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## BLIND MEN WHO ARE HAPPY.

### Members of Queer Chicago Colony Get Much Enjoyment Out of Life.

A blind man, well dressed and prosperous in appearance, was slowly making his way along North Clark street, north of Belmont avenue and not from Graceland Cemetery. Another, who was more fortunate and whose eyes were clear and bright gazed sympathetically after the sightless one and murmured:

"Poor fellow! I wonder what joy such as he can find in this world? I'd rather be dead than like him. It must be terrible to be like that."

And the man with the good, clear eyes gazed after the sightless man until the latter disappeared into a saloon at 1919 Clark street.

Working in a cigar store at 1821 Clark street the stranger called for a cigar. There was a barber shop attached and in the rear a number of sporty-looking young men were playing pool and billiards. The stranger laid a five-dollar bill on the showcase and for the first time noticed that the man behind the showcase was also blind.

"Oh, excuse me," stammered the stranger, "I did not know that you could not see. Here I will pay you in silver, as I do not suppose you can distinguish one bill from another."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the store-keeper, who said his name was Gus Grau. "I'm blind sure enough, but I know what the bill is. It is five dollars."

The stranger was surprised and questioned the sightless man behind the counter.

"I have been in business a number of years and have always done remarkably well. I own the barber business together with the billiard hall in the rear."

At this point three young men wearing light spring overcoats and flashing diamonds entered the store greeting the proprietor merrily.

"We have come out to have a game of cards with you, Gus, and have framed it up to beat you or bust," announced one of the new arrivals.

"All right, boys," replied Gus in a cheery tone. "I'll be with you in a few minutes. Then he turned to the stranger, who asked:

"Where do all these blind men come from, and how is it they all seem to head for this particular neighborhood?"

"Oh, that's all very natural," replied the storekeeper as he made change for a \$10 bill while the stranger gazed in amazement, and wondered how it was possible. "You see we blind men keep pretty well together, and as I am in business up here in Lake View, my friends know where I can always be found, and so they come here."

"But I saw several go into the saloon next door," suggested the stranger.

"Oh, yes," replied Gus, who insisted on being called by his first name, "that is where the good fellowship prevails."

"What, do you mean to tell me that you blind men go in for good fellowship?" asked the surprised stranger.

"Well, I should rather guess so," replied Gus. "There ain't anything too good for us. Most of us are in some business or other and doing better than some of our so-called more fortunate brethren, although we are unable to see. Why, in the place next door we are surrounded by fixtures that one time were the finest in this country. They cost a fortune and won the first prize at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. Oh, we're just as particular as you fellows, even if we can't see with our eyes."

At this point Gus invited the stranger to join himself and friends in the place next door. He half expected to find the keeper of a blind man, too, but Frank Swanson, the proprietor, greeted him with wide open eyes.

However, in one corner of the place were grouped a dozen or more blind men about a long

table. Not a single one of them could see but in spite of this they spent several hours in playing cards and other games. They filled the place with their jokes and laughter, partook of lunch and refreshments, and then retired to their clubroom in the rear, where one of the blind men played a piano, another violin, and a third a cornet.

Others sang, told stories, or recited pieces, and before the evening was over the stranger went away convinced that there is fun even for the blind.

## The Price of Eggs.

When eggs get in the neighborhood of 49 cents a dozen and butter slips to 35 and 40 cents people always want to know what the cause is," said a New Jersey farmer to a Dock street merchant the other day. "They think we are trying to bleed them but if they really knew the truth, they wouldn't have much to say, I don't believe. Of course you fellows here on Dock street know the causes, but the ordinary person doesn't. Do you know why eggs are scarce? It's not because the hens are not working as hard as usual. Some may be taking a vacation, it's true, but it's because the farmers are saving their eggs for incubators. About this time of the year the poultry raisers collect all the fresh eggs they can and pile them into the patent setting hens. You ask why they do this? Well, it's a simple proposition. It takes three weeks to the day for eggs to hatch out. As soon as you get chickens you begin to feed them to beat everything. The brooders, in which they are kept in winter to keep them warm, are fairly alive with the little fellows, and by stuffing them with corn and wheat we shot, have chickens as big as squabs and kill them for broilers. You know what they are—the highest kind of chicken meat. You can't blame the farmers for hoarding their eggs when you get as much per pound as you get for a dozen of eggs at 40 cents a dozen. Its only the law of supply and demand which makes eggs high, as everything else. Let all the farmers turn all their eggs into market and you will see the price come down; let them hoard their eggs hatching and up goes the price. It's simple when you know the truth."

## Bolick Succeeds Fortune.

Asheville, Dec. 11.—Although not officially stated, it is well settled that Mr. J. A. Bolick is to succeed Trainmaster Fortune, one of the officials removed by the "blanket" order of Sunday, Mr. J. A. Bolick is now running as engineer on this division. He was at one time trainmaster. He is one efficient railroad man and a man also with partisan friends and enemies. It is rumored that when Mr. Bolick goes in one more employes will go out. It is also learned that with the discharge of Superintendent Ramsey, the Roadmaster Ramsey and Trainmaster Fortune's Special Detective H. O. Ward also received his walking paper.

## The School Teacher's Creed

"I believe in boys and girls, the men and women of a great tomorrow; that whatever the boy soweth the man shall reap, I believe in the curse of ignorance; in the efficacy of school; in the dignity of teaching; and in the joy of serving others. I believe in wisdom as revealed in human lives as well as in the pages of the printed book; in lessons taught not so much by precept as by example; ability to work with the hands as well as to think with the head; in everything that makes large and lovely. I believe in beauty in the schoolroom, in the home, in daily life and out of doors. I believe in laughter; in love; in faith; in all ideals and distant hopes that lure us on. I believe that every hour of every day we receive a just reward for all we are and all we do. I believe in the present and its opportunities; in future and its promises; and in the divine joy of living. Amen."

## CROPS ESTIMATE BY STATES

Washington, Dec. 10.—The crop reporting board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture this afternoon issued an estimate of the total production of cotton in the United States for the year at 5,481,936,000 pounds (not including linters) which is equivalent to eleven million six hundred and seventy eight thousand bales, 500 pounds to the bale. The estimate by States as follows:

Virginia 14,000; North Carolina 604,000; South Carolina 1,091,000; Georgia, 1,898,000; Florida, 64,000; Alabama, 1,218,000; Mississippi, 1,536,000; Louisiana, 712,000; Texas, 2,400,000; Arkansas, 796,000; Tennessee, 298,000; Oklahoma, 919,000 Missouri, 40,000.

The cotton market broke 35-points on receipt of report and market was wildly excited for a time.

## Ch. at as at Trinidad.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Thanks to "Fighting Bob" Evans, every one of the 15,000 and more officers and men of the Atlantic fleet will have opportunity to spend Christmas ashore as usual; and thanks to both Admiral Evans and Brown, each of them will have opportunity to receive Christmas presents in their stockings on Christmas eve as usual.

Admiral Evans has announced to the navy department that not only will he see that every ship of the fleet sails from Hampton Roads on schedule time, the morning of December 16, but he will have all before the harbor of Port of Spain, Trinidad, on schedule time, December 24. Efforts will be made to reach the first stop on the morning of December 24th, in order that the shore leave of the men may be divided, those who desire to spend Christmas eve ashore and the remainder Christmas day, it being against custom to allow all men to leave the ships at one time.

Through the determined efforts of Admiral Evans the 40,000 pounds of Christmas, turkey shewnt by default on the part of the original contractor, all has been put aboard and an unusually elaborate menu is being prepared for the feast of the soldiers that day. Baseball and other sports will be indulged in on shore.

In the meantime, orders are being prepared by Admiral Brownson for the prompt handling of all Christmas presents for the officers and men.

## Try to Make More Room at the State Hospital.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the State Hospital at Morganton Wednesday a deficit of some \$10,000 in the support fund for the fiscal year ending December 1st, was reported. This was caused by a cut of \$5,000 in the amount of the appropriation asked for the advance in the cost of wages and supplies and the fact that from the great pressure for the admission of patients the board filled the hospital to its utmost capacity. This result forced the board to order no more admission in the future than the funds in hand will care for.

The matter of the erection of special wards for tuberculosis of \$5,000 was made by the last Legislature, was taken up, discussed and upon motion it was ordered that the work of erection be proceeded with as early as possible.

The superintendent, Dr. John McCampbell, in his report suggested as the most economical way to relieve the urgent demand for rooms, the erection of a nurses' home, and the utilization of the old laundry building for industrial purposes, stating that the conversion of the rooms used by the nurses on the wards, the sewing rooms, one or more of the day rooms into sleeping rooms for patients would make room for about 100 more patients, and estimated the cost of the nurses' home and other changes necessary at \$18,000. He also suggested the erection of a new colony building for one hundred men, the cost of which he estimated would be \$30,000.

## Roosevelt Out of Race:

Washington, Dec. 11.—In view of the issuance of the call of the Republican national committee for the convention, the President makes the following statement: On the night after election I made the following announcement:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have tried to do. I appreciate the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next, I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced.

## LEAVES FIELD CLEAR.

It appears that the President had been awaiting the call of the Republican national convention to afford proper opportunity for making his position clear and unmistakable and thus leaving the field clear for Fairbanks, Taft, Cannon, Knox, Foraker and other declared or receptive candidates for the Republican nomination.

The announcement that the President would not accept the Republican nomination if tendered, came at too late an hour to become generally known in political circles, but among those who learned of it—Democrats and Republicans alike—the feeling was general that it left no element of doubt in the presidential situation, so far as relates to the third term talk and that definitely eliminates Mr. Roosevelt from the contest. Some Democrats, however, express a belief that a Roosevelt stampede in the Republican convention would shake his resolution, and that he would prove no exception to the historical precedent in that no American citizen ever refused a presidential nomination.

## Christmas Possum on de White House Table.

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 11.—A fat Georgia possum is to be a part of the Christmas cheer at the white house. This possum was caught several days ago and is being fattened on persimmons by Mrs. Helen Longstreet, postmaster at Gainesville, who will ship it to President Roosevelt just before Christmas.

The possum is a big fellow, and the persimmon diet is adding fat at a great rate. Mrs. Longstreet is the widow of the Confederate general, Longstreet.

## CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Will Erect a Monument at His Father's Grave in Iredell.

W. C. Macy, of Santa Rosa, California, was here today en route to Mocksville and Iredell county.

"I left here 27 years ago," said Macy. He went to India first, where he married. Twenty-one years ago he moved to California, where he has met with splendid success, being engaged in the grape and fruit growing business. Mr. Macy stated further that he was a native of Guilford county and that his father rests in the family grave yard near Nicholson's Mills, Iredell county. The purpose of his visit is to have a monument erected over his grave. His mother, Mrs. Nancy M. Swain, was married twice and is now a resident of Indiana. She recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and is now quite feeble. The son's wife stopped with her until her husband returns.—Winston Sentinel.

## CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Smith

## Davis is Crude and Rude.

The blow has fallen; Jeff Davis has delivered himself of one of the most remarkable speeches ever made in the United States Senate. The effort of the man from Arkansas was disappointing to every one. There was nothing original in his speech but its crudeness. People who do not know are trying to know why a new member of the dignified law making body in this country should do a thing so unseemly so uncalled for; but those who are close to Mr. Davis claim for him that he promised his constituents in his campaign for the Senate to make just such an oration when he got to Washington. He vowed on the stump, if elected, he would introduce a bill, which, if it became a law, would put John D. Rockefeller and others of his class in the stripes of a felon. The bill was the excuse for the performance of to-day. His speech was nothing of an argument, but all of what one would expect in a cheap, damnable stump speech. Those who had heard that the Jeff Davis of Arkansas, was a kinsman of the cultured gentleman who led the Southern Confederacy hoped to see in him some relic of the sweet nature, the refinement and the gentility of the great Jeff Davis; but they were disappointed, or there is a lack of all of these in the young Cicero from the Southwest. In the rugged Tillman who set the Senate on its ears ten years ago, there was manliness, brains and power; but in the freak from Arkansas there seems to be little more than physical energy and virility.

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Hickory, November 25 & 26. Conover, " 27. Q. M. Smith Store, " 29. J. H. C. Hewitt, " 30. Claremont, December 2. Catawba, " 3. Long Island, forenoon " 4. Monro, afternoon " 4. Sherrill's Ford, " 6. Terrill, " 6. Mt. Pleasant, " 7. W. L. Loftin's Store, " 7. Oliver's, " 10. Maiden, " 11. Heavener Bros. Store, " 12. D. M. Brittans, " 13. Dr. T. F. Fear'd's, " 14. Broo ford's, " 17. Hickory, " 18 & 19. D. M. Boyd, Sheriff Catawba County.

The fact that Mr. Fairbank made a number of speeches in Kentucky may have helped in the result of a continuance of co-tails there.

## BADLY MIXED UP.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by T. R. Abernethy druggist, 50c.

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