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ABE MARTIN



Late Bud measured his wife for a new furnace today. Said the new Governor of Texas, the new Governor of Wyoming, "Kin you put me next to a good dressmaker?"

We Waken Somewhat

With the little editor ill, his mother has been absent from her desk since last Tuesday, and both staff and force have missed her directing hand. Her absence makes it impossible for the editor to leave his office and the Christmas rush makes it necessary for Joseph Peele to give practically his entire time to the advertising department.

In addition to the difficulties arising from the foregoing circumstances, staff and force are further handicapped by a breakdown that put one of the typesetting machines out of commission last Tuesday. The small part needed before it can be got going again was ordered by telegraph, but in the Christmas rush was delayed in transit and had to be ordered again, and as yet has not arrived.

In its infancy The Advance used to run to its public with most of its troubles; but as it has grown bigger and stronger it has come to feel that it ought to be old enough to carry its own burdens. Under handicaps and anxieties so exceptional as those which now weigh upon us, we have endeavored to keep a stiff upper lip up to the present, but hope we may be pardoned now for a plea for the co-operation and indulgence of our friends in our effort to take care of Christmas business and to keep The Advance as nearly as may be up to its usual standard. Assistance is particularly welcome in the matter of news happenings, since practically every local item that gets into print must be handled over the telephone.

For Instance
 The recent news item in this newspaper relative to the attitude of sportsmen and of hunters of Christmas evergreens toward the rights of the owners of land on which they go for game or holly has brought forth considerable comment and many instances of the ruthlessness spoken of in the item are cited.

One farmer who went out into his woods to cut a Christmas tree for his own little girl found that the city dwellers had visited his property ahead of him and stripped the woods of practically everything that might serve as a Christmas tree. And this had been done without any pretense of asking for leave.

Another landowner tells of having a holly tree just inside his gate which he would not have sold at any price cut down and stripped of its limbs at night, the marauder using a saw so that the noise of cutting down the tree might be muffled.

Still another presents the case



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Senate Run By Big Four And Dawes A Figurehead

Curtis, Borah, Smoot and Warren are the Men Who Pull the Wires and if Go-Getter Dawes Sticks to His Job He Will be a Mere Sit-Still

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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Washington, Dec. 8.—The United States Senate, like every other big "corporation" is run by a comparatively few of its members. On the Republican side the number of "directors" has been reduced materially by death in recent years until only a big four remain—Curtis; of Kansas; Borah, of Idaho; Smoot, of Utah, and Warren, of Wyoming. Of course there are a lot of valuable and important "assistants" scattered through the membership—like Wadsworth, of New York; Watson, of Indiana; Jones, of Washington, and no one—but the big work is done by the big four. It will be noted of course, that all four members of the super-quartet hail from west of the Mississippi River. The poor farmer no longer can say that the manufacturers of New England run the United States.

Of all the big four, however, the strangest at this season is Smoot of Utah. The Smoot who returned to Washington late in November was not the Smoot who left late in the summer. There was something missing. Every session has been the most active of the big four. He has been designated "leader" of the majority and has been busy arranging all the preliminaries of the session. Senator Curtis is a real American, boasting a goodly quantity of Indian blood in his veins. He is quite the antithesis of Henry Cabot Lodge, whom he succeeded as director general of the G. O. P. Smoot is cordial and unpretentious. Lodge was tall and slender; Curtis is stocky. Lodge was pale; Curtis is somewhat swarthy, black hair and a large black mustache adding to the effect. Curtis will do with kindness and contact more than Lodge could do with the aloofness of the overlord.

One cannot help but wonder what Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes is going to do when he takes up the Senate gavel and finds himself presiding over a closed corporation—a corporation in which he will be but a figurehead and have no say whatsoever. Dawes, the dictatorial, will have to become Dawes, the submissive. Dawes, the go-getter, will become Dawes, the sit-still. Curtis and Borah and Warren and Smoot will tell Charley what to do and Charley will have to do it or put a substitute in the chair. Inasmuch as General Dawes is not to sit with the Coolidge cabinet as Coolidge sat with the Harding cabinet, it begins to look as if he would have a decidedly idle time of it in Washington. But maybe he won't be here much. That would be one solution of the troubles the Vice Presidency is about to bring upon him.

Senator Curtis thus far in the

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one in the galleries noticed it when he appeared the first day of the session. All his fellow Senators rubbed their eyes and looked twice as the familiar tall, slim figure of the man from Utah parked itself on the second row aisle. It certainly was Smoot, and yet—there was a slip-up somewhere; something had gone wrong.

Finally it dawned on every one at once. The famous drooping Smoot mustache was gone. (Cartoonists will please take note.) And there is a story back of the loss. One day during the campaign Smoot was trying to catch a train. He found he had time to visit a village barber. He asked that his mustache be trimmed. Before the Senator realized what had happened, the tonorial artist had trimmed not wisely but well. Only a bit of toothbrush had been left. Smoot was disgusted.

"Take it all off," he groaned, "and be quick about it."

Looking at himself an hour or so later, the Senator was rather pleased with the effect. But Mrs. Smoot was forlorn. She favored the mustache.

"It remains to be seen, now," remarked the Senator, "who is boss in the Smoot family."

Thus far the Senator has it; there is no suggestion that the mustache is about to grow again.

SHILOH PLAY BE REPEATED TWICE DURING THIS WEEK

The play, "The Winning of Lattane," presented at Shiloh last Friday by the Shiloh B. Y. P. U., will be repeated at Weeksville High School Wednesday night of this week and at South Mills High School Friday night of this week. The play is for the benefit of the Shiloh B. Y. P. U. plant and a large attendance is expected for at both Weeksville and South Mills.

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THIS KITTY A HEROINE



Dogs don't have a corner on all the hero stuff. When "Snooky" discovered the hot water heater in her Los Angeles home about to explode, she emitted a series of feline wails that awakened and brought to the scene of danger her master and mistress, L. H. Cox and wife, undoubtedly saving their lives.

—and the Worst is Yet to Come



SCHOOL DAYS



MEDDIE THERE AINT ANY GUARDIAN ANGELS— BUT THERE'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING!