

SHORT STORIES OF PEOPLE OF MOMENT

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Representative Charles McGavin. Who Would Tax International Marriages—Miss Maud Ashford.



CHARLES MCGAVIN.

THE number of the international marriages that have been solemnized recently is so large that point has been given to the contention of Representative Charles McGavin of Chicago that a tax ought to be placed on the dowries of American heiresses who form unions with titled foreigners. A bill to this effect was introduced not long ago by Representative Sabath, also of Chicago, and in speaking on it Mr. McGavin said he wondered if the pioneers of the country did not turn over in their graves at the spectacle of "so many of the women of this country sacrificing their souls and honor on the altar of snobbery and vice." The house at the time was in committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and Mr. McGavin thought it was opportune to inquire into the general tendency toward "unions." Finding that the bill of Representative Sabath had been referred to the committee on ways and means because it proposed to levy a tax, Mr. McGavin continued:

I was curious to know whether the present tariff schedules included dukes, earls, lords and counts, and finding that these things were nowhere mentioned, I thought that it might be proper for the customs officer to classify them like frogs' legs or as poultry, for it is the general opinion among Americans that they are a species of geese.

We upon this side of the house have in recent years referred triumphantly to the fact that as between this and other nations the balance of trade was in our favor, but nowhere in the summary can be found a reference to such trades as these, where soiled and frayed nobility is exchanged for a few million American dollars wrung from the laps of Wall street, with a woman thrown in "to boot."

There was a time when wealthy Americans traveling in Europe were contented with buying costly fabrics and paintings by old masters of whom they knew nothing, but now they want something even more costly, but less valuable. So when the wealthy girls traveling with their parents abroad see some remnant of royalty they enthusiastically exclaim, "Oh, mamma, buy me that!" An interpreter is obtained, the bargain is made, and the money is produced, and the girl is gone, soon to return a sadder but a wiser one.

Mr. McGavin was born in Illinois thirty-four years ago, is a Republican

and is serving his second term in congress.

William B. Craig is one of the new congressmen from the south and is also one of the youngest members of the Sixtieth congress. He was born in Selma, Ala., in 1877 and represents the Fourth Alabama district, which includes his native city. He was educated at the grammar schools and high school of Selma and in 1898 graduated from the law department of Cumberland university, Lebanon, Tenn. Before receiving his degree as a bachelor of laws he was for several years employed in the shops of the Southern railway at Selma as a machinist. For the past few years he has practiced law. He married in 1903 Miss Irene Kinst of Weston, W. Va., and has served in the Alabama national guard as private and noncommissioned officer in Troop C, First cavalry, and as captain of Company C, Second Infantry.



WILLIAM B. CRAIG.

Miss Maud Ashford, who broke off her engagement to ex-Senator Henry Gassaway Davis of West Virginia to avoid precipitating a quarrel in the latter's family, was at one time a newspaper woman. She was a childhood friend of the daughters of her former fiancé, who is a widower, and while they valued her as a friend, it is said they did not take kindly to the notion of having her for a step-mother. Senator Davis is eighty-four, and Miss Ashford is nearly half a century his junior. The ex-senator is a remarkably well preserved man for his years, however, and when he was the Democratic candidate for vice president in 1904 showed that he still possessed much of the vigor of youth. Senator Davis is supposed to be worth about \$20,000,000.



MISS MAUD ASHFORD.

fee for country. His statue presents an interesting contrast to that of MacMonnies. Neither had any portrait of Hale upon which to work, for none exists. They had to be guided by the descriptions of the hero which have been handed down and by their own conceptions of his appearance and expression. Each statue has its special admirers. Hale was twenty-one at the time of his cruel death. Perhaps he seems more boyish in the statue by MacMonnies. Partridge has succeeded well in expressing in the features of his Hale the patriotic fervor of the young enthusiast in the cause of the new nation and his athletic qualities. The hero was about six feet tall and could put his hand on a fence as high as his head and clear it with a bound. The spot on the Yale campus where he made the famous jump that marked him as the best all around athlete of the college was shown for years after his time. He is said to have possessed



STATUE OF NATHAN HALE BY PARTRIDGE. Not only ideal proportions, but a grace and charm which endeared him to all he met. Yale men are enthusiastic over the manner in which Mr. Partridge has met their ideals in the portrayal of Hale and over the historic as well as artistic value of his interpretation in sculpture of the hero.

The MacMonnies statue of Hale in New York was erected in 1893 by the Sons of the Revolution and is considered a work of sculpture of the first rank.

ENGLISH RED TAPE.

War Office Methods and the Test of a Mountain Gun.

The story that a gun of marvelous possibilities invented in England may be sold abroad owing to the apathy of the powers that be is not altogether surprising.

Whitworth refused Napoleon III's offer of \$50,000 a year for life to go to Paris and manufacture his cannon for the French army, but perhaps our war office was not so faddy then as now.

Some little time ago a new gun for hill fighting was offered and was sent out to India to be tried. It was dragged up steep hills, rushed down rocky defiles, left for a week at a time in mountain torrents—in fact, submitted to all the tests which a veteran officer accustomed to war with the hill tribes could suggest.

The report was satisfactory in every respect, but a war office genius blandly asked if the gun had been dropped down a precipice. It had not.

The war office was horrified and amazed at the neglect of so elementary a test. The gun was now dropped down a precipice with the inevitable result—its internals were irremediably damaged.

How was it possible, the war office asked, to accept such a weapon? And the army of India was left to potter along with obsolete weapons because this new arm would not stand impossible tests.—London Sketch.

AWAY BELOW ZERO.

The Awful Cold That Comes With Eighty Degrees of Frost.

It is difficult to form any conception of the degree of cold represented by 80 degrees of frost that at times prevails in certain parts of Russia. Sir Leopold McClintock tells us how in one of his arctic expeditions a sailor was foolish enough to do some outdoor work at precisely this temperature. His hands froze, and when he rushed into the cabin and plunged one of them into a basin of water so cold was the hand that the water was instantly converted into a block of ice.

At 25 degrees, Dr. Kane says, "the mustache and underlip form pendulous beads of dangling ice. Put out your tongue, and it instantly freezes to this icy crust. Your chin has a trick of freezing to your upper jaw by the happy aid of your beard. My eyes have often been so glued as to show that even a wink was unsafe."

During a theatrical performance given by the crew of his ship at an inside temperature of 50 degrees "the condensation was so excessive that we could barely see the performers. Their hands steamed. When an excited Thespiian took off his coat it smoked like a dish of potatoes. Any extra vehemence of delivery was accompanied by volumes of smoke."—Pearson's Weekly.

A Wrong Diagnosis. The small boy with the big bundle of papers was observed to be moistening some of his stock in the street fountain.

"Ah, my lad," said a benevolent old gentleman, "it does me good to see such an illustration of cleanliness."

"What do yer mean, boss?" asked the boy as he stared up in wonder.

"Why, aren't you trying to wash the mud spots off the edge of your papers?"

"No, boss; you are way off. You see, some of dese papers is two weeks old, an' if I dampen 'em up a bit people will think they are just from de press an' never think of lookin' at de date. Good graft, old sport! Say, some day when I am a captain of industry I'll give you a job."

But the benevolent old gentleman had fled.—Boston Post.

The Order of St. Patrick. The "most illustrious Order of St. Patrick" dates only from 1783, says a London writer, when it was founded by George III, and is not to be compared in age with "the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle," which, dating from a remote antiquity, was revived by James II. in 1687. The curious thing about the bands, or ribbons, of these two orders is that St. Patrick's is blue of the hue that may be seen in the "backles," or plumes, in the bearskins of the Irish guards, though it suggests the blue bells of Scotland, while the sash of the thistle is a dark green, suggestive of Erin's verdant isle. On state ceremonies these two orders are frequently confounded.

What She Was Trying to Accomplish. The other morning at the breakfast table three-year-old Jeannette was poking vigorously with her knife at a biscuit.

"What are you trying to do, Jeannette?" demanded mother. "Be careful; you will cut your hand."

Said Jeannette, "I'm trying to unloosen this biscuit; it's so tight!"—New York Times.

Not a Matter of Choice. Columbia Alumnae.—That woman on the debate team is intolerable. You wouldn't like to debate with a woman, would you? Cornell Alumnae.—Got so I don't mind it now. Been married five years.—New York Tribune.

Hard Lines. "Does your wife make you explain all your acts?" "Worse than that." "Worse than that?" "Far worse; she doesn't permit me to explain them."—Houston Post.

The Three Periods. Jason—There are three periods in a man's life when he does not understand a woman. Grayson—And they are? Jason—Before he knows her, when he knows her and afterward!

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The Easter "Lid." My seat! Where did she get that hat? Who ever did invent a lady's lid Like that? Who had the nerve to roll it out And stretch it more and more, From her trapeze to rim, until It spreads from shore to shore, And likewise lifts its summit up, On birds' and other wings, Above the earth until it scrapes The clouds and other things? Who added to the wondrous width Of brim, so that the space Could easily accommodate An automobile race? Say, who does that? Who built her hat? Who made it something never seen On earth or in the sky, A flat of wide extended plain, A mountain towering high? Cut wider doors for her to get Inside of any place, And put the ceiling on the roof To give her nodding space, Push up the clouds to let her stand Erect upon the ground, And shove the wide horizon back To let her turn around, Oh, weirdly, witching, woozy hat That flattens out and towers— Who ever saw a thing like that— A pancake piled with flowers? A hat contagious—spreading? yes, That names the Merry Wid! And she who fails to catch it should Slip out and change her lid, Gee whizz! What a wonder woman is! And my seat! Where DID she get that hat? —W. J. Lampton in New York World.

Under Y. M. C. A. Control. The East McCook Sunday-school, which owns a small car-building on a lot in that section of town, contemplates placing itself under Y. M. C. A. control for legal purposes.

Real Estate Filings. The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since our last report. United States to George W. Predmore, pat to n hf nw qr 23 3 30. Farmers Mtg & Trust Co to Robert A Morrison, wd to e hf 15, w hf sw qr 14, nw qr nw qr, lot 3, blk 23, lots 1, 2, 3, blk 22 3 28. \$24000 00. Mary B Knowland et cons to Solon E Harvey, wd to lot 4, blk 16, 1st McCook. 500 00. Masonic Temple Assn to William A Dolan, wd to pt lots 11, 12, blk 33, Indianola. 200 00. Geo Spahn and wife to Cora I Taylor, wd to lot 6, blk 2, 6th McCook. 1700 00. Jeannette Tartisch and hus to Mary Lehn, wd to pt lot 7, lot 8, blk 3, 1st McCook. 1000 00. Roy Thomas and wife to Gertrude Thomas, wd to pt nw qr sw qr 23, w hf sw qr 24 4 2. 700 00. S Cordale and wife to Jeannette B Tartisch, wd to lot 7, pt lot 8, blk 3, 1st McCook. 800 00. J W Dolan and wife to James S Doyle, wd to n hf se qr 23 2 4 2. 3000 00. Martha E Gregory to Arthur P Sidebottom, deed to se qr 35-1 29. 3000 00. James A Gregory to Arthur P Sidebottom, deed to sw qr 35-1 29. 3000 00. United States to Allen A Philippi, pat to ne qr 2 2 29. Fred Halbach to Isaac Kurtz, wd to sw qr 25 3 28. 4500 00.

Masonic Temple Assn to Ralph L Duckworth, wd to pt lot 11, blk 33, Indianola. 300 00. Robert H Nichols and wife to Henry Horton, wd to n hf sw qr 5 1 26. 700 00. Con Brening and wife to Vance McManigal, wd to pt se qr se qr 30 3 29. 50 00. United States to Austina Vance, pat to e hf nw qr, e hf sw qr 2 2 29. Fred B Buckworth and wife to Ralph L Buckworth, wd to lot 10, blk 33, Indianola. 1800 00. J S LeHew Referee to A. G. Bump, ref deed to e hf w hf 2, nw qr 1 2 29. 3100 00. J S LeHew Referee to A. G. Bump, ref deed to s hf ne qr 1 2, 2 2 29. 2000 00.

Widows To Get Increase. Pension Commissioner Warner has announced that widows on the pension roll would not be required to make application for the increase from \$4 to \$12, recently authorized by congress. The commissioner has instructed the pension agencies throughout the country to put the law into effect automatically, the first payment of the increase to be made May 1. This will result in a saving of several hundred dollars to the pensioners affected. Widows not already on the rolls, but who are entitled to the increase, were required to make application in the past.

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DIFFERENT IDEAS OF A HERO

Nathan Hale as Portrayed by Two Noted American Sculptors.

A short time ago a committee of Yale alumni assembled in the studio of William Ordway Partridge in New York to see the newly completed statue of Nathan Hale by that sculptor which the alumni of the institution propose to offer for the campus of the university. The patriot spy is the chief hero



STATUE OF NATHAN HALE BY MACMONNIES. of the famous institution of learning at New Haven. He had the diploma of his alma mater with him on that fateful journey within the enemy's lines on Long Island which ended in his capture by the British and his execution under a warrant by General Howe on Sept. 22, 1776. Near the scene of his execution, in City Hall park, New York, a statue of Hale by Frederick MacMonnies now stands. Upon the pedestal are engraved the immortal words spoken by him as the hangman's noose was about to be adjusted to his neck, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

Yale men have long felt that there should be a statue upon the college grounds of an alumnus who did such honor to his alma mater; hence the movement resulting in the execution of this work. Mr. Partridge has studied the subject for ten years and has written a book about the character of Hale and the story of his great sacrifi-

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