

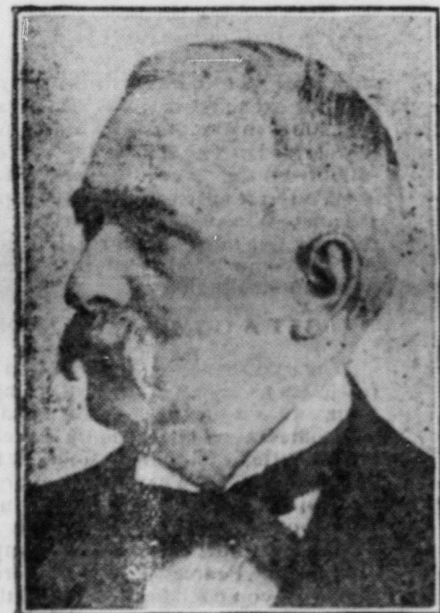
The Big War of The Politicians

Some Figures in the Strife For the Presidency—Haskell and Foraker—Otto Foelker—George Ade's Farm.



THE three cornered controversy precipitated by Mr. William R. Hearst in charging Senator Joseph Benson Foraker and Governor Charles N. Haskell with Standard Oil affiliations has come pretty near occupying the center of the political stage. Governor Haskell is identified with the public mind, but he used to reside in Ohio, and Mr. Hearst charges that he tried to influence legislation and officials in the Buckeye State in favor of the oil monopoly. This Mr. Haskell strenuously denies, as well as Mr. Hearst's other charges as to his acts favoring Standard interests since becoming executive of Oklahoma. Mr. Haskell's position as treasurer of the Democratic national committee has caused exceptional interest to be taken in Mr. Hearst's allegations and the Oklahoma governor's positive contradiction of them. It has been said of Governor Haskell that he "was born in a home of direct poverty, cradled in the lap of adversity and educated in the school of bitter experience." He was born in Putnam county, O., in 1860 and got his first experience in politics as a member of the legislature of the Buckeye State, and he once aspired to be its governor. When he removed to Oklahoma he made up his mind to become its executive, and his rise to influence in Democratic councils brought him the honor as soon as statehood, for which he was a most efficient worker, was realized.

Senator Foraker has long been known for his eloquence, and his magnetic delivery won him many admirers in days gone by. His championship of



SENATOR JOSEPH BENSON FORAKER.

the negro soldiers in the celebrated Brownsville case recalls a story he told in illustration of the folly of hasty verdicts, such as those rendered in the court of Judge Lynch. It was a story of a seaside hotel. Passersby heard a male voice cry:

"Oh, you're killing me! Have you no pity?"

Then followed a series of awful groans. Then:

"Stop! You are murdering me! I'm dying."

For a little while the crowd outside heard feeble groans and moans. Then a wild shriek rang forth.

"Murder! You've done it at last. You've killed me. Oh, I'm dying."

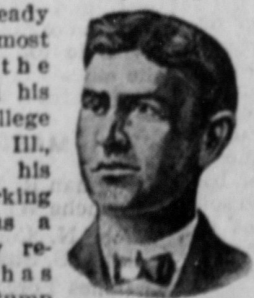
"What deed is going on in there?" called a member of the throng outside who had been stirred to activity.

There was a smothered laugh within, the door was opened instantly and a young and pretty woman appeared.

"Did the noise alarm you?" she said.

"I've just been peeling off the shirt from my husband's sunburned arms."

Lawrence B. Stringer, who will be chosen United States senator from Illinois should the Democrats control the next legislature, was his party's candidate for governor of Illinois four years ago. His rise in the party recalls that of Stephen A. Douglas in rapidity, for he is but forty-two years old and is already one of the foremost Democrats of the west. He paid his way through college at Lincoln, Ill., which is still his home, by working at the case as a printer and by reporting. He has been on the stump since he was in his nineteenth year. At twenty-three he was elected to the assembly. In his second term he was at the head of the education committee. He was in the United States pension agency in Chicago from 1863 to 1878 and read law at night while there, being admitted to the bar in 1878. He was a member of the state senate for four years and was the recognized leader of his party that body. Mr. Stringer is scholarly in his tastes, is of tireless industry and is eloquent of speech. He married



L. B. STRINGER.

In 1890 Miss Helen Pegrum of Lincoln. While in the Illinois assembly Mr. Stringer was one of the famous "101" who for eight weeks stood by the late General John M. Palmer in his fight for the United States senate.

The nomination of Otto G. Foelker for congress by the Republicans of the Third district of New York state is the sequel to an exciting incident which attracted the attention of the country during the fight in the New York legislature last summer over the anti-gambling bills advocated by Governor Hughes. Mr. Foelker is the senator who saved the day for the bills whose passage was so much desired by the executive of the commonwealth, and he risked his life in so doing. He had just been through an operation for appendicitis. His physician said he took his life in his hands by making the journey to Albany to vote for the measures whose enactment into law put the gamblers at the race tracks out of business. He had to be helped into the senate chamber and to be supported in his chair while the debate was in progress and until his name was reached on the roll call. Every one knew that the fate of the bills depended on his being able to remain in his place long enough to vote for them. The incident attracted such general interest that the whole community might be said to have watched while he voted. His heroic conduct in endangering his life to perform what he believed to be public duty excited general admiration and won the special endorsement of President Roosevelt, who is said to have been convinced that a man so plucky in sticking to his post in the face of illness would be a good man to have at Washington to fight for Republican policies.

Senator Foelker is a resident of Brooklyn borough and was born in 1875 at Troy, N. Y. He learned the trade of a baker, but his ambition led him to study law, which he read at first in the evenings after his day's labor at his trade. Later he studied at the New York Law school. He was chosen to the New York assembly in 1904 and to the senate in 1906.

In passing through Indiana on his tour of the middle west Judge Taft did not resist the temptation to visit his friend George Ade, the humorist and his celebrated farm. Mr. Ade has, like many other Hoosiers, been successful in mixing literature and politics. His farm at Brook is a possession in which he takes great pride. Many stories have been told about it, and some of them have been characterized as a trifle exaggerated. Mr. Ade's desire to have everything up to date on his farm has led him to introduce all kinds of modern improvements. One of the author's friends in the exuberance of his enthusiasm over the innovations described the farm as follows:

"All the fences on the farm are of radium. This obviates the necessity of any lighting apparatus whatever on the roads, for visitors drive between lines of light. And all the crops are grown by artificial light. Electric lights dot all the fields, and on dark, foggy nights the Ade farm throws up a glow from its 8,700 acres like that over a great city. Some of the corn grows so fast under this light that it has to be cut back every morning, and the ears on this corn have no cob. They are solid kernels from one side to the other."

"Nor does this crop fear frost or cold spells to retard growth. Between the rows run electric heaters, and the crops go right along night and day."

"There is an automobile machine, which strips the various products from tree, stalk, vine and ground. As they go up into the machine each is washed, peeled or cut, and the olives from the trees are pressed. Vinegar is carried on the machine, with little spice boxes, and the salad is made while the machine is running and shot out in separate portions through the dining room window at the end of the run, so that the guests at the playright's house have their salads never later than seventy-five seconds from the gathering of the constituents. If necessary, the onion digger can be switched off."

Safety of the People.
A western representative in congress tells a story of an Irishman in his district of high financial standing in the community by reason of his astute business mind, but who had little or no education. As the Irishman had been a generous contributor to the campaign fund one year certain of his colleagues on the committee thought it would "tickle the old man" to pay him the compliment of proposing his name for the chairmanship of such committee. They little thought he would accept the honor, but he did. When he had taken up the gavel the Irishman made the following speech:

"Friends and gentlemen of the convention, I offer ye me heartiest congratulations upon yure choice of chairman. All of ye may rist assured that so long as the bullock of the poplaxion constitutes the masses of the people there'll be no danger from the privileged few. The conviction will now proceed to the consideration of its business."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

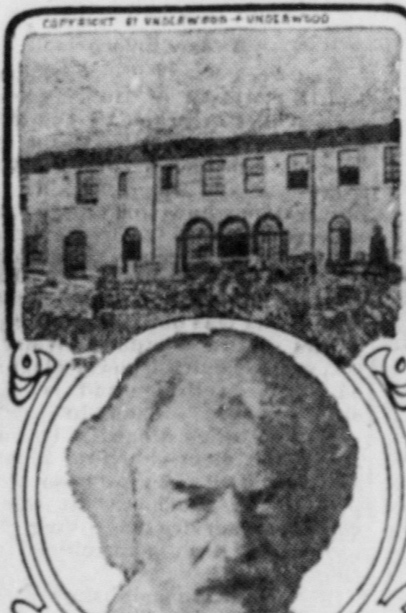
Lively Times For Mark Twain

His Move to a New Home and His Visitation by Burglars—The Laugh on the Thieves.

THESE are lively times for Samuel L. Clemens, or, as he is generally called, Mark Twain. He has been moving, the newspapers have been printing reports that his daughter, Miss Clara Clemens, is to be married and, last, but not least, he has had a visit from burglars. Most people would find it difficult to maintain a serene frame of mind under such circumstances, especially after a visitation from housebreakers and the theft of several hundred dollars' worth of silverware. Not so our old friend Mark. It is a serious situation, indeed, in which he cannot see a joke. After the departure of the thieves with a bag of articles purloined from the dining room he expressed his regret that they had not seen fit to call on him while visiting his new and beautiful Italian villa, as he would have been pleased to have them sample his old Scotch whisky, a bottle of which stood by his bedside at that very time. Mr. Clemens, who claims to be a special friend of burglars, there being so many literary thieves in his own profession, consoled himself for the slight inflicted upon him by the swift fingered gentry who went away without paying their respects by posting on the front door of the villa a guide for future visitors of that kind, which read as follows:

Notice to the Next Burglar:
There is nothing but plated ware in this house now and henceforth. You will find it in that brass thing in the dining room over the corner by the basket of kittens. If you want the basket, put the kittens in the brass thing. Do not make a noise. It disturbs the family. You will find rubbers in the front hall by that thing which has the umbrellas in it—chiffonier I think they call it or pergozia or something like that. Please close the door. Yours truly,
S. L. CLEMENS.

It takes a pretty good man to get the best of a humorist like Mark Twain. To begin with, he had prepared for just such unexpected guests as those who by prying open a window entered his dining room recently without his permission. He left his most



MARK TWAIN AND HIS NEW HOME AT REDDING, CONN.

valuable silverware in a safe deposit vault in New York when he moved from his home in Fifth avenue to his villa at Redding, Conn. The burglars got about \$300 worth of booty, but everything was finally recovered, as they were captured by the humorist's neighbors, led by Sheriff Banks and Harry Lounsbury. Mr. Clemens really

lost nothing through the visitation, while he gained considerably. He added to his experience, that of knowing how it feels to have one's house robbed and learned how to take everything calmly while others are telephoning, scurrying round the country, shooting off firearms and getting into a mizup generally. For there was a lot of fighting before the invaders of Mr. Clemens' home gave up and acknowledged that they were "all in." One of the burglars got the contents of the sheriff's pistol, while the sheriff himself got nipped by a bullet from the revolver of the thief during the battle on the train, which the robbers had taken in the hope of escaping to New York with their plunder.

There is a warning to all foolish and dishonest intruders in the name which Mr. Clemens has given to the home he has built for himself among the Connecticut hills. He calls it "Innocents at Home" in loving and respectful memory of his "Innocents Abroad." But any one who presumes upon this name to violate the privacy of the author's home or in any way to impose upon his supposed "innocence" and good nature will be likely to depart a sadder and a wiser man.

Innocents at Home has become the show place of the village of Redding. It is in the Tuscan style and is a replica of the villa in which the author lived at La Quercia. It is finished in stucco, with a green sloping roof and cornices of stained cypress. The loggia wing is tiled, and in it are many valuable antiques from Italy and a rare piece of Byzantine work bought by Mr. Clemens in Venice. The author is very thankful that the burglars did not steal the house, for this would have been much more difficult to recover than the silverware.

"Mr. Funny Looking."
This queer looking man can be made the cause of lots of fun if he is put together correctly. To make him get a piece of cardboard 10 by 7 inches. Fasten the outer edges together with mullage. Then make two holes in the sides wherein to stick two cardboard arms, with hands on the ends. These arms and hands are first drawn



on the cardboard and then cut out. Now draw a comical face on the cylindrical part and cover the bottom of the cardboard cylinder with a round piece of muslin, gluing it on securely. Drop a big marble or small ball into the inside and place the funny manikin on a slightly slanting table. The marble rolling about will make "Mr. Funny Looking" a ridiculous object.—Philadelphia Ledger.
Many a man's eyes have been closed by too many eye openers.

Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom.—Coleridge.

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WRIT IN PARTITION.

To the heirs and legal representatives of Catherine Garber, late of Miles township, deceased.
Take notice that in pursuance of an order of the Orphans Court of Centre County, Pa., a writ of partition has been issued from said Court to the Sheriff of Centre County, returnable the 1st Monday of November next, and that an inquiry will be held for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent on Monday the 12th day of October 1908 at 10:30 A. M. at which time and place you can be present if you see proper. John Garber, Butler, Pa.; William J. Garber, New York City; Katie Crouse, William Crouse, Ella Esterly (nee Crouse) and Frank Esterly, Butler, Pa. All that certain message, tenement or tract of land situated in the Boro, of Bellefonte, Centre county and State of Penna., bounded and described as follows to wit:—On the east by South Spring street, on the North by lot of Catherine Dolan, on the west by an alley and on the South by the Boro line, thereon erected a dwelling house and other outbuildings, being the same premises which E. Charles Magill et ux by deed dated February 26th, 1886, and recorded in Centre County the 2nd day of July 1891, in deed book 64, at page 262, granted and conveyed unto the said Catherine Garber, and that no disposition has ever been made to and among the heirs of the said Catherine Garber, deceased.
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