

SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

MUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

"Whew! but it seems good to get near a radiator!" exclaimed a man as he walked into the office of a friend.

"Warm enough now?" inquired his friend, a few moments later.

"Yes, all right now, but I was about frozen when I came in here," said he, still spreading his hands above the glided pipes.

"That's funny," said the other, "there isn't a bit of heat in that radiator. We've been using the furnace this year."

Said it. Frugal Aunt—Well, Tommy, haven't you anything to say, after eating a nice dinner like that?

Tommy—Yes'm. I hadn't had half enough.—Chicago Tribune.

Of the Same Mind.



"Why, William, I'm surprised!" "It's mutual, ma, it's mutual!"

Is Generally So. Tom—Working hard lately? Arthur—Yes. I'm making my own hours now, and I work longer than I did before.—Somerville Journal.

The Line of Least Resistance. "I've been calling." "Hear any news?" "Not much. The Joneses have left their third cook within two months."—Puck.

Just a Hint. "Talk about your incendiary speech, I heard Aronski make one today." "You don't say? I didn't know he was a public speaker at all."

"Oh! this wasn't a public speech. He just whispered to me that his clothing store was insured for twice its value."—Philadelphia Press.

Refuted. "Philadelphia's too slow a place to make money in," said the New Yorker scornfully.

"Uncle Sam doesn't seem to think so," retorted the Quaker. "He's got his mint here."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Foiled. Mr. Phoxy—I was going to ask you to try this little trick. Multiply the years of your age by three, subtract twenty-one from the total and what's the answer?

Miss Kute—You should be able to guess the answer at once. Mr. Phoxy—What is it? Miss Kute—None of your business.—Philadelphia Press.

The Cause of It. Cholly—I admit I frequently take me some time to make up my mind but—

Miss Pepprey—Ah! naturally. You must lose time trying to locate it.—Philadelphia Press.

Not at Home. Mr. Monk—Did you find Miss Ost rich out? Mr. Ostrich—Yes; I couldn't see her at all. She had her head buried six inches in the sand.

None Such. "I'm looking for a painless dentist. Can you recommend one?" "I never knew any that didn't hurt at least once."

"When is that?" "When his bill comes in."

Revenge. Teacher—I am a thorough believer in reincarnation. Willie (aside)—If she ever come back here as a chicken I'm going to chop her head off.

Too Many. "Do you read many novels?" asked our lady correspondent of her visitor from the country.

"Oh, yes; a good many," was the reply. "Have you ever read 'Ten Thousand a Year?'"

"Lord, bless us, ma'am, no," answered the astonished visitor. "I never read so many as that in my whole life."—Boston Traveler.

OPINION OF THE EDITOR OF THE "NEBRASKA FARMER."

He Expresses His Approval of American Emigration to Canada. During the winter months the head of the family consults with the other members as to the prospects for the future, and doubtless one of the most interesting topics discussed is that of moving to some district where it is possible to more easily secure what is necessary for a comfortable existence, where it is an easy matter to become possessed of sufficient farm land to assure a competence for the future. This not only interests the head of the family but every individual member of it.

Having before me the knowledge where he can secure a home with the expenditure of but little money, it is well for him to obtain all information possible regarding the productivity of the land in the country that he may select. For several years past a large number of Americans have removed to Western Canada, and as nearly as it can be ascertained almost all of these have expressed themselves satisfied with the conditions that exist there.

During the past summer a number of the editors of farm papers throughout the United States made a personal visit on a tour of inspection, and the reports of these gentlemen prove interesting reading. Mr. H. E. Heath, editor of the Nebraska Farmer, a paper enjoying a wide circulation, as well as the confidence of its subscribers, after giving some idea of the extent of this wonderful country, says:

"Western Canada is the last unoccupied and unimproved good agricultural land in America available today."

He then discusses its possibilities for raising live stock and the advantages it possesses for dairying, farming and wheat growing, and says, "What has been said about the country as to the ability of the soil, the yield of wonderful crops of wheat, is quite justified."

To quote further from Mr. Heath, he says, referring to climate: "These people (skeptical ones) do not know or realize that altitude more than latitude makes climates; that large bodies of water, both fresh and salt, that never freeze over, exert a wonderful influence on climate. Another influence on climate, more potent than those named above, which applies more to the Alberta district, is the warm Chinook breeze from the Pacific Ocean, which is 800 or 700 miles nearer than Colorado or Wyoming, besides the Rocky Mountain range is not nearly so high nor half so far from the ocean as it is down in the States."

"In further considering the climate of the Canadian prairies, we should not lose sight of the fact of the influence of the rains; the total average rainfall for the season is but 13.33 inches for the territories and 17.31 inches in Manitoba, and that the amounts falling between April 1 and Oct. 1 are respectively 9.39 inches and 12.87 inches or about three-fourths of the entire rainfall. From the middle of June to the middle of July there are over two hours more daylight in every twenty-four hours than there is in Nebraska. The main reason why Western Canada wheat grows to such perfection is the effect of solar light, or longer period of sunshine it gets each day. This is what makes seeds of grain more perfect, grown in this country than elsewhere. This extraordinary rapid growth of vegetation under the influence of this long continued sunshine exceeds anything known in lower latitudes."

"We do not wish it understood that wheat alone is the main product of this country; it leads in that, yet it is destined to become famous for its cattle, horses and sheep and for its dairy products. We saw more and larger bands of cattle and sheep grazing in Assiniboia and Alberta than we ever saw on the western plains of the United States. One band of cattle numbering 5,000 head were grazing on the rich grass and sheep without number."

The Government of the Dominion of Canada is still using the same energetic efforts which have been used for the past five or six years to settle up these western prairies, and on application to any Agent of the Canadian Government the settler will be able to secure a certificate entitling him to a low rate, which will give him the opportunity of visiting any portion of Canada's grain producing domain.

IN NO DANGER. Mistress—"I think you handle those fine china dishes very carefully." Domestic—"Don't worry, mum they are so light that they wouldn't hurt even if I dropped 'em on my toes, mum."

There is nothing men are so vain of as their judgments, and nothing in which they differ from each other so widely.

WILL HOLD THE FORT

RUSSIA HAS NO THOUGHT OF ABANDONING PORT ARTHUR.

Forward Movement by Japanese in Korea Indicated by Orders Issued at Seoul—Abandoning New Chwang.

ST. PETERSBURG.—From the highest official quarter the Associated press has received information that there is absolutely no foundation for the rumors persistently sent out from Tokio that the Russians are abandoning Port Arthur.

"It is the veriest nonsense," said the official informant of the Associated press. "Nothing has occurred here to warrant such reports. The Japanese fleet has not been seen for forty-eight hours."

The newspapers here manifest the greatest indignation over the report, the Boerse Gazette characterizing it as outrageous and a British invention.

General Kuropatkin expects to reach Mukden March 23. Everything will be sidetracked in order to get him to the front on schedule time. The general may proceed on a flying visit to Port Arthur, but he is more likely to enter at once upon his duties as commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army.

General Kuropatkin had his plan of campaign practically perfected before he left here for the far east. He returned to St. Petersburg quietly from his country seat and his presence here was not known for four days. These four days he devoted to the elaboration of his plans in conjunction with his staff and with the aid of all the information in possession of the ministry of war as well as of the special reports from the theater of war.

On account of the difficulty of housing the vast number of troops poured into Mukden. 14,000 have been sent forward within the last few days towards the Yalu river, as reinforcements for the 7,000 troops already at Kisan and Anju, and the stream of soldiers from European Russia is now being held at Harbin. The housing problem will disappear with the advent of warmer weather, but in the meantime the government is hurrying forward large numbers of portable collapsible wooden quarters.

Close To a Fall. LONDON.—Premier Balfour's government today was defeated in the house of commons by the combined liberal and nationalist vote. This reverse was due to the prohibition by Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, on the teaching of Gaelic in the junior grades of the Irish nationalist schools. Mr. Balfour, though defeated by a majority of eleven on this question, does not regard the vote as one of want of confidence, and he will not resign on this account. His determination not to resign was strengthened by the fact that shortly after the foregoing defeat he was able to secure a majority of twenty-five.

The failure of the government to carry the house with it on a question of purely administrative policy in its Irish department is generally admitted to greatly weaken its already declining prestige with the country, although it is not thought probable that any immediate development will ensue.

Favor Anti-Mormon Party. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Non-Mormons who are indignant at the testimony of President Joseph F. Smith and the admissions made before the Smoot investigating committee, met here tonight with the avowed purpose of forming an anti-Mormon party. A committee of twenty-five citizens was appointed to frame a plan of political action and a mass meeting will be held next week to ratify the action and perfect the organization. A protest against the statements of President Smith was unanimously adopted and was at once signed by about 20 citizens. The protest will be forwarded to Chairman Burrows of the investigating committee and copies will be circulated for further signature in Utah and adjoining states.

The resolutions declare that the law-abiding citizens repudiate emphatically the statement of President Smith that his offense of living in open polygamy is condoned; that on the contrary the disclosures made by him at Washington were nowhere received with greater amazement, indignation and disgust than in Utah.

No Education For Negroes. JACKSON, Miss.—Governor Vardaman this afternoon sent to the house his veto of the bill appropriating \$2,200 for the support of the Holly Springs normal school, a colored institution. The governor in his veto message takes ground against negro education, stating that it is not the best thing for the negroes. He advanced this view during his campaign for governor. It is said that a strong fight will be made to pass the bill over his veto.

CASE ABOUT ENDED

DIETRICH COMMITTEE HAS BUT ONE MORE WITNESS.

Will Be Heard Saturday

TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE OF LITTLE INTEREST.

No Intimation as to When Report to Senate Will Be Made—Buckett and Hinchshaw May Not Come Home.

WASHINGTON.—The Dietrich hearing was practically concluded today, Saturday U. S. Rohrer of Hastings will testify, and then the senate committee can deliberate on the measure of the senator's wrongdoing or the extent to which his reputation has been blasted.

The hearing was resumed at 10:30. J. R. Wright, of Hastings, a janitor in the post office there until February, formerly a minister and formerly janitor of the German National bank, was called. Senator Hoar read a letter from United States Attorney Summers about the \$746 voucher for moving the postoffice fixtures. Judge Batty explained that the said contract was made by ex-postmaster Hahn and hence it had no relation to Senator Dietrich. In it O. N. Stanley contracted to move the fixtures from the G. A. R. building to Dietrich's building. The witness knew nothing of the contract of the voucher.

Senator Hoar passed the letter of Attorney Summers on to the other members of the committee. Senator Platt could not see that any important evidence was attached to the letter.

The witness knew of no attempt at fraud in connection with the Hastings postoffice in any way. Judge Batty asked the witness about the conversation with Mr. Hahn. The witness said after Fisher was made postmaster, Hahn said to witness that he would get even with Fisher and Dietrich if it cost him \$10,000.

The attorney asked permission to read the affidavits of Dr. John Cooke, who died three weeks ago, and of Alexander Campbell, who is ill. Chairman Hoar said Attorney Summers had sent to the committee the names of Dr. Cooke and Alex Campbell, saying that one had said to the other certain things prejudicial to Dietrich. The committee withdrew to consider the affidavits and later Senator Hoar announced that such affidavits would not constitute evidence in court, but as it was the committee's duty to investigate the documents would be admitted in evidence. They were not read.

Judge Batty recalled Senator Dietrich and cited the statement made by Witnesses Dutton, who said Dietrich had said he thought Fisher ought to take the fixtures off his hands. The witness denied that such statement had been made, but said Dutton first suggested that Fisher buy the postoffice fixtures and later Dietrich sent for Fisher. Also wherein Dutton spoke of the attempt of the state central committee to have Adam Breede appointed postmaster Dietrich denied that the state central committee had endorsed Breede for postmaster. Dietrich asked permission to put his written statement in answer to the charges in their indictment into the record. It was granted.

More Liberal in Pensions. WASHINGTON.—Commissioner of Pensions Ware, with the approval of Secretary Hitchcock, has issued an order making the following change in age consideration in pension ratings:

Ordered: In the adjudication of pension claims under said act of June 27, 1890, as amended, it shall be taken and considered as an evidential fact. If the contrary does not appear, and if all other legal requirements are properly met, that when a claimant has passed the age of sixty-two years he is disabled one-half his ability to perform manual labor and is entitled to be rated at \$8 per month; after sixty-five years at \$10 per month, and after seventy years at \$12 per month, and after seventy years at \$12 per month.

Allowance at higher rate, not exceeding \$12 per month, will continue to be made as heretofore, where disabilities other than age show a condition of inability to perform manual labor.

May Go to the Jury Friday. NORFOLK, Kas.—Arguments in the trial of Chauncy Dewey, the millionaire ranchman, and his cowboys, William McBride and Clyde Wilson, charged with the killing of Burchard Berry, on Berrys' ranch, in Crawford county, were begun today. It was agreed that each side should argue for a day each and it is believed that this will bring the case to the jury late on Friday.

BLOWN UP BY A MINE

STRIKES UNPLACED EXPLOSIVE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Four Members of Crew Alone Saved—Viceroy Alexieff Denies Reports of Extensive Damage by Fire.

CHE FOO.—While entering Port Arthur on the 16th inst, the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorri struck an unplaced mine and was blown up. Four of the crew were saved. Viceroy Alexieff wires a report confirming the account of the damage done to Port Arthur during the bombardment of the 10th. He says the story of a fire there is "a base fabrication."

The United States cruiser Cincinnati just arrived from Chemulpo, reports everything quiet, with no news from the front. At the request of Minister Allen the cruiser brought two former Korean officers who had left Korea in consequence of their friendship for Russia.

Warnings have been received here concerning previous reports to the effect that the Russia's have laid mines along the Liago Tung peninsula and that neutral vessels are obliged to show their colors five kilometers off shore and await a Russian pilot.

TIEN TSIN.—Lloyd's, agent at New Chwang wires as follows: "Port Arthur will be open between March 25 and 30 and steamships have been chartered for spring shipments. The reports that New Chwang will be attacked shortly are untrue, and there is no truth in the statement that the Russians are trying to lay mines abreast of the fort."

"Business is going on as usual," and M. Grosse of the civil administration is doing all in his power to further the trade interests of both Chinese and foreigners.

"The American and British residents insist that warships should be stationed here, but there are no signs of any trouble. "Japanese troops probably will land in Kai Chou by and cut off the main line at Tashi Chao, southeast of New Chwang."

LONDON.—Inquiries made at Lloyd's on the subject of the Tien Tsin dispatch, in which Lloyd's agent at New Chwang is quoted as telegraphing that Port Arthur will be opened between March 25 and 30 elicited the statement that the New Chwang agent probably meant that the river at New Chwang will be free of ice between March 25 and 30 and that communication with Port Arthur by sea will then be reopened.

SHANGHAI.—Three Norwegian Steamers—the Brand, Argo and Sirestad have arrived here. Officers report that scarcely a residence in the new part of Port Arthur escaped damage.

Says He Is Doomed. WASHINGTON.—As a result of the inquiry into the charges against Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, William S. Summers, United States district attorney of Nebraska, will be removed from office. President Roosevelt today informed Senator Dietrich and Editor Rosewater of the Omaha Bee that he would take such action against Mr. Summers. The probabilities are that Chairman Lindsay of the republican state committee of Nebraska will be appointed to succeed him.

OMAHA, Neb.—District Attorney W. S. Summers was shown the Washington dispatch stating that he would be removed from office as a result of the Dietrich investigation and refused to discuss the matter, remarking: "Just say that silence is golden."

Friends of Mr. Summers, however, have anticipated a reaction of this nature, and the announcement did not come as surprise to them.

Receiver For the Paxton. OMAHA.—On petition of Rome Miller, a minority stockholder in the Kitchen Brothers Hotel company, owners of the Paxton hotel, one of the largest in the city, Judge Baxter in the district court today decided to appoint a receiver for the company, later to be agreed upon. The court found from evidence presented that James B. Kitchen president of the company, owned to the minority stockholders \$150,000, from undivided profits, and that he had not conducted the business in a proper manner. The hotel will not be closed pending the selection of a receiver.

Liquor Dealers Indicted. WICHITA, Kas.—The federal grand jury returned six indictments against Kansas City and Kentucky wholesale liquor dealers today, who are charged with violation of the prohibitory law. The method complained of is the shipping of liquors to fictitious persons and then allowing express agents to dispose of the packages to whoever wants them.

NEBRASKA NOTES

The Platte river is out of its banks and is doing considerable damage around Fremont.

Richard Law of Falls City and Miss Kate Heer of Table Rock were married at Pawnee City.

Miss Eva Rich was waylaid and outraged near her home at Scribner, by three masked villains.

Smallpox has broken out at Springfield, Sarpy county. The family of Frank Comte has been quarantined.

J. H. Ludwick, a pioneer furniture dealer of McCook, was found dead in his bed Thursday morning of heart disease.

Professor C. E. Sherman was again chosen superintendent of the schools at Schuyler. This is his fourth year.

Food commissioner Thompson has seized six barrels of vinegar sent from Paducah, Ky., to Auburn. He alleges it was made with acid.

The Southwestern Nebraska Teachers' association will meet at Beatrice on March 30, 31, and April 1. A large crowd is expected.

P. Sutton, F. A. Bernal, N. P. Bros and O. Kunke, all of McCook Neb., have just been fined \$25 each at Wray, Col., for hunting without a license.

Mike Gardner of Nebraska City, charged with selling land without a title and with intent to defraud, has just been released on a writ of habeas corpus.

The Nebraska City Hollow Brick company is the name of a new industry that has been started at Nebraska City for the purpose of manufacturing hollow brick.

Frank Stark of Seward, Neb., was struck by a Missouri Pacific engine while crossing Vine street in Lincoln. Stark's wagon was smashed, but the man himself, beyond a few slight bruises, escaped injury.

Robley D. Harris, Sidney's candidate for lieutenant governor, is essentially a pioneer Nebraskan. He came to the state in 1868 with an overland train and wielded the bull whip over a ten yoke bull team.

Mrs. Johannah Hanke, for the past fourteen years a resident of Beatrice, died aged 70 years. Deceased was a native of Germany and leaves a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Her death was caused from asthma and dropsy.

Three cases of typhoid fever have been discovered among the employes of the state house. The plumbing of the entire east wing will be overhauled in an endeavor to locate the trouble.

While seated at the organ, playing a piece of music, George Lynch, of Oxford, a 16-year-old boy, was killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his brother. The charge took effect in the side.

"Sailor Jean" walking to every capital in the United States on a wager, was in Beatrice. His name is Jean A. Krohm and he left Augusta, Maine, April 1, 1901. He has three and one-half years to make the trip and will receive \$5,000 if successful.

A party searching the lake for the body of the son of George Lautherbach, of Kearney, who was drowned at last have been successful. The body of the little one was found Tuesday noon in the deep water of the lake. It was necessary to blow out the ice with dynamite.

Jacob Mann was found dead in a pasture on his farm a few miles northwest of Stella. Mann went out to the pasture to water the stock, but was gone so long that the family became uneasy and made a search for him, finding him dead. Death is supposed to have been caused by a paralytic stroke.

Superintendent J. T. Morey, Prof. Loeb, Miss Souley and seventeen pupils from the Institute for the Blind left for Beatrice and tour of principal cities of the state. At each place visited an entertainment will be given, showing the work done at the institute, in a musical way, and also to demonstrate to the public the manner of teaching in the industrial departments.

J. F. Brehm, a brakeman on the Northwestern, living in Fremont was crushed between two freight cars at Dwight and died a few minutes after. He had gone in between the cars to look after the air coupling and just as he got up the train backed a few feet, catching his head between the bumpers and fracturing his skull. He was about 25 years old and unmarried.

Mr. John Joseph Orelighton and Miss Etta Williams were married at Beatrice by Judge Bourne. The bride and groom are residents of Lewistown, Neb., and will make their home at that place.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Frick of Papillion was held Tuesday from the German Methodist church in that city. She was 82 year of age at the time of her death, and had lived at Papillion for thirty-seven years.

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