

THE BIBLE AS A MASCOT.

How it Changed the Luck of a Well Known "Frisco Gambler."

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It is said that a well known gambler of San Francisco, whose identity is partially concealed under the initial W. of his surname, has found a "mascot" which he highly prizes. He has been losing money at everything he played for two or three weeks. In the midst of his hard luck some distant friend of better days sent him a bible, richly bound, with a live in opening hibernating on a fly leaf. When he opened the package he silently predicted that travel and success would be about it for the friend with him. He hid it on his table in his room and liked its presence for the very reason of it. A week ago he went home late at night after losing \$100 at some game or other, and taking a "nightcap" and lighting a cigar, picked up his bible just to pass away a few unproductive minutes. He had opened it at random and began reading "I Samuel." He soon tossed it aside and went to sleep. On the next night he won. He is clearly regretting what his mascot was, and that night he passed a full hour reading the "mascot." He won again and was more than ever satisfied. The bible has become a precious possession to him. He now sits up in bed for an hour every night reading that bible with as much interest as a woman reads a novel. He makes no secret about telling of it and confidentially advising his sporting friends to try it.

Outcasts.

The case of Mrs. Elizabeth Hatley, under the charge of insanity, upon investigation revealed one of the most deplorable cases ever presented before the court, says the Salt Lake Tribune. First, because the plea was not sustained, and second, because the finding of the court, in adjudging the young girl an idiot, found her dispossessed of power and authority to do anything but being taken care of at public expense. The mother was present as one of the witnesses, and presented almost as pitiable a sight as her daughter. It appears that her nervous system has been abandoned by her relatives and friends, and that her place of abode is a hospital for the insane. Several of the examining physicians stated the effect that the ailment was of such a character that it would be useless to send the patient to any other institution. She was admitted. This state of affairs leaves these two wanderers the prey—as the evidence exhibited—of unmerciful outcasts from night to night. An examination made in court, by the two physicians present, exhibited the fact that the mother was the victim to one of the most loathsome diseases known.

Hard Up for News.

A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Charles A. Shafer, city editor of the Spokane Daily Chronicle, on a charge of sending false telegrams. The warrant was signed by Albert Hawkins, a reporter on the review. When Chief of Police Harbord was on his way to Spokane from Seattle in charge of Lottie Wirt and her abductors, Barney Brooks and wife, Hawkins was sent to Cheney to meet the party and bring the girl on the way up, which he did. Shafer knew Hawkins was going, and in order to defeat the plan, he telegraphed Chief Harbord and Mrs. Taylor, Lottie Wirt's aunt, warning them that Hawkins had a job put up on them and instructing them not to allow the girl to be taken. He signed the name of a well known police officer to these telegrams. He also hired a detective to drop Hawkins before he took the train. Shafer went to Spokane from San Francisco, where he claims to have worked on several leading papers.

Feed a Frodoostock on a Child.

Secretary Theobald of the Humane society unthrew a case of atrocious cruelty to a child in Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Rockhill beat a little stepdaughter named Dottie, aged nine years, with a wooden mallet and brutal manner with iron rods, needles, covering the child's body with black and blue marks and breaking two of her ribs. The child's scalp is also badly lacerated. From the white and black and blue marks on the face, neck and arms, it is evident that the mother had been beating the child's hands and feet before commencing her fiendish work. The child is now in the hospital, and is covered with black and blue spots and marks. She was attended by physicians and made as comfortable as possible. Several physicians attended Mrs. Rockhill, and placed her in the county jail. He thinks she is insane and believes her to be an opium addict. She has two children, one of whom is taken from her by the secretary.

Desperate Politics.

In the Idaho legislature last week Jones of Boise county gave notice of the Enloe Rock Times a severe ranting because Bonney sent a dispatch to the Ogden Standard purporting to have come from Fred Dubois himself saying: "For God's sake don't desert me, please don't bring an army of men to my house. I was born my friends." During the senatorial middle it was charged on the street in Boise City that Dubois was wiring prominent doctors in the legislature to get up the senatorial fight again, as if he feared the result. This dispatch was one Dubois was charged with sending to Jones, a demagogue and demagogue to the Standard. Jones denounced it as a libel, and said he had received no dispatch at all from Dubois.

Perished in the Storm.

Five laborers at Great Falls, in the scene of the construction work on the Great Northern line through the Flathead region in Montana. They were caught in the heavy storms, and a contracting party found two of the dead bodies, and near them was one of the men still alive, but dangerously frost-bitten. The contractor sent the men to be taken to the hospital. The other three laborers were separated in the blinding snow, and two of them had wandered away with their heads buried in the snow. The bodies of the dead men were buried near Two Medicine, and a searching party started out for the missing two. It is almost a certainty that they have perished.

Salmon-Canning Trust.

Negotiations are now in progress for the purchase of all the salmon canneries on the Fraser river by a syndicate of wealthy American capitalists, who propose to secure a monopoly of the salmon-packing industry of British Columbia. So far, it is learned, eleven of the Fraser river canneries are as good as closed, and negotiations are still in progress with the other two or three of the canneries positively free to sell or join the syndicate, but it is confidently expected by the promoters of the scheme that they will be able to buy fourteen out of the seventeen Fraser river canneries. The headquarters of the syndicate will be Vancouver.

Shot a Boy.

George Albion, a railroad watchman at the Southern Pacific yards in that city, shot and killed a boy in that city. The boy was shot in the back by a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He had been annoyed by boys running about the yard, and while exasperated at them, he fired his pistol, supposedly in the air. The bullet hit the boy in the back. The boy died in the hospital, and a coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter.

An Infamous Wretch.

A man calling himself James C. Ross registered at the Manor House in Vancouver, B. C., recently. He was accompanied by a woman, whom he called his wife, and a young woman whom he called his daughter. The hotel clerk had the statement that he had driven over from New Whatcom,

usually passing up from the well like a torch, making an ominous noise. Those who have visited it pronounce it a great curiosity. Some time ago the doctor who was secured a divorce from his wife, but she would not leave him living together. Mrs. Sweeney being detained against her will, was secured a divorce from her husband. The doctor, who is about sixty years old, followed with a revolver in each hand. At the time the old lady is in the care of her friends.

A Wisconsin man returning from Kansas attracted the attention of some of Mason City citizens yesterday. He had a rather rough cut which he had rigged a rough box that contained his earthly all. To this an aged blind man was secured with a harness, was the man himself, helping to drag the cut. Disappointment, rage, stripes, desolation and grief were the only words that the man said he had lost all he had in Kansas and was trying to get back to Wisconsin, where he hoped to get money from his former neighbors to help him out. His children he had left out in desolate circumstances.

A sensational still has been filed in the Hancock county circuit court for the March term by a young man named V. C. Hovatt against Joseph Welch, his daughter, Lucy Welch and a physician, Dr. J. M. Hovatt. Hovatt states in his declaration that the defendants came to him on January 1 and accused him of being the father of Lucy Welch's unborn child, and on pain of prosecution and disgrace extorted the sum of \$500 from him, he paying the girl and sum of money. He further declares that said Lucy Welch never became a mother, and that she had no legal claim upon him, and declares that she was defrauded to the extent of \$500 and asks judgment thereon.

The Two Dakotas.

The situation of a Dakota county is more than half that of a Missouri county. Brown county wants legislative authority to bond its outstanding indebtedness. The State's Public Health figures that it costs \$100 to operate a hospital. The Pull Pacific granite company has been reorganized, with a paid-up capital of \$200,000. A project is on foot to erect a \$500,000 building for the Baptist university at Sioux Falls. A man with high top boots led by a pit bull.

Olivet has the largest dog in South Dakota. It weighs 157 pounds and is of the English mastiff breed. The judges and lawyers of South Dakota will meet at Pierre, March 31, to organize a state bar association. A man and his wife have shipped a large consignment of elk and deer heads to an old Scotch family in Europe.

The Yankton city council rejected all bids for operating a ferry across the Missouri, and other bids will be advertised for. Roberts county farmers report making good crops a bushel by shipping their own wheat. They are the middlemen of the world.

The Frederick Press says Brown county has \$50,000 in the treasury and no liabilities, and yet county warrants are at a discount of 25 percent. McCook and Hanson counties will hold a joint spring fair at Emery, March 2, the object of which is to increase the stock and market of the highest bidder in the district.

The insurance companies are notifying their agents that while the value policy bill is pending in the legislature, not to issue any new policies or renewals. A bill has been introduced in the North Dakota legislature to remove the state university from Grand Forks to some more convenient and central location in the state.

Peter Lund of Charles Mix county lost two valuable steers and several head of hogs by poison. It is supposed the poison was put out on the prairie by some one for robbery. John Kreplin, a dealer in general merchandise at Parliott, gave three mortgages on his stock of goods and shipped for parts unknown. The goods were scarcely paid any of the mortgages.

E. C. Maey recently died at Wanara of pneumonia, aged sixty-two years. He had been a resident of Iowa for many years, and was postmaster at Wanara at the time of his death.

A bill passed the house and will probably pass the senate abolishing the office of county judge, and throwing all probate business to the circuit judge. The bill submits the question of the disposal of the next general election.

John Brockley, who has just died in Ver million, settled on a farm in Nebraska, across the river from that city, in the first year of his residence there. Circuit Court Bluffs was his market town and he hauled his wheat to Fort Union, N. D.

Arrangements have been perfected by the state grand jury of Oshkosh whereby all needy members of the order will be furnished with food and clothing. A car of corn for the needy members of the order will be donated by the state grand jury.

The B. & M. railroad company has a force of men surveying a route from a point near Mystic to Silver City and Pactola. The surveyors of that vicinity are making the acquaintance of Black Hills miners, and the railroad officials seem to be eyeing the bonanza.

A call has been issued for a reunion of the First Dakota cavalry to meet at Yankton, March 26, during the state centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic. This was a well known organization in the early days, having for its object the protection of Dakota from the Indians.

City Engineer S. H. Het Springs, under direction of Fred T. Evans, chief of Sioux City, has prepared plans and made estimates for constructing an electric power house for running a sixty-horse power plant, and for lighting purposes and a large double cylinder pump for furnishing a water supply to the city.

What may prove a fatal accident occurred at the Grand Forks gas works, William Cady, the engineer, while starting the machinery, was caught between a moving and a stationary roller, and his right arm and spine, the breast bone fractured and other injuries sustained, and he has small chances of recovery.

"Pneumonia has killed more people in this section than any other disease five times over," says the Deadwood Independent. "It seems to spare the young, the strong and the active of the strong and rugged old-timers who have braved the storms of many severe winters. The most fatal cases are those that die, not to the open winter."

"Dan" Washburn, who was convicted at Webster, Da. county, six or seven years ago for robbery and sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years, was released from the penitentiary by Governor Adolphe. He is now in the hands of the law, and is being held in the county jail. He is being held in the county jail.

There are several cases of diphtheria at Warrens, Umatah county. A case of bores which was packed up twelve years ago in the household of a woman, has been found to be the cause of the disease at the time, was opened recently, and the persons who are afflicted now handled the case. The disease was contracted in this manner.

As Prof. Williams, principal, was leaving the Eugene school, he was assaulted by two young hoodlums with a five day sentence and Charles Reed, pleaded guilty to assault on a battery and were fined \$10 each and costs. The trouble arose from the fact that the boys in school a few days ago.

The legislature in joint session elected the following state officers: Railroad Commissioners—George W. Clegg, Rosamond, and Clinton Junction City; A. N. Hamilton, Fort Union; State Auditor—F. C. Reed, R. C. Campbell, Grand Forks; Chief Commissioners—F. H. Halloran, R. P. Bond, Astoria; J. A. Brown, Portland. Food State Librarian—J. E. Putnam.

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The southern drummer has given their northern brethren a remarkable example of enterprise in the establishment of a bank at Atlanta, Ga. The Constitution has the following concerning the project: The committee on subscriptions for the new Commercial Travelers bank held a most interesting and exhaustive meeting in the rooms of the Southern Travelers' association yesterday afternoon, with Chairman George P. Dixon in the chair. The committee reported \$20,000 in subscriptions for the first week, and the report of the remaining receipts was largely in excess of this amount. Applications for shares came from all portions of Georgia, and from such remote places as Philadelphia, New York and Washington. Representatives were present from the newly formed association of