitution of an American commonwealth.

The accompanying engraving shows a mill and elevator plant at Oklahoma City, the largest plant of the kind in the southwest.

Expert. "Your daughter is a skillful performer on the piano, is she not?" "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "The way she can play for hours without getting an earache or a sprained wrist proves to me that she's uncommonly expert."—Washington Star.

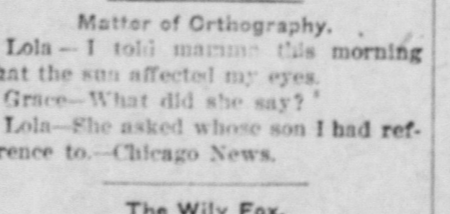
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