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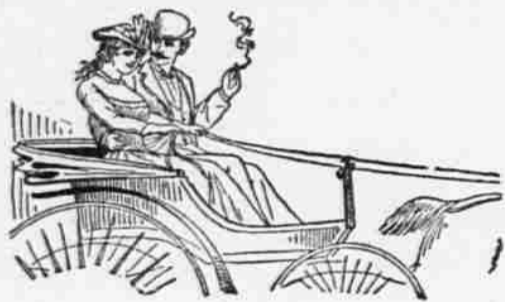
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ALEXANDER E. ORR.

ALEXANDER E. ORR, the successor of John A. McCall as president of the New York Life Insurance company, is president of the board of rapid transit commissioners of New York, under whose direction the now famous subway was built. He has several times been president of the Produce Exchange, was president of the Chamber of Commerce from 1894 till 1899 and is a director of many important financial institutions. As president of the New York Life he will receive a salary of \$50,000, half what was paid Mr. McCall.

Mr. Orr was born in Ireland seventy-four years ago and is a man of stately presence, with the manners of a Bourbon diplomat of the days of Louis XIV. and a beard that used to be the envy of the late Moses P. Handy, who was himself famous for his hirsute appendage. He is fond of using delicate perfumes. One day while the subway was under construction the rapid transit commissioner was a member of a party that inspected it. To Mr. McDonald, the contractor, another one of the party remarked:

"Delightful breeze on these cars, McDonald. At times the air seemed fragrant."

"Yes," interposed Perry Belmont, who stood near; "McDonald gave Mr. Orr a seat in the front row, and the wind blew through his whiskers."

Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, who created a sensation in the house of representatives recently by booming Uncle Joe Cannon as a candidate of the Republican party for president, is famous for his apt retorts. During the speech in which he referred to Speaker Cannon as a possible candidate for the presidential nomination some one asked Mr. Cannon what kind of a Democrat he called himself. The speaker's reply was prompt and to the point.

"I am a Champ Clark Democrat," he said.

In 1904, while swapping campaign stories with other politicians on the way to Esopus to notify Judge Parker of his nomination to the presidency, Mr. Clark was awarded the palm for the following:

"One of the funniest experiences I ever had was with a woman stenographer in a western city. I was billed for the leading speech at a campaign rally and neglected to prepare my address until a few hours before it was due for delivery, when I went to the stenographer at the hotel where I was staying and asked her to take my dictation and write the words on the typewriter as we went along, so that I might save time and be able to deliver the manifold copies of the address to the reporters just before the meeting began.

"Seating myself in a comfortable armchair, I quickly put into words the address which I had outlined in my mind during an early morning walk and was congratulating myself on the time I had saved when the stenographer suddenly burst into tears. I rushed to her side and urged her to restrain her feelings, meanwhile using my best efforts to ascertain the cause of her distress. Finally she raised her bowed head.

"Would you mind speaking that all over again, Mr. Clark?" she said as quickly as her emotion would allow. "for I am sorry to say I forgot to put any paper in the machine."

The United States senate indulged in a little mild hazing when the credentials of John M. Gearin, a Democrat appointed by the governor of Oregon to succeed the late Senator Mitchell, were held up and criticised. Mr. Gearin sat beside his colleague, Mr. Fulton, who presented the credentials. When Senator Burrows objected to them, saying that a governor has no constitutional right to appoint a senator to serve "until his successor is elected," the candidate for senatorial honors looked weak and faint. His courage revived somewhat as Senators Spooner and Teller said that, while the credentials were defective in that respect, there were precedents for accepting them. After Mr. Burrows had withdrawn his objection Mr. Gearin took the oath.

For a Republican governor to appoint a Democrat to a seat in the United States senate is a somewhat unusual proceeding. Mr. Gearin is the first Democrat to represent Oregon in the senate since 1887 and will sit in that body until March 4, 1907, unless his tenure of the office shall be ended sooner by the legislature, which will not meet in regular session again until January, 1907. He had the endorsement for the senatorship not only of Democrats, but of many staunch Republicans, and is a supporter in the main of the policies of President Roosevelt.



JOHN M. GEARIN.

The new senator is a native of Oregon. The prairie schooner in which his parents journeyed to the state was standing on the banks of the Umatilla river when he was born, in 1851, having tarried there for that event. He was raised on a farm, graduated from Notre Dame college, Indiana, and being admitted to the bar became a member of a firm which has now furnished three United States senators for Oregon. He has been prominent in the legislature and was a candidate for congress against Binger Hermann.

One day when Rudyard Kipling was humming "The Road to Mandalay" his daughter inquired:

"Didn't you write that song, father?"

The poet-novelist pleaded guilty.

"Well," she exclaimed, "you'd better have some one introduce you to the tune!"

Carlos F. Morales, the deposed and fugitive president of Santo Domingo, has experienced a great many ups and downs in the course of his career. Born some thirty-nine years ago of well to do parents, he was educated for the priesthood, in which he served for eight years. Leaving it, he engaged in politics and served in the Dominican congress and as governor of Puerto Plata province. He was exiled and imprisoned several times, participated in a number of revolutions and came to the presidency in October, 1903, after defeating the forces of President Wos y Gil and also circumventing the ambitions of General Jimenez. He is tall, handsome and polished in manner, speaks several languages and during his incumbency of the Dominican presidency lived simply and unpretentiously in a modest house, surrounded by no such retinue as some of his predecessors maintained. The evidence is somewhat conflicting as to whether his reign was wise, benignant and progressive or cruel, despotic and venial.



CARLOS F. MORALES.

"What do you do when you outgrow your clothes?" Representative John Sharp Williams asked two of Representative Champ Clark's children, to whom he was trying to explain why crabs and lobsters shed their shells and snakes their skins.

"Let out the tucks," answered one of the youthful Clarks.

James W. Wadsworth, Jr., who, despite the opposition of ex-Governor Odell, was elected speaker of the New York assembly recently, is the scion of a house which has been influential in the affairs of New York state since the first James Wadsworth settled in the Genesee valley in 1790. This Wadsworth was a large landowner and one of the most noted of the pioneers of his time. His son, James S., was prominent in the anti-slavery movement and was defeated for governor in 1862 by Horatio Seymour. He was killed while fighting in the Union army. He had three sons, and all of them served in the army with their father. The youngest, James Wolcott Wadsworth, enlisted as a boy of sixteen and served through the war. He has represented his district in congress for twenty-four years, with the exception of two terms, and his son, the speaker of the assembly of New York, who was born twenty-eight years ago, followed family traditions by going to Yale, going to war, going into politics and learning how to manage a big farm. He made a fine record during the Spanish war and later in the Philippines and coming home won the heart of Miss Ailee Hay, second daughter of the late secretary of state. He has a reputation for horsemanship and for skill in golf, baseball and football and is as good a farmer as though not born to wealth. It is said of him that he can pitch hay as well as he can lead a german.



JAMES W. WADSWORTH, JR.

Congressman J. Sloat Fassett, who is talked of as the successor of Ex-Governor B. B. Odell, Jr., in the chairmanship of the New York state Republican committee, has come to the front in politics again after a retirement covering a period of about fifteen years. As a young man Mr. Fassett went to the fore rapidly and was considered to have a brilliant future, but his defeat for the governorship of New York in 1891 by the late Roswell P. Flower put an end to his political advancement for the time being. He had at that time been a member of the state senate for eight years and collector of the port of New York. He was only thirty-eight years of age and was called the young man's candidate. At fifty-two he is still vigorous, for he has always been athletic in his habits and, now that he has re-entered politics and taken a hand in legislation at Washington, bids fair to make himself again a potent factor in public affairs. He married a member of the millionaire Crocker family of California.

Representative Fassett is a believer in thirteen as a lucky number. He was born on Nov. 13, 1853, was married on Feb. 13, 1879, and took office as collector of the port of New York on Aug 13, 1891.



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