

GIBES FOR PUBLISHERS

Simon Ford's Speech at a Dinner of Newspaper Men.

HIS VIEWS ON RACE SUICIDE.

Simon Ford's speech on the subject of race suicide...

With a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria at New York...

"In my time I have run up against a few editors...

"I am not altogether pleased with the least assigned me...

"There are several points in the list which would suit me better...

"I could not tell you whose lightest word would make each hair stand on end...

"A number of our local publishers live along the line of a railroad...

"If either of these misguided theorists had had a quiet talk to heart talk with the million before him...

"Speaking of Brooklyn reminds me of the mayor. Some man has recently achieved fame by publicly stating that the mayor and he were schoolmates...

"The John Bull's Warning. London papers are warning their readers against the American quick lunch habit...

"In the ten second headback pill I've stood for everything you've done in the way of extending trade...

"I'll take your shoes, your cotton, too. And your coal and iron and steel. I'll do in trade what you say to do...

"An Ohio man dropped dead while engaged in listening to one of 'Rev. Tom Dixon's lectures. Tom is a gory predictionist."

FASTEST BEACONING YACHT.

When William R. Leeds, president of the Chicago and Rock Island railroad, goes to sea it will be in the fastest ocean going steam yacht afloat...

The Roma on a recent trial tore through the waves at the rate of twenty-three and three-fifths miles an hour...

Some idea of the expense of fitting this yacht may be gained from the fact that the washboiler alone cost \$150...

A RIVAL OF MARCONI.

Peter C. Hewitt's Device Hailed as Solving a Wireless Problem. In the current issue of the Electrical Review is described an important invention in wireless telegraphy by Peter Cooper Hewitt of New York city...

Dr. Pupin, professor of electro mechanics at Columbia university and widely known for his inventions in long distance telephonic transmission...

NEW COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

Only Undergraduates of Law Schools Will Be Eligible. A new secret Greek letter fraternity named the Sigma Nu Phi, designed to embrace chapters in all the law schools of the United States...

How Carnegie Aids Old Friend. A comrade of Andrew Carnegie in his misdeeds and hardships, Samuel Nichols, an aged citizen of Keweenaw, Neb., hereafter will profit by the philanthropy of the retired steel magnate...

"The London papers are warning their readers against the American quick lunch habit, which is obtaining a hold in England."

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SPAIN'S LOSS OF CUBA

Secret History of the Spanish-American War.

WOODFORD'S SPARING FOR TIME.

Remarkable Story Told by Former American Minister at Madrid—That Barring "Sealed Express Train" Affairs—War With United States Laid to Lack of Few Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

Under the heading of "The Secret History of a Modern War" the London magazine Stock and White, prompted by Spain's suit against Clyde shipbuilders for \$375,000 damages because of failure to deliver four torpedo boat destroyers on time and which has just been won by the Spanish government...

"There is a divinity that shapes our ends, but the Spanish government believes today that she had the four gunboats which were building for her also would have prevented the landing of rifles, ammunition and men and having the Cubans isolated from outside assistance, have subjugated them before the United States dreamed of interfering."

"The law action is a remarkable one, but there is a still more extraordinary story in connection with the Spanish-American war."

"Spain was unready, her minister of marine tells us. Had she known what we now know perhaps the government would not have waited so long. Had she known the condition of the Spanish fleet, the Americans were in a still more perilous plight, and all the diplomatic trickeries, the delays and gains of which the world was witness in the spring of 1898, were parts of a huge scheme to put off the inevitable declaration of war until America dared safely make it."

"The story is one of the most remarkable in the history of modern warfare and is told by no less an authority than Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, who at the time was American minister at Madrid. Negotiations of a more or less delicate character, with war always looming in the distance, had been in progress for some months, when on Feb. 15, 1898, the United States battleship Maine was blown up in the harbor of Havana."

"Through departmental error than the state department," Mr. Woodford has told us, "I received telegraphic information on Feb. 18. There were not on the American ships or in the ordnance depots in the United States two rounds of powder per gun at that time, and I was told to exhume the arts of peace until April 15, the earliest date at which we could be anywhere near ready for war."

"I did the best I could, but let me tell you that had it not been for the unalloyed, unchanging and loyal friendship of Kowloon and the attitude of her minister at Madrid, I might have failed to do the little I did do, because the representatives at Madrid of continental Europe were ready at any time to interfere with the plans of the United States if the British minister would only join them."

"So while Mr. Woodford was sneezing and keeping the way open in Madrid the work of preparing for war went on in America, and to show how accurately the time was gauged the run of a 'sealed express' across the American continent may be instanced. No man outside Washington knew its contents, and only two there. The train had right of way over all others. When it reached San Francisco its cargo was transferred to a waiting steamer, which raced to Honolulu. There the cruiser Baltimore was waiting—everybody wondered why at the time. The cargo of the steamer was transferred to the Baltimore, which carried it to Hongkong."

"On April 23 the cargo was distributed among the American warships there and Admiral Dewey had the ammunition for which he had been pining. He received orders on April 24 to sail for Manila. That ammunition on May day awoke echoes in Manila bay that were heard round the world and took from Spain an empire of over 100,000 square miles, with close upon 16,000,000 people. History is written in strange ways."

"The story of America's race against time was made known to the world for the first time at a public banquet. Now another page of this strange chapter of history has been written in a Scottish court of law thousands of miles from the scene of action."

"The American papers and public men who decided their government for the tardy throwing down of the challenge to battle have, since the true story was made known, devoutly thanked their stars that long heads and clearer knowledge prevailed over popular outcry."

"Had America's secret weakness been known what must she have lost and Spain have gained! America's whole available store went down with the Maine in Havana harbor."

Some brides, particularly Miss Eva Burby and Miss Agnes Crosby, recently received examples of a new ware imported for ante-luncheon weddings says the New York Press. The new ware bears the name of "ante-luncheon" and resembles in effect old-fashioned canons. The shapes of the vases and urns that the brides received were strictly Greek. To sustain the idea classic figures in white departed themselves on a contrasting ground. The vases were glazed highly. The main charm of the "ante-luncheon" specimens is the extraordinary fineness of the work.

Ground For Divorce.

A German Court has decided that wearing a wig is sufficient grounds for a divorce, when the wig wearer failed to inform the other party as to the wig previous to marriage. That court doesn't believe in one person pulling the wool over the eyes of another person.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of North Carolina will be held at Winston-Salem 7-10.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN TOMBS

Recent Discoveries in Egypt Illuminated by Modern Inventions.

Recent discoveries at Thebes, in Egypt, have enormously enhanced the interest of the remains of that ancient city, says a London cable dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean.

Mr. Howard Carter, inspector of antiquities at Luxor, has within the last few weeks installed the electric light in a number of the royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings. It is now possible to thoroughly view these magnificently decorated mausoleums, previously only dimly seen by the light of a guttering candle or the transient flash of magnesium wire.

One tomb, and only one, has ever been discovered with the mummy of the royal occupant still in place, and with commendable good taste the body has been left undisturbed where it was placed over 3,000 years ago. This is the mummy of King Amenosis II., whose tomb was opened by M. Lelort eleven years ago. In an adjoining chamber lie the mummies of a man, a woman and a child. These last are believed by some to have been executed in order to accompany their royal master to another world.

Nothing can exceed the dramatic effect when the electric light floods the tomb and discloses these grim relics of an almost prehistoric civilization. The mummy of the pharaoh of the exodus, also discovered within the last three years, is now at Cairo, waiting to be unrolled. Several religious societies have demanded that they be permitted to send a representative to be present, as they do not believe that a body will be found and are firmly convinced that Biblical traditions as to this king's drowning in the Red sea will thus be confirmed.

WORSHIP OF FATHER JOHN.

Many Russian Peasants Believe in Kronsstadt Priest's Divinity. The belief of the Russian peasantry in the divinity of Father John of Kronsstadt is still largely held, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times.

Trustworthy newspaper reports are to the effect that twenty peasants living at Karpovka, in the Dou territory, journeyed 1,000 miles to Kronsstadt in order to worship Father John, persisting in maintaining that he was Christ. They were discovered by the police and were sent home to be dealt with by the ecclesiastical authorities.

The correspondent also describes a scene he himself witnessed at St. Ivering a few days ago, when Father John was leaving the Nicholas railway station. In spite of the security of a large crowd had assembled and Father John had to be escorted to the train by a dozen gendarmes, who formed a ring around him. Nevertheless, some women tried hard to approach him, and some throw themselves on the ground in order to crawl inside the ring and kiss his feet or even his garments. When Father John was in the train the gendarmes formed a line in front of it, but one woman approached and besought the passengers to ask the famous priest to show himself, even if only for a moment.

OUR HENS CHALLENGED.

Their Egg Laying Ability to Be Tested in Australia. According to a San Francisco special to the Chicago Tribune the following challenge has been issued to all American poultrymen by the secretary of the "laying competition" in Australia to determine the ability of hens to lay eggs:

"Americans are invited to send over three pens of the best laying strains of any breed except Brahmas to take part in the next competition in April or May next. The pens each consist of six pullets, but in case of death we will ask for eight birds to be sent. To show we are in earnest we are prepared to pay all expenses."

These Americans have been chosen to send specimens: W. K. Hays, Haverhill, Cal., white Wyandottes; Mrs. A. H. Hanel, Leup City, Neb., single comb brown Leghorns; W. B. Caldes, Fayetteville, N. Y., white Wyandottes.

QUAY TOO BUSY TO FISH.

Vain Effort to Lure Pennsylvania Senator From Statedhood Fight. Senator Quay of Pennsylvania will allow nothing to divert him from the statedhood fight, although various schemes have been proposed, says a Washington special to the Philadelphia Press.

One of the latest is a telegram from a friend in Florida who thinks the senator is making a mistake in fighting for the statedhood bill. Hoping to lure the senator from Washington the friend sent him the following dispatch:

"Fishing was never so good. Tarpon are biting furiously. When Mr. Quay received the message he smiled grimly and dictated the following answer: The tarpon may be biting, but I am not."

A Joke on the President. Members of the Delaware Society of New York at their thirtieth annual dinner the other evening at Sherry's laughed heartily at a joke aimed at President Roosevelt and told by Bishop Leighton Coleman of the Delaware diocese, says the New York Herald. A remark at the close of one of the other speaker's remarks caused the bishop to jump to his feet and ask that he be allowed to tell a story.

"The other day," he said, "a man called on the president and assured him that he was making a big hit with the people. 'Why,' said the man, 'your name will go down in history with that of Washington.' 'Indeed,' replied the president, 'which Washington—George Washington or Booker T.?'"

Where the Georgia Peach is First.

The Georgia peach crop has another advantage; it is not only "rained" earlier than the Delaware crop, but it gets on the market earlier.

Chinese Proverb.

Think of your own faults the first part of the night (when you are awake) and of the faults of others the latter part of the night (when you are asleep).

NEW PRIMARY BATTERY

Invention of a Lawyer That May Do Marvels.

SUSTAINED POWER IS ALLEGED.

Running an Automobile and Maintaining Electric Lights Apparent Feats of the Cells—Patented With a Model, Henry Halsey of New York Abandons All to Perfect It.

Fascinated by the idea involved in a model left in his office, Henry Halsey, a young lawyer of New York, nearly four years ago deliberately sacrificed his growing practice, turned from his briefs and cases and forgot everything in the study of it, says the New York Herald.

Now, after the years of study, after he has expended his own resources and with capital supplied by two friends, he has perfected what is declared to be practical electricians have studied Mr. Halsey's models. According to their reports there is but one opinion. "If the battery does what it appears to do, it is a wonderful invention," they say.

With a battery of fifteen cells weighing 300 pounds in an automobile of the runabout pattern Mr. Halsey has ridden about New York for hours, with four horsepower ready at any time he might need it. He asserts that with the same machine he can go to Philadelphia at a uniform speed of ten miles an hour, climb hills as steep as any other automobile, stop there just long enough to replenish the electrolyte in his cells and return to New York at the same rate. The cost, he declares, will be 75 cents each way.

At a recent private exhibition, in addition to the automobile, he, with four cells, maintained thirty small electric lights as long as he wished. One cell weighing less than seven pounds operated by a clockwork arrangement he asserted would be an ideal sparkler for the largest gasoline automobile made and would run six hours without replenishing. He already has an order for 100 cells to be placed in the launch of a New Yorker. The cells will weigh 2,000 pounds when completed, will develop twenty-five horsepower in an emergency and will run ordinarily ten hours before the electrolyte must be renewed.

Stripped of technicalities, the lawyer's battery is nothing more than an ordinary battery in which the carbon disk is made to revolve in the sulphuric acid and water. The zinc plates are, as in the common battery, stationary. From the disk the element of power is taken by brushes against which it revolves. These connect with posts through which wires are passed leading to the motor.

Contrary as it may appear, the motor run by the battery in turn revolves the disks by which the sustained power is furnished. This was explained by Mr. Halsey.

"There is as much power in all primary batteries as in mine," he said. "The only difference is it does not last. The ordinary battery will make an electric light, it will run a motor, but for a few minutes only. In this short lived power that I use. In each cell the carbon disks are caged, and they fit into cogwheels at the top of the cell. In a chain of cells the cogwheels are joined by a rod. When the current is first turned on, there is power enough to turn the wheels of the motor for several seconds. This of course turns the cogwheels, which produce the sustained power. The force of the battery, therefore, never dies out. The whole idea is simply explained thus: The primary battery which operates a doorbell lasts, say, for six months. I simply cut its life down to six or seven hours by the revolving brushes, gaining, therefore, so much more power."

Mr. Halsey is about thirty-five years of age and is a member of a well known Philadelphia family. He went to New York to practice law about ten years ago. He prospered and for several years lived at the Waldorf-Astoria. It was there he met an Italian business man four years ago who told him of the invention of a primary battery by Dr. Isidor Kitzko of Philadelphia. This man had obtained an option on it and intended to purchase it. He was recalled to his native land, however, and in departing left the model with the lawyer, with instructions to see what could be done. Mr. Halsey began to study it. He found he would have to take the model to his rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria. His bathroom became his laboratory.

He forgot his law practice and spent his savings. He moved from the hotel to other quarters, and finally just as he thought he would have to give up he met two wealthy men of Pennsylvania who had known him there, and after they had investigated they told him to go ahead and there would be money enough supplied. He did so, working in a little west side machine shop, and after three years made himself one-third owner of twenty-two patents obtained in the principal countries of the world.

Farish Sultan's New Orders. The sultan is said to be doing everything possible to prevent Turks from meeting one another and has forbidden them to enter any place where drinks are sold under the plea that it is against their religion. A new order now prohibits barbers from having more chairs in their shops than those necessary for shaving their clients. There must be no surplus ones, because persons, while waiting their turn, talk politics.

Laurinburg has voted to issue \$10,000 of bonds for a light plant but by a majority of six rejected a bond issue for water works.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the present General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the act incorporating Ebenezer M. E. Church South in South Point Township, Gaston County, N. C.

A. J. RANKIN, Com.

The BEE HIVE.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PURCHASED THEIR WINTER SUITS OR OVERT COATS. WE WANT TO SAY THAT AN INSPECTION OF OUR STOCK CAN ONLY BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT WILL MOST LIKELY LEAD TO A PURCHASE. THE PRICE IS LESS THAN YOU HAVE EVER HAD OFFERED YOU; THE FIT, YOU WILL FIND PERFECT; THE FABRICS, THE BEST USED BY HIGH-CLASS TAILORS AND ON TOP OF THIS WE GUARANTEE TO PLEASE YOU IN EVERY RESPECT. YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND BARGAINS IN OUR STORE, SO COME TO THE BEE HIVE AND GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH.

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MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.

American Tobacco Company's Employees Will Work to Piano Music.

Louisville, Ky., Dispatch. A piano is now a part of the regular complement of machinery used in the American Tobacco company's plant at Jackson and Jacob streets in this city and the "department of music" is officially recognized in all the establishments of the Continental and American Tobacco companies in Louisville.

Where formerly a rule of discreet silence was enforced, the strains of music varying from "rag time" to hymns, are heard and the hundreds of employes, men and women and children, sing as they work. As a result trouble between the workers is rare and companies find their employes do their work with better grace and really accomplish more than they did before the rules enforcing silence were abolished.

The piano at the Jacob street plant is but a step further in the plan of the two companies to make life more pleasant for those who labor in the big factories, and it is stated that if the experiment proves a success, instruments will be placed in other establishments operated by the concerns.

Mrs. Minnie Wolfe, of Monroe, has engaged in the fire insurance business and is probably the only female fire insurance agent in the State.

White Barber Shop.

J. W. WALTERS, Prop. Assisted by G. H. Shaver and J. B. Waters. Only White Barber Shop in the city. Service as near perfect as we can make it. Hot and Cold Baths. Give us a call. Main street next to Gastonia Furniture Company.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of John Nicholas, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 15th day of February, 1904, or this notice will be filed in bar of recovery.

J. L. BROWN, Executor. Dated this 15th day of February, 1904.

Professional Cards.

P. H. COOKE, Attorney and Counsellor at Law. GASTONIA, N. C. Office in Craig & Wilson Building. Phone 173.

At Dallas in Clerk's office every first Monday.

R. B. WILSON, Attorney at Law. GASTONIA, N. C.

P. R. FALLS, DENTIST. GASTONIA, N. C. Office over Robinson Bros. Store. Phone 86.

DR. D. E. McCONNELL, DENTIST. GASTONIA, N. C. Office first floor Y. M. C. A. Bld'g. GASTONIA, N. C. Phone 69.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of Frank Holland, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 25th day of February, 1904, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle at once.

IVY W. HOLLAND, Administrator of the estate of Frank Holland, deceased. This Feb. 21, 1904. Wm. H. Lewis, Attorney.

NEW BARBER SHOP.

R. S. Alexander. I am glad to say to all my friends that I have opened shop again. They are all invited to pay a visit to my shaving parlor just opened on the Fordham corner.

I will have an up-to-date shop and will give good satisfaction. Call to see me. R. S. ALEXANDER.

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