

# Patrick Sheedy, Art Connoisseur

Remarkable Career of the Retired Gambler,  
Who Is Now a Picture Sharp—How  
He Recovered the Stolen  
Gainsborough.



**P**AT SHEEDY, retired gambler, epigrammatist and art connoisseur, has become a philanthropist. He essays to help the needy rich rather than the poor. He has just opened in New York an art gallery to be conducted along novel lines. The former king of the gaming table proposes to

teach the new rich how to judge the good points of a picture and how to tell a masterpiece from a mere smudge, so that Mrs. Parvenu may not pay large sums for chromos under the impression that she is buying old masters.

Sheedy has had a good deal of experience in connection with noted paintings, and a few years ago he did something which linked his name permanently with that of Thomas Gainsborough, the English oil painter of a hundred years ago. He caused to be restored to its rightful owners the celebrated portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire by Gainsborough, which for a quarter of a century had been securely hidden by the man who stole it.

The Gainsborough portrait has had a history more curious and interesting than that of any painting known to the world. In the first place it was interesting as to its subject. The beautiful duchess who was painted by Gainsborough died in 1806, just a hundred years ago. She was famous as "the kissing duchess." Her husband was a politician, and when he ran for office the duchess used to go to the polls and buy votes for him. She paid one kiss for one vote. The voters said it was well worth the price, and many of them sighed because they had but one vote to give for their country.

Early in the seventies the Gainsborough portrait was bought by the Ag-

## EDWARD H. HARRIMAN.

### His Fight For Control of the Illinois Central and His Personality.

The contest for the control of the Illinois Central railroad, which has recently been a leading subject of Wall street discussion, resulted in further increase in the power of Edward H. Harriman as a railroad king. By the election of Mr. Harriman's candidate for the presidency of the road James T. Harahan, to succeed Stuyvesant Fish it is believed that a close alliance will be established between the Union Pacific and the Illinois Central. This would be in accord with the fulfillment of Mr. Harriman's long cherished plan for a system extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In this great plan the Illinois road was the one link missing to complete a line of track from New York to San Francisco and Portland, Ore.; from the great lakes to the gulf and from the gulf to the Pacific again. The contest is mixed up with others connected with the great insurance investigation of last year, in which Harriman and Fish found themselves ranged on opposite sides in the matter of changes in the Mutual Life Insurance company. It was predicted at the time that Mr. Harriman would retaliate on Mr. Fish



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through his railroad connections. The latter remains a director in the Illinois Central and, it is said, will retain his position in the directorate and continue his fight against domination of the Illinois Central by the Union Pacific. He claims the election was illegal.

The incident of Mr. Harriman's remark regarding his relations with ex-Governor B. B. Odell is still fresh in the public memory. It was while interest in the work of the now famous Armstrong insurance committee was at its height and Mr. Harriman was in the witness chair. Chief Inquisitor Charles E. Hughes, now governor elect of New York, asked him the following question:

"It has been charged that through your relations with Mr. Odell you have political influence. What would you say to that?" And the railroad magnate calmly replied, "Well, I should think Mr. Odell had political influence because of his relations with me."

### ON BOARD THE LOUISIANA.

#### President's Quarters on the Panama Trip and the Ship's Mascot.

The Panama canal will, in a physical sense, cut two continents asunder, but in a broader sense it will unite them in the bonds of commerce and friendship as they have never been joined before. In going to the isthmus to see how the work on the canal is getting along President Roosevelt decided to travel by the new warship Louisiana, and suitable quarters for him and his



A SEAMAN OF THE LOUISIANA AND THE MASCOT OF THE SHIP.

wife, Surgeon General Rixey and Assistant Secretary Latta were fitted up. The presidential suit is in the stern of the vessel and was originally designed for the admiral of a fleet. It consists of a breakfast and smoking room combined, a dining room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a reception room. The Louisiana is in command of Captain A. R. Couden, and her navigator is Lieutenant Commander Carl Vogelzang. The battleship is one of the best in the American navy, has a speed of seventeen to eighteen knots an hour, a tonnage of 16,000 and twenty-four guns in her main battery. Officers and men are very proud of the honor they received in having the president and his party on their ship. When the president started they felt confident all would go well if nothing befell the ship's mascot, an animal now known as a kid, which is fast developing into a goat.

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In the matter of the estate of Mary A. O'Connell, deceased.

To all persons interested in said estate: You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of December, 1906, Catherine O'Connell, executrix of the estate of Mary A. O'Connell, deceased, filed in said court her final account as said executrix and that said final account will be heard on the 15th day of January, 1907, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at the county courtroom in the city of McCook in said county; you are hereby cited to appear at the time and place above indicated and show cause, if such exists, why such account should not be heard.

It is hereby ordered that said Catherine O'Connell give notice to all persons interested in said estate by causing a copy of this order to be published in the McCook Tribune, a newspaper printed and published in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said hearing, to-wit: 12-28-06, 12-29-06, 12-30-06. Dated this 25th day of December, 1906. J. C. MOORE, County Judge.

#### Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court, State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss.

In the matter of the estate of Angelo P. Welles, deceased.

J. C. Moore, county judge of said county, in said state, hereby notify all persons having claims and demands against the estate of the said Angelo P. Welles, deceased, that he has set and appointed the following days for the reception, examination and adjustment of said claims and demands as provided by law, at the county court room in McCook, Red Willow county, and state aforesaid, to-wit: the fourteenth day of January, 1907, and the seventeenth day of July, 1907. And all persons so interested in said estate will appear at said time and place and duly present their said claims and demands in the manner required by law, or show cause for not doing so; and in case any of said claims shall not be presented by the sixteenth day of July, 1907, the same shall be forever barred. Given under my hand and seal of the county court this seventeenth day of December A. D., 1906.—12-21-06. J. C. MOORE, County Judge.

#### PUBLICATION NOTICE.

Gilbert B. Nettleton, Charlotte Nettleton, his wife, Albert C. Nettleton, single, Asahel Newton Nettleton, Sarah Nettleton, his wife, Louisa Johnson, Edward Johnson, her husband, Amelia M. Swartwout, Nelson F. Swartwout, her husband, defendants, will take notice that on the first day of November, 1906, William A. Nettleton, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, against the above named defendants and A. Stella Fitch, William S. Fitch, her husband, Charles H. Meeker, Agnes Meeker, his wife, and A. Stella Fitch, administrators of the estate of Edward L. Nettleton, deceased, defendants, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a finding of said court that one Ella E. Nettleton described in said petition, died intestate, unmarried, without issue, previous to the death of one Edward L. Nettleton therein described, that said Edward L. Nettleton died intestate, unmarried, without issue, and seized in fee-simple of the south half of the southeast quarter and lot eight of section 29, and lot five of section 28, all in town 3 north, range 39, west of the 6th P. M. in said county; that plaintiff and defendants, Gilbert B. Nettleton, Albert C. Nettleton, Asahel Newton Nettleton, Louisa Johnson, Amelia M. Swartwout and Florence Johnson are the only heirs at law of Edward L. Nettleton, deceased, and are the only persons interested in said land; that plaintiff is the owner of the undivided one-seventh interest herein. Plaintiff further prays for a decree of said court in his favor quieting his title in and to one-seventh interest against each of the defendants; for an accounting by defendant Charles H. Meeker for the rents and profits of said land received by him; for a decree confirming the shares in said land of the said only heirs of said Edward L. Nettleton, for a partition thereof according to the respective rights of the parties therein and if said land cannot be equitably divided, that the same be sold and the proceeds of such sale be distributed among the parties in interest according to their respective rights and for such other relief as may be just and equitable. You are required to answer said petition on or before the fourteenth day of January, 1907. Dated December 1st, 1906.

WILLIAM A. NETTLETON, Plaintiff. By W. S. MORLAN, His Attorney.

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