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A TOAST.

Here's to a pair of sunny eyes
That laugh as I live by.
Yet, when I try to look in them,
Hide behind lashes shy,
But, ah, they're bluish! I saw them steal
Their blue from yonder sky.

Here's to a pair of tiny ears
As rich as any gem
Or like the lining of a shell,
But what do you suppose?
They study my secret yesterday;
Now, everybody knows.

Here's to a pair of cherry lips
That smile in rapture give,
Then when I come so softly post,
But, oh, so temptingly
They, too, are thieves, for, do you know,
They stole a kiss from me.

—Boston Transcript.

SLIPS OF THE PEN.

Queer Errors Perpetrated by Authors Who Know Better.

When Mr. Anthony Trollope pictured Andy Scott as "coming whistling up the street with a cigar in his mouth," he not only proved that he had never made personal experiment of the double feat of smoking a cigar and whistling a tune, but he was unconsciously following in the steps of still greater writers who made their heroes do amazing and impossible things.

Those who remember their Robinson Crusoe may recall a most wonderful feat of this hero of childhood. When he decided to abandon the wreck and try to swim ashore, he took the precaution to remove all his clothes, and yet by some strange magic, of which the secret has been lost, the author makes him, when in this condition of nature, fill his pockets with biscuits.

The great Shakespeare himself had a peculiar facility for making the impossible happen in his plays. One of the most remarkable of these feats occurs in the fifth act of "Othello," when Desdemona, after she has been duly smothered by the Moor, comes to life again and enters into conversation quite rationally, even inventing a generous falsehood to shield him from the consequences of his crime before she decides to die. The probability of a person recovering consciousness and speech after being smothered and of dying after performing such a feat scarcely needs pointing out.

Shakespeare, too, had a trick of introducing the most glaring anachronisms—no glaring, in fact, that there is rarer than a suspicion that they must have been introduced conscientiously for some unknown reason.

For instance, he makes a clock strike in ancient Rome at a time more than a thousand years before clocks were invented, when such an event would certainly have been the signal of wonder of the world.

Quite regardless of the evidence of geography, he transports Bohemia to the seas, and he introduces a printing press long before the days of Gutenberg. He calmly introduces a billiard table into Cleopatra's palace and makes common familiar to King John and his barons.

Thereafter was no more need to Shakespeare in vagaries of this kind, but in his case they appear to have been the result of pure carelessness and forgetfulness. The most flagrant case perhaps is where, after carrying Lady Kew and effecting her escape from the story, he brings her to life again to help him out with his plot, and in other cases his capacity for mixing up the names of his characters is as confusing as it is wonderful.

Emile Zola, in spite of his carelessness, makes the astonishing statement in one of his novels ("L'oeuvre") that the deaf and dumb recovered their hearing and sight, an event which saves very much

of the miraculous. The moon has innocently been the cause of much blundering on the part of authors. Wilkie Collins in some mysterious fashion made it rise on one important occasion in the vest. Riber Haggard, in "King Solomon's Mines," described an eclipse of the new moon for the benefit of his readers, and Coleridge ingeniously places a star between the horns of the crescent moon as she rises in the east.—Tit-Bits.

SALT WORKERS OF CADIZ.

Curious Ways of a Strange Class in That City.

A considerable part of the province of Cadiz, in Spain, is low, marshy ground, unfit for cultivation. Nevertheless it is turned to good account by being utilized for the production of salt by evaporation. This is one of the most extensive industries and sources of revenue in the province. It gives employment to thousands of workmen and makes Cadiz an important seaport, as more than two-thirds of the 400,000 tons annually produced is exported to foreign lands.

The pans are dug out in the muddy soil. They vary in size, but are of a uniform depth of ten inches. All the salt producing land is intersected with innumerable small canals. From June to September is the season for salt production. During this period from three to four harvests are gathered.

The salt workers form a distinct class of workmen. One generation follows another. They are born and bred to it and form one huge family. No outsider need dream of getting work there.

It is a curious sight to see the men at work and the way they get about. The business requires considerable skill. The soil is muddy and is almost a quicksand. Any person unacquainted with the work setting foot on a salt pan would be drawn down and swallowed up in a very few minutes. The way the salt workers get about this dangerous ground, one leg at a time, barely resting the toes and knee on the mud, is an art in itself.

All the work is done in the most primitive fashion, and it is useless to attempt to introduce innovations. The men will not tolerate new methods. In making sluices for the passage of water from pan to pan and from the larger canals they cannot be induced to use any other implement than their toes.

The salt, as it is collected, is piled up into pyramids about 30 feet square at the base and rising to a height of about 50 feet, and for at least 20 miles before reaching Cadiz and traveling by rail the traveler is struck by the sight of hundreds and hundreds of these pyramids wherever the eye can reach. At night the pyramids are illuminated and are a scene of once fantastic and imposing.

The whole of the salt business is in the hands of the salt workers, from the gathering of the salt to the putting of it into the holds of the ships. Deck laborers and harbor men who do all other kinds of loading or unloading are excluded. The salt workers have their own special craft for carrying the salt from the pans to the harbor.

The process of salt loading is curious. The ships' holds are lined with matting, and as soon as the ship is ready to take in salt the craft come alongside laden to the gunwale. A sheet of canvas is then put down from the ship's hold to the small craft alongside, and the men, with their special wooden shovels, start throwing up salt. Naturally a ship of 300 to 400 tons in ballast is very high out of the water, and to see the men at work would give one the impression that as much salt falls back as is being thrown up. Nevertheless the ship is laden in an incredibly short time and ready for sea, notwithstanding this primitive and apparently absurd process of loading.

HARMONY NOW REIGNS

Republican Organization of Pennsylvania Never in Better Shape.

A CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE

Conditions Today Contrasted With the Bitter Factional Fighting Under the Hastings Regime, With the Two Big Cities Arrayed Against the Country.

(Special Correspondence.)
Harrisburg, Jan. 28.—Since the dinner given by Senator Quay to the Pennsylvania congressional delegation there has been more or less comment on the remarkable feelings of personal regard for the veteran leader existing among the influential men of all parties. It is held by many of the best posted newspaper correspondents in Washington that there is no more popular man with his colleagues in the United States senate, without regard to political associations or affiliations.

A most significant feature of the recent gathering at Senator Quay's hospitable board was the fact that with one exception, every member of congress from the Keystone State was present, and Democrats and Republicans alike esteemed it an honor to be a guest of this distinguished party leader. The one member of the house who was not on hand sent regrets as he had a previous engagement to dine with the family of a cabinet officer.

This coming together at the home of Senator Quay of representatives of the several sections of this commonwealth emphasized a condition of harmony within the Republican organization of Pennsylvania, such as has not existed before for many years.

ACHESON WANTS TO GET IN.

Even the irrepresible Congressman Acheson, who has been a rank insurgent in Pennsylvania politics during the last four or five years, was present at the Quay dinner. Naturally some of the old line stalwarts were surprised to see him there, but they were more than surprised when later on in the evening they saw Senator Quay and Congressman Acheson get off together in a corner of the dining hall for a long chat.

"There is something on the carpet," remarked one of the party, and from all that has been heard since the dinner there must surely be "something doing."

It would appear that Congressman Acheson is anxious to renew his standing in the ranks of the regulars and that it is quite probable that before many weeks he may be found training along with the leaders of the regular party organization.

The case of Acheson directs attention to the fact that his home county of Washington is the only county in the state in which the men in control of the Republican county organization are not working in harmony with the leaders of the Republican state organization in all matters of importance.

This is, indeed, a remarkable condition of affairs. It is in striking contrast with the situation of a few years ago when during the administration of Governor Hastings there were practically two Republican organizations in Pennsylvania. With Hastings' limited personal following there was the Philadelphia organization with David Martin in control, and the Allegheny county organization, with the late Senator Magee and William Flinn in undisputed command. There were a number of other counties in the state where the party organization was in the control of men not in sympathy with the element of the party which directed the affairs of the Republican state committee and which recognized the leadership of Senator Quay in state and national politics.

There was an incessant fire of personalities between the leaders of the rival factions and in many sections of the state the Democrats through this factional fighting got control of important county offices.

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.

Things are different now. The great Republican organization of Philadelphia and Allegheny counties are in absolute accord with the state organization leadership. The two United States senators, the governor and all the other state officials at Harrisburg, and the influential Republican leaders in every county in the state with one exception, which exception will possibly be eliminated within a short time, are all working together for the success of the Republican party.

The Republican candidates that shall be placed in the field next summer will find a united, solid front presented to the enemy and a grand Republican majority will be rolled up for every man in the Republican state ticket.

It is true that there is a contest under way in Pittsburgh over the election of councilmen, but the leadership of the party organization is in no way involved. The struggle appears to be over the control of councilmen which will have to do with the solving of the problem whether there shall be elevated or underground railways constructed in Pittsburgh and in this matter the Republicans in the state at large have little concern.

ALL ARE REPUBLICANS.

No matter which way the present contest shall be decided it is declared by representatives of both factions in Pittsburgh that all hands will be found working for the success of the nominees of the next Republican state convention.

The most noteworthy change in recent political conditions is to be found in Philadelphia county, where, under Mayor Warwick the Hastings-Martin combination in state politics had everything their own way at the Republican primaries. Now the friends of Israel W. Durham will elect one of the delegates to the coming Republican state convention and they will all be lined up with the stalwart Republican leadership of the state.

Harmony has, indeed, come to the Republican organization of Pennsylvania.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW

Bradstreet's Report on the Condition of Business.

New York, Jan. 25.—Bradstreet's says:

Events of the week have been largely favorable, notable among these being the continued steadiness of general prices, though cereals have weakened slightly, as a reflection of continued liquidation, accelerated this week by the arrival of much needed snow in the western half of the winter wheat belt, a further expansion in spring trade at leading jobbing centers, renewed interest by exporters in wheat, though irregularity in prices still tends to discourage heavy trading, while the slight strengthening in cotton prices is based largely on continued confidence in future values and the very heavy export movement now going on, shipments for the season being nearly 500,000 bales larger than a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 2,639,679 bushels, as against 4,630,202 bushels last week and 4,835,678 bushels in this week last year.

Wheat exports July 1, 1901, to date (30 weeks), aggregate 161,644,152 bushels, as against 111,962,572 bushels last season.

Corn exports aggregate 179,520 bushels as against 298,692 bushels last week and 3,972,152 bushels last year. July 1, 1901, to date corn exports are 21,435,237 bushels against 111,702,912 bushels last season.

Business failures for the week number 292, as against 291 last week, 281 in this week last year, 252 in 1900, 246 in 1899 and 238 in 1898.

WOMAN MURDERED.

Body Found in a Clump of Bushes Near Her Home.

New York, Jan. 24.—The body of Mrs. Isabella Allen of White Plains, N. Y., was found in a clump of bushes near her home yesterday. She had evidently been murdered for her head was battered in and badly mutilated. She was last seen alive on Wednesday.

Mrs. Allen was the wife of a stone mason and helped to support the family, in which there are five children, by working out. She did this Wednesday leaving her work after dark. She had come to within 200 feet of her home on a lonely road when she was attacked. The body lay in the bushes all night and all the morning before being discovered, though the authorities led by her husband made a search. The theory of the police is that she was criminally assaulted, murdered and robbed.

No arrests have yet been made.

Accepts Mason's Invitation.

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—An announcement has been made by the committee which had the matter in charge that President Roosevelt has accepted the invitation of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, to be its guest on Tuesday, Nov. 4 next, at the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington into the Masonic order. The celebration is to take place in the Masonic temple here. President Roosevelt became a Mason about two years ago, joining the lodge at Oyster Bay, L. I. George Washington was initiated at Frederickburg, Md., on Nov. 4, 1752.

The Emperor's Birthday.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—While Emperor William was receiving congratulations upon the anniversary of his birthday from the foreign ambassadors here, he held Andrew D. White, the American ambassador, in conversation for a few minutes, during which he said he was much pleased with the very kind way in which the prospect of his brother's visit was received in the United States.

Caught at Cock Fight.

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Seventy-five local sporting men, including three city aldermen, were surprised in the midst of a cocking match that was being pulled off in a barn five miles from this city Sunday night. No arrests were made but the sheriff secured the names of the sports and the case will be presented by the district attorney to the next grand jury.

Suicide of Prominent Citizen.

Plattsburg, Jan. 27.—Dr. James I. Rowson, a prominent resident of Keosauqua, committed suicide, using a revolver. He was 77 years old and wealthy. In view of the fact that the public knew of no trouble which had come on the doctor, temporary insanity is given as the cause.

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I was losing control of my mind and could not remember names of people, caused by female weakness, chronic inflammation of the liver, kidneys and bladder, scalding of urine and non-removal of the same, which had troubled me, making me nervous, the past twenty years. All the medicines I used only relieved me for the time. You don't know how distressing it is. I think I am so much better and stronger all through my system, and Thompson's Barossa Kidney, Liver, Kidney and Bladder cure did it. I used six bottles. It was worth more than money to me. It gave me health and strength. It was very weak and miserable before.

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Notice of Appeals.

Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Forest county will meet at their office in the Court House in Tionesta borough, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of January, 1902, for the purpose of holding a Court of Appeals from the assessment of 1902.

R. M. HERMAN,
J. T. CARSON,
J. T. CARSON,
Commissioners.
SAM T. CARSON, Clerk. 1-8-4

DIVORCE.

COUNTY OF FOREST, SS.
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County Greeting:
Whereas, Mary Guiber did, on the 22d day of May, 1901, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas for said County, praying for the cause therein set forth, that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with her said husband, Edward Guiber, we, therefore, command you the said Sheriff to appear in your proper person before our Judges at Tionesta, at a court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of Forest, on the 4th Monday, -1 Feb. 1902, to answer the petition on behalf of the said Mary Guiber and to show cause, if any you have, why she should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided. Herein fail not.
Witness the Hon. W. M. Lindsey, President of our said Court, at Tionesta, the Thirtieth day of January, 1902.
J. H. ROBERTSON,
Prothonotary.

To Ira Edward Guiber—
You are hereby notified to appear before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, at Tionesta, Pa., on the fourth Monday of February, next, to answer as set forth in above subpoena.
J. W. JAMIESON, Sheriff.
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