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Getting Potatoes From England.

New York.—Six thousand tons of potatoes, the largest shipment ever received in New York, arrived from London Monday on the steamship Minnehaha. Doubtless there are enough of them to supply 24,000,000 meals for an adult. As potatoes were quoted here Monday at \$3.25 per bag of 168 pounds, the shipment is valued at more than \$230,000. The government collected \$50,000 in duties.

Nashville, Tenn.—For the first time since the period of reconstruction there is a prospect that Tennessee may have one republican representative in the United States senate. Pending the meeting of the legislature next January, the seat made vacant by the death of Senator Robert L. Taylor will be filled by an appointee of Governor Hooper, republican, should he name a man from his own party.

Is No "New Woman."

Chicago.—Rev. Father T. T. Kelley of Lincoln, Neb., who came here to lecture before the Catholic Woman's club on "Modern Woman," declared that there is no such person, notwithstanding suffragist conventions, hobble gowns and advanced philosophy. He contended that the real woman of today differed from the real woman of Eden only in the things with which she sought to hide her body and her heart.

Ohio Endorses Taft.

Columbus, O.—By a vote of 15 to 5, the republican state committee has endorsed President Taft for renomination and decided to hold two state conventions, one in Columbus, June 3 and 4, to select six delegates-at-large to the republican national convention, and another later to name a state ticket. The holding of the two conventions is a concession to the Roosevelt forces.

The selection of a candidate for governor will depend very largely on who is nominated for president. Primaries will be held in each of the twenty-one districts of the state under the Bronson law for the purpose of selecting district delegates to the Chicago convention.

To Limit Width of Right of Way.

Washington.—The judiciary committee have agreed to report favorably

the Norris bill to limit the width of the Union Pacific right of way, and Judge Norris was selected to draw passage of the bill developed in the committee, but the majority voted for it.

Women Save the Town.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Credit for saving Hopkins, Mo., from probable total destruction is given to the women of that place. When a blaze that consumed several stores broke out they went to the assistance of the male inhabitants and formed a bucket brigade, which continued in action until the fire was under control.

Santa Fe.—On the eighth ballot for United States senators Wednesday the deadlock was broken and A. B. Fall and T. B. Catron were elected.

Declares for Bryan.

Chariton, Ia.—Declaring that it was Bryanism alone which has made the people of America think, "which has converted LaFollettes into democrats, Roosevelt into chameleons, and forced the Tafts into open opposition to majority rule in this land of the free," Frank Q. Stewart, one of the most prominent democratic leaders of Iowa, announced his candidacy for delegate-at-large to the Baltimore convention.

Will Be Some Dry Towns.

Lincoln.—Several of the present wet towns of the state are to be dry for a portion of next month, due to the fact that a law enacted during the last session of the state legislature makes no provision for the operation of saloons between the times of expiration of licenses under the old law and the renewals under the new law. The enactment just put upon the statute books sets out that the municipal license year in all cities outside of Omaha shall extend from May 1 of one year to May 1 of the next year.

Reject Dollar a Day Pension Bill. Washington.—The senate, by a vote of 51 to 16, rejected the Sherwood pension bill, which had passed the house, and enacted the Smoot general age and service pension bill, which, it is estimated, will increase the pension roll by \$20,000,000 annually during the next five years.

Environed in the Infinite
And, that no day of life may lack romance,
The spiritual stars rise nightly, shedding
A private beam into each several heart,
Daily the bending skies solicit man,
The seasons chariot him from this exile,
The rainbow hours bedeck his glowing
chair,
The storm winds urge the heavy week
along,
Suns haste to set, that so remoter lights
Beckon the wanderer to his vaster home.
—Emerson's "The Adirondacks."

The Irregular Member

By Annie Hirschman

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"Be still. I wish to hear what Mr. Ralston is saying." Mary Collins shook her head impatiently at the men with her.

"Nobody listens to Ralston," scoffed the representative of a metropolitan paper.

"I do," she retorted. "He talks well."

"He is an irregular," commented a member of the assembly, "a man who votes according to his own convictions, instead of obeying his party's mandates. He refuses to obey the dictates of the party leaders. He will not make alliances with the other party. No party or faction can claim him. He votes as he chooses, regardless of party lines, and introduces all sorts of impossible but highly meritorious bills. Because he will not stand by either party, neither party will stand by him. He is making a speech now in favor of one of his bills, but nobody is listening to him."

Mary Collins walked away from the group of legislators and newspaper men to a place near the irregular member.

Accustomed from childhood to the unwritten laws of legislative procedure, trained to detect and understand every condition and change in the mental atmosphere of the assembly, she knew that Ralston was speaking to men whose ears were deaf to the words of an irregular party man. The members were reading, writing or talking about. The presiding officer sat in his chair yawning ostentatiously. The pages clattered noisily around the speaking member.

Several times Ralston's eyes met Mary's. When he sat down, rewarded by the indifferent silence of his fellow members, he turned toward her. She smiled and nodded with emphatic approval in the shake of her pretty head. There was a flash of surprised pleasure and gratitude in his eyes.

When the house adjourned she was standing near the entrance of representatives' hall. "Your speech this morning was a good one," she said.

When he smiled the firm-lipped, austere legislator became a boyish young man. "You are the only person who thought so," he said, whimsically. "The members won't listen to me and since I never accomplish anything you newspaper people pay no attention to me."

"Is it impossible for you to act in harmony with your party?"

"I despise the sort of legislation my party is advocating, and I won't work with them. I don't enjoy being a Pariah—an irregular is a Pariah—and I'm awfully lonesome. But I'll stick to my ideals."

"Ideals are sometimes cold companions," said the girl bitterly. They had left the state house and were walking toward the hotel.

"They are," the man agreed. "But when we give them up we sacrifice the best of ourselves; we give up all that raises us above the common sordidness of life."

He pushed open the hotel door for her. In the lobby stood Grant Warren, a leader of the house and a member of the party to which Ralston belonged. He came toward them, nodded to Ralston and spoke impatiently to Mary.

"I've been waiting ages for you. Let's go in to lunch."

"What do you see in that man to like?" Warren asked when they were in the dining room.

"His ideals, I think," she answered absently.

The irregular was at a table not far from them.

"The man has a lot of crazy notions. The political whirl is no place for him. He will soon have a chance to redeem himself with his party. The franchise bill which was introduced a few weeks ago will soon be voted on. It is a party measure and we can pass it by a majority of one if all the members of our party vote for it. But Ralston will probably refuse to support it. The loss of his vote will defeat the measure. If he stands by his party we shall forgive him his past misdemeanors. If he forsakes us we shall throw him out of the party and out of the house."

"Shall you vote against the franchise bill?" Mary asked Ralston several days later.

"I have announced my intention of doing so. I can see nothing but harm in it."

"You understand, do you not, that your refusal to vote with your party on this measure will cost your a great price?"

"It will probably cost me my seat in the house. I was elected by so small a majority that my opponent

is contesting my seat. Election contests are decided by a committee of the house. The committee is ruled by men who favor the franchise bill. I have been told that my opponent, who ran on the independent ticket, has promised his vote to the men who will unseat me and give him my place. If I persist in my determination to oppose the bill I shall probably be unseated to make room for a man whose vote will pass the bill."

"Yet you persist in your determination?"

"Of course," he answered, as if he regarded the question as superfluous. "I can't vote for a bill I think is wrong. I shall leave the capital. I shall probably never see you again. I love you very dearly," he went on in a matter of fact tone. "But you are engaged to Grant Warren. If you were free I'd do my best to win you."

The next morning shortly after the assembly convened Grant Warren rose and asked for recognition.

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "as chairman of the committee on election contests I desire to report to the house our decision in the case of Jones versus Ralston. After a careful consideration of the evidence presented we have pronounced the election of Mr. Ralston an illegal one, and declare that Mr. Jones is the lawful member from Pike county."

"Mr. Ralston," announced the speaker, "having been declared illegally elected, is hereby requested to leave his seat in the house."

There was silence as the sturdy, erect figure passed down the aisle. As he reached the door Mary Collins joined him and walked with him into the rotunda. She drew him into the empty state library.

"It is over," he said briefly. "I am a political outcast, a legislative misfit. I am one of those men whose misfortune it is to look on subjects differently from their fellows. And I have to stand by my convictions."

"You are not a failure. You are a glorious success. For the sake of your ideals you endured this humiliation. Ideals are the only things worth clinging to. Do you still love me and want to marry me? If you do I'll marry you now—whenever you wish."

"What are you talking about, Mary?"

"When I first knew you I was engaged to Grant Warren. I did not love him. But the life of a self-supporting woman is sometimes very hard. Mine has been cruelly hard. He has wealth and position. I intended to marry him for the material advantages he could give me. I had had ideals of marriage for true love, but I had put them aside. When I knew you I began to care for you as I had never cared for any other man. But Grant was a success and very rich. So I tried to smother the ideals and marry him. But I can't do it. I realized today when you walked from the house that I honored and loved you and the nobility you represent beyond anything else in the world. I want the man I love and I want to live up to my old ideals of love and marriage. But perhaps you don't want a woman who has been so mercenary. I don't care what you are politically and I don't care how poor you are."

"But I'm not poor," he said, starting at her in joyous bewilderment. "I'm only a poor politician. I am sound in business sense. I have a great deal of money, more than you can spend. Do you really love me, sweetheart? It isn't just pity for a political outcast?"

"An outcast?" she said, scornfully. "I call him a hero."

More Mirror Superstitions.

It is not only in Greece that mirror superstitions survive. English folk still adhere to the belief that to break a mirror is to insure seven years of ill luck; in Scotland the same calamity is regarded as a portent of a death. In the southwestern counties it is considered unlucky for a bride to look in a mirror on her wedding day—but the superstition must be strong indeed to prevent a woman taking "one last look" at herself in the glass on that most important occasion. Some folk, too, cover over all mirrors in the presence of death, and believe that anyone looking in a glass in a house where a dead man lies will see the dead person looking over the shoulder.

The Boston Courtship.

"I think I could make you happy," he averred.

"We are not here to be happy," she explained. "We are here to fulfill missions."

"Then consider me as yours."

It was upon this basis that they became engaged.

Utilized Time.

"How is it that Bunks studied law in the spare time of such a busy career?"

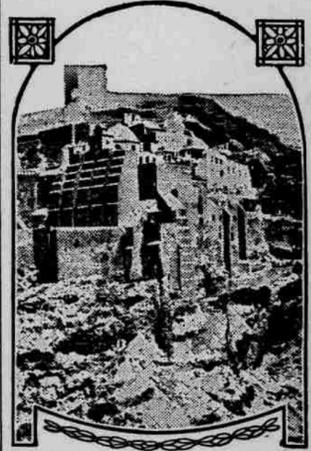
"He read his books while his wife was getting dressed to be ready in a minute."

WALLS OF CHINESE CITIES

Immense Structures to Be Demolished to Make Way for Modern Improvements.

Shanghai, China.—The decision to demolish the ancient wall surrounding Shanghai city is an interesting sign of the times as well as the preliminary to an ambitious scheme of development.

Scores of coolies were at work, says the North China Daily News, with pick and shovel on that portion of the city rampart which faces the street leading to the old yamen. The



Fort on the Great Wall.

wall itself is several times wider than the alleys along which pedestrians and rickshaws make their devious and difficult way in that part of the city. The space acquired by the removal of the wall should therefore, if used to best advantage, be of considerable value.

It appears to have been suddenly discovered that the wall is useless as a means of defense and that it is an ugly impediment to the development and improvement of the native quarters. The work was put in hand immediately the order went forth from the town hall works department that it was to be executed without fail.

The owners and inhabitants of shanties on the wall have been ordered to remove these, and any fences, material, etc., which would impede the progress of the work. An outcry might have been expected, since the scheme had been strongly opposed, but the order has been quietly accepted. In fact very little interest seems to have been aroused by the work, even though it inaugurates a striking change.

Two of the principal gates in the city wall of Hangchow have been removed. At Canton the republican government has ordered an investigation as to the population and the number of houses along the wall inside and outside the city. The officials deputed to the work are to report in a month, submitting a list of the houses and residents, together with a scheme for the demolition of the entire city wall.

RISE AND FALL OF MINE TOWNS

Bubble of Popularity Frequently is Quickly Punctured in Many Gold Camps.

Vancouver, B. C.—"It don't take long to puncture the bubble of a town's popularity," remarked Paul C. Stephens, formerly of Washington, at the New Ebbitt. Mr. Stephens has been in nearly every mining camp which has sprung up in recent years in the west, Alaska and British Columbia. "The average person in the east," he continued, "does not comprehend what great gold mines there are in the small places of the west about which one hears but little. Take Nevada, for instance. I think the largest gold producing mine in the world is located there, near Goldfield, which yields more than \$1,000,000 a month. In Colorado there are scores of mines that are yielding fortunes, but they are rarely heard of. Goldfield, Nev., at the time of the boom, grew into a city of nearly 30,000 population. Today, with the fever gone, it has scarcely 3,000. Rawhide, which was another of the great gold 'buds,' had at one time more than 20,000 people, but there are not more than 300 or 400 residents there today.

"The realty values of Goldfield have depreciated so much that property is worth comparatively little. Lots that were selling during the boom for as high as \$50,000 are offered now for \$2,000, and there are no buyers. It is almost sad to walk the streets of Goldfield and see the vacant business blocks that were erected by investors who were carried away for the moment by the gold craze.

"In British Columbia, on the Fraser river, is a little place called Barkersville, which is populated by perhaps 75 or 100 persons, mostly Chinamen. There was a time when Barkersville had 30,000 people in it and was a thriving mining camp."

Clock Rescues Family.

Springfield, O.—Because an alarm clock was set at the wrong hour, the family of Harry Barrett was saved from being asphyxiated the other night. The little daughter of Mr. Barrett turned the key of the gas stove. At midnight the alarm clock aroused Mr. Barrett, who was partly suffocated, but was able to stagger to the stove and close the valve.

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