

By D. M. AMSBERRY

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Genius has the wisdom of age in its youth.

Peace has her victories no less than war—and then there's football.

Ballooning lacks one thrilling phase. There are no speed ordinances to be violated.

Will the couple who were married in the Lake Erie lighthouse do light—no, say it yourself.

The brave, gay, generous and light-hearted bear the strokes of fate with equanimity and indomitable courage.

It is probably no more true that tin soldiers make fighters of boys than it is that Teddy bears make growlers of girls.

The claim that prunes cause baldness was started by some doctor who was trying to make trouble for his landlady.

A Harvard professor says aversion to work is really illness. Here is where an indefinite lay-off is going to be asked.

An association has been organized in New York to build airships. But notwithstanding its object, it will not use inflated capital.

Balloon travel is rapidly becoming more safe and scientific. We may all fly yet, even if some of us never get a chance to wear wings.

Earthly fame, wealth and glory are as evanescent as the cardinal rays of the setting sun that drops into darkest storms and eternal night.

A swarm of bees lit on a Philadelphia policeman. The fact that one man woke up made a nice little piece of news for the local papers.

Diogenes was not like a modern muck-rake or investigator. He did not go around looking for dishonesty. He knew it was always there.

Several men have been convicted and sent to prison in New York for stealing electricity. This naturally comes under the head of shocking crimes.

They are putting monkeys in jail in New Jersey. This looks as though the law of that state was making near-human efforts to getting itself enforced.

Marconi has harnessed that air, but whether he can drive it as he pleases remains to be seen. He is, however, one of the dreamers that Boyle O'Reilly says live forever.

The body is quickly buried and lost in the dust of centuries, but the spirit of thought, that moves us every moment for good or ill, has immortal lineage and cannot be destroyed.

A wicked conscience is the most devilish companion that mortals can harbor, for even in the success of its villainy it is tortured with uncertainty, anxiety, dread and plutonic remorse.

The women's literary clubs of Michigan have started a novel contest as to which club shall add the most children to the state's population next year. Race suicide will have to take the count.

A Wisconsin court has decided that a cigarette with a tobacco wrapper is not a cigarette, and does not violate the anti-cigarette law. This is an easy road to liberty. The tobacco wrappers are better than the paper ones, anyway.

Now a vessel is to be built to outclass the Lusitania. Perhaps in the future seagoing vessels of any kind will be dispensed with entirely and speed-seekers will be simply hurled across the ocean through pneumatic tubes at telegraphic velocity.

English experts who have been investigating report that the gold still to be dug out of the mines in the Rand district of South Africa may be estimated at \$5,000,000,000. With that much gold in circulation the world would have quantity as well as quality.

Brazil, distinguished in the merry comedy, "Charley's Aunt," as the place "where the nuts come from," is also distinguished as a place where ideas grow. Thirty Brazilian merchants and professional men are visiting this country, in obedience to the advice which Secretary Root gave to all the Americas to "get acquainted."

Mrs. Russell Sage, having lately learned that a debt of \$2,000, contracted by her father in 1844, had never been paid, has forwarded a check for the amount to the heirs of the creditor. If she had paid interest on the sum for the 63 years the check would have been larger, but probably the heirs are thankful to get the principal.

When a man has done his work shall he stop and play? Rev. Dr. Scott of Worcester, Mass., who has resigned from his pulpit after 30 years of service in order to devote himself to golf, thinks he has earned this play-time, and he doubtless has. The trouble is that when a man works for 30 years without giving any time to pleasure he commonly does not know how to play. A due amount of diversion at intervals along the road is the safer and more satisfactory plan. It would tend to postpone the day when a man must retire from active work.

The State Capital

Matters of General Interest FROM Nebraska's Seat of Government

Appropriation May Lapse.

The \$9,500 appropriated by the late legislature for building a brick addition to the hospital at the Soldiers' home at Grand Island is liable to lapse back into the state treasury. The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings is not going to make any more improvements at the home until the title to the property is quieted in the state. The bill provides that this appropriation shall become available only after the title is vested in the state. When the board made an effort to get the tangle straightened out some of the original signers refused to sign the deed until they had been paid \$2,000. This the board had no authority to pay. Attorney General Thompson then brought suit to quiet title in the state. Should the state lose the suit then the board will not make any more permanent improvements. Should the state win the suit, there will be nothing to prevent the legislature from removing the home to Milford should it desire.

Heretofore it has been the custom for the adherents of Grand Island to urge that it was provided in the deed that the home should not be removed from the Hall county town. Inasmuch as the orders of the board have been disobeyed at Grand Island and the board has had considerable trouble managing the home, there is a disposition on the part of the individual members to assist in any movement tending to move the home to Milford.

Clarke to Have a Hearing.

Harrison Clarke will have a hearing before Governor Sheldon December 9, at which time the chief executive will decide whether he is entitled to a commutation of sentence. He renews the charge made after his trial in Omaha that his lawyers were selected for him by Judge Sutton of Douglas county in the face of a request to retain his own counsel and that the attorneys consulted him but once previous to trial and that in effect his case was "railroaded" through the trial court. He asks the governor to commute his death sentence to one for life, or if on reading the record, the governor shall conclude that he is no more guilty than Cathright, already sentenced to fifteen years, to make the term of the same length.

A letter containing his request was received by Governor Sheldon, who on reading it, fixed December 9, as the time for a hearing. The date of execution has already been fixed by the supreme court at December 13.

Law Reaches Farmers Too.

A citizen of Brainard complains that he bought two dozen eggs from a farmer for which he paid the highest market price for fresh eggs and that out of the two dozen only seven were fit for use. The theory advanced is that the farmers pack their eggs earlier in the season, holding them for the higher price, and then market them at the highest price without reference to their condition. When evidence can be obtained by the food commissioner that is definite and certain as to this bad egg, a prosecution will be instituted against farmers as well as grocery men and others who sell bad eggs. The commissioner holds that the farmers who persistently sell bad eggs, bad cream and low grade milk to the townspeople are deserving the penalties provided in the pure food law and there will be no leniency shown to the seller because he is a farmer.

Governor Endorses President's Ideas.

"President Roosevelt is intensely interested in saving the natural resources of the country," said Governor Sheldon, in discussing his invitation to meet the president and other governors in Washington next May to discuss the question of the salvation of the country's resources. "He is going to do all he can to get the most good out of the rivers and at the same time protect the forests. I may be able to attend the meeting, though I believe the congressmen know the wishes of the people about as well as the governors and could get along very well without suggestions from the governors."

Packers and the Food Law.

The case against Armour & Co. for not branding their meat packages has been continued by County Attorney Tyrell to December 10. In connection with this case L. W. McCandless of Chicago, attorney for Armour & Co., writes the food commissioner that he is endeavoring to have the packers come to an agreement whereby they will comply with the law in which case the pending suits will probably be dismissed.

To Get Guard in Shape.

Adjutant General Schwarz has received an order from the war department showing the rules applying to the organization of the National Guard to be effective January 1, 1908. The adjutant general is urged, if his guard is not already organized along the lines indicated, to secure such legislation as will be necessary to meet the requirements. With the exception of a few details, the guard is now organized along the lines set out and orders will be issued to meet demands of the department.

Dig Money in Alfalfa.

"Running well over the mark of \$11,500,000, the value of the alfalfa raised in 1907 shows pretty conclusively that the farmers of Nebraska are fully awake to the importance of this great fodder crop," said Labor Commissioner Ryder. "The figures on the state production of alfalfa have just been completed, and give a total production of 1,450,759 tons. Figured at a very conservative valuation, this is worth \$11,600,072.

The total acreage was reported as 455,592, and the average yield is 3.26 tons per acre, which Mr. Ryder insists is away within the facts, and reports from other sources bear out his judgment.

Dawson county leads in acreage, with 27,393, but Buffalo is in the lead on production, with 93,810 tons, while Dawson totals 93,132. Buffalo's acreage is 26,803. There are four counties reporting an acreage of over 20,000, ten counties report an acreage of from 10,000 to 17,000. Only six counties are given a value of less than \$10,000 for the crop.

Trust Must Obey Law.

The alleged cracker trust found an eloquent advocate in the person of United States Senator A. J. Hopkins of Illinois. In company with Attorney L. Babst of New York he called on Governor Sheldon and asked that the National Biscuit Company be relieved from the burden of placing net weight hands on packages. Babst is the New York attorney who cordially invited Food Commissioner Johnson to come to Chicago to talk matters over, the cracker concern to pay all expenses. Johnson refused and gave Babst's letter to the newspapers. Babst, reinforced by Senator Hopkins, pleaded with Sheldon to set aside the provisions of the pure food law. Sheldon declared that he must enforce the statutes and the cracker concern must obey the law or suffer the consequences.

Roads Report on Traffic.

The railroad commission has compiled the aggregate business of the railroads of the state for August from reports that have been submitted to them. The total state and interstate freight business for August was \$600,000 more than in July and the total receipts for passenger business, both from state and interstate ticket sales, was over \$100,000 more for the midsummer month.

Figures for state business are as follows: July. August. Freight received, \$658,866.10 \$738,123.29 Frt. forwarded, 588,722.75 880,401.94 Ticket sales, 430,933.66 463,485.55

Figures for interstate business are: July. August. Frt. received, \$411,327.29 \$1,234,139.69 Frt. forwarded, \$31,581.09 1,312,935.23 Ticket sales, 294,939.66 307,840.47

The total freight business, state and interstate, for July was \$2,723,186.19 and for August was \$3,386,198.08. The total ticket sales for July, state and interstate, were \$634,964.52 and for August were \$711,826.02.

State Must Pay in January.

Remittances from counties is increasing and in a short time it is believed the treasury will be in good condition to meet the semi-annual school apportionment. This fund now amounts to \$255,327 and collections will not cease until in the early part of December. The state treasurer must then certify to the state superintendent the amount available for the apportionment. Last year \$251,000 was apportioned in December. The state auditor draws warrants later and receipts are sent to the various counties to be returned and signed and when these are returned the warrants are sent to the counties. All this will require until the first of the year and by that time it is believed the financial situation will be normal.

Union Pacific Waives.

Attorney General Thompson has been informed by Attorney Edison Rich for the Union Pacific that the road will waive examination in the matter of the Deuel county complaint charging the road with discrimination in supplying shippers with cars for live stock. This means that the road will be bound over to the district court and the attorney general will file an information in the district court. His first information was filed before a magistrate, the judge of the county court. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$5,000.

Hogs Dying of Cholera.

Hog cholera is raving in the southern counties of Nebraska and hundreds of animals are dying daily. State Veterinarian McKim is busy visiting the various farms and recommending sanitary measures for stopping the epidemic.

Big Attendance at School.

The second week of the University School of Agriculture is a surprise in the number of attendance to the officials of the school. The attendance at this time is 269. At the same time a year ago the attendance was 190.

A fire company has been organized at the state house for the purpose of protecting the building in case of a spontaneous combustion due to the excess of hot air which daily permeates the building. The water pipes have been connected up and at intervals on each floor is a reel of hose for use at any moment. The statutes makes the land commissioner responsible for the building and its conduct and Mr. Eaton is anxious that a company be organized and each member drilled in rolling the hose off of the reel in case of emergency.

STILL AHEAD OF AUDIENCE.

Comedian Made Humor of What Was Approaching Tragedy.

"Willie" Collier, the comedian, was an irrepressible member of a barn-storming combination which, some ten years ago, did the "tank" towns of the middle west.

The company had been doing a poor business for several weeks when a certain town in Illinois was reached. Just before the curtain went up that night, Collier was standing at the curtain "peep-hole," sizing up the audience.

"How's the house, Willie?" asked another player.

"Well," answered Collier, "there are some out there. But," he added, impressively, "we're still in the majority, old boy, still in the majority!"

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Judge—And what did the prisoner say when you told him that you would have him arrested? Complainant—He answered mechanically, yer honor. Judge—Explain, Complainant—He hit me on the head with a hammer.—Everybody's Magazine.

Lightning Photographed Vase.

During a thunderstorm a remarkable incident happened at a house near Deal, England, the lightning imprinting a perfect photograph of a flower vase on a mirror before which it stood.

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Unrequited.



I'm in her in the golden Fall, and she was picking apples! The sunlight, filtering through the trees, was flicking her with dapples. And all about her feet were piled the leaves of Autumn's sowing. Upon whose wondrous rosetta of sound the playful winds were blowing.

Her eyes were like the summer skies, when soft the blue is glowing; Her lips, the color of the leaf upon the sumac minting! She had her apron filled with fruit, a goddess of the orchard— To kiss her all at once my heart by shrinking fear was tortured.

At last I watched my honeyed chance when apples filled her fingers And catching her, I stole a kiss—the clinging kiss, that lingers! Upon her breath I caught the sweets of nectar brewed from laughter And in my heart there clung the bliss I pilfered, ever after!

But now, alas! I'm growing old! Her love is mine no longer. From what I hear I fear the mix has won affection stronger— The dainty maid of five I kissed—and kissing, still remember, Will wed a lad I taught to walk, the eighteenth of December!

Foibles. When a man meeteth a woman and telleth his wife what she wore, verily the better half need have no fear, but if he meeteth one and knoweth not what she wore, it is written beware!

The man in the first instance liketh not the woman unduly and he surveyeth her clothes, but in the second, he hath become so enamored of her face that he could not, for the life of him, tell whether she wore a Worth gown or a calico runabout!

In New York they are teaching "sawed-off" girls to be tall. The secret of the transformation is stretching. If your girl is dumpy have her stretched to a willow sylph!

"What was the harp that once through Torrence Hall's the soul of music shed?" asks a correspondent to a New York newspaper. It was a jew's-harp, dearie.

"For weeks afterward a newly married couple cannot look rice in the face without feeling uncomfortable," says an exchange. Nor in the heels without getting kicked, probably.

"The oldest love-letter in the world is in the British museum. It is a proposal of marriage for the hand of an Egyptian princess and it was made 3,500 years ago. It is in the form of an inscribed brick," says an exchange. Now we know the identity of the original gold-brick man.

Gone. Oh, good old apple cider, I knew in days gone by, No more your "clug" is sounding— With mellow, beaded eye!

Oh, sweet, sweet apple cider, I knew in days of yore! Old Time has drained your nectar— They hadn't none now no more!

No more we drink thy potion. With death of century! No more we smack and pucker— Our lips at sight of thee!

Oh, fine old apple cider, Distilled from water core, Old Time has left you humbless— They hadn't none now no more!

A Joke on the Wife. Speaking of Englewood men being wise, here is one that came to me this week: A Harvard avenue man brought two of his down-town friends home to dinner, and after a delicious repast retired to the library for a smoke when the hubby started in on a story: "I must tell you a good one on my wife," he said. "She's been roasting me because I look at the headlines in the papers once in a while to see if anything important is happening in the baseball world. Well, the other afternoon, while the girl was away, she put a pan of biscuits in the oven to bake, and while she was waiting she picked up a paper and began to read the stuff herself. She got so interested in it that she let the biscuits—" At this moment the wife came into the library for a book. "And the joke of it was," continued hubby, without a moment's pause, "that they found the cow next morning in a forty-acre lot." "Ha, ha, ha!" roared the guests, laughing till the tears rolled down their cheeks—but not at the story.—Gerald Sullivan.

Jostling Uncle Frank. While jostling corn ground for wheat Tuesday, at Hall Goodrich's, Uncle Frank Huzz was jostled off his perch on the disk and severely bruised.—Hinkley (Mo.) Tribune.

The Test. Now comes the fatal time of year. When married men are in a bout— Shall wife have those costly furs? Or hubby have an overcoat?

Queen of the May. Ho, call me early, mother dear, An' don't forget tew clatter. 'Twould be a sin tew miss them cakes— I seen yewr buckwheat batter!

Byron Williams

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Killing hope is moral suicide. Sorrow happiness and reap heaven. Every man is made up of many men.

You can never find rest by retreating from duty. Men are not uplifted without the lever of love.

Every time you serve a superstition you enslave your soul. Too many of us are blaming fate for the fruitage of our fears.

Coffee Crop of Brazil.

Final official figures for the coffee crop of Brazil for the year ending June 30 show that the total entries in all Brazil reached 20,469,180 bags, representing an increase over the previous year of 9,353,802 bags or 84.6 per cent, and an amount over the average for the last four years of 8,848,897 bags, and exceeding the previous bumper crop of 1901-2 by 4,132,715 bags, or 25.4 per cent.

Will Begin Lecturing Tour.

Roads Armadans, the arctic explorer, who recently made his way through the Northwest passage, has left Christiania for New York city, where he will begin a lecturing tour under the auspices of the Geographical society.

Saved.

Once at a dinner at which Liszt was present the hostess suddenly exclaimed in alarm that there were 13 at table. "Don't let that distress you, madam," said Liszt, with a reassuring smile, "I'll eat for two."—Democratic Telegram.

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