

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Speaker's Wife a Strenuous Teacher



WASHINGTON.—C. A. Tooreyson, who calls Ladonia his home and travels for a St. Louis wholesale grocery-house, was talking of school-day experiences. Charlie was one of "Peck's bad boys," one of the untrifled village cut-ups, when he went to school, in the '70s. He admits that he and most of his companions were pretty hard to handle.

"I went to school in Martinsburg in 1878," he said. "Miss Bennett of Callaway county, now the wife of Speaker Clark, was my teacher, and, believe me, she knew her business. She was the assistant teacher in the school. "There were four boys in Miss Bennett's class who were looked upon as really tough. As they used to say in those days, they were hard nuts to crack, but there wasn't one of us that ever frightened Miss Bennett. Charlie Clark, Tom Roach, Will Powell and myself constituted this quartet of bad ones, and what meanness one couldn't think of the other could."

"In spelling we always occupied positions at the foot of the class, but I remember that on one occasion we spelled every word that came to us, and when the lesson was over we stood one, two, three, four, right at the head.

"Then came the expose. Bill Ficklin told Miss Bennett we had stealthily looked at the book each time we had to spell a word, and that was why we made such a high average.

"The fun began when school was dismissed. We set on Ficklin and gave him a good licking. The next day we were brought before the court, with Miss Bennett as the presiding judge. I told her that we licked Ficklin because he tattled on us, and to give me the whipping and let the other boys go. (This was not special heroism on my part. I got a licking every day, anyway.)

"The other boys, with the exception of Bill Powell, put up a good talk. Powell refused to say a word. This obstinacy aroused the simon-pure fighting spirit in Miss Bennett, who turned the rest of us loose and started on Bill. She gave him one of the best 'whalloings' he had ever had in his life. He didn't awe her a bit. She had her dander up, and Bill got the full benefit of it."

## How Senator Williams Fought a Duel

COMPARATIVELY few seem to know that old John Sharp Williams once fought a duel.

It was when John Sharp was over in Germany attending Heidelberg university. He and a German student sassed each other, and the German challenged him to co-operate with him in determining which one should die a premature death. John Sharp Williams, being the challenged party, had the choice of weapons. His opponent, forgetting all about his being an American, supposed he would pick sabers, just as any German would; but there was where John Sharp came along with a neat little joke. He said they would fight with United States army revolvers.

The idea of shooting at a man with a Colt's revolver two feet long was new to German dueling, and the native student was a wreck when the morning arrived for them to kill off one another. John Sharp, on the other hand, ate heartily of ham and eggs, as the saying is, and seemed perfectly composed when they toed themselves up for the opening shot. The German, with vibrant hand, fired off south by southeast of John Sharp, who purposely shot up toward a spot about eight degrees to the left of the zenith.

And having thus speedily completed the morning's entertainment, the principals shook hands and went their



respective way apparently undisturbed. Senator John Sharp Williams, whose absent-mindedness is notorious, is also a keen student of practical jokes.

They were having a house party at the Williams' home here, recently, and some of the young people asked the senator to co-operate with them in playing a merry trick on his son. The plan was to squirt a quantity of ice water over the transom on young Williams after he had retired for the night. As father and son were sharing the same bedroom during the house party, the senator would get to witness the result of the experiment, and he entered into the spirit of the prank with much zest. He indicated the bed occupied by his son and with his own hands helped to rig up the ice water apparatus.

About one o'clock that night a wild snort of dismay from Senator Williams echoed and re-echoed through the house.

He had absent-mindedly gone to sleep in his son's bed.

## Big Senator's "Special for Three"



IF the proprietor of one of those "Seeing Washington" outfits could take tourists to see Ollie James eat dinner he would make a great hit.

James, who is representative and senator-elect from Kentucky, is the largest man in public life, and to see him dredge into a beefsteak is an inspiration. The other day James dropped into a Pennsylvania avenue restaurant and ordered a bite to eat, which he had a perfect right to do. He ordered without ostentation, pomp or pretense, and had no thought of attracting attention to his gastronomic prowess. But little groups of diners began to collect near James' table to see what would happen.

The ever present newspaper reporter was included in the anxious party, whose curiosity to learn what the big one consumed in the way of food and

drink, led them to become eavesdroppers.

The giant senator apparently took no notice of the assembled "rubber-necks," neither did he look at the bill of fare.

"Bring me a steak," James told the waiter, and that was all the plans or specifications for the steak that he furnished. The waiter seemed to understand. Presently he returned with an amplitudinous leviathan of a steak that appeared on the scorecard as "special for three."

That's the kind of a steak that Ollie James can masticate with much glee, provided there are enough side dishes to whet his appetite.

Do not get the impression, either, that the colossal statesman from Kentucky is a glutton. The kind of a steak he eats is no more adequate food supply for him than a couple of lamb chops would be for the average five-foot-ten work-a-day citizen.

A million years or so from now scientists with side whiskers will get hold of the skeleton of Ollie James and try to learn whether he lived before or after the mound builders. But they will never find out.

## Society Will Dress for the Cardinal

CARDINAL GIBBONS' annual spring visit to Washington is causing no end of trouble in the social world. The edict recently issued by Pope Pius that cardinals and high churchmen should not attend dinner parties where low cut gowns are worn, which edict was taken up and circulated by Cardinal Farley and Cardinal Bourne, of London, is, it is said, causing women in society to seek their dress-makers in haste.

Cardinal Gibbons is a great favorite in Washington, and is annually entertained here by Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. William F. Draper, Miss Patten, the Chief Justice and Mrs. Edward D. White. Mrs. Henry C. Corbin and others. His first visit was with Mrs. William F. Draper, who gave a dinner in his honor. Mrs. Corbin, Miss Patten, Mrs. Elkins and others will entertain the cardinal, but none of them, so far as is known, has followed Cardinal Bourne's example, when he issued invitations to a large reception and asked the women invited to wear



bodices with high collars. It is probable that Mrs. Draper, who is one of the staunchest admirers of the cardinal, will intimate to her women guests that it will be in good taste to wear afternoon gowns, whether they are Catholics or Protestants.

It has long been the custom of women when attending a dinner or reception in honor of Cardinal Gibbons to wear their most costly gowns and jewels, and it will require some change in the fashion of dinner gowns to conform to the new rule. There are so many prominent Catholic women here, however, that there is no fear but that every care will be taken not to offend the churchmen.

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR MARCH 24.

### FEASTING AND FASTING.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 2:13-22. GOLDEN TEXT—"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."—Mark 2:17.

Levi Matthew, who calls himself by the opprobrious title of "the publican," represents that class of grafting patriots who through all ages have exemplified the seven cardinal points of a politician, viz., "the two leaves and five fishes." Men who will weep over sentimental patriotism and serve the oppressor for profit. Better still, however, Matthew is a type of conversion in that he left all and followed Jesus. No weeping, but rather great rejoicing for he made a feast; no record of great conviction, though he had enough to act at once upon Jesus' invitation. It was a brief, sudden call, but what vast results were involved. First a demonstration upon his part, secondly a demonstration upon the part of Jesus, and lastly a record of the life of the Master that has been termed the most important book ever written. Chronologically this lesson follows that of last Sunday. In Luke's account we are told of the feast Matthew prepared that he might entertain Jesus. Some believe that Jesus began his work by trying to win the Jews through teaching in their synagogues and that, receiving him or not, he turns to those outside of the circle of the scribes and the pharisees. Be that as it may, we know they murmured greatly that this rabbi should consort with publicans and with sinners.

### Came to Call Sinners.

Jesus hears of their complaint and his reply is a fine bit of irony and sarcasm. "They that are whole have no need of a physician but they that are sick. You self righteous Pharisees, why do you complain if I am all right and these be all wrong, why then not let me minister to those that need me?" At the same time Jesus utters one of his greatest and most comforting sayings, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners."

Jesus chooses one of their own social outcasts to write the only distinctly Hebrew account of his life; one who had been faithful as a business man to be a leader and historian; one willing to renounce all, say farewell to ambition and follow him.

Following this, the disciples of John the Baptist and of the Pharisees are fasting and they observe that the disciples of Jesus are not so engaged. They came to Jesus with the question and his reply is a perfectly logical one, "Why should they fast, am I not with them?" "Do you fast at our weddings while the bridegroom is present?" The day is to come, however, when he is to be taken away, then there shall be times for fasting.

Jesus has feasted with "many publicans and sinners" when the bridegroom returns he will sit down with many publicans and sinners in glory whom he has associated with in order that he might save them. Are we following his example? If so, let us be sure we do it from the same motive. The disciples of John did the right thing to bring their perplexities to Jesus. He answers their question as we have seen and we are now in the day he mentions when there is a place for fasting. Jesus teaches us in his reference to the wine bottles (leather sacks which could bear but one stretching process due to fermentation of the wine), that we are to be new creatures in him and must leave the old life and habits. We are not to make patchwork of this new Gospel and the old law.

### His Work That of Physician.

There are two difficulties thus presented in this lesson; first, that Jesus should hold fellowship with those properly not of his circle or social standing for he was a rabbi or teacher, and, secondly, that he did not nor did his disciples observe fasting. Jesus admits the character of the company he kept, but his reply was, "I came for this purpose to call not the righteous but the unrighteous." His work was to be that of a Physician. He assumes that his authority is not of man but of God, and that this ministry is to bring joy. Jesus had emptied himself that he might come and when he was to leave there it would be time enough for his disciples to fast. Jesus was not merely one who came to teach a system of ethics a little higher than the prophets. Jesus is more than a good man or even a holy man; he is the Great Physician, able to heal both body and soul, a Saviour.

Before these lost ones can be saved, however, they must realize they are lost, for we cannot save those who will not acknowledge themselves as being lost. When we acknowledge we are sinners he will save us (1 Tim. 1:15). Turn a deaf ear to his call and there is no more hope (Luke 13:3).

It has been suggested that the parable of the prodigal son and the elder brother was uttered at this feast in Levi's house; probably not, we do not know, but how truly it applies. The prodigal representing those lost publicans and sinners.

Not That Kind. "It would save a lot of trouble," said a newspaper man the other day to Representative Slayden of Texas, after the Democratic caucus on the Henry resolution to investigate the "money trust," "if you would allow us to attend the caucus."

"On the contrary," replied Mr. Slayden, with a twinkle in his eye, "I thought it would make a lot of trouble."

"Well, can't you give me an interview on it, now that the fight is over?"

"No," answered Mr. Slayden, "it would be against my principles. 'I never kiss and tell!'"

## PHYSICIAN SAID ECZEMA CAME FROM TEETHING

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