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WEST VIRGINIA FOR KNOX.

Senator McDermott Outlines Political Situation in Mountain State.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—Senator Knox lives close to us, is well known to our people, who regard him as one of the great men of the country. If his presidential boom expands as his friends claim it will be quite likely that the national delegates from my state will reserve seats in the Knox bandwagon.—J. H. McDermott, president of the senate of West Virginia.

Senator McDermott is spending much time in Pittsburg these days, his large business interests having local connections. The senator is one of the important factors in the politics of the Mountain State and his success in the field has been equal to that which has crowned his business ventures. Personally he possesses in a large degree that magnetism of manner and frankness of expression which win friends—also votes. He is a great admirer of President Roosevelt, also of Senator Knox, but the former's declaration as to a renomination is so recent, he said that the people of West Virginia have not yet had time to get their bearings.

"We hoped and expected Roosevelt to reconsider his statement made three years ago," continued Mr. McDermott. "Sentiment will, no doubt, again crystallize by the time the state convention is held next May, in which event the national delegates will probably be given instructions."

Senator McDermott is much interested in the gubernatorial campaign now being waged in his state. He is enthusiastic in his support of Secretary of the Commonwealth Charles W. Swisher.

"The fight for the governorship is between Mr. Swisher and State Auditor Arnold Scherr," he declared. "Others have been mentioned, but the contest is between these two. Both are strong men and the contest will be sufficiently close to make it interesting. My advice from many counties now pledged to fall in line for him leave no doubt in my mind but what he will be given the nomination."

"Relations between Senator Elkins and Mr. Swisher have always been intimate. They are close friends. Senator Scott is a candidate for re-election and is taking no active part in the gubernatorial contest. Mr. Swisher's platform has been well received by the people. He is pledged to a continuation of the policy of tax reform, local option by a vote of the people, increased appropriations for schools and public roads.

"At the next regular session of the legislature, it is probable that a uniform primary law, similar to that now in operation in Pennsylvania, will be made one of our statutes. For the coming special session the governor is expected to include in his call recommendations for a revision of the banking laws and the abolishment of the fee system."

Shoots Two Women and Himself.

Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—Otto Schmitz, a Hungarian tailor, shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Caroline Webster and seriously wounded Miss Myrtle Spence and then killed himself. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. Webster, a grocer's wife, from whom Schmitz rented a room. He had been out of employment and was despondent.

It is said Schmitz was infatuated with Miss Spence and that she repulsed his advances.

Burns \$10,000 in Bills; Dies.

Marion, O., Dec. 17.—John Gordon, a farmer of this county, burned \$10,000 in bills yesterday a short time before he died. Gordon was 83 years old, and in the last few weeks had grown childish. He had steadfastly refused to put the \$10,000, the savings of years, into a bank, but kept the bills under his pillow. He amused himself by setting fire to them and watching them burn. He succumbed to heart disease soon after.

Gift From Old Resident.

Erie, Dec. 17.—During the dedication services of the new annex to the Lutheran Old People's Home in this city Sunday afternoon, Colonel John Fitch of Oakland, Cal., a former Erie resident, announced a gift to the institution of \$50,000. Colonel Fitch is a millionaire mine owner and politician of the West, and gives the money to be used in erecting a building in memory of his father and mother.

The Strenuous Amateur.

Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 17.—While an amateur performance of "The James Boys in Missouri" was being given in the town hall at Dalsen the heavy villain held a revolver too close to Fred Zupp's face, with the result that the wad of the blank cartridge ripped through the latter's right cheek, making a wound that will disfigure the young man and may terminate fatally.

Alabama Politics Cheap.

Alabama is represented in the upper house of congress by two of the oldest members of that body, Senator Morgan is 82, Senator Pettus 85, but both are still wide-awake and active men.

Not long ago Mr. Morgan was chosen by the Democratic primary conventions of his state to the senate for another term. In compliance with the law the senator made an affidavit, declaring that this re-election had cost him only \$80, which sum he had paid to the Democratic state committee. When asked if that was the regular expense of an election as senator from Alabama, Mr. Morgan replied: "Not always so cheap. My colleague Pettus's election cost him \$70. The old fox! I wish it had cost him \$100. This is almost convincing evidence that Alabama is just the state for the poor man who has a taste for politics."

Do not tamper with pimples, but just leave them to the care of this application: Carbolic acid, fifteen drops; borax, six grains; glycerin, four fluid drams; fennel, thirty grains; alcohol, one fluid ounce; rose water, two and a half fluid ounces. Mix and dissolve. Apply night and morning.

DISCREDITED WITNESS.

Plaintiff's Counsel in Druce Case Agrees to Obliterate His Evidence.

London, Dec. 17.—The dramatic disappearance from London of Robert C. Caldwell, the American witness in the Druce case, served to revive interest in the proceedings and when the hearing was resumed the court room was crowded. Replying to Magistrate Plowden, Mr. Atherly Jones declared that he regarded the testimony of Caldwell as having been discredited on certain points and that therefore all his evidence should be obliterated. He also intimated his belief that Horace Avory, counsel for the defence, had established his contention that Caldwell and his alleged brother were one and the same person.

Mr. Avory, in opening for the defence, denounced Caldwell as a "most noxious perjurer." A warrant for the extradition of Caldwell was issued at the Bow street police court and the police of New York will be asked to arrest him upon his arrival in that city.

Mr. Avory announced that it necessary in the interest of justice Herbert Druce would consent to the reopening of the grave of his father, T. C. Druce.

The only witness for the defence called was a nurse named Bailey, who testified that she had held the hand of T. C. Druce when he died on Dec. 28, 1884, that she had seen the body placed in its coffin, and that she had been present at the funeral. The evidence given at previous trials by two doctors who have since died was then read. Both physicians had sworn that they attended T. C. Druce in his last illness. The case was then adjourned until Dec. 20.

Officer Weds; Sails Away.

Fairfield, Ill., Dec. 17.—While her husband sailed with the battleships yesterday on their cruise half way around the world, his young bride, Miss Havilene Tompkins of this city, who Saturday was married to Lieutenant Clarence Chandler, U. S. N., at Norfolk, Va., will return to Fairfield to settle the estate of her father, Colonel H. Tompkins, who recently died here. Colonel Tompkins was one of the wealthiest men in this section of Illinois. He left a large estate, mostly in rich farm lands, and of this his daughter will inherit about \$90,000. Colonel Tompkins practiced law with Abraham Lincoln.

Hughes Club in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—George Tohey, formerly private secretary to United States Senator E. B. Burckett, today began the organization of a Hughes club with Senator Burckett as aspirant for the vice presidency. The Nebraska delegation was practically pledged to Secretary Taft by the last Republican state convention, but friends of Hughes and LaFollette will contest for the delegates at the next primary.

Heaving the Log.

Heaving the log is one of those picturesque sea expressions with which all landsmen are acquainted, though probably few could explain the exact process. The "log" is a quadrat shaped piece of wood loaded with lead at the curve. The line to which it is attached is 120 fathoms long and is divided by knots into equal distances of forty-seven feet each. These distances are the same fraction of a nautical mile (a knot) as twenty-eight seconds is of one hour. Consequently the number of knots that slip off the reel in twenty-eight seconds after the "log" is in the water is the speed per hour that the ship is making.—St. James Gazette.

Retrospective.

Extracts from Miss Evergreen's diary: "This is my eighth birthday. A new brother came. His name will be Fritz. Fritz is twenty years old today, just a year younger than I. People always take us for twins.

"Fritz will be thirty years old tomorrow, his wedding day. How the time does fly! Of course he is eight years my senior and used to carry me about when I was a baby; still it seems strange to think of the boy getting married."—Fliegende Blätter.

The Last of the Plagues.

One by one the plagues of Egypt are being abolished by science. The frogs were abolished long ago by the drain-tile. The fleas are checked by insect powder, and the darkness that could be felt has melted away before the arc light. The sixth plague still remains in full glory. The fly is always with us. The great Dr. Radcliffe used to declare that the three worst annoyances of life were smoke, flies and irrelevant questions.—Collier's Weekly.

Wanted to Be Posted.

Restaurant Patron—I see that you have on the bill of fare "assorted pies." Waiter—Yes, sir, Restaurant Patron—Well, the last time I was here I found a nail in a piece of pie, and the time before it was a collar button. What kind of an assortment have you got this time?—Exchange.

Fancy Work.

"Mrs. Follansbee tells me that she is studying Chaucer," said Mrs. Oldcastle. "Indeed?" replied her hostess. "She always was crazy over fancy work."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Same Thing.

He—So you were never in love? She—Why, no! But I've been engaged to heaps of men who've.—Bystander.

A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

About two months ago our baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. We had two doctors but no relief was obtained. Everybody thought she would die. I went to different stores to find a certain remedy which had been recommended to me and failed to get it, when one of the storekeepers insisted that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and our baby is alive and well today.—Geo. W. Spence, Holly Springs, N. C. For sale by Dunn & Fulton.

The Paris Waiter's Trick.

"I was in a Paris cafe," said the American tourist, "when there was a sudden quarrel not far away, and I suspended my eating, as did everybody else, to see what the trouble was. It appeared that one of my countrymen, whom I had not noticed in entering, had dined at a table not far away, and when he received his check he handed the waiter a ten dollar gold piece. The waiter put the coin into his mouth and made change for \$5 only. The Yankee kicked and swore there was a swindle, but the waiter took the \$5 from his mouth and held it up and said:

"See! It is here. It is the coin he gave me. Is it not for him to apologize?"

"It looked that way to me, but my countryman knew a thing or two. He grabbed the rascal by the throat and choked his mouth open, and lo, a ten dollar gold piece dropped to the floor. The fellow had the \$5 in his mouth to work the trick, and when I got to thinking the thing over I remembered that it had been successfully worked on me a dozen times over."—Chicago News.

The Ground Hog's Sleep.

The woodchuck's is a curious shift, a case of nature outdoing herself. Winter spreads far and fast, and woodchuck, in order to keep ahead of danger, would need wings. Must he perish then? Winter spreads far, but does not go deep—down only about four feet, and woodchuck, if he cannot escape overland, can perhaps go under land. So down he goes through the winter, down into a mild and even temperature, five long feet away—but as far away from the snow and cold as bobolink among the reeds of the distant Orinoco. Indeed woodchuck's is a further journey and even more wonderful than bobolink's, for these five feet carry him beyond the bounds of time and space into the mysterious realms of sleep, of suspended life, to the very gates of death. That he will return with bobolink, that he will come up alive with the spring out of this dark way, is very strange.—Dallas Sharp in Atlantic.

Children to Let.

Quite a flourishing trade is done by the poorer classes of Madrid, who let out their children to beggars at so much per hour. The intending hiver applies to the parents of a likely child, the price is agreed upon, a small amount paid down as a guarantee for the return of the little one, and the beggar forthwith sets out with his human implement of trade to implore the public charity. The children whose task it is to soften the hearts of the passersby are required to possess special qualifications. They must have hungry looking faces, be first rate criers and not very ugly, for a good looking child is more likely to earn extra pennies on account of its pretty face than a less favored competitor.—Madrid Herald.

Limit of Human Strength.

Experiments upon a number of men have shown that a man 5 feet high and weighing 120 pounds will lift, on an average, 150 pounds through a vertical distance of 8 inches or 217 pounds through a height of 1.2 inches. Others 6.1 feet high and weighing 183 pounds could lift the 150 pounds to a height of 11 inches. Other men 6 feet 2 inches high and weighing 188 pounds could lift 150 pounds to a height of 16 inches or 217 pounds to a height of 9 inches. By a great variety of experiments it was shown that the average human strength is equivalent to raising 300 pounds a distance of 2½ feet in a second.

He Never Said Turkey to Me Once.

This saying was more familiar to the former than to the present generation, but comparatively few people know its origin.

An Indian and a white man who were hunting together killed a crow and a turkey.

The white man said to the Indian, "You may take the crow and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you may have the crow."

The Indian replied, "May be all right, but you don't say turkey to me once."—St. Louis Republic.

The Origin of the Word Filibuster.

The name "buccaneer" was chiefly affected by the English adventurers on our coast, while the French members of the profession often preferred the name of "filibuster." This word, which has since been corrupted into our familiar "filibuster," is said to have been originally a corruption, being nothing more than the French method of pronouncing the word "freebooters," which title had long been used for independent robbers.

Mean Thing.

"I really must get to my room," said the first college girl. "I can't afford to keep late hours, must preserve my complexion, you know."

"The idea!" exclaimed the other. "I thought the kind you bought was already preserved."—Philadelphia Press.

Independent.

"I thought you were married, and yet you're sewing on your own buttons."

"I am married, but I keep my independence, let me tell you."—Meggendorfer Blatter.

Very Stupid.

Village Schoolmaster (explaining "tipped" and "quadruped")—Now, Jones, what is the difference between me and a pig? Jones—Couldn't tell you, sir.—London Opinion.

A man who can laugh at himself can laugh at the whole world.—Balzac.

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It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting.

The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-goings and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

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