PEN PORTRAITS OF NOTED PEOPLE

A. G. Spalding, Who May Be United States Senator.

Albert Goodwill Spalding will doubtless be the new United States senator from California to succeed Senator Flint, judging from the returns of the state primaries. From a baseball player to United States senator will be Mr. Spalding's unique record when he goes to Washington.

Mr. Spalding's name probably is known to as many persons in the United States as that of any other man who has not been in public office. He is sixty years old and became a ball player when the game first became popular, at the close of the civil war.

In 1871, after a financial panic and the failure of a business house by which he was employed, he signed to pitch for the original Boston Red Stockings. The Boston team won the pennant for four consecutive years, Mr. Spalding contributing much to that result.

After a tour abroad to popularize the "great American game" there he continued his baseball career, becoming manager of the Chicago club. Under his direction the Chicago club became champion and held the championship for years.

With W. A. Hulbert, now dead, Mr. Spalding organized the present National league.

He has made his home for a number of years on the Pacific coast, at Point Loma, Cal., where he has a picturesque estate.

Haakon Follows the Hounds.

King Haakon of Norway is fond of telling of his first appearance with his regiment, when he headed it at parade. It was the King's Own Norfolk yeomanry.

"I was horribly nervous," he says. "I am not what might be called a 'crack rider,' and I had seen the yeomanry on parade and in many cases following the hounds. My word, but they ride like the wind and look as if they could go up a church steeple if they got the order or the hounds showed them the way! I felt as I rode along at their head that every man was inwardly criticising my style and setting me down as a hopeless duffer. It was a horrible experience, and I never want to go through it again."

Discoverer of Pure Radium.

Mme. Curie, chief professor in the faculty of sciences of Paris university, who recently announced to the Academy of Sciences that she had succeeded in obtaining pure radium, is probably the most famous woman scientist in the world. Working with her husband, now dead, Mme. Curie obtained radium in the form of salts from pitchblende in 1888. Since the death of M.

MME. CURIE.

Curie she has continued the investigations that have resulted in her recent discovery.

Not long ago Mme. Curie received the distinguished honor from England of the Albert medal of the Royal Society of Arts. She is the second woman to be so honored. The first was Queen Victoria, who received the Albert medal on the fiftieth anniversary of her reign. Mme. Curie was offered the Legion of Honor decoration by the French government, but refused to accept not only that, but other political distinctions.

DAUGHTERS.

[illegible] Halbach, daughter and heir of the great German gun manufacturer, is an advocate of peace.

Mrs. F. Marion Crawford, widow of the novelist, lives at her villa near Rome, where she is often visited by readers and admirers of Mr. Crawford's works.

Miss Edna D. Day, who will head the newly organized department of home economics in the University of Kansas, received her degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Maude Abbott of Montreal has won an international reputation in the science and practice of medicine. She studied in Europe as well as in Canada and has recently been given an honorary degree by McGill university.

Mrs. Ella Spencer-Mussey attended the recent dedication of a new public library building in Geneva, O., which contains a tablet erected in memory of her father, Platt Rogers Spencer, author of the Spencerian system of penmanship.

Lady Angela Forbes of London, whose sister, the Countess of Westmorland, recently died, has a flower shop of which she is very proud. Over the door is the name "My Shop," and she takes pleasure in being photographed in front of it.

Current Comment.

Japan lost no time in selling the Korean legation quarters in Washington. Evidently believes in quick sales and all profit.—New York Herald.

The title of Lillian Russell's new play is "In Search of a Sinner." Has she looked in any of the restaurants along the Great White Way?—Chicago Record-Herald.

A St. Louis woman has originated the "trial separation" as a preliminary to divorce. The idea is at least an improvement on the trial marriage.—Davenport (Ia.) Leader.

"It is not so much the quality of dimensions," says a Yale professor, "as it is the dimensions of quality that interest the people." We don't understand it, but it looks like a bright idea.—Toledo Blade.

Base Hits.

President Hedges of the St. Louis Americans intimates that his team may do its spring training at home next year.

Manager Dooin of the Philadelphia Nationals can join with Bresnahan and Griffith in the chorus about "hard luck with pitchers."

It looks as if Manager Duffy of the Chicago Americans had dug up a find in Outfielder Meloan. He is hammering the ball hard and often at every session.

Fred Beck of the Boston Nationals can surely hit. He came from the coast with a great record as a slugger and was carried all last season, batting poorly, in hopes that he would come through. This year he is killing the globule.

Short Stories.

More than 300,000 of the population of the United States are stammerers.

Soap is expensive in Paraguay. A fine grade of toilet soap after the high duty is paid costs $1.22 a cake.

The United States makes 137,500,000 pounds of rope a year, enough if reduced to clothesline size to encircle the earth sixty-eight times.

A three-and-a-half-year-old boy of Kingston, Jamaica, has been discovered who is able to read and count correctly, although he has never been taught in any way.

English Etchings.

It is estimated that there are 12,000 artists in London.

The value of the British ships and cargoes lost annually is £7,000,000.

It is only forty years ago that a bullfight was held at the Agricultural hall, Islington.

Thirty-eight of every hundred Englishmen marry after they are more than fifty years old.

Routes for horse omnibuses in London are usually not more than seven miles long, but motor bus routes are as much as seventeen.

Tales of Cities.

Winnipeg claims a death rate of but 12 per 1,000 and thinks this the lowest city figure on earth.

The marriages of London last year represent the lowest percentage of which there is any record.

There are buildings in Mexico City four, five and six stories high, but none of them has fire escapes.

In its anti-rat warfare San Francisco authorities caused the arrest of 400 persons for failing to observe the regulations in this respect.

Animal Oddities.

Thoroughbred dogs are less intelligent than mongrels.

Dorking fowls have five toes, ordinary fowls usually four.

Camels are put to serious work at the age of eighteen months.

In proportion to its weight the wing of a bird is twenty times stronger than the arm of a man.

Palestine sheep have tails which are solid fat and weigh from six to eighteen pounds ordinarily. In Lebanon they often reach forty pounds.

TIMELY BREVITIES

Russia manufactures neither clocks nor watches.

John Bull has more daughters than sons in England and Wales by 1,235,055.

Mexico proposes to construct a federal highway from the capital to Acapulco, along the famous historic trail.

Brushing the surface of aluminium with steel brushes at high speed produces what is known as a satin finish.

The order for the Panama lock gates covers no less than 58,000 tons of steel distributed over forty-six gates, or ninety-two leaves.

Nearly all the watches imported in this country come from Switzerland, while most of the clocks come from Germany and France.

Rail connection between Mexico and Guatemala is about to be established by the building of a bridge 800 feet long over the Suchiate river.

A Swedish inventor plans a method by which lighthouses may call out their names in stentorian tones instead of using the inarticulate howl of foghorns.

Chrystie street, New York, was formerly First street. It was in March, 1827, that its name was changed in honor of Lieutenant Colonel John Chrystie, a frontier soldier.

The kaiser has some 400 godsons. This is the outcome of the old Prussian law under which the father of seven sons can call upon his sovereign to act as godfather to the latest born.

Americans of Danish descent, led by Dr. Max Henius of Chicago, have purchased a tract of land on the outskirts of Aalborg, Denmark, and will present it to the government for a national park.

Travelers will no more complain of the dogs of Constantinople. The Turkish parliament has new plans for sanitation and will transport and exile the four footed scavengers on an island in the sea of Marmora.

A cloud of "smoke" which appeared to be rising from the cathedral tower at Belgrade, Austria, was found when the fire brigade arrived to be a large cluster of mosquitoes, compact at the base and tapering toward the top.

Years ago sugar experts said of Hawaii, "The limit of production has been reached." Yet last year the islands raised 20,000 tons more than the year before, and in 1908 the production exceeded that of 1907 by 80,000 tons.

Wages throughout the cities of Asia Minor are low. Carpenters get from 32 to 56 cents a day, bricklayers 40 to 48 cents and common laborers from 4 to 12 cents. Doctors charge 40 cents a visit and dentists 20 cents for pulling a tooth.

A bicycle lamp, six feet of barbed wire, a skipping rope, numerous magazines, hats and boots were among the three or four cartloads of rubbish taken from the basins of the two fountains in Trafalgar square, London, recently when they were cleaned.

According to Consul General James T. Du Bois of Singapore, a one wheeled jinrikisha, on the monocycle principle, is being introduced among the Chinese of the Malay States. It is said to be safe and to have many advantages over the old fashioned vehicle.

Eggs with two yolks occur not uncommonly, but eggs with three yolks are exceptionally rare. Such an egg was recently laid by a Barred Plymouth Rock pullet at the Maine experiment station. The egg was somewhat above the average size, but no other abnormal feature was noticed.

Turkey's gradual change from a national system of time to the European has caused a demand for watches showing both, to meet which three watches have been devised, one with dials on each side, another with two dials side by side and a third with a fixed dial for European time, surrounded by a movable ring showing the national.

During last year's draft 3,560 wells were dug in the Chinese province of Shantung by order of the magistrate of Changshan. The water was raised by the rope windlass basket method, which kept two men busy at each well night and day, and on the hot days it was not unusual for a man to faint from exhaustion. The installation of windmills is now advocated.

During the first thirty years of the nineteenth century France recorded more than thirty births for each 1,000 inhabitants. After the Franco-Prussian war (1870-1) the birth rate began declining, between the years 1876 and 1900 ranging from twenty-six to twenty-two in 1,000. During 1900 it sank to twenty-one, and more recent statistics show that the rate has fallen to twenty.

Sir William Crookes, upon whom King George V. has bestowed the Order of Merit, is a man whose name has been known the world over for many years. As an editor his publications reach every quarter of the globe, but he is so famous in the field of original investigation and discovery that his reputation as an editor is lost in the gleam of his reputation as a scientist.

Michael Kirby, engineer, for fifty-eight years employed by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has voluntarily left his locomotive cab and gone on the retired list. Mr. Kirby claims to be the only person living who struck one of the blows which drove the gold spike in the crosstie at Boseby's Rock, West Virginia, on Christmas eve, 1852, marking the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to the Ohio river at Wheeling and the establishment of the first trunk line on the American continent.

DR. DIXON DEFENDS DAIRY FARMERS

Declares Milk Often Becomes Polluted After Leaving Their Hands on Way to Consumer.

SANITARY LAWS ARE BROKEN

"Don't let's put too much blame on the farmers," says State Health Commissioner Dixon in discussing the question of a pure milk supply, a problem that is troubling so many municipalities throughout Pennsylvania.

"As an old farmer myself who has led the reapers around the wheat field, swinging a cradle and then in the evening milking my share of the cows, I am naturally favorable to the dairy farmer, but it is the close study of actual conditions that convinces me that the first disease germs often, perhaps most frequently, get into the milk after it has passed out of the farmer's control.

"The farmer appreciates more today than ever the necessity of keeping milk clean. He knows that if it reaches the market sweet and pure the demand will be increased. He is up against a difficult task to make money out of his milk dairy when he has to constantly buy new cattle to take the place of those that have gone dry, become sick or died.

Dairyman's Problems.

"He must produce or purchase food for them, keep up the stable, pay his help, constantly replenish his supply of pans, buckets, etc., and haul this milk over all kinds of roads, through all sorts of weather and then receive for all this 4 or 4½ cents a quart from the dealer.

"The milk often begins to receive pollution on the railroad, when an attendant takes off the lid of a milk can, helps himself to a drink and then replaces the lid, drippings of milk which have reached his lips going back into the can.

"Does this sound like an exaggeration? Let me cite you a case. I remember a baggagemaster who once called upon me for medical advice. I found him suffering with pulmonary tuberculosis. When I advised him to drink plenty of milk he informed me that he was drinking a great deal of it. He said he hauled milk in his baggage car and that he was in the habit of drinking out of the lids of the cans.

"At the stations and along the streets the milk dealers often purchase from each other. The purchaser sticks his finger into the milk and then into his mouth to determine the sweetness and then into the second can until he tests as many cans of milk as he proposes purchasing.

Unsanitary Methods.

"Only a few days ago a gentleman came into my office to tell me he had just witnessed his own milk man hand a street cleaner a drink of milk contained in the lid of his can and then replace the lid.

"I have witnessed over and over again milk men collect bottles from their customers, poke the index finger in the mouth of one and the thumb in the other to carry the bottles to his wagon. Trusting that they had been properly cleansed by the housewife, the bottles were at once refilled, caps taken out of a pocket which also contained a handkerchief and then these bottles of milk were delivered to the next customers. It is not worth while to enumerate other instances to make my point clear, that is, we must not confine ourselves to the dairy farm in looking for conditions that render milk impure. Our municipalities throughout the state will have to keep their eyes open to the way in which the dealers and others are handling the milk after it has left the farmer's care."

Made Him Chesty.

"You're a wonderfully well built man," said the crafty tailor after taking the measurements.

"Do you think so?" said the pleased patron, looking in the mirror.

"Perhaps I had better take your chest measurement once more."—Yonkers Statesman.

One Viewpoint.

"What is Punkville kicking about now?"

"Because passing airships have dropped articles in the streets."

"Shucks! Punkville ought to congratulate herself that she's big enough to hit."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Prosperity's Hit.

"Do you blow the dinner horn here?" asked the summer boarder.

"No," said the boss farmer sourly. "The hands get such good pay nowadays that they all carry gold case eighteen jewel watches."—Buffalo Express.

The Bitterness of Damocles.

Damocles saw the sword suspended by a hair.

"Shucks!" he cried. "My buttons have hung that way for months."

Thus it may be inferred that he was married.—New York Sun.

Getting Impatient.

Slowboy—Do you—er—think your father would kick me out if I was to—er—ask him for your hand?

Miss Willing—No. But I'm afraid he will if you don't ask him pretty soon.—Chicago News.

Facts About Giants.

That very few of the giants who have ever lived have been healthy or well formed recent researches prove beyond a doubt. All we know about Goliath is that he was very tall, but in the second book of Kings we read about another giant, who had more fingers than an ordinary human being, and, according to modern scientists, this is invariably a token of degeneracy. Marcel Donnal saw at Milan a giant who was so tall that his body filled two beds at night, but whose legs were so weak that he could hardly stand upright. William Evans, the gigantic porter of Charles I., had little strength, and Cromwell's porter, another giant, ended his days in a lunatic asylum. Finally, O'Brien, the Irish giant, has been described as "an enormous sick child who grew up too fast."

Another Fake.

"Did you see the 'lightning calculator' in the sideshow?" asked the old farmer in the wide straw hat.

"By heck, yes," drawled the other ruralite, "and he was the biggest fake in the show."

"How was that?"

"Why, thar was a thunderstorm going on while I was in the tent and when I asked him if he could calculate where the lightning was going to strike he just gave me the laugh."—Chicago News.

An Ominous Symptom.

"A good wife is heaven's greatest gift to man and the rarest gem the earth holds," remarked Mr. Jarphly the other morning. "She is his joy, his inspiration and his very soul. Through her he learns to reach the pure and true, and her loving hands lead him softly over the rough places. She is"—

"Jeremiah," said Mrs. Jarphly solemnly—"Jeremiah, what wickedness have you been up to now?"

Doubled in Value.

A Missourian who bought some Texas land and wanted to unload it told a prospective buyer that it had "doubled in value since I bought it." "But," said the other, "you offered to sell it to me for the same price you paid. How has it doubled in value?" "Well, you see, I gave twice as much as it was worth."—Kansas City Star.

A Banquet For Horses.

Banquets prepared exclusively for animals are not altogether unknown in England. The aged inmates of the Home of Rest for Horses, Westcroft farm, Cricklewood, celebrate each New Year's day with a sumptuous repast. The menu for the last banquet consisted of lumps of sugar, chopped carrots, apples, brown and white bread and biscuits. These were mixed together in a wooden box and placed outside each stable door.—London Family Herald.

D. & H. CO. TIME TABLE---HONESDALE BRANCH

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6 11	9 36	.....	6 52	2 37	9 18	..... Farview	7 33	1 03	5 08	.....	11 44	7 54
6 17	9 42	.....	6 58	2 43	9 24	..... Canaan	7 25	12 56	5 01	.....	11 37	7 47
6 23	9 48	.....	7 04	2 49	9 29	..... Lake Lodore	7 19	12 51	5 56	.....	11 31	7 41
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