

A PENSIONED PONY.

Life of Ease For 28-Year-Old Trick Circus Horse.

New York can boast of many pampered pets, but down at Garden City there is one living in luxurious ease, the guest for life of a big hotel, with a Japanese valet to care for him, even though he has not registered since his arrival.

This is Tom, the first trick pony of the now extinct Barnum & Bailey Circus, which at the age of twenty-eight years is living as the guest of the Garden City Hotel, pensioned for life by Robert Stickney.

The aged pony, according to Brooklyn Life, has not only a sumptuous box stall but a Japanese valet as well, who daily leads the animal out for its exercise, during which it is the recipient of gifts and attention from a large circle of boy and girl friends. While advanced years have brought stiffness, the pony still attempts a few of its old time tricks.

Cipher Dispatches.

The result of the Presidential election of 1876 was long in doubt, and depended upon the electoral votes of four States—South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana and Oregon. This entire number was needed by Mr. Hayes, the Republican candidate, while only one vote was necessary to secure the election of Mr. Tilden, the Democratic candidate. While awaiting the result, many dispatches in cipher passed between Tilden and his friends relative to the States in dispute. They were translated and printed by a New York newspaper in 1877, and suggested attempted bribery. The charges were investigated by a committee of Congress, which declared that Mr. Tilden was not implicated in the affair. On October 16, 1878, Mr. Tilden published a card in which he publicly disclaimed knowledge of the dispatches.

Blanks in the Matrimonial Lottery. "Cooking," said May Irwin, "is a cure for nervous prostration. This cure is cheaper than a European trip. It commends itself better to husbands, too."

"For my part I like the kind of woman who prefers the cooking to the travel cure. Deliver me from the kind of woman who is too big for her job."

"Up near Irwin Island I know one of these objectionable women. Her husband was going fishing the other day. He said bitterly:

"My fishing trousers haven't a single button on them!"

"How fortunate," said his wife. "Now if you're drowned it will be so easy to identify your body, won't it, dear?"

"No," the husband roared. "For all the other chaps in the crowd are married, too!"

Oysters in Neck of Bottle.

Thomas A. Barrett, of Pine street, has a curiosity in the form of an oyster shell which grew inside the neck of a broken bottle, the latter remaining around the centre of the shell, which accommodated itself to the unusual shape, while the ends continued to grow, fan shaped. He came upon it about six inches under the surface of the sand while clamming, the oyster being alive at the time. The thin side of the shell has since been broken off, leaving the thick side in its original shape. The glass which forms the band around it was apparently the neck of a pint flask, inside of which the oyster grew perfectly round, the shell pressing so closely to the glass that it is immovable.—Providence Journal.

The "Black Rice."

It is difficult to estimate how many of the Chinese have acquired the use of opium. Various estimates, according to E. W. Thwing, secretary of the International Reform Bureau, claim that a moderate figure would be between 10 and 20 per cent. of the male population for 2-1/2 to 5 per cent. of the total population. It is said that in some places 80 per cent. of the adult males use opium, and at least one-tenth of the women. Before the present anti-opium campaign began there were over a thousand registered opium dens in the city of Foo Chow alone. The Chinese often call opium the "black rice."

What She Did with the Scum.

A rate clerk in the Santa Fe general offices in Topeka, Kan., recently brought a bride from San Francisco. She had never kept house and knew but little about things in the kitchen. A few mornings ago she got after the milkman.

"What is the matter of your milk?" said she with great vehemence.

"I don't know," he replied. "What do you find wrong with it?"

"Well," said she, "every morning it is covered with a nasty slimy, yellow scum."

"And what do you do with the scum?"

"Why, I skim it off, of course, and throw it in the garbage."

Doubtful Devotion.

A certain small boy who lives in a historic town along the Hudson, views the Decoration Day doings there with mingled emotions. When the processions of school children go to the cemetery with their wreaths and garlands he has been known to weep with chagrin because his family boasts no grave of "their very own" to trim. Last year he reserved his tears till bedtime, when he snuffed back the threatened flood to kiss his mother good-night. "Never mind, mamma," he sobbed on her shoulder. "I'll wait as patiently as I can. I'd raver put flowers on yours and daddy's graves, anyway, than on any one else's!"

ANDREWS SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

Republicans Told of Danger of Over-Confidence.

DEMOCRATS ON STILL HUNT

Seeking Complimentary Votes For Nominee For Supreme Bench and Banking Upon a Small Poll by Majority Party.

[Special Correspondence.] Philadelphia, Oct. 26.

Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican state committee, today sounded a note of warning to the Republicans of Pennsylvania.

He made it clear that he expects every Republican voter in this state to do his duty on Nov. 2.

With election day only about one week off the state chairman insists that there must be a lining up of the Republican forces in every county if the Republican ticket is to be elected, as it ought to be, by an overwhelming majority. Since early in September Chairman Andrews, from the headquarters of the Republican state committee in this city, has been directing an aggressive campaign. Not that the Republican ticket is in danger; it is not. But many Republicans of Pennsylvania frequently take Republican success for granted and make no special effort to go to the polls.

It was this danger of over-confidence that Colonel Andrews had in mind today.

"Pennsylvania is the banner Republican state; we have the votes, and to poll the right kind of majority it is only necessary for the voters to cast their ballots," said the chairman. "Many Republicans in an off-year like this, when there is no particular excitement, proceed upon the theory that the rest of the party will vote and thus insure the election of the ticket. Now it is an axiom of warfare that an army must constantly be on guard. I want to warn the Republicans of this state against the 'last card' in politics. They should see that Democratic effort does not threaten Republican success."

"The Republican party has a splendid ticket. A better one has never been offered the people of Pennsylvania. A. E. Slisson and J. A. Stober are able and experienced men; they have records that commend them to the people, and they are public spirited citizens. They will contribute their full share to a continuance of good government in this commonwealth."

The Judicial Canvass.

Judge Robert von Moschzisker will make a great supreme court justice. He has a splendid record as a common pleas judge; he is known to the lawyers of the state as one of the ablest members of the Pennsylvania bar, and he has the confidence of all of the people. Not a syllable has been uttered against him since his nomination. His qualifications for the supreme bench are conceded by everybody. He ought to be elected by a tremendous majority. His Democratic opponent, Mr. Munson, is presenting this state with a spectacle it has never before witnessed. He is the only candidate for a high judicial office, who, in his eagerness for election, has so far overlooked the proprieties as to make a personal and compromising campaign for votes. He is now on a campaign tour, meeting the voters and making what are nothing more nor less than ordinary stump speeches. In Williamsport he maintains a large literary bureau, which has sent out thousands of documents and letters, in which he asks the voters to support him as a non-partisan candidate. He has adopted the endless chain system of letter writing and by this means hopes to reach every voter in the state.

"The old-fashioned idea that judicial office should seek the man and not the man seek the office manifestly has no place in the Democratic candidate's plan of politics. I do not believe many Republicans will entertain for a moment the proposition that they vote for a Democratic candidate for the supreme court."

"Mr. Munson's conduct in the campaign illustrates his conception of the dignity of the highest judicial tribunal in this commonwealth. Judge von Moschzisker has taken no part whatever in the campaign. He has asked no one to vote for him. He will take his seat on the supreme bench without having violated its sacred traditions."

National and State Issues.

"As I have repeatedly said, the elections in Pennsylvania this year are of national importance. A failure of the Republicans of the Keystone State to score a handsome majority would be accepted by the low tariff revisionists of the middle west as evidence that our people are not particularly interested in the protective system."

"A reduced majority will furnish an impetus to agitation for a lowering of the tariff rates. Pennsylvania is satisfied with the new tariff law because it is bringing prosperity. It should be the first state to record its indorsement of that legislation."

"There is another and very sound reason why the Republicans of the Keystone State should poll an unprecedented off-year majority at the com-

ing election. Next year we must elect Governor Stuart's successor and other state officials, a new legislature that will elect Senator Oliver's successor, and a congressional delegation. A reduced majority in November would not only be a backward step; it would encourage the Democracy and inspire it with hope of success in 1910.

"The Republican party in Pennsylvania has never been in better condition than it is today. But, as I have said, it is necessary that every Republican do his duty on Nov. 2."

CHEAP POLITICS IN JUDICIAL FIGHT

Democratic Aspirant For Supreme Bench Condemned.

CAMPAIGN TRICKS TO REACT

Unprecedented and Undignified Course of Candidate For Highest Court In the Commonwealth Severely Criticized.

[Special Correspondence.] Harrisburg, Oct. 26.

The visit here last week of C. LaRue Munson, the Democratic nominee for the supreme bench, on his campaigning tour of the state, gave members of the bar and others an opportunity of verifying the reports regarding Mr. Munson's political methods and his utter disregard of the proprieties and complete lack of appreciation of the dignity of the office to which he aspires.

No candidate for ward constable could do more than has been daily exhibited by this aspirant for a seat in the highest court of the commonwealth.

Upon his visit here Mr. Munson made his headquarters at one of the hotels. He evidently expected a number of the Republican members of the bar to at least call upon him, but in this he was sorely disappointed. His coming had been heralded in advance and every effort possible was made by Democratic politicians who are engineering the canvass for Mr. Munson to persuade Republican members of the legal profession to "pay their respects" to the gentleman from Williamsport.

Republicans Wideawake.

But Republicans were not caught napping. They did not give the Democratic candidate an opportunity to exploit his "non-partisan" campaign game, and they left him alone with his Democratic contingent, which was but a corporal's guard.

An enormous sum of money is being spent to promote Mr. Munson's candidacy.

Where it is coming from Republicans can only surmise.

The fact that Mr. Munson has among his clients a number of powerful corporations has been accentuated since he started out on his hunt for votes, and the mails have been flooded with tons of expensive campaign literature exploiting his candidacy and attacking his Republican opponent.

Misleading post cards give a map of Pennsylvania, so marked as to create the impression that the incumbents on the supreme bench come from but a small section of the state, have been circulated by the thousands. If upon these very maps lines are drawn from north to south it will be shown that the state will be blocked off so that every section will have a representative on the supreme court.

Cheap Game to Catch Votes.

Justices of the supreme court are not representatives of counties or districts. Each justice represents the whole state, and local lines have nothing to do with it.

It would be just as reasonable and just as correct to argue that a much larger portion of the commonwealth has no representation in the executive branch of the state government. There is but one governor, and of necessity he resides in one of the sixty-nine counties. Shall it then be argued that the other sixty-eight counties have no representation in the office of the governor? The friends of Mr. Munson ought to call in those campaign documents. They may do him harm by giving the impression that he is making his canvass on the platform of local representation in the supreme court. This would be both illegal and illogical.

But attempts to catch votes by such tactics simply emphasizes the undignified and puerile character of the canvass being made by Mr. Munson and his political associates.

In the selection of men for the supreme bench geographical considerations are of minor moment.

Men of judicial temperament, of knowledge of the law, of known character and integrity and of keen appreciation of the dignity of the high office and of its grave and serious responsibilities are wanted by the people.

Judge Robert von Moschzisker, the Republican nominee, is just such a man.

As a loyal and patriotic citizen, as an able lawyer and as a tried and capable judge, he has shown his fitness for the honorable position for which he has been named.

His attitude in absolutely holding aloof from the political campaign has been the subject of favorable comment upon every hand, when contrasted with the political campaigning of his opponent.

PENSION EXPERIMENT.

Interesting Plan Being Tried by a Mercantile Concern.

A large mercantile company, which has branches in nine of our cities, has put into effect an employee's old age pension system, which is an interesting experiment. To this the employees themselves contribute nothing, but all are eligible at sixty years of age if they have served the company for 20 years. Provision, too, is made for those who, at any age, are incapacitated for work after 20 years of service. The amount of a pension is based upon the salary of an employee.

The salary figured on is the average salary during the five years preceding retirement, and the pension amounts to one per cent. of this, multiplied by the number of years of service. Thus, a man whose salary is \$2,000 a year, upon retiring after 25 years' service, will receive a pension of \$500. The smallest pension paid is \$300, the largest \$1,000; so that the system strongly favors those who have received small or moderate salaries and who, unable to save as they have gone along, have looked forward to old age with consternation.—World's Work.

Few Women Vote Who Have Right.

There are 605,906 women in England and Wales qualified to vote for members of county councils; 265,862 women to vote for county borough councils, and 137,324 women are qualified to vote for non-county borough councils. These totals have just been completed and they are being used as an argument against the suffragists. They provide a strong argument, too, for the women who exercise their franchise privilege form only a trifling fraction of the total. These qualified voters show the indifference which it is charged the average woman would show were she to have an unresisted ballot. There are many boroughs in England in which the women might wield the balance of power, but they exert no influence as they do not go to the polls. This is the first time the noses of the women voters in England have been counted, and the completed lists, contrasted with the scattering votes actually cast, mean one of the hardest blows the suffragist cause has received since it became a live issue several years ago.

May Soon Breathe Again.

We are living in an era of expansion in more ways than one. For instance, now, from some indefinite source (you never can tell where to lay the blame, or eke the credit for such things), comes the news that the director's gown is to yield even the scant space it occupies, and to pass from sight to memory. In its place our sidewalks and street car seats are to be crowded with more voluminous skirts. The inhabitants of these costumes, freed from fashion's policy of repression, will likewise expand to more normal conditions and comfortable sighs.—Indianapolis News.

Tuberculous Children.

In the cities of New York and Boston there are, according to special commissions which recently investigated the subject, over 30,000 children in these two cities alone that have tuberculosis. On the basis of these and other investigations it is estimated by certain authorities that there are nearly 1,000,000 school children in the United States to-day who will probably die of tuberculosis before they have reached the age of 18. This would mean that the public is paying annually about \$7,500,000 for the education of children who will die before they reach the age of 18.

A Doubtful Compliment.

"Ma wants two pounds of butter exactly like what you sent us last. If it ain't exactly like that she won't take it," said the small boy.

The grocer turned to his numerous customers and remarked blandly: "Some people in my business don't like particular customers, but I do. It's my delight to serve them what they want. I will attend to you in a moment, little boy."

"Be sure to get the same kind," said the boy. "A lot of pa's relations is visiting at our house and na doesn't want 'em to come again."—Tit-Bits.

Law of Attraction.

The attractions of men to women and women to men are full of the most perplexing inconsistencies and contradictions imaginable. It is, for instance, a physical law that magnetism is not simple attraction of one thing for another, but the difference of two opposing forces of attraction and repulsion, of which the former is the greater. The same law holds in relation to the attraction of men and women for each other, in which, as a rule, the masculine is the superior force.—T. P.'s Weekly, London.

Makes a Living as Pawning Agent.

A woman who appeared in a London police court the other day was described as a "pawning agent." She makes her living by pawning things for her neighbors, who pay her a commission because they believe she can secure larger loans than they could.

Good Knowledge for Divers.

As part of the education of the English naval divers, the beginners are taught how to save themselves, should they become exhausted, by allowing their suits to fill with air and shooting rapidly upward to the surface, where they are dragged into the boat by the attendants.

Bearing Another's Burden.

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