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### Tour of Vice Presidential Candidate Fairbanks Through Nebraska

## Gems in Hoar's Library

books he reads, there can be no secret attaching to the scholarship and broadmindedness of the late George Frisble Hoar, United States senator from Massachusetts.

A newspaper correspondent, a personal friend of the senator, paid a visit to his home in Worcester, Mass., some months before illness laid low the distinguished statesman, and described the rare volumes, priceless manuscripts and other literary treasures which filled the shelves and cases. Few men, wrote the correspondent, could live in the aimosphere of that library without absorbing the essence of learning with which it is permeated. The walls of the big room are lined with books. Only where the fireplace and the windows, asserting their authority, refuse to be covered, is the wall of books broken.

If the senator's taste only followed that of the woman who bought her books to match her carpet, his library might have become a blaze of brightness; but it didn't. His taste was distinctive. Bindings did not appeal to him at all. He kept buying soberly garbed volumes, destitute of embellishment. Senator Hoar had been at this sort of thing for years, until he secured one of the finest private collections of books in the land. That collection was not picked up at random, neither was it bought at auction sales. The more than 5,000 volumes in that army of intelligence arranged in hollow square formation about the walls of Senator Hoar's library were the result of careful selection, of patient waiting, of much correspondence, and finally purchasing. Not a few of the books and manuscripts in that collection money could not buy. These are the gifts of friends and admirers. Aside from the valuable books included in it, the collection, comprises priceless ancient manuscripts and historical documents.

Here it is that the senior senator from Massachusetts, settled down in his easy chair before his spacious desk, surrounded on all sides by the books he loved, found much solid comfort. In this room, with its quiet colors and its atmosphere of ease and comfort, many of the thoughts that, later framed in speech, have thrilled a nation have had their birth. Fom it messages have gone forth that have had their effect upon the shaping of a nation's policy. It is a delightful room, with its array of books, its carpet of soft colors, its plotures of ancestors, statesmen, great men of old, inviting easy chairs, and oak tables covered with books and papers.

#### Array of Classics.

Senator Hoar said recently: "I have in general a pretty good collection of the Latin and Greek classics, of English histories-say, from the time of Henry VIIL literature and blography. Then I have a fairly good collection of American liter-

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR SPEAKING AT KEARNEY-Photo by Alfred T. Anderson.

## Remarkable and Rapid Progress Made in the Field of Electricity

Operating Trains by Telephone.

have not been flattering, chiefly because of time. the older system is so well entrenched in

by various companies to substi- a military and commercial point of view. ence in the messages, tute the telephone for the tele- In view of the tremendous natural diffigraph in transmitting train or- culties to be overcome its laying has been ders. The success of these efforts accomplished in a remarkably short space

The importance of the Alaskan cable is history and blography. I have sent The Burlington management, according to been strung between the various military nal

Signaling Under Water.

By means of a series of experiments bay during the last few days it has been

a difficult and expensive operation, but dropped down until the end almost touches panies. Through New York state and in with 0.5 mm. rubber insulation loses 14 per drop all work in the evening. I was to go PASMODIC efforts have been made fully justified by the importance from both the beach. There is no observable differ- New England the troiley companies have cent of its capacity if the insulation is re- out with my wife, attend the theater, play been extremely active in this new field of moved. Further, it is well known that in cards or go to parties, but forget the law, late, particularly between cities and towns a moist atmosphere the action into the dis- I followed this advice and gradually ac-

where the distances are not so great that tance from a bare Marconi wire is greater guired the habit of rising at 4 o'clock. the members of the company would not be than in dry air with sunshine. While the which have been conducted in Narragansett unduly fatigued by the length of the ride. ionization of dry air has surely a detri-The agent of a company supporting a mental effect on the transmission, it is "star" that was playing in Albany recently quite possible that the high delectric con- Dr. Lorimer err in stating that he was a official favor. Still a number of officials evident to every one who is familiar with munication under water between submarine was approached by the manager of a trol- stant of moist air which increases the entories-say, from the time of Henry VIII. persist in experimenting, with a determina-until within a few years-and of English persist in experimenting, with a determina-the great territory which we secured from boats and the shore, or between a subma-ley company with a proposal that his line ergy capacity of the wire may play a part inconsistency involved in tion to utilize the telephone to some ex-tent in directing the movements of trains. The cable is in direct connection with 1 700 miles of land wires which have with 1.700 miles of land wires which have been strung between the various military the system used was a new submarine sig-tady, their next "stand," at the rate of two of increasing the energy capacity of a their different names is explained by the

## Stories of Noted People HINCH Herbert Bismarck, whose

death deprives the family dynasty of its only grown-up representative, took after his famous father in bluntness of speech. When the great chancellor was dismissed Count Herbert followed his father into retirement and was at once struck from the list of the emperor's friends. At the death of the elder Bismarck the son journeyed to Berlin to return to his majesty the orders of the first chancellor, and the emperor is said to have observed in the most friendly way: "Ah, Herbert, how long it is since I have had the pleasure of sceing you." "Whose fault is that?" was Prince Herbert's grim reply to this greeting.

Stillman Wouldn't Play.

At the bankers' convention in New York they told this story about James Stillman, president of the National City bank. He was on his way home from Europe not long ago and in common with some other magnates was pestered by gamblers who wanted him to play cards. One morning as Mr. Stillman was in close conversation with H. McK. Twombley, the most daring member of the gang of card sharps pushed his way to them and renewed his importunities. Turning upon him that steellike glance they know so well at the National City bank, Mr. Stillman said quietly: "Look here, now. I have repeatedly told you that I do not wish to play and do not intend to play. Do you see that traffrail? You get away from me, sir, or I'll throw you overboard." As the gambler drew off sullenly he was heard to remark: "This is the cheapest 'bunch' of millionaires I ever struck on the Atlantic."

#### Advice from Judge Brewer.

David J. Brewer, justice of the United States supreme court, went to Kansas and entered upon the practice of law at 22. He is now 67 and hale and hearty. "For many years," he recently said, "I have been getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning. Lately, however, the hour has been 5 o'clock, for I find I enjoy taking more sleep. My retiring hour at night is usually about 10 o'clock. I began early rising when I lived in Kansas. As a young judge I was ambitious and at night I found myself dreaming over the cases I had tried during the preceding day. I did not rest well, and this troubled me so much that I consulted a doctor. He advised me to

#### Change of Names.

Some published obituaries of the late Rev. half brother of John H. Selwyn of theatritheir names when fact that both changed they entered upon the careers in which they subsequently distinguished themselves. The family name was MacNamara, and the late Dr. Lorimer adopted his Scotch name when he entered the ministry, while his brother chose the theatrical name of Selwyn when he became a theater manager. Their half brother was Harry Josephs, their mother having married a Josephs for her second husband.

many private documents to Clark university. I suppose there is no better collection of American historical pamphlets than mine, except in some great libraries.

"Frequently I see books sold for large sums, copies of which I have in my possession. Here, for instance," and, going to a case, the senator took down with loving care several dingy, battered little volumes, among which was the "History of Little Goody Two Shoes," printed by Isalah Thomas at Worcester in 1787, and bearing upon its title page a grim joke in the shape of an announcement that the copy was from the original manuscript in the Vatican at Rome and that the drawings were by Michael Angelo. Among the others were a Virgil brought to this country by Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts, and bearing a date line showing that it was printed in Leyden in 1659, and an Elzevir Ovid printed at Amsterdam in 1676. "I have a number of books that have come down to me from Leonard Hoar, who was president of Harvard college about 1670," said the senator. "This Aitken Bible I believe the first Bible published in America. It was the gift of my grandfather to my mother, and you will notice it has the autograph of Roger Sherman, under date of 1783. It is a rare book, and a copy is, I dare say, worth \$1,500

"This 'Defense of the People of England' is the work that cost Milton his eyesight.

#### Literary Curiosities.

"Now, these are curiosities: two copies of telephone as an adjunct to the telegraph." sermons which belonged to John Hancock and Samuel Adams, the two signers of the Declaration of Independence who were, you remember, excluded from the royal pardon. The books were given me by Samuel Adams granddaughter," and the senator returned the valued books carefully to their shelves. 'Now, your eyesight is better than mine. What is that date? Yes, I thought it was 1685. Well, that is a Latin peem which onde belonged to a famous English preacher, Robert South by name.

"This," said the senator, picking up a copy of "Granger's Lives of Famous Englishmen," "gives one, I think, a phase of the character of Daniel Webster not always manifest to the public," and turning back the cover the senator showed on the flyleaf this stanza in Webster's own handwriting:

More happy and what saint e'er knew To whom like mercy shown His Savior's death in rapturous view And unperceived his own. D. W.

"This note below, also in Webster's own hand, informs us," said the senator, "that Dr. Granger died from heart failure while administering the sacrament.

"This diary of 'Bub' Dodington I think much of," said the senator, "for it has the autograph of Horace Walpole, who was, as you know, a great collector of books in his

"And this," said the senator, picking up another volume, "is a copy of Chapman's Taylor's "Life of Christ" and "Holy Liv-'Homer.' I suppose it would sell for \$1,300 or \$1.500 at auction. Take this Chaucer-ob-serve that it is in black letter type, and that it was printed in 1587. I am told that it is impossible to obtain this work now.

"That book," indicating "A Crown of All pen drawing of Chapman, the compiler, is said to be a good likeness. I am not so You know he is said to have writ- with each. ten his translation in twelve weeks. No, I know of no other copy in existence; or, at least, in this country."

#### Rare Bibles,

"These Bibles I know will interest you," and the senator handed down two well- highly, as it is the original penell drawing worn volumes. "This one is a family Bible by John Trumbull of Cornwallis' surrender that belonged to Roger Sherman. See this to Washington." record of births. The name of Sarah Sherman, my mother's name, is written here, ful pulpit Bible from the press of Isaiah She was Roger Sherman's youngest daugh- Thomas in 1731, said to be the first pulpit ter. This other is Wordsworth's Bible, pre- Bible printed in America.

a recent announcement, proposes to give tire system of 8,000 miles. This change will be made gradually. Already the company is using the telephone on short stretches of road on various portions of the system.

"The most important feature in connection with the innovation," notes the Chicago Record-Herald, "is the fact that during a trial of some three years in places and two years in others there has not been recorded a single mistake in the transmission and receipt of orders and communications. This record is one which has rarely been equaled by the telegraph, and in the judgment of the managers removes the main objection hitherto made to the use of the telephone.

"Although managements of other big railmate use in train operation, either as an auxiliary to the telegraph or exclusively. The Illinois Central, for example, has used the 'phone for several years in transacting commercial business, and the system its. has been installed with a view of making it available in the operation of trains. The New York Central and Lake Shore roads have just completed the installation of a telephone system extending from New York to Chicago, and other large eastern systems have for some time been using the

Wire and Wireless on the Pacific. The completion a few days ago of the government cable between Seattle and Sitks, Alaska, and the equipment of the sustom houses and revenue cutters on Puget sound with wireless telegraphy outfits for the detection of smugglers are pointed indications that the faraway Pacific coast is rapidly getting into stride with the Atlantic in the matter of modern improvements. Indged, so far as means of communication are concerned, the newer west coast may be said to be already on an equal footing.

The laying of the Alaskan cable has been

sented to him by Faber, the celebrated hymn writer. On one occasion when I was abroad John Morley told me if it had been known that I had obtained a Bible belonging to Wordsworth they would not have allowed it to have left the country. "But I could go on like this all day," said the senator, producing in rapid succession a copy of "Theacritus," well thumbed and worn, once the property of Blackstone, the famous English jurist, and bearing his autograph on the title page, an original manuscript of Speaker Onslow, afterward Lord Onslow, giving the form of procedure in the House of Lords, copies of Jeremy ing." both printed about 1657, and a Bible printed by Isalah Thomas at Worcester in 1791 and said to be the first Bible printed in America

"I have what is considered a fine collection of political pamphlets and documents." Homer's Works," "is valued at \$1,700. 'That said the senator, turning to a cabinet overrunning with neatly filled documents, in a separate cardboard case marked with sure of that part. Here is a book contain- the name of the original owner or author, ing the first twelve books of Chapman's together with important dates associated

> "This little book once belonged to Washington Irving. See, it is in his own handwriting. He used it, I think, in the preparation of his famous 'Knickerbocker His-

> tory.' "And this," said the senator, "I prize

The book collection also includes a beauti-

posts, no matter how wild the country. as to its military value, but with the prospect of a far eastern problem even a layman can see that it must be great. Any Alaskan merchant in five minutes can convince the most skeptical of the new cable's commercial importance to the half dozen towns which are outgrowing the mining

camp stage by great leaps and bounds. One of the novelties of the Puget sound height of 220 feet, which brings the wire-

less flashes into the station at Friday harbor. the receiving mast or the position of the the finding. station have no effect on wireless commu-

nications. It was believed that the higher way systems are not quite so outspoken in the elevation the better the results. At their approval of the telephone, there is a Fort Casey instead of erecting the mast rural trolley system is the making of bids an insulating material of great delectric that the electric action into the distance pretty general movement toward its ulti- on the top of the high bluff, it has been for the transportation of theatrical com- strength. A wire of 1 mm. copper core decreases with the cube of the distance,

which has been d recently. the telephone a thorough practical test by Only an expert can speak with authority by means of sound waves, which cause the walls of vessels to vibrate. This vibration is communicated to the receiving apparatus against the interior walls and it is heard through telephones. So delicate is the transmission that by varying the tone or the quality of the sound a very satisfactory scheme of conversation can be arranged.

The submarine boat Shark has been equipped with an apparatus for receiving service is a record-breaking mast of a sounds. The positions and sailing direction Such a mast would only be possible the apparatus, the Stilletto being over a in a land of tall timbers. Yet experiments mile away. It was the rapid beat of its

Trolley for Show People.

two "flat" cars to carrry the scenery. car thrown in.

#### Tuned Wircless Transmitter.

A very long "first paper" on the meth- tiple of the length of the vertical wire. He ods of tuning wireless telegrahy transmit- shows that earthing is preferable under all

One of the latest developments of the First, it is possible to cover the wire with made by him confirm Maxwell's theory

## A Nominee for President in Omaha

E UGENE Victor Debs has occupied a large amount of space in the public eye for a little more than ten years now, his activity as a labor leader having been such as to keep him in the front all the time. During his service as grand secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, which extended over thirteen years, Mr. Debs conceived the notion of forming all the various brotherhoods and unions of the railroad service into one grand organization, to be known as the American Railway union. He was partially successful in this undertaking and succeeded in getting nearly all of the unions to act together. He was made president of the American Railway union and during the brief life of the body was engaged in two of the most extensive railway labor disturbances on record. One of these was the strike on the Great Northern, which was won; the other was the Pullman strike of 1894, which was lost, President Cleveland having called out the army of the United States for the purpose of putting down the strike in Chicago, where the disturbance centered. As a result of this strike Debs was tried for conspiracy and acquitted, and then was tried on charge of violating an injunction issued by Judge Wood and sentenced to six months' imprisonment for contempt of court. With the pasage of the American Railway union Mr. Debs identified himself with the socialistic movement in America. In 1900 he was the socialistic candidate for president and again in 1904 he is making the same canvass. During the last ten years Mr. Debs has visited Omaha several times in the interest of his propaganda. His latest visit was last week, when he delivered an address on socialistic ideas. Personally Mr. Debs is a very approachable man, affable and democratic to an extreme. He is tall and slightly stooped, bald and smooth shaven, with an engaging manner and pleasant address. He was born forty-nine years ago at Terre Haute, Ind., where he still makes his permanent home.



EUGENE V. DEBS-Photo for The Bee During His Recent

persons for 5 cents. In addition to this low transmitting station consists in using varirate the trolley line offered the "star" the ous transmitter wires in parallel either in use of the directors' pavior car and also harp or in cone form or by using surface capacities at the terminal of the wire. The As the run took only three hours the author discusses the original Marconi transdeal was arranged on the spot. The regu- mitting arrangement. He deals with the lar railway fare for each person for the question whether the connection to earth same distance was 28 cents, with no parlor of the transmitting system may be placed by the connection to the other end of the air-gap (instead of with earth), with a wire of a length which is in an odd mul-

of the torpedo boat Stiletto was determined ters to a certain wave length without vary- circumstances. He then describes how to on board the submerged Shark by use of ing the length of the vertical wire is printed calibrate the "multiplication rod," which is in a German technical journal. The au- used by him for measuring wave lengths, thor first makes some remarks on the ca- He then deals with the theory of the acon the sound show that the elevation of screw that gave the alarm and aided in pacity and self-induction of a straight wire tion of the Marconi transmitter into the for quick oscillation. The energy capacity distance. He asks whether the electric or of a transmitter wire is not unlimited, but the magnetic lines of force are more imthere are two methods of increasing it. portant for the transmission. Experiments while the magnetic decreases simply proportionally with the distance. The transmitter should be placed in such a way that the lines of force starting from the point of maximum current are propagated

with as few obstacles as possible. Any vertical conductors in the neighborhood act as obstacles. On land the transmitter should be placed on a hill if possible. Of great importance is a good earth connection, on warships the transmitter should be connected to the iron hull. He then shows that transmitters using various vertical wires in hard or cone form permit an increase of capacity and of the distance of transmission within very wide limits. There is practically no limit if it is possible to increase the wires at will and if the plant for generating the energy for charging is sufficiently large. The Marconi transmitter can be tuned to a certain wave length without changing the length of the vertical wire by inserting coils of wire between the air-gap on the vertical wire. This method is discussed at some length. The author finally deals with a method of using a surface capacity near the terminal of the vertical wire by means of which the action into the distance may be increased to a limited extent.

#### Change of Bridegrooms

Some weeks ago Annie Currick, a comely maiden, came to this country from Austria. She had been sent for by her lover, George Heing. The couple were engaged to be married in the old country, but owing to parental objection the union was put off. When the girl arrived at the home of a relative in Freeland, a town near Wilkesbarre, Pa., she was told that Heing was dead, and was grief-stricken. But soon another old lover, Andrew Mayock, appeared on the scene and she and Mayock were engaged to wed.

In the meantime the first lover, Heing, who had been away filling a position temporarily, arrived in Freeland. He was told of his sweetheart and her contemplated marriage to Mayock. He ran in great haste to the church to prevent the marriage, if possible, and got there just as the priest was coming out on the altar to tie the knot. He cried out:

"Halt! I forbid this marriage; the woman is engaged to me."

There was a large crowd present in the church and excitement ran high. When the true condition of affairs was explained to the clergyman he refused to go on with By close application he learned Spanish as the ceremony. Mayock said: "All right, I would like to marry the girl,

but if Heing has a greater claim on her 1 willingly give her up." Heing then hastened to Wilkesbarre and procured a second marriage license and he portation of a large division, with headand Miss Currick were married.

#### General Aguas' Decoration.

General Felix Agnus, who recently received the decoration of the Legion of Honor, is one of the few survivors of that picturesque troop, Duryce's zouaves, one of the first New York companies to go to the front in the early '60s during the civil General Angus had served in the war. French army in Algeria previously. He is a little over 60 years of age and the proprietor of a newspaper in Baltimore. For a greater part of the year he lives on his Maryland farm, which has the odd name, Nacirema, which is the name of his publication spelled backward. The ribbon which he received from France is the Algerian decoration and he is one of the few men in this country to whom it has been given.

#### Poor Curean Plenipotentiary.

Pity the sorrows of a poor plenipotentiary. His name is Tchin Pom Y, and he is in a peck of trouble. He is, or was, as the case may be, minister of Corea at St. Petersburg, but since the Japs and Russians began fighting his pay failed to reach him, and now the "remnant"-pardon the war word-of the Corean government recalls him. Tchin Pom Y would be delighted to get a few thousand miles away from St. Petersburg, but he can't raise the price of transportation. For some time past his financial embarrassments have been acute, but with truly aristocratic fortitude he consoles himself with the thought that it is the duty of a gentleman to have debts and duns noblesse oblige. He needs just 48,000 rubles to put him square with his creditors. But who will pay the money -the Japs or the Coreans? That is a serious question for the distinguished minister.

#### Always Appreciated a Joke.

Puck relates a story concerning the late Senator Alexander T. Goodwin of Utics, N. Y., who left behind him the reputation of never having been too tired nor too ill to give or take a joke. During his last illness a relative, knowing the senator's extreme fondness for brandled peaches. sent to his sick room a small jar of that most delicious preserve. A few days later the relative called and was admitted to the sick room. Quickly turning on his pillow, and without giving his caller time to extend the usual formalities, the sick man exclaimed: "My dear Louise, how can I ever thank you for those delicious brandled peaches?" "I thought you would appreciate them, Alexander," returned the caller, modestly, "Ah, yes! ah, yes!" he assented with a smile, which broadened and finally broke into a chuckle that seemed almost noisy in the hush of the sick room, as he added. "and how much more I appreciated the spirit in which they were sent!

#### Quick Advancement.

Five years ago William D. Myers of Joplin, Mo., known among his friends as "Billy," got a job as stenographer in the offices of the Mexican Central railway at Mexico City. He was then 17 years old. well as a great deal about the railway business and was rapidly promoted. When the Goulds got control of the Mexican Centraf he was retained in their employ, and now, at the age of 22 years, he has been made superintendent of freight and transguarters at Monterey.