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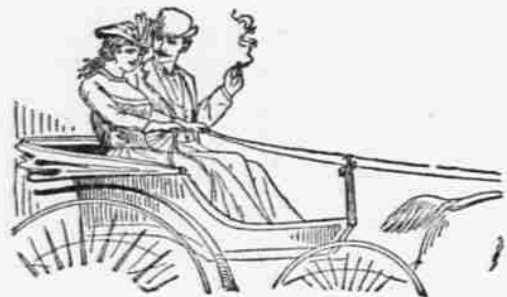
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HORACE PORTER.

GENERAL HORACE PORTER, former ambassador to France, who has been appointed one of the representatives of the United States at the peace conference at The Hague, believes in arbitration, though he was a gallant fighter in days gone by when there was hard fighting to be done. General Porter was an ardent admirer of General Grant, on whose staff he served during the latter part of the civil war. He is always in great demand as an after dinner speaker. At a dinner given to the late Henry M. Stanley he once said:

"I am somewhat of an explorer myself. The first time I went abroad I determined to explore Ireland. I went from north to south to discover the spot where, it is said, one of my ancestors lived, near Londonderry. I met a man who informed me about it. In fact, I began to believe that every man in that part of Ireland was an informer. I said I was looking for my ancestors who emigrated to America about 100 years before. The man looked at me in a quizzical way and, with a sort of mildewed countenance, said, 'You're looking for your ancestors?' I said I was. He replied: 'You said they emigrated to America 100 years ago. Then why are you looking for them here?' I said: 'My friend, that settles it. I will dally with them no longer.' And he didn't."

There is no more energetic advocate of irrigation legislation in the United States senate than Francis E. Warren of Wyoming. Not long ago Senator Warren in a speech in the senate told of one of the garden spots which had been made by a Mormon colony and raised its industry and sobriety and wound up with a statement that there had never been a case of polygamy in the colony.

"I would like to ask the senator," put in Senator Patterson of Colorado, "what all that has got to do with the repeal of the desert land act?"

"Who is making this speech anyway?" retorted Warren.

The incident has a special significance in view of the report that on the famous Taft Philippine excursion the senator from Wyoming and the senator from Colorado were rivals for the hand of the same fair lady, Mrs. Mabel Nagle of Cheyenne. The Wyoming statesman won. The circumstance will still further enhance Secretary Taft's reputation as a match-maker, as this is the third engagement resulting from the Philippine trip, the others being those of Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth and Congressman Swager Sherry of Louisville and Miss Mignon Critien of Staten Island, New York.

Senator Warren is sixty-two and Mrs. Nagle thirty-two. He is a large landholder and owns sheep by tens of thousands. She, too, is rich. About six years ago she married George H. Nagle, a wealthy merchant of Cheyenne. The union was unhappy, and a divorce resulted. While they were still living together their coachman, who had become infatuated with Mrs. Nagle, but found that his affection was not reciprocated, shot himself in the stable. Senator Warren was formerly governor of Wyoming.

Captain Frank Frantz, who was inaugurated as governor of the territory of Oklahoma on Jan. 1, owes his position as a territorial executive in part to the fact that he is a good boxer. He is a member of a family of athletes, and one of his brothers is famous as a baseball player and known as "Home Run Frantz." Governor Frantz went to Harvard and besides studying the dead languages and mathematics learned how to handle himself well in a contest with gloves. When the Spanish war came along he joined the rough riders. He fought as a lieutenant on San Juan hill, and his gallantry on that occasion led to his promotion to be a captain. As lieutenant colonel and later colonel of the regiment Mr. Roosevelt became familiar with the courageous record of Captain Frantz, and not long after he became president he appointed his old comrade to a postmastership. A little later the president wanted a good man for the Osage Indian agency and asked Secretary Hitchcock to appoint Frantz. The latter did not want to accept, as he thought the postmastership was the better place, but when he heard that the president wished him to do so and that there were grafters to be cleaned out he said he would do anything his old commander ordered. One day Captain Frantz was at the White House, and the president asked him to put on the gloves. He did so, and the chief magistrate came out of the contest second best. His respect for

the captain was so much increased that he took the first opportunity to show it and at the same time reward him for his faithful service as Indian agent. That was how Frantz got his appointment as governor.

Harry S. Lehr, who was a witness in the case which recently brought into such prominence the publication known as Town Topics, is a very versatile man. He has occupied a conspicuous position in the smart set for some years, and his name has appeared frequently in the columns of Colonel Mann's journal of society. According to one witness in the Deuel-Mann-Haggood suit, Mr. Lehr was put on the list of those "immune" from criticism by Town Topics and also written up without charge in "Fads and Fancies" on the understanding that he was to supply information about what was going on in the world of the rich and gay.



HARRY S. LEHR.

This, however, he denied. He stated on the witness stand that his occupation was that of an agent of wines, but this vocation does not interfere with his leading cotillions and devising entertainments to aid the members of the smart set in driving away that tired feeling. In fact, it has been said that the makers of the wines in whose sale he is interested consider themselves fortunate in having so popular a member of exclusive society as their representative. Some seasons ago Mr. Lehr made a great hit by appearing as a soubrette in amateur theatricals. He wore a décollete costume, did skirt dances and sang ragtime songs, to the great amusement of his friends.

Herbert James Hagerman, the new executive of the territory of New Mexico, has the distinction of being one of the youngest governors in the United States. He was born in 1871 in Milwaukee, but during his youth and early manhood his family lived in Colorado. New Mexico has been his home since 1895. He attended Colorado college and Cornell university and graduated from the latter institution in 1894. In 1897 he secured the appointment as second secretary to the American legation at St. Petersburg.



HERBERT J. HAGERMAN.

This was during the time that Ethan Allen Hitchcock, now secretary of the interior, was the representative of the United States at the court of the czar, and the record made by Mr. Hagerman created a good impression on the elder diplomat. Mr. Hagerman returned to the United States and to his home in New Mexico, where he practiced law and engaged in business. In due time Mr. Hitchcock showed his appreciation of the services of his former subordinate in the diplomatic service by urging President Roosevelt to make him governor of the territory.

And the president took the secretary's advice.

Jerome K. Jerome, novelist and playwright, was dining with some lawyers in New York.

"An odd client," he said, "called on a legal friend of mine one morning. She was an extremely pretty client, but her clear, soft eyes were red with weeping, and her little form shook with sobs. 'Well, my dear,' said he (perhaps I should explain that this client was hardly more than seven or eight years old)—'well, my dear, what can I do for you?'"

"Please, sir," said the child, weeping piteously, "I want to get a divorce from my papa and mamma."

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Senator Elect Paynter is a native Kentuckian and was born in Lewis county on Dec. 19, 1851. His early education was acquired in the public schools and was supplemented by study in the Rand academy and a course at Center college at Danville. He was admitted to the bar in 1873 and was county attorney at Greenup for several years. He was elected to the Fifty-first congress and was twice re-elected, serving from 1886 until 1895. In 1894 he was elected to the appellate court, being re-elected in 1902. Judge Paynter has a wife and two children and is a man of fine physique and genial manners.



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