

Cross and Stories About Prominent People

Daniel Webster and the Brandy. E. WEBSTER'S fondness for brandy gave one of his important clients a very bad twenty-four hours. He was called to Philadelphia to defend the Goodyear rubber patents...

Artistic Business. Phil May, the English artist, who died not long ago, had fits of laziness and when suffering from this ailment found it very difficult to work. On one occasion he had promised a colored design for the Christmas number of a weekly...

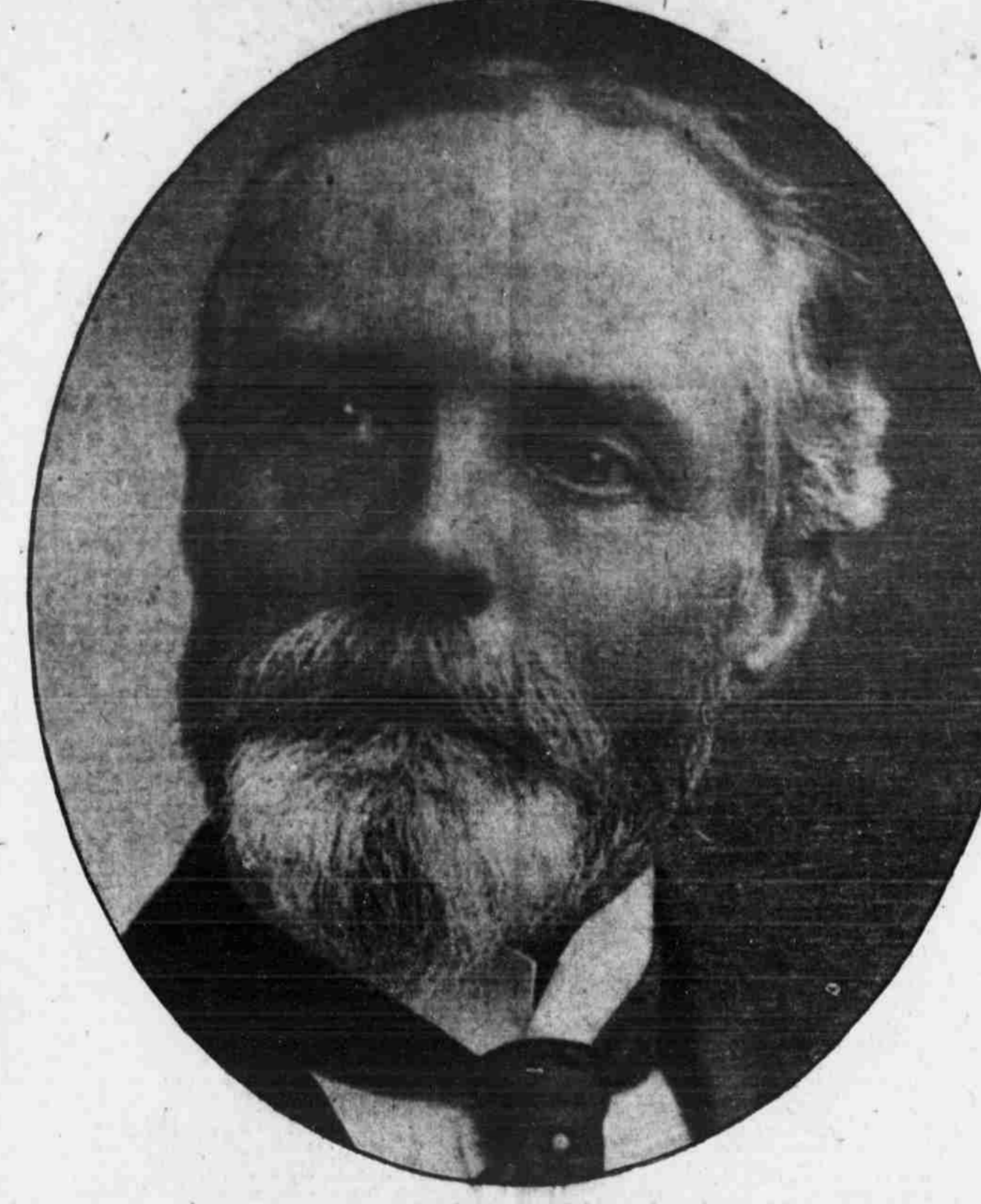
A Senator and His Gums. United States Senator William A. Clark of Montana, Washington and New York had an exciting encounter with gum chewing in the slot chewing machine a few days ago in the Fourteenth Street station of the subway...

Boss of the Russian Capital. When Governor General Tropeoff of St. Petersburg was chief of police in Moscow, before the establishment of the state liquor monopoly, he was told from the highest quarters to suppress the orgies at popular resorts in the town...

Artist in a Rage. The late Adolf Menzel did not care much for women and he was apt to treat them with scant courtesy, no matter what their rank. When he was making his picture of the Konigsberg coronation the Empress Augusta came to the conclusion that the women in it had not been sufficiently considered...

Franks of Genoa. The duty of deciding whether the late Sheriff Thomas of Edinburgh, Scotland, was a burglar or a lunatic was the difficult task imposed on Lord Justice Clark and a jury in the court of sessions recently. The sheriff left an estate of \$400,000 and his will is contested on the ground that he was weak-minded and untidy under the control of his valet Andrew Melrose...

United States Ambassador to Court of St. James



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Recent Progress Made in the Field of Electricity

Struggle for Niagara Water Power. THE annual struggle between commercialism and those who would preserve Niagara Falls as the great scenic wonder of the world is on in the New York legislature. Companies seeking some of the power of the falls are battling for charters, pressing their demands with the vigor and energy a great prize inspires...

Some Courtship Curiosities and Romances

Wireless Wizard's Bride. HON. BEATRICE O'BRIEN, who became the bride of Signor Marconi, the renowned inventor, is a member of a distinguished Irish family, being a sister of the present baron of Inchiquin. The Inchiquin family is alleged to be descended from King Brian Boru, king of Ireland, who was king of Munster in the twelfth century. Miss O'Brien is described as being bright and comely, but somewhat rustic-looking. She first met Marconi a year ago at the palatial residence of Lord Dunraven at Adare, County Limerick. The bride's settlement is said to be \$4,000 a year.

Tersely Told Tales Both Grim and Gadsome

Woman's Humor. MRS. MAJ. E. WILKINS-FREEMAN was discussing at her home in Metuchen the popular fallacy that woman has no sense of humor. "Woman," said this powerful writer, "has a keen sense of humor, and of this fact I am continually hearing some excellent proofs. Often it is sad and bitter humor. But I do not like it less on that account."

Another Specimen. A woman, while going down stairs to dinner, had the misfortune to step slightly on the dress of the woman in front of her. The man on whose arm the former was leaning rudely said aloud, so that the couple in front might hear him: "Always getting in the way, like Balaam's ass."

Beating In. Champ Clark of Missouri was addressing the house of representatives on one occasion. He was discussing the effect of the continued impoverishment of the coal and wood supply, and in consequence has turned again to the study of the water power and the waste of the coal mine. In this study the development of the electrical industry is aiding by reason, first, of its possible generation in large units and application in small; and, secondly, by its ease of transport, permitting the use of the central energy system with no loss of local advantage of location.

Run Over by The Cars. The following story is told in Concord, N. H., of ex-Senator Chandler, whose defeat for re-election was by reason of his antagonism to the Boston & Maine Railroad company, especially on the matter of passes to legislators, not electric railway franchisees. His son was defeated for alderman in Concord last fall, after receiving the republican nomination in a strong republican district, by a democrat, who was a Boston & Maine conductor. A friend, meeting the ex-senator in the Eagle hotel soon afterward, said to him: "Sorry to hear your son was snowed under the other day."

All Right but the Ring. Yarnall Abbott of Philadelphia, who, though an amateur, is admitted to be one of the best photographers in America, collects with much exact stories about the camera. "A North Ninth street photographer," he said the other day, "told me this morning that a young woman brought back to him a dozen cabinets that he had made of her the week before. 'Why?' he exclaimed, in dismay. 'Bringing them all back? I thought they were very successful.' 'Yes, they were very successful. I only want you to touch out the ring. I've got a new young man.'—New York Tribune.

Not True to Nature. "Mark Twain was visiting H. H. Rogers," said a New York editor. "Mr. Rogers led the humorist into his library. 'There,' he said, as he pointed to a bust of white marble, 'what do you think of that?' 'It was a bust of a young woman coiffed her hair, a very graceful example of modern Italian sculpture. 'Mr. Rogers looked at it a moment, and then he said: 'It isn't true to nature.' 'Why not?' Mr. Rogers asked. 'She ought to have her mouth full of hairpins,' said the humorist."—New York Tribune.