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Lon Agnew and Jack Weeday are both training hard and getting into readiness for the bout which is to take place between them in the Opera House on June 11 under the auspices of the H. A. C. Of the two men, Weeday is the heavier. His agreement with Agnew is that he shall go into the ring weighing 155 pounds and he is now training down to that weight. Weeday is not very tall but nevertheless he has a long reach.

Agnew is at present weighing 147 pounds. He hopes to enter the ring at 145 but is doubtful of being able to do it as he thinks he may lose more than these two pounds during his training. Agnew's friends are much

in '96. Agnew's next big fight in San Francisco was when he boxed Fred Muller, the champion local amateur, before an audience of over 10,000 people. In this fight Agnew knocked his opponent out after six rounds of stiff fighting.

In October of '96 Agnew fought in San Francisco. In this fight he showed splendid pluck and made it interesting for a while. Agnew was too much for him, however, and defeated him after five rounds.



LON AGNEW.

averse to having him fight with Weeday on account of the great difference in weight.

Agnew began his pugilistic career in Chicago in the early nineties. He soon attracted attention among the fighters of the eight weight class. In '95 he defeated Joe Sullivan in four fierce rounds. Jack McCormick in three rounds, boxed to a draw with Harry Pigeon, defeated Jim Loney in eight rounds, Jim Robinson, Harry Watson from Philadelphia and Firman Corley in two rounds.

Agnew was then heard of in Kansas City where he defeated Milkey Pete in six rounds after what was described as the most desperate fight ever seen in that city. Pete fouled Agnew repeatedly using his knee and shoulder but even this did not save him from being badly beaten. Altogether Agnew at this time had about five fights in Kansas and Missouri of which he came out winner three and having two draws.

Agnew also defeated Bob Thompson the then lightweight champion of Utah, in eight rounds. He also defeated Billy Akers of San Francisco in three rounds

Agnew had deserved it. Agnew also fought Frank Purcell of Salt Lake. The Salt Lake man refused to weigh in, well knowing that he was far heavier than Agnew. Agnew nevertheless fought him, the battle ending in a draw after ten rounds during which the Salt Lake man used his elbow and committed so many fouls that he had to be warned repeatedly by the referee.

Altogether Agnew has fought over a hundred fights and has come out well in most of them. He is now in splendid trim and ready to meet Weeday despite the latter's advantage of superior weight. Weeday on his side is to be in first rate condition also and it seems certain that the affair in the Opera House will be a more interesting exhibition of the manly art than any that this city has seen for some time.

Among the other boxers who will fight are Harry Bennett and Comynsky, the soldier, who will box four rounds and W. S. Harris who has a challenge out to box any man of his weight. Harris weighs about 168 pounds.

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umes, Congressional documents and books belonging to the Congressional library that were stored away in those subterranean vaults years ago for want of room. The Capitol needs \$3,000,000 spent in improvements. It is far too crowded at present for comfortable or advantageous occupancy.

Then, on the Senate side, there is the Vice President's office, now occupied by Senator Frye, as president of the Senate, pro tem. On its east wall hangs a great portrait of Washington, by Stuart, supposed to be the finest ever painted of the great statesman. On the long leather sofa just under it they laid Vice President Wilson when they brought him in from the Senate Chamber where he had been suddenly stricken; and there he died. Above a handsome new clock, which tells you when the moon rises and sets, and the season of the year, and what the sun is going to do every day, and all manner of other useful things, there is an old gilt mirror. Judged by modern ideas, it is not a thing of beauty, nor of great cost, either, but the early Congress which appropriated the funds for it, hemmed and hawed, and debated and cavilled over the \$40 for its purchase, some of the members holding that it was unheard-of extravagance, and the money being voted finally as an aid and encouragement to artistic decoration. At the opposite end of the corridor from the Vice President's office is the President's room, where he comes just before the close of each session of Congress that no time may be lost in the signing of bills.

The Speaker's Attention. The renovation of the ceiling of Statuary Hall has destroyed its acoustics. The whispering stones are of the past. One bashful young man is said to have proposed from the doorway leading to the House chamber, while the lady stood on one of the mysterious stones in the center of the hall. She replied that he might take her when he could secure the attention of the gentleman behind him. Turning, he found that the only person behind him was the Speaker of the House, whose desk faces Statuary Hall. Needless to say, he has suffered the fate of many another gentleman who has attempted to secure the attention of the Speaker.

Mrs. Roosevelt in Society. The social season at Washington is nearing its end. Mrs. Roosevelt has done more than her part to make the season gay and attractive and will soon depart for a well earned rest at the family home at Oyster Bay. Several Washington homes will be closed during the coming week. Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas F. Walsh leave for their annual trip to Paris. The Letters fly to the Marble House at Bar Harbor. The Root homestead is already closed and Mrs. Root and her daughter will go abroad shortly. Mrs. Shaw, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, will leave Washington at the end of the month for a visit to Ithaca to her daughters at Cornell. She will participate in the commencement exercises of that university and after a stay in Northern New York will return to Washington and will probably take quarters at the Chevy Chase Inn for the summer so as to be near her husband. The wives of officials, whose duties tie them to the Capitol, rarely desert during the heat term. They generally take country homes nearby where the faithful public servant may find the source of home and genial company as a reward for devotion.

Fappy With Her Children. Mrs. Roosevelt, since the comparative cessation of the social gaieties of the spring season has made a practice of going for an early drive each pleasant morning with the three younger children. The latter on such occasions are armed with pails and shovels such as children generally carry when digging in the sands of the seashore. In this instance, however, the digging is done by the roadside, along the country lanes and in the woods through which the drives are taken.

The little basket phaeton in which the President's wife and children take these daily morning outings is upholstered in tan leather, and is an exceedingly smart little affair drawn by a couple of spirited hays. Mrs. Roosevelt, in order to take all the enjoyment possible and actively participate in her children's rambles about the country, wears on such occasions a short walk-in skirt of light tan cloth, with white waist and a soft felt crush hat of the Rough Rider style so popular several seasons since, particularly at the time of the Spanish-American War.

Frye's Merry Compliments. Senator Frye of Maine, president pro tem of the Senate is the recipient of much merry compliment. Last week, at Senator Dewey's birthday dinner, there was the usual ruse, and it was a thimble, a coin and a ring. Senator Frye was the happy guest who drew the prize of the ring, and his colleagues and friends are warning him that in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of "frye." The Senator Platt of New York has been connected with many matrimonial rumors, and though he denies the charges, his friends now

assert that the hand of fate is now discovered, and it is time for him to confess the truth. The departure of Cardinal Martinielli leaves a gap in society that is difficult to analyze. While not in any sense a representative of the Vatican accredited to the American Government, and holding no position in the diplomatic corps, he was a man of such broad knowledge of world politics, that he, better than any one else, might have solved the problem of the monastic order and their possessions in the Philippines if he could have worked directly with the President. But it has never been the policy of the Administration to accord the slightest political recognition to the Holy See. The President of the United States is the only ruler who has not sent gifts to the Pope in honor of his approaching jubilee. This course of action is necessary in view of the fact that any recognition of the delegates of Rome would lead other denominations to demand equal representation at the National Capital.

New Literary Hub. Boston is apt to lose its prestige as the literary "Hub of America." Washington is fast becoming the home of many clever writers. It is naturally a great center of scientists, and the new National University, indorsed by Andrew Carnegie (which the means that Mr. Carnegie is making another contribution to education) will attract many of the leading scholars of the country. A considerable number of authors, already live in Washington. The President, of course, heads the list, and he is the first President by the way, who has been a distinctively literary man. Secretary of State Hay was established as a writer long before he became prominent in political life, and his daughter, who recently married Paine Whitney, has made quite a hit with her first novel. Mrs. Van Henssler Cruger, better known as Julien Gordon, has an ideal home in Washington, Miss Elliot Seawell, who is one of the few women who have won distinction both as a writer of short stories and as a politician is another of the writer; and Mrs. Reginald de Koven, whose latest novel, "By the Waters of Babylon," has been so justly praised for its accuracy of detail as well as its intensity of interest, occupies one of the most unique houses in the city, one which is replete with historic associations. It has heretofore been known as the Meigs House, and was built by General Meigs. When Mrs. de Koven took the house, she stipulated that she should be permitted to make any alterations she chose. The complacent real estate agent who rented the property is rubbing his hands over the \$8000 that have already gone toward permanent improvements.

Mondell's Big Mail. It takes a special carrier to deliver Representative Mondell's mail these days. The tremendous increase of correspondence is due to the appearance in one of the Washington papers of the following paragraph: "A bill providing a penalty of a maximum fine of \$5000 or imprisonment for not to exceed two years against common carriers, such as traction companies, railroad companies or other transportation companies, in the District of Columbia who shall discriminate on account of race or color in the matter of accommodations furnished to passengers, has been introduced in the House by Representative Mondell of Wyoming." Mr. Mondell's morning mail consists of innumerable protests from the white citizens of the District, and equally numerous congratulations from the colored contingent. The joke is on Mondell by Representative Worrell.

White House Changes. If the two amendments to the sundry civil bill offered by Mr. Allison are enacted, we will have a very different White House from the modest structure that now houses our Chief Executive. Today, the sightseer feasts his eyes on the original structure, with the conservatory, which is nothing more than a big glass wing, tacked on to the west end. The amendments propose to sweep away the glass wing and erect upon the plot at the farther end of it a simple two story white structure. Since the Hayes administration, the conservatory has not been the feature it is thought to be. Wherefore the sweeping away of the conservatory will be a matter of small regret to those who are most interested in the proposed changes. The small, simple two-story structure which will be erected upon the ground between the end of the conservatory and Executive avenue is being opposed. Already the absurd title, "the Little White House" has become a term of opprobrium. Whether, instead of the great green park with a big white building in the middle and a little white building squatting inharmoniously to one side, are the questions at issue. If the latter scheme is followed out, it will add very little to the space devoted to social functions, but the offices upstairs will be turned into bed rooms.

Letters From Heaven. Senator Teller boasts the queerest correspondent of any member of Congress. Presumably, the mysterious letter writer is a man, at any rate he signs himself Ezra. His communications are dated from "Heaven" and bear in the date line always a mystic combination of numbers, the last reading, "Heaven, 52-5-5." The subject of the epistle is the Philippine question and the writer warns Senator Teller to avoid all discussion regarding the islands. Washington has had a horse show all by itself. It has had horse shows before, of course. New York came down and gave it a piece of one of the spring following the war year, and all the New York ladies wore little sleeves, which made the big sleeved Washington women groan with envy and despair. "We're always two years behind New York," they say. "This Horse Show was held under the auspices of the Chevy Chase Club. It seems to have been very exclusive and very swell. The exhibitors, who comprised the smartest of the 'smart set' rode or drove their own animals, and the prizes seem to have been numerous enough to cover nearly all the entries. Many of them were donated by Mr. Newlands of Nevada. His daughter, Miss E. M. Newlands, exhibited no less than three ladies' hunters, and only

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