

SEASON A SUCCESS

Mrs. Taft Outdoes Predecessors as Society Leader.

VERDICT WAS UNANIMOUS

Has Been Sponsor for Congressmen's Wives—Social Feasts and Snobbery Tabooed and Younger Set Decried as Ruler.

Washington, June 20.—The first social season of Mrs. William H. Taft, wife of the president of the United States, which came to a close Saturday, when she departed for Beverly for the summer, has been a great success. This is the verdict unanimously rendered by official, residential and visiting society.

Mrs. Taft has also effected more changes in the White House than any preceding chaperone. Her greatest triumph, in the opinion of society, is the elimination of social feasts. In carrying this out, Mrs. Taft has nowhere shown her hand. But the word has gone forth that social strife is not desired at the White House, and all who have private scores to settle must settle them before they can expect to be made desirable company.

Mrs. Taft also has done much for the wife of the new Congressman, whose social position Washington would never determine, either for herself or itself. Mrs. Taft has shown no favoritism, other than because of Mrs. Congressman's husband's politics, or because her place of residence is on the Rural Free Delivery route. She has rallied to their side with no little enthusiasm and has introduced them to society who have been charmed by their ingenuity and stock of fresh gossip and conversation.

Mrs. Taft, 50 likes gossip. For Mrs. Taft, a woman essentially against the equal rights movement and all that tends to remove her from the home, dislikes gossip of the Mrs. Grundy kind, but fairly revels in conversation. On one occasion the President was telling Mrs. Taft about the good stories he had heard that day from visitors.

"I suppose they were good stories," Mrs. Taft said, smilingly, "but the ones I heard are unquestionably better."

Mrs. Taft had kept open house that afternoon in March and a mixed company exchanged confidences over the teacups, but her distinguished husband, it seems, was never told any of them, because they happened to be stories about the lovable side of their men and their work.

It was on this occasion that Mrs. Nicholas Longworth first conceived the idea of the story-telling club, or circle, rather, which may be a well established adjunct of Washington life beginning with next year. Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice President, is another woman whose identical tastes make her invaluable to Mrs. Taft and the reconstruction, more than the reorganization, of the life here.

At first there were several women, representing the aristocratic set, the diplomatic contingent and the floating millionnaire class, who were ready to rebel against the indicated changes Mrs. Taft was bringing about. But little or no attention was paid to this insurgent set, whose antagonistic activities seem forever doomed.

For a long time society in Washington was unclassified. Within one season it would show, on different occasions, marked indications of aristocratic, and almost snobbish, tendencies. Then there would be swift transitions that brought the social activities down to the level of a small town. Mrs. Taft, to no little degree, has swung the uncertain future in her own hands. The observer of the social life of Washington cannot fail to notice the difference between its wholesome atmosphere today and that of the past.

No Aristocracy of Wealth. Washington "stars" are not, as is believed, recruited from the ranks of the rich and fashionable. Those who know Washington society well are well aware that money is the least consideration here. There is a long list of successful Washingtonians, as well as persons from other parts of

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

Nominations for Judges, Corporation Commissioner, Solicitor and Other State Offices.

The Democratic primaries in Beaufort county for the nomination of various State officers will be held as follows:

In Washington at 8 o'clock p. m., Friday, June 24th. First Ward—Armory. Second Ward—City Hall. Third Ward—Court House. Fourth Ward—Court House. Beaufort at 8 o'clock p. m., Friday, June 24th. Pineville, Beaver Dam, Tranters Creek, Old Ford and Chocowinity precincts at 10 o'clock, Saturday, June 25th.

All other precincts in the county on Saturday, June 25th, at 8 o'clock p. m. These primaries should be of unusual interest to the citizens of Beaufort county, as there are two local candidates for the office of Solicitor and their supporters should feel interested to the extent of attending the primaries. Not only this, but a Judge for the Supreme court is to be nominated and two Corporation Commissioners, all of which are important offices and should be given serious consideration by the voters of the entire State.

Do your own thinking or you will soon want to know how it happened. The United States, not excluding several diplomats, who are getting every bit of the best Washington affords on \$5,000 a year. This is the standing pay of the average executive office holder, and it is about the only income his family receives. Yet their names figure in about every list worth while.

The debutante at the capital is not frequent. The gilded youth is also lacking. This is especially due to the feminine contingent. Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Elliker, Mrs. Lethbrun and Mrs. Meyer, all from upon the cultivation of this specimen of life. An attempt has been made to pass right young men with nominal positions or apparently engaged in some work as men of the world, but this was strongly resented by the older women.

What is the secret of this change? The reason is simple enough. Where Washington was governed before by the younger set, which had pretty near its own way all the time, now the say rests with the women of prominence and experience, most of whom have daughters of the debutante age.

Mrs. Taft has not lent her ear to the demands of the younger set, which had found a more easily persuaded champion in Mrs. Roosevelt, although the latter was by no means always yielding. The debutante and the young men were given—and they are yet—a place at the foot of the table. The man or woman of achievement and distinction sits near the head.

It is the fear of a place at the end of the table, so to speak, that has overcome the insurgents. For neither Mrs. Taft, nor any of the women associated with her in this have been ready to consider an elderly woman, or man, whose only distinction was much money and an aristocratic name, as more than a simple debutante or gilded youth.

Mrs. Taft Opposes Snobbery. Mrs. Taft has decisively set herself against snobbishness. It is one fault she will not tolerate. She recognizes fully the inalienable right of any one person to decline to associate with another, but any show of snobbishness is intensely disliked by her.

Little by little Washington is becoming more of a heaven to the wife of a Congressman. The latter all along has been an object of subjecting as she stepped off the platform as she had a limousine and an advertised house in the most desirable section awaiting her. To a hotel or to pass even only a few weeks at some socially unfamiliar address was like signing the social death warrant. Within a week after her arrival Mrs. New Congressman found that her husband's position did not make him a power in a city where power is enough for all around.

Mrs. Taft has tenderly taken care of these newcomers. This season not

COUNTY INSTITUTE

County Supt. W. L. Vaughan will send out in a few days the following letter to all the public school teachers of Beaufort county:

Washington, N. C., June 18, 1910. A County Institute for teachers will be held at Washington, N. C., beginning July 11, and continuing two weeks. Section 4187 of the School Law says: "All public school teachers of any county in which such institute and school is conducted are hereby required to attend the same continuously during its session, unless provisionally hindered, and failure to attend the biennial institute and school shall deprive any teacher so failing to attend continuously from teaching in any of the public schools of the State for a period of one year, or until such teacher shall have attended according to law some county institute and school as herein provided for in some other county."

You are required to bring all the text-books used in the public schools through the primary and intermediate grades, as the institute will partake largely of the character of a school. For the primary work bring in addition to the readers, some tablets and a pair of scissors.

J. Y. JOYNER, Supt. of Public Instruction. W. G. VAUGHAN, County Superintendent. The institute for white teachers will be conducted by Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, assisted by Miss Eliza Paigum, and will be held in the Public School building. An institute for the colored teachers will be conducted by P. W. Moore, principal of the Colored Normal of Elizabeth City, supervised by Professor Highsmith. This institute will be held in the Colored Graded School building.

Those teachers who attend a reputable summer school for teachers will not be required to attend the institute.

ROOSEVELT INSISTS ON PAYING FULL DUTIES

Had Right to Enter Without Customs Examination, but Declined.

New York, June 21.—Although Colonel Roosevelt, as special ambassador to King Edward's funeral, had good technical right to enter the United States without examination of his baggage by customs inspectors, he insisted that he come in as a mere citizen and pay full duties. His baggage was granted and members of his party filed their declarations. While Colonel Roosevelt prepared a typewritten message describing what he had purchased abroad. In all there were seventy pieces of baggage, but the duty all told was not more than \$300.

BACK FROM LONG CRUISE.

Mr. Hugh Styrax, a well-known Washington boy, is home after a long cruise to the Orient, covering over a year. Mr. Styrax was host-swin's mate on one of the largest steel sailing ships on the sea, a British vessel. His outward trip was via Cape of Good Hope, Southern Africa, returning by the opposite route. The ports of call included many of the East Indian, Japanese and Chinese ports; the final destination out being Hong Kong. He says that the American colors have almost entirely disappeared from the high seas.

once has there been a wall from some disappointed American woman who found the portals of the capital's society closed so that she could not even peek in. She has had every chance to see from the inside, and through the introduction of Mrs. Taft.

One of the successful women of the Congressional circle had this to say about being the wife of a Congressman:

"New Congressmen's wives are the humble ciphers of the social world here. You see, there are so many members of the Diplomatic Corps, which is governed by laws entirely of its own, because they are not American officials, who have no duties toward their official friends. The position of the fourth secretary even is assured. It is the system. Then there is the class of worthy Americans who come to Washington every winter just because it is becoming more and more like European capitals, and can quickly get along with the titled foreigners here. Senatorial and Congressional members, whose positions through their committees make them better known than those of their less fortunate or younger-in-service—conferees have an easy time of it all around. The Supreme Court has a definite social status, the most exclusive, while the other judgeships have no standing socially. The army and navy sets have a little quota of representatives in society, but for the greater part form their own sets and pay no attention to outsiders. In fact, I am inclined to believe that the army and navy people are among the least sociable except among themselves.

Washington has taken very well to the subtle change in its social life. It has been so gradual that few were aware of it while it was taking place. But the insiders are giving Mrs. Taft the credit for it. Mrs. Sherman and all the other ladies are getting their share of it, but in speaking of Mrs. Taft they mean her as well as the circle she so well heads.

Her illness during the season has done much to retard some additional changes she has in mind, but it is more than likely they will take place next winter. It is understood that she will give it all through her essentially American and guaranteed by the success of many new departures.

APPEAL TO TAFT

Would Save Republic Panama a Black Regime.

GOVERNOR RESIGNS OFFICE

Sanchez Wiped Out and Call Made on Roosevelt—Mistake Arrangement is to be Recalled From Washington—Morales May Succeed.

Panama, June 19.—At this writing the selection of candidates for members of the National Assembly has not been made. This is the last of the elections, and takes place at the end of this month. As far as discoverable, the deal whereby the Liberals are to have thirteen of the members of the Congress, and the Conservatives the remaining ten, holds good. The opposition has delivered, however, some telling blows to the combination. Principal of these is the resignation of Gen. Pedro A. Diaz, Governor of the Province of Panama. Gen. Diaz came out against the other day in his declaration that Acting President Mendosa is using the Presidential office illegally to perpetuate himself in power. He gave Mendosa the following reasons for resigning:

"First, I cannot continue as Governor inasmuch as I am not in accord with your plan for re-election, as it is unconstitutional. The constitution provides that a President in order to be re-elected must withdraw from his office at least six months before election, so that he may not exert the influence of his office to elect himself.

"Second, I believe to be improper that members of the Cabinet should be members of the Liberal National Committee, inasmuch as their instructions to the Governors of the provinces regarding neutrality during the election would be in conflict with their own personal views and advantages.

"Third, I firmly believe that you should not use the public funds, which are meant for other purposes, to pay the expenses of your campaign. Your resignation is in a position to affirm that President Taft has been appealed to directly to take cognizance of the threatened overriding of the Panama constitution, and the disaster which may result if the American government does not again interfere in the election. As I stated in my last letter, there is a powerful, though not numerous, element among the more influential and conservative whites that deems American intervention, with eventual annexation, preferable to self-government, so-called, under the Presidency of a black man.

It has been declared within the last few days that the entire police force will be ordered to vote en masse for the congressional candidates who support Mendosa, and that they will go to the polls with their ballots already prepared. At any

rate, the opposition leaders expect just such tactics to be pursued. It will be well to remember that in this Republic the "police force" includes all the soldiers deemed necessary to maintain public order. The regular army was disbanded when Gen. Huertasia attempted to use it, a year after the independence, to overthrow the Amador administration.

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STANDING ROOM ONLY AT OPERA HOUSE

Vaudeville Last Night Was the Best Ever Seen Here.

Good Program Tonight.

Miss Foster and Hal Mordant presented one of the most realistic acts ever seen at Brown's opera house, it being one act called "Sketch" entitled "Going Home." All new acts tonight. "Matrimonial Tribulations" will be the act that is to be offered by Miss Foster and Hal Mordant tonight and it deals with the trials and tribulations of a young married couple and never fails to keep the audience in roars of laughter throughout.

Miss Kestelle has all new changes and in addition to her singing and dancing bits she will present a new "Moon Act."

Three mammoth vaudeville acts and new reels of pictures will be given nightly, and Washington theater goers have a treat in store for them this week at any rate.

"The Floral Airship" and "Halley's Comet" are here and will be head-line features during this week at Brown's opera house. Do not miss either of them.

Our picture program for tonight consists of two excellent pictures—a Vitagraph and a Pathé. "The Closed Door" is a Vitagraph drama, one of the strongest we have ever showed, intensely heart appealing, showing how a mother's love redeems a wayward woman. This picture is nothing less than a sermon in itself, and points out a moral with convincing cogency. "Christie" is a Pathé reproduction of the famous Grand Opera of that name, and the picture of fact and action in this picture and very realistic.

STORE ENLARGED

A. J. Cox & Co. Increase Their Store Room—Many Improvements Made.

Washington can boast of more good stores than any town in North Carolina of the population. Messrs. A. J. Cox & Co. have just completed improvements to their store at the corner of Market and Water streets which will enable them to display stock at much better advantage.

They have increased the size to almost double its former capacity by removing the partition from the adjoining building formerly occupied by D. B. Adams & Son. Their store is now one of the largest groceries in the city.

HENS DRUNK, GET PLUCKED.

Recover From Their Jig and Find Themselves Featherless.

East Liverpool, O., June 18.—When Mrs. James Burnet, of Holiday's Cove, Hancock County, W. Va., threw out some spoiled blackberries, her four hens feasted on them and became helplessly drunk.

Mrs. Burnet thought they were dead and thrifly plucked them clean for the feathers. Next morning she was astounded to find the hens, shivering from cold, racing about to keep warm, and naked as she had plucked them.

Mrs. Burnet made blankets for her featherless hens.

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RAID ON RESERVE.

The financial condition of the republic, as well as the unrest which the race question in the Presidency has kicked up, is bound to cause trouble before long. At the close of the administration of the late President Amador there was left a surplus of \$1,300,000. In less than two years that has been run through and the government has sent to New York for \$250,000 of the money deposited there. This criticism was met by the explanation that this was only a loan to the government bank, at 4 per cent, but already it has withdrawn \$0,000 pesos (\$45,000).

GOV'T LAUNDRY

Uncle Sam is Trying Out a Machine That May Save Large Sums Annually.

Washington, June 20.—Uncle Sam's money laundry is getting a try-out in the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Director J. D. Ralph is on the job watching with interest the renovator of dirty bills one invented by Frank B. Churchill and was submitted by him, along with others of different makes, for trial. It is now being demonstrated in the bureau.

The machine now in use takes bills and spreads them on a screen. This screen is revolved rapidly through a solution of soap and water, which takes off the grime. The next disc takes them through a strong solution of disinfectant, which removes the traces of the other two waters and sends the bill out onto a plater ready for the "plater." The "plater" is the same roller used press new money. It is this machine that gives new money its crispness. After the wash-out bills are run through the "plater" they are comparatively new—the ink colors having been brought out again and the dirt removed.

It is Mr. Ralph's idea that the life of a banknote will be extended about 50 per cent by the new method. The machine which he wants will cost between \$300 and \$1,000. It will save from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually. Only treasury notes that are not torn and not so badly worn that the fiber is broken will be renovated. This money is now chopped up. The expense of manufacturing new money is enormous. The laundry idea is one of the economies put into practice by Charles D. Norton, now Secretary to President Taft, and formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

STREET MATERIAL

Two Barges Arrived Yesterday, Unloading Today.

Yesterday afternoon the steam tug *Amor* arrived with the barges *Larale* and *Jas. J. McCarthy, Jr.* in tow. These barges were loaded in Baltimore with about 1400 tons of granite to be used in paving the streets. They are lying at the pier next to the county bridge and discharging the cargo on the vacant lot adjoining it. It will probably require eight or ten days to unload. Other material is expected to arrive at an early date.

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USE SPRINKLER

Dust From City Carts a Menace to Health—No Excuse For Present Methods of Street Cleaning.

This morning the business portion of Main street presented the appearance of being visited by a dust storm, at points where the city carts would stop one could not pass without having their eyes, ears, nose, throat and clothing filled with dust from the filthy refuse swept in piles on the street.

The city owns a street sprinkler but apparently it is for display purposes and not for use when needed. Two of the city carts, one on each side of the street, were working down Main street this morning taking up street sweepings which had not been sprinkled and were dry enough that when disturbed a cloud of dust so dense as to be stifling would rise and float across the street and sidewalks, the drivers were using their shovels as if they were handling coal with no regard for the pedestrians on the streets.

The health of the city should be safeguarded and unless more precaution is taken in clearing off the streets Washington is subject to have an epidemic of disease which would cost its citizens hundreds and possibly thousands of dollars, to say nothing of the loss of time.

Such methods as was in use this morning should not be tolerated and can be avoided with no extra expense. Use the street sprinkler before loading the refuse, or leave it and use a hose to wash the streets.

POLICE COURT

Two Charged With Wife Beating—Other Offenses Same Old Story.

The Mayor's court was in session yesterday and today. Only one offense was tried this morning, he had lunched too freely of the near beer, or the real beer, and today he is minus several dollars.

State vs. Nelson Perkins and Chas. Lanier, both colored, drunk and disorderly. Lanier was dismissed and Perkins was adjudged to pay the costs; \$2.75 was the price.

State vs. Claud Satchwell, colored, assault on his wife, Rena. Satchwell fined \$2 and costs; total, \$5.75.

State vs. Wm. Ebon, colored, assaulting and choking his wife. Fined \$7 and costs; total \$6.80.

State vs. Matthew Lewis, drunk and disorderly. Fined \$2 and costs. He was called upon to produce the sum of \$7.65.

ALL FEATURE PROGRAM AT THE GEM TONIGHT—3 REELS, 3,000 FEET FILM.

Another excellent program started off the week at the Gem last night. As is customary, the house was well patronized regardless of counter attractions, all were well pleased with the fine pictures. Another prize drawing tonight.

"Cupid and the Motorboat," a beautiful Vitagraph film, will be shown. This fascinating sketch of love and bravery shows that Vitagraph productions can give the touch of realism while depicting the stronger dramatic qualities and at the same time detract from neither. It's a pretty summer idyl all should see.

"The Forager," a Kalem war drama of great strength and beauty. The picture is teeming full of beautiful Southern scenery that will make every one's heart beat with pride for the home land.

"The Newly Born," a fine comedy drama, depicting a practical joke played upon a husband as an inducement to return home after being mistreated by his wife's mother. This will make you scream.

WOULD NOT DIRECT LORIMER INQUIRY TO PROCEED.

Washington, June 20.—The last preliminary step looking to an investigation of the charges against Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, was taken by the Senate today. The Senate adopted a resolution providing for the inquiry.

Senator Borah sought to have the resolution so amended as to direct that the inquiry shall proceed, but his motion to that effect was voted down.

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