

Joseph Cannon Versus Herbert Parsons



WHILE it will be keenly regretted by many if James J. Jeffries and "Lil' Artha" Johnson fail to settle the heavy-weight championship on a controversy this winter, there is another contest on that promises to make up for any disappointment in that direction. This is the Cannon-Parsons bout, and if such affairs were fought out in the squared circle instead of the political arena the announcer would step to the side of the ring, elevate his chin, scowl deeply and then probably introduce the men as follows:

"Gents an' odds, dis bout is at a hundred an' fifty-eight pounds, Queensberry rules. See? De guy in dat corner is Herb Parsons of New York. De celder guy is Joe Cannon of Illinois. Shake hands, yince, an' de foist bidek wot hits in de ellness zits his slurs pushed in. See?"

All joking aside, however, the amazing charge Herbert Parsons, congressman from New York and chairman of the New York Republican county committee, has made against Speaker Cannon and his own party has caused a great sensation throughout the country, and the affair promises to develop into one of the bitterest fights in the history of politics. Mr. Parsons charges that Tammany Hall entered into a deal with upstate Republicans to defeat the efforts of New York city Republicans to perfect the signature law during the last legislative session in Albany and a part of the deal was that Tammany should support Speaker Cannon and the rules of the house of representatives. He also claims that the Republican representatives of New York city were not informed of the deal either from Albany or Washington.

This charge followed the declaration of the county chairman that Tammany was planning wholesale frauds in the coming election and that most compe-



SPEAKER CANNON OPENING CONGRESS.

hensive preparations would be made by the Republican forces to circumvent them.

So much for Mr. Parsons' side of it. When Mr. Cannon was informed of the charge he was just lighting his fourteenth after dinner cigar.

"Humph!" he growled, only he used another and, some might think, a more expressive word. "If that chap Parsons is looking for trouble he has come to the right place." Asked as to his attitude in the matter, the speaker smiled grimly and dryly continued:

"I don't make a hullabaloo about such things until I'm hurt. When I first used to go hunting as a boy along the Wabash I saw one kind of an animal that I never had seen before and kicked at it. I was weeks in recovering."

"I was weeks in recovering," added the speaker sententiously, "and since that time I never have kicked at that kind of an animal—in private life or in politics."

Almost every one is familiar with the career of Uncle Joe Cannon. Mr. Parsons, too, is a man of much prominence politically. He was born in New York city just forty years ago and took up law after graduating from Yale in the class of 1890. Soon after being admitted to the bar in 1894 he entered politics, became the leader of his district and is at present its representative to congress and chairman of the New York Republican county committee. In speaking of his charges against Cannon and others Mr. Parsons recently said:

"I had no idea of precipitating a national dispute or controversy when I made the statement, but I am not worrying. My position is simply this, and I shall maintain it, no matter what may happen. I believe that a man in my position, with the power that I have as chairman of the New York county committee, can in a few years put a stop to illegal registration and fraudulent voting in New York. I believe it is the duty of a man in my position to do that. I have no doubt that in three or four years I will succeed."

Methuselah.
Hoax—It's a good thing Methuselah wasn't a woman. Hoax—Why? Hoax—The world would never have known how old she really was.—Philadelphia Record.

Striking manners are bad manners.—Hall.

Hard Luck.
Old Lady—Poor man! What have you done to your hand? Unemployable—Broke my knuckles, mmm, knock-in at people's doors askin' for work.—London Scraps.

STAGE FOLK ANGRY.

Object to Being Called Unclean by Preacher.

RESENT DR. AKED'S REMARKS

Southern Retorts by Saying He Has Had Clergymen in His Company and Has Found Them Very Well Behaved.

In speaking of the injustice of prejudice the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church of New York, the church attended by John D. Rockefeller, said:

"Take the case of actors and actresses. All Christian people put them under the ban. All Christian people regard them as unclean, and I tell you that Christian people have no right to be surprised if they act as though they were unclean."

The statement has aroused the leading figures of the stage as few other utterances have done in recent years. The general attitude is that Dr. Aked's statement belongs to the time when the English statutes classed actors as vagabonds.

When E. H. Southern commented on the matter Miss Julia Marlowe was present and smiled frequent approval of the actor's satirical remarks.

"Until I read Dr. Aked's statement I did not know actors and actresses as a class had been placed under a ban by all Christian people and that all Christian people regard them as unclean," said Southern. "But if we are it is eminently proper for him to plead our cause in the pulpit, that we may get a fair chance."

Clergymen on the Stage.
"But this occurs to me. Though one continually hears of eccentric conduct on the part of persons connected with the church, there has not been, so far as I am aware, any unkindly criticism of those persons by the men and women of the stage. We have looked charitably upon these backsliders as the result of ordinary human frailties. We have never thought of ostracizing these church people as a class. I have some delightful friends among the clergy."

"I have had in my companies three clergymen, and we found them very well behaved. There really was nothing objectionable about them. One clergyman came to me while I was preparing 'The Proud Prince' and asked for an engagement. He said he wished to exchange the pulpit for the stage, for just what reason I cannot now recollect. Perhaps it was his voice."

"I thought of taking him, and he hastened to friends to tell of his good luck. He returned next day and said his friends thought he had better withdraw because he might not find the people in the company proper persons to associate with. I replied in all good humor that he need not let that deter him from earning his living with us, as the important thing might prove to be whether the people in the company would wish to associate with him. 'Besides,' said I, 'admitting we are a depraved lot, this is the place for you, a clergyman, right here in our sinful midst. Redeem us, act with us, pray with us, save us!'"

"He was a good natured, stupid looking sort of fellow, and he laughed and went away and left us to our wickedness. Well, he meant well. Dr. Aked means well. We all mean well. It is good to know that we are unclean—it is our own begin to reform."

Clergymen and Actors in Jails.
"Some time ago a clergyman started to associate with this, and the next day there appeared in the records of a legislative debate a statement that 4,000 churchmen were confined in jails, inebriate asylums or kindred institutions. At that time there were but three actors in the country confined in like places."

Miss Elose Cochran, a distinguished member of an old stage family, was licensed by Dr. Aked's sermon.

"Perhaps Dr. Aked got his idea from the fact that actors and actresses are continually before the public and their troubles are thoroughly aired. Considerable space is given by newspapers to the troubles of society folk, and if newspaper interest continues to increase in them it won't be long before Dr. Aked will be able to get up in the pulpit and say that all Christians put society men and women under the ban and regard them as unclean. It is merely a matter of publicity, that's all."

"Dr. Aked's statements could have been inspired only by a desire for notoriety," said Robert Edeson. "It is strange that a people so low in the eyes of Christians should continually be besieged by these very Christians with pleas for financial aid for charities. I know of no other class of men and women who give so freely to all worthy charities, not only of their money, but their art and their time, as do the people of the stage."

TOBACCO'S NEW RIVAL.

Chicago Students Turning From Cigarettes and Pipes to Chocolate.

Chocolate is replacing the pipe and the cigarette as the really wicked and manly indulgence of Chicago university men if the result of the last report of the Reynolds club indicates anything. It shows that there was almost as much chocolate sold as tobacco. It is eaten right in the clubrooms and in large quantities. The club, a men's institution, has over 500 members.

Will Leave Million For Peace.
Edwin Ginn, the publisher of Boston, an earnest advocate of international peace, has made provision in his will that on his death \$1,000,000 shall become available for the cause of universal peace. He will also contribute \$50,000 annually to the peace cause during the remaining years of his life.

Tree and Sea.
"By the way, what is the tree most nearly related to the sea?"
"The tree of course."
"Are you sure? Isn't the bay tree nearer?"—London Scraps.

AN INTELLECTUAL MARVEL.

How the New Eleven-year-old Student is a Mental Wonder.

At Five Years He Told a Little Chicago Girl He Made Discovery.

William J. Sidis, the eleven-year-old boy admitted to Harvard university as the youngest matriculate in the long history of the institution, could spell, read and write at the age of two. He became deeply absorbed in books when other children were playing in the sand and making houses of blocks. He devoured everything readable that he could lay his hands on, and when he had advanced to the age of five his yearning for knowledge had also advanced to such a state that he began taking books from the Brookline (Mass.) Public Library.

When he was six he was sent to the Runkle school. The school authorities placed him in one of the higher grammar grades, but withdrew him after six months, for he knew more than they taught at that school, and it would have been a waste of time to have kept him longer with the other pupils.

When he was eight years old he was sent to the Brookline high school, one of the best in the country, for it is supported by the whole town in the world. He remained there five months. That was long enough, for he was then further advanced than the school.

He evinced a strong liking for mathematics and physics at the age of eight and was greatly interested in astronomy and other sciences. At that early age he was ready for college, but his parents declined to send him to the higher institutions, as they were of the opinion that their son would do more thorough work at home. He was allowed to study whenever he wished and whenever he liked. He was never forced along any particular line.

This remarkable boy has been a puzzle to scientists, astronomers and mathematicians. He prefers the company of men and women who gather at his home, who are on an intellectual footing with him, to the boys of the neighborhood. He discusses advanced sciences with the learning of a professor. When a boy of eight he spoke four languages. As a freshman at the Brookline high school he made astronomical calculations which puzzled professors in mathematics, invented a new system of logarithms in series of twelves instead of tens, prepared an outline of advanced grammar and helped pupils in classes above him to master their lessons.

GERMAN COLONY IN TEXAS.

Foreign Companies Carrying Out Plans to Raise Cotton in Our South.

German and British spinners are putting into execution their threat to buy land and raise cotton in Texas. The sale of several tracts of land, aggregating nearly 250,000 acres, in southwest Texas to a Berlin firm led to the disclosure that German and English spinners are the actual purchasers and that they plan to buy more land upon which to grow cotton. Their agents hold options on several thousand acres, all in Frio, Llaneta, Webb, Duval and McMullen counties.

Plans have been perfected for colonizing German cotton growers, who agree to sell their crops to the spinners direct.

The spinners contend that the grower will get a better average price for his product season by season than under present conditions. The details of the plan are not announced, but in some way the spinners will hold a sort of lien on the land to insure the sale to them of all cotton grown on it.

The first colony of about 300 German families will settle on the land about Jan. 1. The price of the land ranged from \$2 to \$20 an acre.

SENT AD. BY WIRELESS.

Latest Method of Communication Used by Enterprising Auto Man.

To transmit advertisements by wireless is rather a new wrinkle and seems just a little in advance of up-to-date-ness, even for the automobile business. This was a feat recently performed by the advertising manager for one of the big automobile companies in New Orleans.

The advertising man was trying to steal a few days away from business, and part of the plan was a trip by steamship from New Orleans to New York. On the second day out, when in the middle of the gulf of Mexico, it occurred to the publicity man that he had forgotten to prepare copy for a full page advertisement he had ordered inserted in a large list of papers. Not to be thwarted, he wrote the copy and transmitted the 1,500 words, together with instructions as to illustrations and composition, by wireless to Key West, Fla., whence it was forwarded by mail to the various journals.

Spermaceti added to boiled starch gives the goods a gloss. Borax makes the starch stiffer.

FOUND SANTA CLAUS.

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Dr. Cook—Did you see Santa Claus at the north pole? What kind of a house did he live in? Yours truly, JEANIE McDONALD.

Dr. Cook has replied in part as follows:

"See Santa Claus? Why, of course I did. That's just why I went to the north pole. I went there to make sure that Santa Claus would not be angry at some of our grownups and big bad boys who have made fun of him and said they did not believe in him anyway."

"I found him in a huge snow palace, and every room from top to bottom was crowded with toys and candy and great big packages of good will and kindness and love for little boys and girls. And there were special packages, happiness and content and good fellowship, for the grownups."

"He looks just like his pictures too. He is always smiling, even when he is working hard loading his sleighs with his good things for the people down here. And he keeps his reindeers always ready for trips around to find out what the children will be needing at his next visit, and, although we were very hungry when we got there, we could not kill any of Santa Claus' reindeers, because he said that would prevent him from making all the calls he had to make among his children."

"See Santa Claus? Yes, indeed."

A Surprise For the Hunters.

"If the fair of a leopard is known," says a writer in the Wide World Magazine, "stones will generally dislodge the lurker." I recall one occasion when a leopard was supposed to be located in a cave near camp. The guns were placed around in positions commanding the exit, and a few stones were then thrown in. There was no result at first, but as more and larger stones crashed in there came a faint humming and then a roar like the sea under the cliffs. In a moment the air above the cave's entrance grew dark with bees! As one man sportsman and gun bearers fled for the camp. A few were slightly stung before they could reach their tents and pull the flaps over the entrances, which the bees for some time besieged. Incredible though it may sound, it is the truth that, although the camp was full of native servants, horses, etc., none of those who had remained behind and were not concerned in the attack on the bees' cave were stung. It was a considerable time before the bees beat a retreat, but during all the time that they stayed in the camp it was the tents of their aggressors exclusively round which they angrily buzzed."

See that all the hours of the day are so full of interesting and beautiful occupations that there is no chance for idleness to stick its nose in.—Luther H. Gulick.

Paupers' Paradise.

The authorities of Samoa, the little island upon which Robert Louis Stevenson lived and died, provide board and lodging absolutely free to strangers who are unable or unwilling to pay for their keep. Every village on the island has a guest house, called a "faletele," and here the tourist is invited to come and be fed, lodged and entertained without any payment whatever.

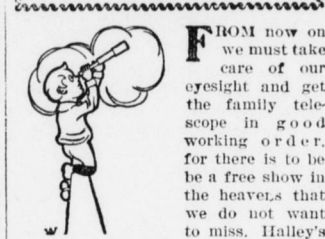
The officials of the town of Klingenberg-on-the-Main, in Bavaria, are exceptionally generous, for they not only provide free beds and free board to poor people, but give away big puddings every year end to all who ask for them. Klingenberg owns several pottery clay pits that bring in so much money to the town coffers that they pay all the town expenses and leave a good round sum over, which is distributed to charity. Klingenberg is one of the few places where taxes are unknown.

Impertinet.
Mrs. Hawk—If you won't do no work yer won't get no dinner, and that's all there is to it.

"Tell you what I am willing to do. I will give you a lesson in correct English. Is it a go?"—Life.

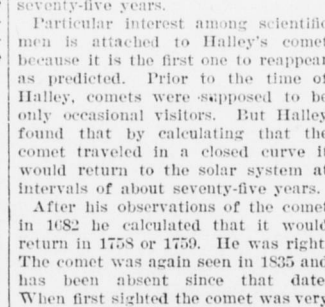
The Return Of a Famous Comet.

FROM now on we must take care of our eyesight and get the family telescope in good working order, for there is to be a free show in the heavens that we do not want to miss. Halley's famous comet, that monster of space that has been wandering about for the past seventy-five years, has returned, and it behooves us to get ready to welcome it. While it is rushing toward earth with the speed of a bullet, it is still countless miles away and will not be visible to the naked eye for some time, although one may get a peep at it through the telescopes shortly. After it appears it will continue to grow in brilliancy and length until it is the size of about ninety full moons and will remain until the latter part of May, 1910. Then our celestial guest will disappear from sight of man again, going no one knows where. The astronomers say it will not return for another seventy-five years.



WATCHING FOR THE FAMOUS COMET.

Particular interest among scientific men is attached to Halley's comet because it is the first one to reappear as predicted. Prior to the time of Halley, comets were supposed to be only occasional visitors. But Halley found that by calculating that the comet traveled in a closed curve it would return to the solar system at intervals of about seventy-five years. After his observations of the comet in 1682 he calculated that it would return in 1758 or 1759. He was right. The comet was again seen in 1835 and has been absent since that date. When first sighted the comet was very



A COMET CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA.

large and brilliant. Since then it has been smaller and less bright. In 1835 it was only about half as large and brilliant as in 1759.

Halley's comet is so called not because Halley discovered it, for it had long been known, but because he was the first to calculate its orbit and to predict its return. Halley was born in 1686 and was educated at St. Paul's school and Queen's college, Oxford. He was a notable astronomer, traveled much on the continent and was a friend of Sir Isaac Newton. In 1720 he was made astronomer royal, and, besides predicting the return of the comet in 1682, he recommended the use of the transit of Venus for obtaining the parallax of the sun. He died in 1742 with a European reputation as an astronomer.

No one need hide under the bed or seek a cyclone cellar because we are to have a visit from this comet, however. There is not the slightest danger of its colliding with the earth or in any way disturbing us, as all comets are looked upon with scientific curiosity rather than fear. Not so with the comets of the past, however.

The appearance of the comet in 1456 spread terror all over Europe, and in all the churches people prayed to be delivered from the Turks and the comet. Three years earlier Constantine, the last emperor of Byzantium, had died the death of a hero on the Sandjakkir Yokushar, the Sultan Mohammed had entered the city, and the Church of St. Sophia had become a mosque. The crusades were over, and Christianity seemed fated to succumb to Islam, for nothing was able to stop the conquering Moslems. Then, in 1456, the comet appeared in the heavens, and Europe saw in it the scimitar of Othman, foretelling the subjugation of Christendom.

As to the appearance of Halley's comet on its return, it depends entirely upon its position with regard to the earth and sun. If the earth happens to be near the comet about the time of its passage round the sun, when the comet's light is necessarily greatest and the train most extended, then we shall have a splendid view of the glorious spectacle. At its return in 1759 the comet had a train of 50 degrees in length and was best seen in the southern hemisphere—that is, the train of the comet extended to a distance equivalent to a little more than half way from the zenith to the horizon.

At its next return, in 1835, it was somewhat short of its splendor, for its train was but 15 degrees in length. How the comet will look now it is impossible to conjecture, but it is to be hoped that it will treat us to a display worthy of its former reputation.

The Next Best.
"Hubby, I haven't had a new dress for a month."

"Times are slow for me, my dear. Better go in for literature and pretend to be superior to the fashions."—Kansas City Journal.

Her Discovery.
Husband—Think of it! Here is a hairpin I have found in the soup! Wife—Yes? Now I know where our things have gone. A shoe horn disappeared too!—Harper's Bazar.

Liberty cannot be established without morality.—Greeley.

RISE OF A PRINCESS.

Wife of Austria's Heir Recognized at Last by Emperor.

NOW KNOWN AS "HIGHNESS."

After Nine Years Francis Ferdinand's Morganatic Spouse Is Honored by Her Husband's Uncle—Helped by the Kaiser.

By granting the title of "highness" to the Princess of Hohenberg, morganatic wife of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary, the old ruler of the dual monarchy, Emperor Francis Joseph, has renewed the discussion of the exact status of the princess and the possibility of her sitting on the throne with her husband, who is nephew and heir to the aged emperor. The princess and her husband will shortly visit the kaiser at Berlin, where they will receive great honors.

The kaiser is said to be responsible for the new honor accorded to the princess, although it is known that the aged Francis Joseph has been in a reletting mood for some time past, and chapters in what is now called "A Romance of International Love and Politics" seem to be written fast. The children of this morganatic marriage are the Princess Sophie, aged eight; Prince Maximilian Charles, aged seven, and Prince Ernest, aged five.



PRINCESS OF HOHENBERG.

The kaiser's reasons for inducing the emperor to honor his heir's wife, according to the Austrian authorities, is due to a desire to promote better feelings toward Germany on the part of the new duchess, who has been a steadfast opponent of pan-Germanism.

Married to Archduke in 1900.
The wife of the heir to the Austrian throne is the daughter of Count Chotek, former Austrian ambassador to Belgium. At the time of her marriage to Francis Ferdinand, July 1, 1900, she received from the emperor the title Princess of Hohenberg.

Archduke Francis Joseph is the only heir to the throne in the history of Austria who contracted a morganatic marriage for the sake of his wife, who is a member of an old Bohemian family. The archduke for ten years resisted all the imperial efforts to marry him to a woman of his own rank. The emperor himself vainly endeavored to stop the marriage, but finally gave his consent. At the wedding the archduke took an oath that he would not declare his wife either empress or queen or his children as members of the imperial house. But now Hungarian lawyers say that this renunciation does not apply to Hungary and that the princess may become queen of that kingdom, which is part of the dual empire. Indeed, there are many in Austria who now believe that the renunciation will not be too rigidly adhered to in Austria and that her highness, who was born Countess Sophia Chotek, may be empress as well as queen.

More Honors For the Princess.
It is understood in court circles that this evidence of the emperor's relenting after nine years of obduracy will be followed by other honors bestowed upon the once unrecognized morganatic wife of the Austrian heir.

The new duchess, it is understood, intends to approach the Vatican in an effort to induce the pope to annul the archbishop's vows of renunciation which stand between her elder son and succession to the Austrian throne.

CAUGHT BY THE SEARCHLIGHT
Locomotive Engineer Saw Oklahoma Man Rifling Mail Pouch.

Henry M. Kneeland of Muskogee, Okla., confessed that he robbed a mail pouch at Spiro. His defense was that he was drunk.

Just as Kneeland was rifling the pouch a train came around a curve, and in the headlight's glare the engineer saw him kneeling over the pouch. He was arrested on the engineer's description.

True valor lies in the middle, between cowardice and rashness.—Cervantes.

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If your folks like what most folks like, they'll enjoy these gigantic grains.

Crisp and nut-like—four times as porous as bread. Grains that melt in the mouth.

There is nothing else to compare with them. No cereal food half so good.

When you try them, you'll be glad that we told you about them. And your folks will be glad.

Don't wait longer. Order one package. Submit it to a vote of your table.

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One package will tell you why people delight in them. Order it now.

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