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THE BUNCOMBE CLUB.

According to a statement which is this morning credited to President Roosevelt, the famous Ananias club will pass out of existence with the present administration; it has been a characteristic feature of the Roosevelt administration and the retiring president says that he will take with him the membership roll, the constitution and all the regalia as well as such of the insignia as he has not bestowed upon those whom he has named for membership in the organization which he created and which he has lately kept recruited up to the full quota.

But, also according to Mr. Roosevelt, we will not be deprived entirely of this interesting auxiliary to the administration, as Mr. Taft has established an organization which will prove a worthy successor to the Ananias club. The Taft administration will have a Buncombe club. The president-elect has already designated a number of well-known politicians as worthy of membership in his new club and it is likely that he will declare formally that these men are the charter members as soon as he gets his administrative machinery in operation.

In his selection of a name for his new club, Mr. Taft pays a compliment to the south for the word is out of the southern vocabulary. The word had its origin in the debate in the Sixteenth congress upon the Missouri question. In the house Felix Walker, representative from Buncombe county, in western North Carolina, insisted upon talking so much that he became obnoxious to his associates, who protested vigorously. To their complaints Walker replied that it was impossible for him to desist as he had "to make a speech for Buncombe." He meant that he must say something that would place him right with his constituents, but his meaning was construed to be that it was necessary for him to talk whether he said anything or not; and thus he at once made an unknown constituency famous and added a new word to our dictionary.

Mr. Taft's selection of a name for his club is apt; it is just as significant as the title which Mr. Roosevelt gave to his organization and there is a little less harshness in it; it is a sort of jolly—a reflection of the Taft smile—but it means a lot, just the same.

IN TEXAS.

In accordance with a custom followed for many years, the anniversary of the independence of Texas will be celebrated today throughout the Lone Star state. In all of the cities there will be formal exercises and the public schools will make recognition of the day's significance.

It was seventy-three years ago today, on March 2, 1836, that the convention met to declare the independence of Texas and to draft a constitution. The gathering was at Washington, on the Brazos. The exigencies of the warfare Texas was maintaining against Mexico was believed to call for radical measures. Independence was declared and General Sam Houston was re-elected commander in chief of the armies of Texas. David G. Burnett was made president of the new republic and Lorenzi DeZavala was elected vice president.

HAYSEED SAILORS.

In the crews of the warships which have just completed the most famous voyage ever made by a naval fleet there are many young men who, up to a couple of years ago, knew nothing about the sea. They enlisted from the prairies and the mountains of the inland, where their only knowledge of the ocean came from books; personal contact with salt water they had never had. Yet they have been a complete working part of the historic journey and they return as efficient members of our naval force. To them as much as to anybody else is due the great success of the voyage.

BREEDLOVE MAKES INSPECTION TRIP.

J. C. Breedlove, division engineer of the Northern Pacific, made a quick trip of inspection of the line west to Paradise and over the new main line yesterday. Mr. Breedlove occupied private car 1996 and left here early yesterday morning for Paradise. His car was attached to a freight train at daylight for the trip between Paradise and St. Regis junction. From the latter place the car came east on No. 142.

been manifest and proved a drawback to the general success.

The whole voyage has been one of remarkable smoothness and proficiency. Everything has been done with regularity and precision, under all the varying circumstances of wind and weather, and of sailing in some waters little traveled. In the wars of the United States the volunteers who served in the armies have a great record. They became soldiers quickly and of a type never surpassed. On a warship the training is necessarily more rigid and more technical. Some of the boys from the cornfields are now expert marksmen with that triumph in mechanics, a modern big gun. All the men on the fleet deserve high credit. But some had marine advantages not open to the boys in the cornfields. Perhaps the old sailors called them hayseeds. But their mettle is better known now.

LUCK OR FORESIGHT.

The death of "Lucky" Baldwin, which is reported in the press dispatches this morning, removes a figure which had been conspicuous for many years in the turf history of the country. There are few men in the country who knew E. H. Baldwin, but there are few who did not know "Lucky" Baldwin. By his nickname he was known the world over as one of the most successful turfmen that this country ever knew. But his success was not due to luck as much as to foresight and his ability to judge and to act quickly. His first money, the foundation of his great fortune, was not made in the horse business; it was the result of a shrewd business venture and it was not until he had added considerably to this nestegg by careful business management that his attention was directed to the racetrack, where his millions were subsequently amassed. And in his later career as a breeder and racer of horses, his phenomenal success was due more to his business ability than to the element of luck to which it is ascribed. Baldwin was a remarkable man; he lived at a time when conditions were specially favorable to the bold ventures which he made, but he would have succeeded under other conditions, as he would have adapted himself to whatever environment he found himself placed in.

In all the wide world there is no more relentless foe of the trusts than the Great Falls Tribune and we have the Tribune's word for it that House Bill 169 is a harmless measure. This is reassuring.

After reading the current issue of The Treasury Walker, representative from Buncombe county, in western North Carolina, insisted upon talking so much that he became obnoxious to his associates, who protested vigorously. To their complaints Walker replied that it was impossible for him to desist as he had "to make a speech for Buncombe." He meant that he must say something that would place him right with his constituents, but his meaning was construed to be that it was necessary for him to talk whether he said anything or not; and thus he at once made an unknown constituency famous and added a new word to our dictionary.

An excellent announcement, and one which is about due, is the statement that there will be a railway built this year through Lolo pass.

The Bitter Root valley furnishes a three-coach business, which the Northern Pacific crowds into a two-coach train these days.

Billings has nine months in which to prepare for the Dry Farming congress and she proposes to improve every minute.

The Stenoff murder occurred at the west end of the tunnel, so Taft will not have to bear the responsibility this time.

If March continues to behave this way, we shall soon hear more talk about changing the date of inauguration.

Hamilton, the gem of the Bitter Root, did not know how very, very bad she is until she was told the other day.

Pressed even closer to the ground, Missoula's car is able to detect slight rumblings of the electric railway.

The way to keep the red on the apple is to keep the orchard clean; the inspection law is a necessity.

Senate Bill 18 has contributed materially to the gaiety of the closing weeks of the session.

After Thursday, the legislative performance at Washington will bill many new faces.

Still, the weather is worse in Paris, where they have been enjoying a 48-hour blizzard.

Washington's hotel and mercantile circles would welcome an inauguration every year.

Another gratifying feature of the situation is the Roosevelt-Taft entente cordiale.

Conflicting as are the stories of the Lolo murder, all agree that Bob Gilruth is dead.

'GROUCH' DANGEROUS AS DYNAMITE

POLICEMAN PHILOSOPHER DECLARES IT IS PROLIFIC CAUSE OF CRIME.

Chicago, March 1.—In a cell at a police station G. S. Harbaugh, a waiter, awaits formal arraignment for killing Charles Kelly, a cook, by plunging a carving knife through his heart. Harbaugh had ordered three eggs for a customer, the cook blundered and prepared only two and the waiter slew him after a short quarrel. The sergeant who took Harbaugh into custody gave a metaphysical view of the crime when he had disposed of his captive.

"Now when you write this up," he urged, "don't go and say the two men quarreled over an egg. Nothing of the kind happened. The egg was just an incident. You might as well say that those 70 men were killed out at the crib by a parlor match. What killed them was dynamite. What killed Kelly was Harbaugh's 'grouch.' The egg just started Harbaugh's 'grouch' going.

"You needn't blame Harbaugh too much for having that 'grouch' either. Most men have 'grouches.' Another name for them is deranged nerves. They don't always bring on murder, but they're responsible for a big percentage of the minor crimes. The average 'grouch' is as dangerous to human life as a ton of dynamite. It breaks up families by causing quarrels at the breakfast tables. It makes partners fight and brings on bankruptcy. It has started many men to ruin.

"This murder was committed late in the day. Harbaugh had been working since early morning with the grouch accumulating all the time. When that customer ordered the eggs he was just about ready to blow up. Finally the eggs came and there were only two of them. The customer kicks to Harbaugh, blaming him. There's the parlor match that lit the dynamite.

"The cook and the waiter quarreled. Harbaugh got a carving knife. It was the easiest thing within reach. One swing of the knife and it's all over. Kelly's on the floor dead. Harbaugh is standing over him with the knife in his hand, wondering how it all happened. Then in came the police and Harbaugh's on his way to the station and maybe the gallows."

RELIGIOUS TRAINING DECLARED RESPONSIBLE

Chicago, March 1.—M. M. Mangasarian has made his promised criticism of President Roosevelt's action in refusing to receive a protest against the characterization of Thomas Paine as a "filthy little atheist."

"I do not blame President Roosevelt for his remark," said Mr. Mangasarian. "His religious training is responsible for his narrow views. This is the day of political tolerance. The name of Jefferson Davis has been restored to its place among other illustrious names in Washington. Oliver Cromwell, who led the king of England to the scaffold, has his name in the Pantheon of England. In politics we are civilized; in religions we are still barbarians.

"The president Roosevelt's virtues are great and we respect them for them. Great in great things, he is so small in others that it seems incomprehensible that one man can be capable of doing any saying things so wide apart. I pity his ignorance and the worst I wish him is that he may in time become enlightened."

DETECTIVES ARREST TWO COUNTERFEITERS

Chicago, March 1.—Charles Dredwe and John Koenig, photographers, were arrested here today, charged by the secret service agents with complicity in an international counterfeiting plot. Their arrest came as a sequel to the capture of Robert Emmett Scott at Anderson, Ind., last Saturday.

Scott, it is alleged, brought Dredwe and Koenig into a scheme to counterfeit Argentina pesos. With the connivance of Argentina officials, it is said, Scott planned to use the spurious money in buying diamonds from smugglers in the South American republic.

Scott is said to have made a confession to the effect that when he returned from Argentina some time ago he smuggled \$50,000 worth of diamonds through the custom house.

Helena, March 1.—Four state officials submitted their quarterly reports to Governor Norris today. The report of the state treasurer shows that the commonwealth has upwards of \$3,250,000 in cash and bond investments. The receipts of the secretary of state's office from filing fees for the period just closed amounted to \$22,174, while those of the auditor from insurance fees totaled \$38,916. The receipts of the state land office for February amounted to \$20,500.

The Northern Pacific officials yesterday announced that increased work train equipment would be assembled immediately for service between Bonner and Garrison. It is the intention of the officers to push the double-track construction work to completion and efforts will be made to have all of the twin tracks in operation by June 1.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE HERE.

CITY WILL COLLECT BACK TAXES

TREASURER IS INSTRUCTED TO GO AFTER OCCUPATION LICENSE FEES.

Based on their action on a recent decision of the supreme court of Montana, the city council last night instructed the city treasurer to collect all back occupation licenses and to take the matter to the courts if necessary. The decision in question was rendered recently by the supreme court in the case of the city of Great Falls vs. William Johnson, in which it was held that the city had a right to bring suit against all persons against whom it held claims for back licenses. Acting on this instruction the city treasurer will proceed at once to collect the money due the city.

Bridge Is Finished.

The city engineer in his monthly report gave notice of the completion of the Van Buren street bridge with the exception of a small fill on the south end. The engineer was instructed to make the fill and the bridge will be opened to the public within the next few days.

Other Reports.

The monthly report of Fire Chief May showed that the department had responded to seven alarms during the month of February, one alarm being false. As building inspector, Mr. May reported that he had issued 14 building permits and one for an improvement.

Chief of Police Smith reported that there had been 105 arrests during the past month and that \$45 had been collected in fines. The report of Police Judge Small was a replica of the chief's.

The petition of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound asking that certain of the streets and alleys of the city be closed so as to avoid the necessity of connecting crossings, called forth a flood of protests from the property holders, who claimed that the action was illegal. Major Duncan, who appeared for the Higgins estate, represented the protesting parties, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to put off the decision until the next regular meeting, when both sides could be heard and the city attorney consulted.

The sidewalk ordinance, which was put off at the last meeting until the opinion of the city attorney could be heard, was again brought up for discussion and, although the city attorney gave his opinion to the contrary, it was amended so as to leave out the part relating to the keeping of the sidewalks clean. This was done on the ground that such a provision could not legally come under the head of a sidewalk ordinance. The bill was finally passed as amended, although some of the members were strong in their opposition.

Up to the People.

The ordinance regarding the removal of the saloons on Higgins avenue was also brought up for discussion, and it was found that action had been too long deferred, and that the question must be put to the direct vote of the people. The question of legality was then brought up and it was decided to instruct the city attorney to bring suit against the petitioners and thus determine the legality of such a question before voting on it.

License Revoked.

At this point the mayor announced that he had revoked the liquor license of M. F. Lombardi, who was recently convicted of selling intoxicating liquor to minors, and he asked that the council sustain his action. This was done at once by a unanimous vote.

The city clerk gave notice of a receipt of three bids for the completion of the wing dam in the Missoula river just above the Bitter Root bridge, and he was ordered to open the same. The bids as received were: O. E. Peppard, for the completion of the dam, using an earth and gravel fill, \$3,240; using a rock fill, \$4,283; J. F. Harrington, using a gravel fill, \$5,587.

The Burrell Bridge & Construction company, gravel fill, \$4,999; rock fill, \$5,999.

On motion of Alderman Patterson it was decided to put off any decision on the awarding of the contract until the Northern Pacific Railroad company had been conferred with to see about a division in the expense.

A. E. Peat appeared for the school board, asking for fire protection for the Willard school and for a safe crossing over the Bitter Root tracks for the school children, who are forced to go over them daily. The first request was granted and the fire chief was instructed to install two hydrants where he deemed it most advisable, and the second was referred to the street and alleys committee.

Complaint Received.

A complaint was received from the manager of the Savoy hotel asking that connections be made with the Main street sewer, as the sewer in Cedar street was not deemed capable of carrying any additional sewage. On motion of Alderman Shapard the council voted to advertise for bids for the construction of a sewer from the alley south of the Savoy hotel south on Stevens street to Main.

The mayor then brought before the council the danger of allowing the old McNamara building, which was



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THREE CONSPIRATORS ADVANCE IN COPPER CONVICTED REPORTED

Pittsburg, March 1.—After the jury had been out nearly 53 hours a verdict of guilty was returned late today against President of the Common Council William Brande and Councilmen John F. Klein and Joseph C. Wasson, charged with conspiracy. Former Bank President W. W. Ramsey, indicted on the same charge, was acquitted upon the order of the court.

The three convicted men were charged with having conspired to pass an ordinance for the paying of certain streets with wooden blocks on the payment of certain sums of money. A detective posing as a wood block contractor, secured the evidence. Klein and Ramsey had already been convicted of bribery in individual cases. An appeal will be taken.

THE COURT UPHOLDS RAILWAY LAW

Olympia, Wash., March 1.—The railway commission law of this state, including the power therein conferred upon the commission to fix railroad rates, was upheld by the state supreme court today. A constitutional question was raised by the Great Northern railway in an appeal from the joint wheat rate order of the commission that power to fix rates is vested solely in the legislature by the state constitution. The supreme court holds that the legislature in expressing that the rate shall be fair, just, reasonable and sufficient declares the law and that the details of working it out is an administrative matter and can be delegated to a commission.

This is in direct conflict with the opinion rendered last summer by Judge C. H. Hanford of the federal court at Seattle. The supreme court also sustained the constitutionality of that section of the law authorizing the commission to compel physical connection between competing railroads at junction points.

CHECKS GOT MIXED STEVENSON CLAIMS

Madison, Wis., March 1.—That checks aggregating \$600, paid to a dozen clergymen had nothing to do with the campaign of Senator Stephenson developed today. These checks, made out to a number of Lutheran ministers, were given to the treasurer of the Lutheran home missionary board for one large cashier's check at the Milwaukee bank through which Senator Stephenson's managers did considerable business. The cashier's checks became inadvertently mixed with the campaign checks.

WITHIN HIS RIGHTS SAYS THE COMMITTEE

Washington, March 1.—The special committee of Mr. Mann of Illinois was chairman and which was appointed to examine the recent speech of Mr. Cook of Colorado, attacking President Roosevelt, today reported to the house that Mr. Cook's remarks "treated as a whole do not contain language in violation of the privileges of debate and do not call for further action by the house."

The report was approved and the special committee discharged.

POLL TAX EXEMPTION FOR FATHERS OF SIX

Honolulu, March 1.—The house of representatives in the territorial legislature today expressed its hearty approval of President Roosevelt's views on the advantages of the state of large families by adopting a bill which provides that fathers of six or more children are exempt from poll tax.

The house adopted also a concurrent resolution favoring a ship subsidy and the suspension of coastwise laws with respect to traffic between Hawaii and the Pacific coast.

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