

### Wilson Dodged Embarrassing Queries of Newspaper Men With Timely Story; Fond of Limericks

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Confidential secretary and stenographer to Woodrow Wilson during his eight years in the White House.

Mr. Wilson loved a good story. He had always at his command an illustration or a yarn to give emphasis to or enliven a dull subject. He was adept at narrative; he had all the wit of his Irish strain; his interest was as wide as his knowledge; and he possessed an ingratiating charm of manner which made him an ideal story teller.

For, when agreeably inclined, he enjoyed as did few others the art of conversation. Then he liked to talk simply for talk's sake. And invariably he told a story.

He did not "luz" in a story that was obviously untrue, to his subject, but his anecdote or incident usually was the topic of the subject perfectly. In newspaper conferences, where he was at all intents and purposes under cross-examination, he frequently avoided an embarrassing question by an appropriate story which left everybody in good humor, but with no secrets of state divulged.

**Enjoyed Limericks.**  
He enjoyed reciting or reading doggerel of all kinds, but his favorite form of humor was the limerick. He had an unlimited fund of limericks, says at his command, and when he had difficulty in sleeping he was accustomed to reciting all the limericks he knew until he fell asleep. Once, on one of his first campaign trips, he confessed that he had recited 42 limericks before drowsiness overtook him.

These limericks he called upon to serve not only as humorous touches to his subject, but frequently as illuminating illustrations. In his first presidential campaign when the faction of the republican party headed by Roosevelt formed the progressive party, he frequently recited a rhyme as an illustration of his opinion of a progressive republican:

I never saw a purple cow,  
I never hope to see one;  
But this I'll tell you anyhow,  
I'd rather see than be one.

One of his favorites in his early campaigns was this one, which he employed to illustrate a sudden and unexpected turn of events:

There was a young lady of Niger  
Who smiled as she rode on a tiger;  
They returned from the ride  
With the lady inside,  
And the smile on the face of the tiger.

He was particularly fond of the stories told of President Lincoln, and told many of them himself. His memory for stories was particularly good, sometimes to good effect for those who surrounded him. On my long journey from the aviation camp in California to join the presidential party on the George Washington in New York for the voyage to the peace conference, I heard a good story of the type that I thought Mr. Wilson would enjoy.

On the first day out, the president was transacting no business to require my presence and I asked Admiral Grayson to tell the story to the president.

It was the story of the Irishman's conception of socialism — an old one now, but I repeat it for the comment Mr. Wilson made upon it, as in relating the kind of humor he enjoyed most:

Pat, who was known to be a socialist, was asked by Mike to explain the socialist creed to him. Pat replied in detail that it was community of ownership, the equitable division of all material wealth.

"Do ye mean to say," asked Mike "if ye had two houses, ye would give me wan?"

"Certainly," replied Pat, "that socialism."

"And if ye had two automobiles, would ye give me wan of them?" persisted Mike. "I would," agreed Pat.

"And if ye had two pigs, ye would give me wan of them?"

"Aw, gwan," replied Pat. "Ye know very well I've got two pigs." I thought it a good story. Of just the sort that Mr. Wilson enjoyed, and was taken aback by Admiral Grayson's report:

"You tell Swem his memory is failing," said Mr. Wilson. "I told him that story myself. It's my favorite." Story telling with him was not a plaything, a mere excuse for sociability or the means of passing an idle hour. It was in part an irrefragable expression of his sheer good fellowship; for the rest, it was a very serviceable compensating device in moments of crisis. In times of intense nervous strain, when every body around him was taking fire from the coal-hot events of the times, he found calm in a good story or a bit of humor.

On the morning after the Lusitania was sunk, when the country was at white heat, and his desk was literally covered with telegrams of fering advice, he stopped in the midst of his work to tell me an Irish story. It is an old story now, one that I would have forgotten but for the occasion of its telling. He was as deeply affected as any man in America by the event of the day before, but it was in crises such as this that he displayed his extraordinary courage and self-mastery.

that directed against his Mexican policy, he often said facetiously, but behind which lay an undoubted conviction, that he learned the truth about Mexico by hearing a vast number of liars speak about it. An interesting thing about the truth, he contended, is that it always matches, whereas lies do not, they depend so much upon invention.

If one attempted to tell a long story, he could not tell enough to keep out the truth. He must fill in with the truth as a sort of background, to supply what he could not invent fast enough. So, Mr. Wilson contended, if you hear liars enough on the same subject, you will find that to a certain extent they are all telling the same story in parts — and those are the parts that they did not invent, the parts that are true. So if you hear liars enough, you will find aware of what is going on!

To be continued tomorrow.

### SAME HOUSE IS SOLD 3 TIMES

Three salesmen for the T. H. Maenner company sold the same house to three different buyers Sunday. All of them received deposits on the house at 4605 North Forty-second street, and none of them knew that the house had already been sold.

The house was finally sold to the purchaser whose deposit was received first. The house was a five-room bungalow, and sold for \$4,950.

Four other sales at prices ranging from \$4,500 to \$10,000 have been made by the Maenner company recently. These were: 4613 North Fifty-second street, \$5,150; 5022 Webster street, \$10,000; 2607 Camden avenue, \$4,500; and 4530 North Forty-first street, \$5,100.

### Bank Bandit Suspect Held for District Court

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 14.—Arthur Klingbell, held for the Chamberlain bank robbery, pleaded not guilty and will move to Bathany, where he is over to the May term of the district court. Three neighbors of the Klingbell family furnished bond. Klingbell returned to his home with his father.

### Pastor Resigns

Table Rock, Neb., Feb. 14.—Rev. C. S. Burnham, pastor of the Christian church at Liberty has resigned and will move to Bathany, where he and his family will make their home.

## LINCOLN

LATE MODEL TOURING CAR

Mechanically in good condition and will refinish in your own color scheme.

Very Attractively Priced. See This Car Before You Buy. Convenient Terms if Desired.

### J. H. Hansen Cadillac Co.

AT. 2570 Farnam at 26th Ave.

### Sure Way to Get Rid of Dandruff

There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely and that is to dissolve it. Then you destroy it entirely. To do this just get about four ounces of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips. By morning, most, if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and two or three more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store and four ounces is all you will need. This simple remedy has never been known to fail.

### HARMLESS LAXATIVE

All Children Love Its Pleasant Taste

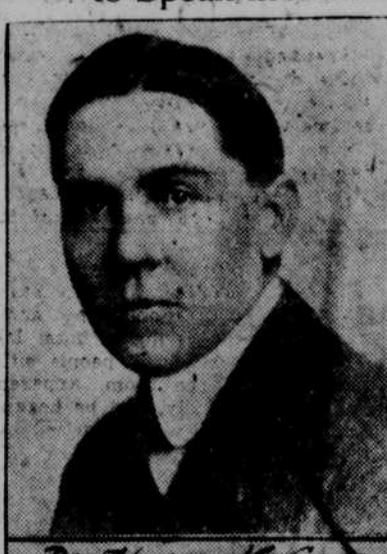


## Mother!

Your Sick, Constipated Child Needs "California Fig Syrup"

Harry Mother! Even a feverish, bilious or constipated child loves the pleasant taste of "California Fig Syrup." This gentle, harmless laxative never fails to sweeten the stomach and to open the bowels. A teaspoonful today may prevent a sick child tomorrow. It doesn't cramp or overact. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

### Coe College Head to Speak in Omaha



Dr. Harry M. Gage

The concluding number of the course of lectures given at the Unitarian church will be delivered by Harry Morehouse Gage Wednesday at 8 p. m.

### SULPHUR SOOTHES AN ITCHING SKIN



If you are suffering from eczema or some other torturing, embarrassing skin trouble you may quickly be rid of it by using Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist.

This sulphur preparation is so effective because of its germicidal and astringent properties, and it quickly subdues itching, even of fiery eczema. The first application makes the skin cool and comfortable. Rash and blotches are healed right up. Rowles Mentho-Sulphur is applied like any pleasant cold cream and is perfectly harmless. You can obtain a small jar from any good druggist.

### TEACHERS HOSTS AT NORTH HIGH

The Parent-Teachers' association of North High school will hold its monthly meeting at the school at 8 p. m. Wednesday. The teachers will entertain.

### PLANS ARE MADE FOR MARKET WEEK

Extensive plans for Market Week have been prepared for Merchants Spring Market week in Omaha, March 9 to 14. It includes a salesmanship lecture on "Doubling Sales" by Dr. Stanley Krebs, followed by dancing in the Elks ballroom, March 8; dinner, theater party and midnight dance on the evening of March 10; Omaha Symphony orchestra concert in the Auditorium the night of March 11; gift distribution and dance in the Hotel Fontenelle the next evening.

### BUSY WEEK AHEAD FOR OMAHA MOOSE

A busy week is just ahead of the Omaha lodge, No. 90, Loyal Order of Moose. Tuesday evening the new band of 35 pieces, led by Rudolph Berg, will broadcast from WQAW at 9, assisted by J. J. Gillooly, vocalist. The regular monthly family program will be given Thursday night. On Saturday night the men's lodge

### \$100 GIFT HIDDEN IN BIG VALENTINE

A big heart-shaped valentine was presented Saturday to Chief Clerk C. P. Quigley of the Hotel Fontenelle by Eugene Eppley, owner of the Eppley hotels.

### GIRL WINS MEDAL IN ESSAY CONTEST

Louise Plunket, senior at South High school, was awarded the medal for the best essay on the life of Abraham Lincoln, offered by teachers of the English department of South High. Calvin Wieg was awarded second prize in the contest.

### REMOVING UGLY HAIRS—A Remarkable Method

(Actually Removes the Roots)

This action is often asked whether a really efficacious hair-remover exists, and the answer heretofore has been very unsatisfactory. Fortunately, there is a unique and marvelous process, that really removes every hair entire, root and all. It is different from and far better than electricity, depilatories, the razor, or any other method. If you'd like to try it, just get a stick of eucalyptine from your druggist, follow the simple instructions—and with your own eyes see the hair roots come out! Roots are removed quickly, easily, leaving the skin perfectly smooth. Eucalyptine is non-irritating, odorless, and so harmless you could eat it!

### LOOMIS TRUSTEE FOR M. E. SMITH

John U. Loomis was appointed trustee of the M. E. Smith company at a creditor's meeting Saturday afternoon at the federal building. The vote for Mr. Loomis was unanimous.

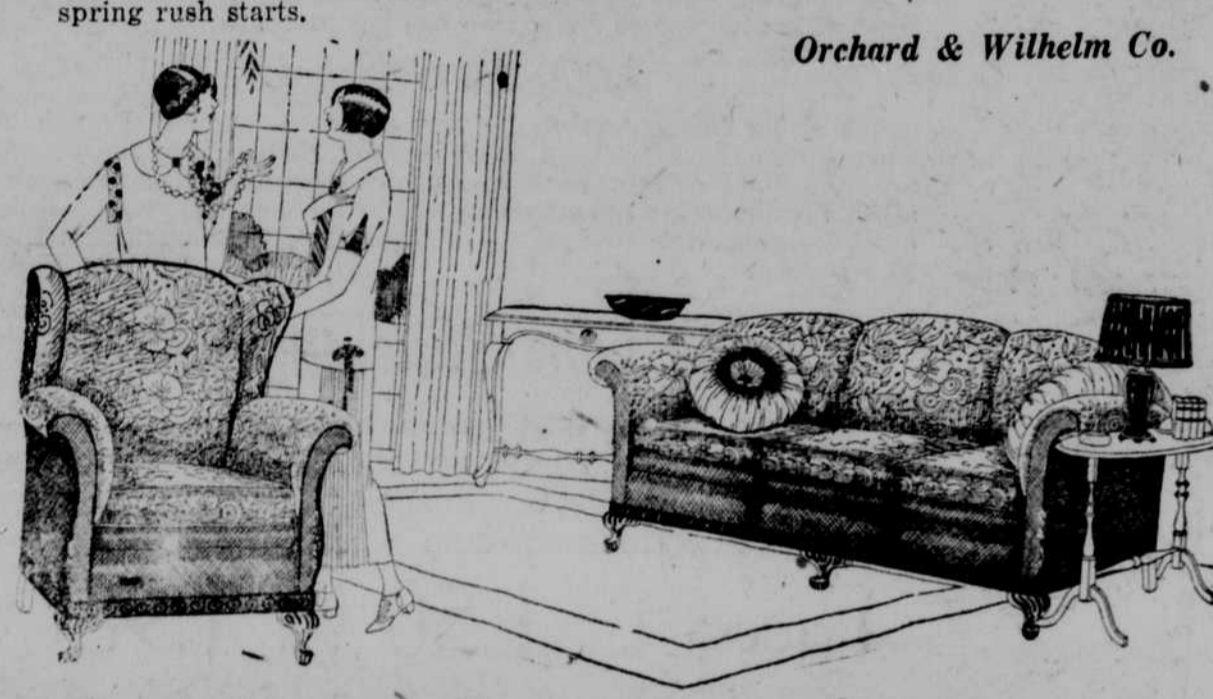
### KEEPING THE BURGESS-NASH CORNER BRIGHT

Pending the occupancy of this corner, we hope to keep the windows clean and lighted and alive with displays of new and interesting things for the home.

# February Sale

## EXTRAORDINARY

Monday and throughout next week we shall make every effort to dispose of the furniture we have marked at February Sale prices. The arrival of large shipments of new spring merchandise makes this urgently necessary.



Carved mouldings and feet add touches of distinction to this new

## Living Room Suite

As illustrated with Davenport and Hi-Back Chair, upholstered in high grade figured mohair, 2 pieces..... **229.50**

With Low-Back Chair or Rocker to match, 3 pieces..... **298.50**

The same Two-Piece Suite is shown in several grades of less expensive upholstery as low as..... **169.50**

- ### Floor Samples
- (Only One Suite of a Kind) — Decidedly Reduced in Price
- 330.00 3-Piece Linen Velour Living Room Suite in Beaver..... **258.00**
  - 261.50 large Mohair Davenport with two pillow cushions..... **169.75**
  - 276.00 solid Mahogany, Cane Panel, Living Room Suite, Davenport and Chair, loose cushion mohair..... **197.50**
  - 365.00 3-Piece Cane Living Room Suite with velour cushion Blue and Taupe Velour Upholstery..... **245.00**
  - 139.75 Blue Velour, 3-Piece, Loose Cushion Upholstered Living Room Suite, three pieces..... **78.00**
- ### Other Excellent Styles at Equally Attractive Prices
- 2-Piece Suite in Blue and Taupe Cut Velour (Davenport and Wing Arm Chair)..... **122.50**
  - 2-Piece Suite in Taupe and Rose Jacquard Velour (Davenport and Wing Arm Chair)..... **138.00**
  - 2-Piece Suite in plain Taupe Mohair with Cut Velour Cushions (Davenport and Wing Arm Chair)..... **178.00**
  - 2-Piece Suite with all figured Mohair fronts in several shades of Taupe and Walnut (Davenport and Wing Arm Chair)..... **184.00**

## Dependable Rugs

in excellent assortment at less than regular prices

- ### Hartford-Saxony Rugs
- An excellent stock of these long tufted rugs is shown in good patterns for dining and living rooms. 133.00 8-3x10-6 dropped patterns, for..... **110.00**
- 140.00 9x12 dropped patterns for..... **117.50**
- ### 45.00 Heavy Axminsters
- Fifteen different patterns. Slightly imperfect, 9x12 size..... **37.50**
- ### 27.50 Tapestry Brussels
- These seamless rugs are suitable for bedrooms, all slightly imperfect, 9x12 size..... **19.50**
- ### 62.50 Seamless Axminster
- This most desirable quality is offered in Oriental designs and colorings. A limited number remain in the 9x12 size..... **52.50**
- ### 45.00 9x12 Seamless Velvets
- In fine Wilton designs, fringed. Every rug is slightly imperfect, but none the worse as far as wearing qualities are concerned; 9x12 size..... **37.50**
- ### Rag Rugs
- 25x50 extra heavy rag rugs..... **95c**
- ### Cocoa Mats for Wet Weather
- 14x24 Cocoa Mats..... **85c**
- 16x27 Cocoa Mats..... **1.25**
- ### Small Rugs
- A large assortment of 27x54 and 36x63 Rugs in Axminster and Wilton qualities are in the sale.

Every Oriental and Chinese Rug in Our Stock---Reduced in Price

# Orchard-Wilhelm

SIXTEENTH AND HOWARD STS.

### 42-Piece Gold Band Dinner Service

for Six Persons

This is an excellent service made by Taylor, Smith and Taylor, and priced very low indeed.

COMPOSITION—

Six dinner plates, six tea plates, six soup plates, six fruit dishes, six teacups and saucers, one open vegetable dish, one platter, bowl, sugar and creamer.

**7.50**

Printed Linoleum 12-ft. Wide

Ten good patterns in excellent qualities that sell regularly from 1.25 to 1.40, in this sale will be priced at, per square yard..... **95c**

### Baby Carriages

Lloyd Loom Carriages in blue, caramel or dark mahogany, beautifully equipped

**17.00 23.50**

**29.50**

### Every 1924 Detroit Jewel Gas Range

to be sold at a discount

A liberal allowance made on your old stove will be applied on the purchase of your Detroit Jewel Gas Range.

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You can pay for your range by opening an account, making your first payment between the first and tenth of March and thereafter at the rate of..... **5.00** per month.....

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