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RAILROAD YARNS

A bank of railroad passengers in the States are complaining that their railroads are not doing their duty in providing them with the most comfortable and convenient means of transportation.

For an answer, the railroads whipped out big revolvers. The railroads blue steel brand of railroads and replied that they are "There's good," said Becker.

Becker walked on back to his little wardrobe at the front end of the next car, and unlocking it, took out a sawed-off double-barreled shotgun loaded with slugs. He cocked both triggers. It was before the hammerless automatic days and getting the gun properly placed in front of him, he reached back into the car where the cowboys were.

What He Found Out.

An Italian journalist, Signor Tommaso Gioni, has just had some disagreeable experiences. Desirous of knowing something of the lunatic asylums from within, with the object of ameliorating the lot of the insane, he presented himself at the gates of the Camarosa asylum and asked for an audience of the King of Italy.

Stone's Portrait of Mark Twain.

It is difficult for Sir Benjamin Stone, the British parliamentarian, who has photographed more famous persons than any professional photographer, to say which is his best individual portrait, but he thinks he has rarely had more success than with Mark Twain.

ADDRESSED WOMAN'S CLUBS

Representative Ransdell Speaks Before Federation in Cincinnati.

(By The Associated Press.) Cincinnati, May 13.—Speaking before several thousand women at the General Federation of Women's Clubs here today, Representative J. E. Ransdell, of Tennessee, president of the national river and harbors congress, urged every woman in her interest as a homemaker, to work for a development of the natural waterways of the nation.

To reduce the cost of transportation of the common necessities of life would be to reduce the cost of living, Mr. Ransdell argued, and to develop the waterways would be to develop all necessities of transportation. In the case of many common commodities, he illustrated the cost of getting them from the point of origin to the ultimate consumer was nearly equal to the original cost of the article.

"We are struggling hard in congress just now," said Mr. Ransdell, "to enact a bill to regulate and control railroads in their multifarious relations with our people. The object sought is very desirable and some of the means proposed are excellent, but it is almost impossible to prevent monopolies and there is always uncertainty about the enforcement of human law.

"If we could improve and use the waterways—natural highways provided by the Creator and insure the public use of terminals upon them, no man could monopolize them. They are free roadbeds for the use of all the people. Conditions for competition are perfect and no commission is needed to fix freight rates on improved waterways. Railroads are monopolistic corporations, controlled, operated and controlled for private gain; they are loaded in capacity and there is temporarily here congestion upon them.

"We should watch water terminals with eagle eyes. In many localities they are owned and operated by railroads in their selfish interests with scant regard for the rights of their rivals or the public. Terminals on navigable waters should be public property, and all transportation agencies by land and water should use them on equal terms. It is certainly very unjust for the government to improve navigable waters unless they can be used by all the people, and, in my opinion, Congress should require as a condition precedent to an appropriation for the improvement of any river or harbor that the state or community in interest should acquire and hold for common use sufficient waterfront and provide thereon modern, convenient terminals. In cases where the waterfront has already been acquired by private parties, I would suggest that the public resume ownership through condemnation proceedings under the power of eminent domain, for surely the good of the community is superior to the right of any private person or corporation.

Why Not? (The Delinquent.)

Little Elsie heard every one speak of the dedication of the new church. When she inquired about it, her mother carefully explained the meaning of the word. Elsie thought about it for a while, and then said: "Well, mamma, I don't see why they say delicate. I should think it would be borinate."

GUILFORD COMMENCEMENT

Flour Program Arranged for Closing Week of the College.

(Special to Daily News.) Guilford College, May 14.—Pretty commencement invitations have been issued by the faculty and graduating class which announce the dates of commencement to be May 29 to June 1.

The members of the class of 1910, whose names are on the invitations are Misses Gertrude Frazier, Alice Dixon, Gertrude Spry, Esther Pearl Gordon, Mary R. White, Mary Lambeth and Messrs. Worth Anderson, Leroy Miller, Edward King, John Sawyer, Alexander Banner, Henry Sharp, Robert Dalton and William Holt.

The class numbered 16, but Miss Annie Stratford was compelled to leave school on account of illness.

In addition to the 15 "sheepskins," to be given to the above graduates, Misses Louella Hill and Gertrude Spry will receive certificates for completing the course in piano music.

The following program has been arranged for commencement week: Saturday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock, the annual oratorical contest of the Henry Clay Literary society.

Saturday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock, a recital to be given by the students of the department of music.

Sunday, May 29, at 11 a. m., the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. A. McGreehey, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of Charlotte. At 8 p. m., the annual sermon before the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian association.

Monday evening, May 30, at 8 o'clock, the Zetavian Literary society will give their annual oratorical contest.

Tuesday evening, May 31, the annual address to the Alumni association, to be followed by the alumni reception.

Wednesday, June 1 at 10 a. m., graduating exercises and commencement address by Dr. Andrew Stiedt, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly president of the University of Florida.

All of the exercises will be held in Memorial hall to which the public is cordially invited.

Three members of the cooking class gave a luncheon this week. They were Miss Eula Ballinger, Inez Hornaday and Linda Brannon. Miss Ballinger's guests were Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs and Prof. and Mrs. George White. Miss Hornaday's guests were Mrs. Samuel Hodgins, Miss Craig and Professors Couch and Carroll. The guests of Miss Brannon were Professor and Mrs. Jay and the Misses Holshaw and Gordon. All the guests regaled the four course luncheon served by each of the girls as "fine."

A number of the ladies gave Mrs. Fred Hollowell a birthday surprise Friday afternoon. The ladies met at Mrs. Web. Lindley's, and at 4:30 o'clock stormed the Hollowell home, each carrying a little basket of sumptuous refreshments. There were 22 guests, one for each year of their esteemed hostess' life.

Mrs. Lee Smith and Mrs. Margaret Colton also had birthdays this week, which were celebrated with postcard showers.

Dr. Holbs left on Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of the lamented Allen Jay, who died at his home in Richmond after only a few hours' illness. The funeral service was held Thursday.

Miss Ada Field, a member of the class of 1908, visited the college the latter part of the week. Miss Field has made her home in Seattle for some time and has just completed a course in chemistry at the University of Washington. She will have charge of the department of chemistry here next year.

Mrs. George White left Thursday for Knightstown, Ind. to visit her mother, Mrs. Jimmie White.

THE PROTRUDING HATPIN

In Fact No One Is Expected to Come Within An Inch of a Woman's Hat. (New York Sun.)

Why is it that a protruding hatpin creates such general interest? It is the point coming out the other side of the hat that holds the thing securely. It is not unsightly and it is to be expected, yet an inch or two of hatpin is sufficiently distracting to make one in an effort to have some attention center on oneself as a last resort by shorter hatpins. Strangers about one on the street and cry excitedly: "Your hatpin is sticking out." One's family passes over the charm of one's general appearance and exclaims: "You can't go out with your hatpin sticking out like that." There is nothing innately immodest about the point of a hatpin. Why in the name of all that is usual shouldn't it stick out? As for there being any danger, that is absurd and inconceivable. No one should come within an inch of one's hat. To expect them and prepare for them by drawing in one's hatpin is unseemly. Everyone knows how a hat is kept on. It is not by this late date to conceal the mechanism that keeps it in place? One sees from this arbitrary pointlessness turning against hatpins how baseless prejudice is, how willful and capricious the shouls and shouldn't of fashion. If this droll movement continues we will years hence look at pictures showing ends of hatpins with the same surprise and concern we gaze on degenerate types of our grandmothers exhibiting the ruffles that once brazenly peeped from beneath the most genteel skirts. "How could nice women have done such a thing?" we will cry in confusion.

He Knew the Kind. (The Delinquent.)

Little Edward, aged 4, was an only child. He was anxious for a baby sister, as he was talking of it one day with a friend of the family. In the friend's family was a baby girl of 1 year. The lady said: "Edward, you must have a baby, she is pretty and sweet." "No," said Edward, "I don't want a girl baby. I want a boy, new one, and I'll not have an old one."

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ROOSEVELT'S SAGACITY.

Decision to Remain a Private Citizen Averts Tumultuous Conflict. (New York Evening Post.)

If the statements in a Washington paper, quoted in our dispatches today, concerning Mr. Roosevelt's political attitude, could be accepted as correct, they would furnish renewed evidence of the former President's political sagacity. Nothing could more effectively consolidate his influence and strengthen his hold on the public than the adoption of the position indicated in the dispatch. According to this information, he has written letters in which he not only supports the Taft administration, but positively asserts his intention to remain in private life for the present, and not to be a candidate for the Presidency in 1912. If all this shall prove true, the result will be that a tumultuous conflict within the Republican party will be avoided, such as would of necessity arise, if on the return from his whirl of foreign ovations, the question of his immediate political future were to form part of the hazy and vociferous goings-on that will in any case attend his homecoming. The statements quoted, however, are, as our Washington correspondent points out, in some very essential respects contradictory to known facts, and there is therefore every reason to believe that the source of the Washington news is to be found at a distance of much less than 3,000 miles from the national capital.

A Poor Trade. (Washington Post.)

What could the Democrats do if they should capture the House? They could not enact any laws. They could not enforce any policies. They could embarrass the opposition but in the end they would be compelled to vote for appropriations to carry on a Republican administration. They would be thwarted in any effort to initiate reforms. The phantom honors of the House might start all kinds of intemperate struggles among the Democrats. The losers would be sore, and the winners would discover that they had traded off friends for empty honors.

An Endless Chain of Sickness.

There are upwards of one million deaths each year in the United States. In 99% of cases the people who die are less than sixty-five years of age. An evil that due to disease can be escaped just in proportion as the conditions and habits that bring on disease become more widely understood.

There is a chronic disease which may be called the skill of the general practitioner may yet be permanently cured by the Physician who has made one line of disease a specialty.

It would be just as absurd for the Professor in a medical college presuming to lecture on all subjects as for the one Physician to presume to understand the nature and cure of every disease.

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The physicians and surgeons employed are among the most experienced and skillful in their countries, who have made these diseases their life study, and whose highest ambition is to excel in their treatment.

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