

Celebrities

Short Stories About Miss Cora Peabody, Senator Beveridge and His Fiancee, Professor Maurice F. Egan, Presidents Taylor and Wilson and Others.



MISS CORA PEABODY.

ONE of the most interesting incidents of the Haywood trial at Boise, Ida., was the appearance on the stand of Miss Cora Peabody, a second daughter of ex-Governor Peabody of Colorado. There were several occasions during the period when attempts on the governor's life were made that Miss Peabody herself was in danger of being killed. Harry Orchard told in his story of how he and Steve Adams lay in wait one night at the door of the governor's residence to shoot him. They had their guns in readiness for the act when a carriage drove up, from which they supposed Mr. Peabody would alight. Instead of the governor, his wife and two daughters left it and then entered their home. Miss Peabody when she took the stand said that it was on a night in the early part of 1904 that the incident occurred and that she and her mother and sister had been to the theater. When the carriage in which they rode drove up to the door of their home they got out and encountered two men who were almost at the door of the residence. "One was so close that I could have touched him," declared Miss Peabody. "The men ran away. She and her mother and sister watched them and then telephoned to a detective agency.

Miss Peabody was also in court when the bomb intended for her father's murder was introduced. She gazed upon the infernal machine with no little interest.

One part of Orchard's story told how he tried to kill the governor when he sat at a window of his home and was prevented because of the nearness of his wife and daughter.

Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana, who has gone to Germany to study the working of the inheritance tax in that country, is a widower, and it was recently reported that he would shortly marry a Chicago young lady.

She is Miss Katherine Eddy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Eddy and sister of Spencer Eddy, now first secretary of embassy at Berlin. She is a niece of the Chicago social leader, Mrs. Marshall Field, and is also related by marriage to another wealthy house, the Spreckels family. The Eddys have money too. When her brother was secretary of legation at Paris under Ambassador Porter she practically made her home in that center of fashion. She is a college bred woman, and her residence abroad and acquaintance among diplomats of different nations have resulted in her becoming a very accomplished linguist. She is quite ambitious socially, and her friends guess that she would like some day to be first lady of the land. Senator Beveridge was married twenty years ago, when he was twenty-five, to Miss Katherine Maud Lansdale. She died seven years ago. He was a most devoted husband and for a long time seemed inconsolable at the loss of wife and home.

He often said to intimates that his success in public affairs seemed to give him no satisfaction, since he had no family with which to share his prosperity.

The senator has the reputation of being very industrious and energetic, and his fertility of resource has helped him through many a tight spot. In his college days he worked for a time as a book agent, and he never tires of telling how he made it possible for his parents to wear gold rimmed spectacles and for the younger children to go to school because of his success in forcing the people of Indiana to buy his book.

"It was a religious work," said the senator once in the senate restaurant, "and it was called 'Error's Chain.' I believe its object was to show that all religions except the Christian religion have fallen when assaulted. I was so successful in placing 'Error's Chain' on the parlor tables of Indiana during my first season as a book agent that the publishers desired to avail themselves of my services during the next vacation. I was made a state agent, and I selected Iowa as the best field of operation. Then I chose about fifty of the students at Greencastle as canvassers and we went to Iowa in a private car. When school opened up that fall I do not believe there was a family in the entire state of Iowa that had not been given an opportunity to secure a copy of 'Error's Chain.'"

When Mr. Beveridge got this far in his story Senator Allison of Iowa interrupted him and in his fatherly way asked, "Beveridge, are you the person



MISS KATHERINE EDDY.



ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE.

who is responsible for the circulation of 'Error's Chain' in Iowa?"

"I guess I will have to plead guilty," answered the Indiana man.

"Then just step out in the hall where we won't break any dishes. My wife has been holding up that book in my face for the last twenty years, and I have always vowed I would get even with the man who sold it to her."

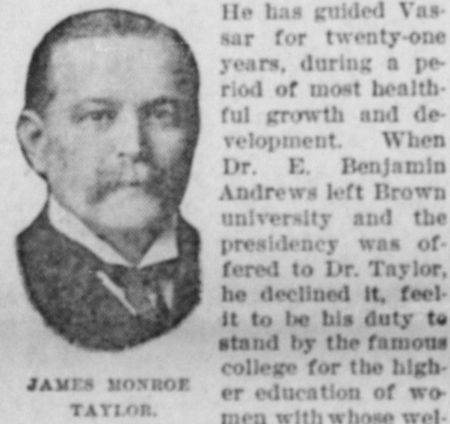
Once more literature and diplomacy are united in the appointment of Professor Maurice F. Egan to succeed Thomas J. O'Brien as United States minister to Denmark. He is novelist, poet and essayist as well as educator and for some years past has been on intimate terms with President Roosevelt. He is an authority on the subject of the ancient Irish language and literature, and it is said that Mr. Roosevelt is indebted to him for a good deal of the knowledge the latter has gained in this field. The story is told that when Mr. Roosevelt was going on a vacation trip two or three years ago he chanced to make an inquiry of Professor Egan relating to the Gaelic sagas. When he entered his car a few days later to start on his journey, he found it stocked with books on the subject. They were sent by Professor Egan and they kept him busy during his trip and led to his writing the article published in the Century Magazine not long ago on the topic.

Professor Egan is fifty-five years of age, is a native of Philadelphia and obtained his education at Linsale college and Georgetown university, District of Columbia. He was for some years professor of English literature in Notre Dame university in Indiana and now holds a like position in the Catholic university at Washington. He is the author of "A Garden of Roses," "Jack Chumleigh," "A Marriage of Reason," "Belinda's Cousins" and other works, and is one of the editors of "The World's Best Literature."

Vassar's senior class this year was the largest in the history of the institution, and it was a proud day for President James Monroe Taylor when he handed diplomas to 114 graduates at the recent commencement exercises.

He has guided Vassar for twenty-one years, during a period of most healthful growth and development. When Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews left Brown university and the presidency was offered to Dr. Taylor, he declined it, feeling it to be his duty to stand by the famous college for the higher education of women with whose welfare his name had become associated. Dr. Taylor is fifty-nine years of age and is a graduate of Rochester university. He has received honorary degrees from that and other institutions.

Some interesting statistics as to health and longevity among women college graduates were obtained in connection with graduation ceremonies at Vassar this year. Three of the four members of Vassar's first class, which was graduated forty years ago, are living today. When the class of '78 had been graduated twenty-five years, thirty-eight of the forty-two original members were living, and more than 50 per cent of them were at their reunion. The class of '82 had its twenty-fifth anniversary in June. Ninety per cent of the class are living and with one exception in a condition of health ranging from good to vigorous. The one who falls below this standard is nevertheless able to maintain herself as a self supporting woman.



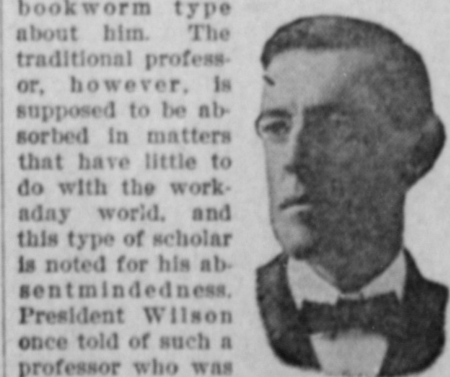
JAMES MONROE TAYLOR.

President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university, who is trying to abolish student clubs at that institution, is a very scholarly gentleman, but is also a man of affairs, polished, genial and up to date. There is nothing of the bookworm type about him. The traditional professor, however, is supposed to be absorbed in matters that have little to do with the workaday world, and this type of scholar is noted for his absentmindedness. President Wilson once told of such a professor who was an accomplished mathematician.

"He was so absentminded," said Dr. Wilson, "that once he walked along for a quarter of a mile in the gutter instead of on the sidewalk. He would have kept on in the gutter indefinitely had not the polished back of a brougham that was drawn up before a shop brought him to a halt.

"The mathematician stepped within a foot of the brougham. He looked at the black, smooth, lustrous surface before him, and it suggested to his mind a blackboard. Accordingly he drew a piece of chalk from his pocket, and he began to work out an abstruse problem.

"On and on he worked, covering the carriage with figures, till finally it started off. Still working, the mathematician followed it. He held on to the body with the left hand, and not till the pace became too quick for him did he realize that something was wrong. Then he sighed, looked about him in a dazed way, pocketed his chalk and departed homeward."



WOODROW WILSON.

Boise's Trial

Snapshots at Harry Orchard, the "Murder Machine"—Pinkerton Detective Charles A. Siringo and Lawyer Clarence S. Darrow, Who Is One of Haywood's Ablest Defenders.



HARRY ORCHARD.

TIME and again during the cross examination of Harry Orchard, chief witness for the state in the trial of W. D. Haywood for the murder of ex-governor Steunenberg of Idaho, Attorney Richardson tried to ruffle the temper of the witness or otherwise to confuse him so that he might make statements favorable to the policy of the defense. Orchard at no time showed the slightest confusion or anger. He continued telling his story and answering the most intimately searching questions without a sign of distress, chagrin, shame, resentment or fear. This was one of the most remarkable features of the case. Orchard's self possession amazed the acutest students of human nature.

There was, however, one point where Orchard showed feeling. That was when he was questioned as to his reasons for making his confession. His voice broke as he declared that through reading the Bible he had been brought to the belief that his soul would be saved if he would confess his crimes. He had been afraid to die, he said, because of his crimes, but after reading the Bible and receiving spiritual counsel he hoped for divine forgiveness, and this made it easy for him to confess everything. The more closely and faithfully he stuck to the truth the better would be his chances of salvation. He did not expect the forgiveness of men or hope to escape hanging.

George Kibbee Turner, a magazine writer, who spent two weeks with Or-



C. S. DARROW AND DETECTIVE SIRINGO.



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One of the interesting men connected with the Idaho case, who has been mentioned but little, is Charles A. Siringo, a Pinkerton detective, who was a member of Orchard's bodyguard on the trips to and from the courthouse and in the courtroom during the examination of the witness. Siringo is one of the older Pinkerton operatives. He has had a long and varied experience in the running down of criminals. He worked thirty years ago in the Molly Maguire cases in Pennsylvania with James McParland, the veteran detective, who induced Harry Orchard to confess.

An interesting fact in connection with the Idaho case is that both Governor Gooding, the present state executive, and Harry Orchard were originally British subjects. The governor is an Englishman, and Orchard is a Canadian. Orchard testified that Governor Gooding visited him often in prison, called him Harry, shook hands and—

"Assured you that you would not be punished?" Attorney Richardson asked, trying to make an important point for his side.

"He said nothing of the kind to me," said Orchard, "but he told me that I was doing a great thing for the state and the nation by telling all I knew."

Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago of counsel for the defense is a disciple of Count Tolstol. Four years ago Mr. Darrow published a book entitled "Rebel Not Evil," the argument of which fits the title. He contended that nations and individuals smitten on the right cheek should turn the left cheek to the smiter. Accordingly Mr. Darrow held that an individual should not be punished for a crime nor should a nation defend itself against attack by another nation.

Mr. Darrow has been prominent as an advocate in cases involving personal liberty. He is sometimes described as a Socialist.

One of the British railroads provides chess and checker outfits for its passengers.

The Spugen railway in Switzerland, starting at Coire, will have a length of fifty-two miles. The main tunnel through the Spugen will be seventeen miles in length, and its estimated cost is \$25,000,000.

The Southern Pacific railroad has thirteen new lines under construction, representing an expenditure of \$53,000,000. Five of the lines, comprising the principal part of the works, are in southern California.

Genoa and Milan are to be connected by an electric railroad eighty-five miles long, which is to cost \$47,000,000. The high cost is owing to the nature of the country through which the line will pass. It will require nineteen tunnels, one of which will be twelve miles long. There will be 372 bridges, and the road will be six years in course of construction. The cost of the line construction alone will be \$500,000 a mile.

TRAIN AND TRACK.

Wellesley college is one of the Massachusetts institutions that are protesting against the taxation of certain college property.

Instead of using a common towel in the washroom pupils of the Winchester school, New Haven, Conn., are provided with absorbent paper, thus reducing the danger of spreading disease to a minimum.

Beginning with the fall of 1909 every student who seeks to enter the college of medicine and surgery of the University of Michigan as a candidate for the M. D. degree must show a certificate that he has had two years' work, to include special scientific subjects, in the literary department of some first class college or university.

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL.

Frightened Actor—The leading lady is tearing her hair! Stage Manager—Well, what of it? It isn't her hair—Detroit Free Press.

"MARSE HENRY'S" IDEAS.

Guessing About Colonel Watterson's Candidate For President.

Colonel Henry Watterson, who got back from a European trip not long ago, has been keeping the public guessing about the candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination he says he has up his sleeve. Speculation as to who this candidate may be has been successfully baffled up to date. The rhetorical powers possessed by "Marse Henry" make him popular as a speaker at the commencement season, and he was called on to deliver the address to the graduates of Indiana university at Bloomington, Ind. While waiting to go on the platform to make this address he gave an interview to a report-



HENRY WATTERSON.

er of the Indianapolis Star, describing the picture of his candidate in the following terms:

My candidate does not live east of the Alleghenies south of the Potomac.

He is a young man, but he has won his political spurs. He has demonstrated his wonderful vote getting powers at the polls. He is a man of the people—the common people.

He is like Abraham Lincoln, but has won more honors than Lincoln had up to the time he was nominated for president. He would be acceptable to every faction in the Democratic party.

On publication of this puzzle picture the Star obtained guesses from Democrats all over the country and especially in the middle west as to the identity of Colonel Watterson's candidate. Some guessed Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, others Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota and still others Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland and ex-Governor David R. Francis of Missouri.

Colonel Watterson, who was sixty-seven in February last, is as vigorous physically and mentally as ever. His hair and beard have whitened, but he shows no trace of baldness. He still holds to the little dab of whiskers on his lower lip that has become so familiar as a part of his facial appearance. Though Colonel Watterson served in the Confederate army, he has stood since the civil war for a policy of conciliation between the once warring sections. Is a strong admirer of the character of Abraham Lincoln and has written a life of the great emancipator which is considered one of the best works on the subject.

"Splitting" a bank note consists of dividing the bill in two so that one-half consists of the face of the bill and the other half of the back only. This sounds like an impossible feat, but secret service officers say that it can be done, although the method is a government secret.

A ship, the Ada Iredale, caught fire some years ago in the south Pacific ocean 2,000 miles from the Marquesas Islands and was abandoned. The derelict, still burning, was picked up near Tahiti, 2,250 miles away, and towed into port. It continued smoldering for ten months.

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