

DARLING QUILTS NAVY POST

Truman H. Newberry of Detroit Assumes Office of First Assistant Under Secretary Bonaparte.

Washington—Truman H. Newberry, of Detroit, has been installed in the office of assistant secretary of the navy to succeed Judge Darling, who is slated for collector of customs at Burlington, Vt. Mr. Newberry met the president during the Spanish-American war, when Mr. Roosevelt was assistant secretary of the navy and the Detroit was prominently identified with the naval militia.



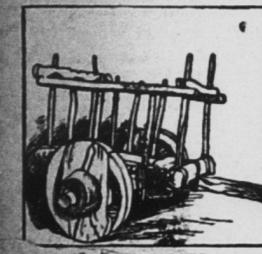
TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY. (New Assistant Secretary of the Navy.)

hard work, as the assistant secretary comes in immediate contact with the detail of the navy department. Mr. Darling has served under four secretaries—Long, Moody, Morton and Bonaparte. He served a great share of his term as acting secretary of the navy and while at the head of the department successfully handled a great many delicate questions. Being a lawyer a great many matters were referred to Mr. Darling which had not before pertained to the duties of assistant secretary.

AMERICA'S OLDEST VEHICLE

Curious Mexican Carreta Supposed to Be Over 200 Years Old—On Exhibition in Los Angeles.

San Francisco.—One of the most interesting curiosities in southern California is an old Mexican carreta, on exhibition in the chamber of commerce, Los Angeles. It is supposed to be more than 200 years old, and represents the earliest primitive efforts of the untutored Pueblo Indians. This ancient ox-cart was first discovered in 1878, in the possession of San Alfonso, a Pueblo Indian, who resided in the village of Tesuque, nine miles from Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico. Alfonso, then 85 years old, had been converted to Christianity, and had sufficient intelligence to assist in tracing the history of the vehicle. It was in the possession of his ancestors nearly a hundred years. The workmanship is crude and not a piece of iron is used in its make-up, but as constructed it is strong and shows considerable ingenuity. The body of the carreta is composed of cottonwood, and



is in length, is a cross section of mesquite. A cross section of sycamore was used in making the wheels, and even now they are so strong that a great weight could be sustained in a haul over smooth roads. The long tongue extends beyond the axle and helps to form a support for the wagon-bed. Oxen were hitched to the tongue by means of rawhide thongs. Thousands view the carreta annually, and, no doubt, think it a safer, though slower, means of travel than the 50-mile-an-hour automobile.

New Theory of Gravity. Gravitation is explained by the new theory of W. A. Nippoldt as due to the motion of matter having the tenacity usually assigned to the ether. All matter is in motion, and the smaller the aggregation the greater is the maximum velocity. Open space contains very minute particles in rapid motion in all directions. The particles are small enough to pass between the molecules of ordinary bodies, and they are stopped or reflected in proportion to the mass of the body bombarded. Two bodies in space shield each other on one side, being thus apparently attracted.

Hunting for Jones. Commenting on the number of Jones in Wales, a writer says: "It is inconvenient if, when a foreman calls 'Jones!' 40 or 50 men come running to him." It recalls the old story told of a certain Oxford college much resorted to by Welshmen. A man from another college went into their quad in search of a friend, and called "Jones!" All the windows looking on the quad flew open. "I want John Jones," said the man. Half the windows closed. "I mean the John Jones who has got a moon brush," All the windows closed but one.

Americans Will Profit.

The greatest beneficiary of the canal will be the people of the United States, so that the Panama canal will be essentially an American canal, except that until our navigation laws are either increased or decreased, the American flag from vessels' peaks will not be seen as often as those of other nations, writes William Barclay Parsons, in Century. From north European ports to India, China and Japan the distance by either Suez or Panama will be substantially the same; and therefore vessels will probably continue to use the established trade route, except in the case of very large ships that cannot pass over the restricted depth of the Suez canal, which limits them to a draft of 28 feet. From Great Britain and Germany to Australia and New Zealand there will be a saving in distance of about 1,500 miles over Suez—sufficient, probably, to be a determining factor. For American trade the shortening will be all-important. From New York to Manila the difference is small; but to Yokohama it amounts to 3,725 nautical miles; to Shanghai, 1,629 miles; and, as against the route via the Straits of Magellan, to Callao, 6,343 miles; and to San Francisco, 7,640 miles. It will bring the grain fields of the northwestern Pacific states 6,000 miles nearer Liverpool, and it will bring the iron and coal of the gulf states shipped from New Orleans and Pensacola 9,500 miles nearer San Francisco, giving to the former a new great market not now open, and to the latter a cheap supply of raw materials of manufacturing. In the past the great bulk of our foreign trade has been with Europe. Great as is the trans-Atlantic trade, the trans-Pacific presents greater possibilities. On the far shores of this ocean there are 400,000,000 persons eager to do business, and rapidly awakening to an appreciation of the benefits of foreign commerce. Of these people 3,000,000, or as many as the population of all the 30 states west of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, excepting Kansas, Missouri and Texas, are, if not American citizens, at least under American protection and control. The value of annual imports and exports to and from the far east from the port of New York alone amounts to almost \$200,000,000, and it is capable of being much developed by improved facilities. The Panama canal will be second only to the transcontinental railways in developing American trade, both internal and foreign. It has been announced that the American government is to give all nations equal terms and equal rights, and to levy toll without regard to commercial profit. Such a course, in bringing nearer the ends of the earth and drawing closer the peoples thereof, is the greatest promise of universal peace, and a long step toward the time when disputes between nations, like those between individuals, will be adjusted without any appeal to arms.

Women in Banking.

On a capital stock of \$5,000 the Bank of Joplin, in Missouri, reports \$250,000 in surplus funds; deposits, \$476,573; interest and exchange, \$5,311. The bank's cashier, assistant cashier and three bookkeepers are women. In the state of Iowa, states the New York World, are at present 14 women bank cashiers and 18 women assistant cashiers. Two-thirds of these officials started as bookkeepers. No Iowa bank directed by a woman has ever failed, and no woman placed in a bank position of trust has proved unfaithful. And this in a state which has seen 36 bank failures in five years, leading to six suicides and six convictions in the criminal courts. It has been said that in the small things of life—particularly in trifling social emergencies—women are more readily dishonest than men. So far as the evidence of two states goes, the ratio of reliability in large fiduciary affairs seems to turn the other way. The returns from Iowa and Missouri should not be lost upon depositors and policy holders elsewhere. It may be necessary to demand for the common good that banking and insurance affairs in general shall pass to the control of the safer sex.

Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, chief opponent of President Palma and now practically an exile from Cuba, having taken up his residence in this country, is a short, rather stout, swarthy man with a quiet face and contemplative eye. Before coming to the United States he was governor of Santa Clara province. He holds that annexation to this country would be preferable to the Palma dynasty. Gen. Gomez is a soldier with an enviable record, a shrewd politician, a Cuban by birth and possessed of a long heritage of enmity toward Spain.

A man in Huntington, W. Va., who was sitting in a poker game dropped dead upon discovering that he held a royal flush. Some men are so unlucky that they can't win no matter what cards they hold.

The vestrymen of old Trinity church, on Broadway opposite Wall street, New York, recently refused \$3,000,000 for the site, which was wanted for sky scraper office buildings. This is not the first time that a large sum has been offered for the property, but the vestrymen steadfastly turn their backs on all such prospects, mindful of the historical associations connected with the old place, and perhaps reflecting that the Trinity corporation, already enormously wealthy, does not need the money.

PORTSMOUTH LIBERTY POLE

One in Few Hampshire Towns Has Had Continuous Existence for Nearly 140 Years.

The city of Portsmouth is the only one in New England, it is believed, that still maintains a liberty pole. At that place, once known as Swing Bridge, on January 9, 1766, the first "no stamp" flag was raised in what is now the United States. In 1731 the town gave certain persons permission to build across the mouth of the cove, which in later years was known as Fiddle dock, a bridge which it was specified should be provided with a hoist or draw to allow the passage of vessels into and out of the cove. Judging by the name given to the bridge, the draw must have been put in to swing sideways. There is no record, so far as known, as to when Swing bridge ceased to be a drawbridge.

Swing bridge came into prominence on January 9, 1766, and on that date the name was changed to Liberty bridge. On that day a large number of the people of the town, headed by Capt. Thomas Manning, John Davenport, George Glines and others went to the house of George Meserve, on Vaughan street, and demanded his commission as stamp agent for New Hampshire, just received by him from England. Mr. Meserve, who had some time previously declined to accept the position, gave up the document, which was borne aloft on the point of a sword at the head of a procession of townspeople to Swing bridge.

Accounts as to what was done there with the document differ, one being that it was burned amid tumultuous rejoic-



EAGLE AND CAP, AND SHIELD OF LIBERTY POLE AT PORTSMOUTH.

ing and defiant shouts, another story being that it was torn to fragments and the pieces cast on the surface of the Piscataqua river at ebb tide, so that they might be carried to the ocean and wafted across to England to let the king see how the people of Portsmouth regarded his scheme for taxing the colonies.

Another and later account of the disposition made of the document is that the leaders on this occasion, after mature deliberation, decided that their action would be more impressive on the crown, if, instead of destroying it, they should return it to the power that issued it, which later was done, through the mediumship of a shipmaster who was sworn as a special messenger to deliver it to the ministers of King George. In the procession to the bridge was carried a flag bearing the motto, "Liberty, Property and No Stamp." After a lofty liberty pole had been erected near the bridge, the work of but a short time by these hardy men many of whom were experts in the handling of heavy spars, the flag was hoisted to its top, and Swing bridge was renamed Liberty bridge, a name it still retains. It has been claimed, and never disputed as far as known, that this was the first erected of the many liberty poles that were set up in different New England towns between that time and the breaking out of the revolutionary war.

A new pole bearing a shield with the motto of the first flag, "Erected July 4, 1824, in Commemoration of July 4, 1776, that Declared Our Emancipation from Tyranny and Gave Us the Privileges of Freemen," stands on the same spot as the original one, having been erected in 1824, and formally dedicated with an invocation, music and an address by Hon. Calvin Page, the mayor of the city. The pole took the place of one that was dedicated July 4, 1824, and which though taken down and repaired as effectively as possible in 1872, had become so weakened by age and decay as to be regarded as unsafe.

The original pole was removed to make room for this one of 1824 and the latter to make room for the one of 1899. That the spot has been occupied by a liberty pole since the first one was put there by the "sons of liberty," long before the revolution, seems an assured fact. The subscription list for the pole of 1824, the repairs of 1872, the pole of 1899, and the flags that have at different times been provided are in possession of the "custodian of the flag," who, on the day of the funeral of any subscriber to the funds, displays the flag at half-mast. On all holidays and special occasions worthy of the honor, he flies the same at the lofty masthead. That a liberty pole had a continuous existence in this town and city for nearly 140 years is something that the citizens point to with pride.

A British army officer in India was awakened one morning by feeling the native servant of a brother officer pulling at his foot. "Bahib," whispered the man, "sahib, what am I to do? My master told me to wake him at 6:30, but he did not go to bed till 7." "Appropriate." "Why did you send an anchor for your uncle's funeral?" "As an emblem of hope—the will hadn't been read yet."—Life.

The Everlasting Masculine.

"Eve," said Adam, "this tastes suspiciously like a cold storage egg." "If that isn't just like a man!" indignantly exclaimed his fair spouse. "That is the first egg laid by the first hen that ever existed, and she's still cackling over it." From which it will be seen that Eve took no stock in the evolutionary theory of creation now so generally accepted.—Chicago Tribune.

His Complaint. "I s'pose," growled the old farmer, "them air an'ymobels is entitled 'half th' road, ain't they?" "Of course they are, Uncle Hiram," replied the village squire. "Yaas, I s'pose so," continued the old man, "but I don't 'low ez the've got enny right 't take their half out uv the middle, by grass!"—Chicago Daily News.

Both Were Careful. "Tommy Twaddles!" "What, ma?" "What do you mean by using such language? You never hear your father talking so." "No, you bet I don't. And he'll never hear me usin' it, either, if I can help it."—Cleveland Leader.

Harry of the West Stumped. Henry Clay had just announced he would rather be right than be president. "United States, college, or insurance?" "Being unable to specify his declaration naturally lost much of its weight."—N. Y. Sun.

Ignorant. Bacon—He looks intelligent. Egbert—Well, let me tell you he's about as ignorant as man as you can find. "You surprise me. Are you sure?" "Certainly, I'm sure. Why, he's an insurance company director!"—Yonkers Statesman.

A Swell Affair. "Little Jimmy Johnson had a birthday party last week," said Tommy. "That must have been nice," replied his teacher. "Yes, it was awful swell. He was comin' down with the mumps, and nearly everybody caught 'em."—Chicago Record-Herald.

An Outing in the Fall. Ella—Fred and I are to have a fall outing. Stella—You mean a falling out, don't you? Ella—Not necessarily; we are to be married in October and are going on our wedding trip.—Judge.

Undoubtedly. Her—What a pity it is that women cannot do the proposing instead of the men. Him—What would be the result? Her—Fewer engagements and more marriages, I imagine.—Chicago Daily News.

Usually. "Papa is a philanthropic woman a woman who contributes to all the charities?" "No, son; as a usual thing a philanthropic woman is a woman who gets her neighbors to contribute to all the charities."—Houston Post.

Just Like Ma's. Mrs. Newlywed—Well, Henry, how do you like my pie? Mr. Newlywed—Dearest, they are just like the pies that my father used to say were not like his mother used to make!—Life.

Sufficient Reason. Roomerton—Guess I'll have to give up boarding. Flatleigh—Going to get married? Roomerton—No, but my landlady wants her money.—Chicago Daily News.

The Nursery Rhyme. Jack Spratt could eat no fat. His wife no lean, they say; So they were wise to compromise On predigested hay. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

TAKING NO RISKS.



She (having just said "Yes")—You'd go and ask papa's permission to marry, wouldn't you? He—Oh—er—ye-es-es. By the way, is your father on the telephone?

An Autumn Wizard. King Midas is no myth, I hold. But walks the earth, a wizard bold. Last night my maple's leaves were green As any in yon viny screen. And now—each one is turned to gold! King Midas is no myth, I hold. —Judge.

Two Birds. Victim—Wow! Help! Chauffeur—Hey, while you're under there I wish you'd just look and see if the jiggamagig is broken.—N. Y. Sun.

Crab-Shell Barometer. The inhabitants of southern Chile are said to foretell the weather by means of a strange barometer. It consists of the cast-off shell of a crab. The dead shell is white in fair, dry weather, but indicating the approach of a moist atmosphere by the appearance of small red spots, as the moisture in the air increases it becomes entirely red and remains so throughout the rainy season.

New Machine Gun. The French war department is experimenting with a machine gun which is to fire 500 bullets in less than a second.

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