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DESERTS BRIDE FOR FORMER SWEETHEART

Kentucky Merchant Deceives Newly Wedded Wife and Runs Away With a Widow.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 16.—Thomas Baker, lately a merchant and agent for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at McLeod, and Mrs. Lizzie Posey, a winsome widow, are missing. They went away on the same train last week and have been traced as far as Memphis.

Baker has left behind a bride of little over a month, who has gone to the home of her parents in Fordsville, O.

They were married November 3. A week ago Baker resigned his position and sold his business. He sent his wife to the home of her parents to get her belongings and said they would go to Texas, where he would go into business. When she was gone Baker took the money he obtained from the sale of his business and, drawing several hundred dollars on deposit in bank here, left for Memphis.

When Mrs. Baker returned she found him gone and, believing herself deserted, has gone back to her parents.

Baker is only 22 and his bride 18. Mrs. Posey, with whom he kept company for two years before his marriage, is somewhat older, but unusually attractive.

Architect Eckels at the Capital.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 16.—B. J. Eckels, a prominent architect of St. Joe, is at the Arlington, accompanied by his wife.

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DEATHS.

BURNS—On Saturday, December 15, 1900, at 4:15 p. m., Mary Burns, beloved wife of Richard Burns and mother of Richard, Jr., Thomas David and the late John Burns and Mrs. Rantzen Graham.

Funeral from the residence of her son, Richard Burns, Jr., No. 229 South Leffingwell avenue, Monday, December 17, at 2 p. m., to St. Malachy's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

Cairo, Ill., papers please copy.

FITZGERALD—Suddenly, on Sunday, December 16, 1900, at 3 a. m., Edward A., beloved husband of Kathryn H. Fitzgerald (nee Kinsella) and father of Kitty, Eddie and Mrs. W. E. Boster (nee Fitzgerald).

Funeral from family residence, No. 3568 West Chestnut street, Tuesday, December 18, at 2 p. m., to St. Francis Xavier's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

FLEMING—Cecelia and John Fleming departed this life on Saturday, December 15, 1900, aged respectively 70 and 80 years.

Funeral Tuesday, December 18, at 8 a. m., from late residence, No. 4318 North Second street, to Holy Name Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

FLEMING—After a short illness, Saturday, December 15, 1900, at 10 o'clock p. m., Mary A. Fleming (nee Joyce), beloved wife of Richard M. Fleming.

Funeral to-day at 1:30 p. m., from residence, No. 934 Hickory street, to St. Vincent's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

HAASE—On Saturday, December 15, 1900, at 9:30 p. m., Christiana, beloved wife of August C. L. Haase (nee Spinnig), in the seventy-sixth year of her age.

Funeral private.

HARTMANN—Entered into rest, Sunday, December 16, 1900, at 8:30 a. m., in her thirty-eighth year, Ida S. Hartmann (nee Bishop), beloved wife of Julius Hartmann.

Funeral from family residence, No. 2351 Albion place, Wednesday, December 19, at 2 p. m.

Youngstown, Warren and Cleveland, O., papers please copy.

HUHN—Genevieve, beloved daughter of Mr. Ed T. and Mrs. Mattie Huhn (nee Stine), aged 19 days.

Funeral Wednesday, 9 a. m., from residence, No. 3264A California avenue.

LINTON—On Sunday morning, December 16, 1900, William Eler Linton, son of Francis L. and Mary Helen Linton, aged 6 years 2 months and 18 days.

Funeral private.

LONG—On Sunday, December 16, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock a. m., Mrs. Hannah Long, relict of the late Edward Long, mother of Edward B. and Annie Long, Mrs. Theresa Powers, Mrs. George W. Wilson and Mrs. P. E. Purcell.

The funeral will take place Tuesday, 18th inst., at 9 o'clock a. m., from late residence, No. 2831 Page avenue, to St. Alphonsus's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

MAHONEY—On Sunday, December 16, 1900, at 10:30 a. m., John Mahoney, beloved husband of Mollie Mahoney (nee Mallov), son of Nickles and the late Bridget Mahoney, brother of Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. William P. Daley and Mrs. Winnie Morrell.

Funeral from the late residence, No. 1528 Warren street, on Tuesday, December 18, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Michael's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited.

MULVOY—On Saturday, December 15, 1900, at 11:30 o'clock p. m., James Bartholomew, beloved son of John and Della Agnes Mulvoy (nee Walsh), aged 9 years 4 months and 5 days.

The funeral will take place Monday, the 17th inst., at 1:30 o'clock p. m., from family residence, No. 3611 Old Manchester road, to Church of the Holy Innocents, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

NOONAN—On Sunday, December 16, 1900, at 8:30 a. m., Michael Noonan, beloved son of John and Annie Noonan (nee Sims), aged 4 years and 3 months.

Funeral will take place from the family residence, No. 2127 Rutger street, on Monday, December 17, at 2 p. m., to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

SECOND anniversary Walsh solemn requiem mass will be offered at 10 a. m. next Tuesday for the repose of the soul of Mgr. William Walsh, at St. Bridget's Church. The clergy are especially invited.

NEW AND DEADLY INSTRUMENT OF WAR

Inventor Louis Gathmann Talks About His New Aerial Torpedo Gun.

EXCEEDED THE REQUIREMENTS.

Compared With the Big Army Rifles, the Latter Are Mere Toys in Point of Destructiveness.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Sandy Hook, N. Y., will soon be the abiding place of the most powerful weapon in the world, the aerial torpedo gun invented by Louis Gathmann, and recently completed at Bethlehem, Pa. The preliminary tests at the place of manufacture were all highly successful, and no doubt is felt that those to be made at Sandy Hook will be equally satisfactory.

Inventor Gathmann says of his new Columbiad:

"There were many early experiments leading up to it, and during those I built four guns, the largest of which was 5½ inch, 22 caliber. In the last four years the Government assisted me very liberally and contributed $100,000 toward carrying on the experiments on a larger scale. We used nearly 7,000 pounds of gun cotton, and the War and Navy Departments loaned us various types of guns with which to make experiments. In 1899 Congress appropriated $75,000, so that my ideal weapon might be built under Government supervision.

"This aerial torpedo gun is now completed. It weighs 59 tons, is 44 feet long, with 18-inch bore, being about the same weight and exterior dimensions as the 12-inch guns now being constructed. It can be mounted on any modern 12-inch gun carriage. The total weight of the torpedo shell is 1,800 pounds, including 630 pounds of wet gun cotton.

What the Gun Will Do.

"The Government contract called for a muzzle velocity of 1,800 feet per second for 2,000-pound projectiles. In the recent tests this was exceeded by 100 feet. A powder charge of 300 pounds was used. A remarkable uniformity of velocity was obtained, the projectiles varying in weight from six to eight pounds. In six rounds, each fired with 300 pounds of powder, the lowest velocity obtained was 1,878 feet per second. After several rounds, the gun becoming warm, the velocity reached 1,905 feet per second. In no instance did the pressure exceed nine tons. The gun, being built of nickel steel, can stand a pressure of sixteen tons without suffering damage from strain. The members of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, Generals Miles, Buffington, Wilson, Henderson, and Captain Rogers, United States Navy, were present at the tests, and were greatly pleased with results.

"The 16-inch army rifle in construction at Watervliet Arsenal, when completed will be the heaviest and most costly piece of ordnance in the United States. The cost of this monster is about $120,000. If a proper carriage is constructed for it there will be another expense at least equal to the cost of the gun. The muzzle energy will be some 70,000-foot tons.

"Let us compare this monster piece of ordnance with the 18-inch aerial torpedo gun. The cost and weight of the torpedo gun is about one-half of the former; still, the muzzle efficiency is more than three times that of the 126-ton army rifle. At far ranges the difference will be still greater in favor of the aerial torpedo system. At five miles the torpedo will still have a potential energy of 165,000 foot-tons, and this, though the target is struck a glancing blow. This is equivalent to the ramming energy of the heaviest battleship moving at full speed.

More Deadly Than Modern Guns.

"Now, let us compare the efficiency of the present most modern 10 and 12 inch guns with this new gun for firing aerial torpedoes. The first are relatively mere toys, not in cost and weight, but in efficiency.

"For example let us take a first-class battleship for a target. One aerial torpedo gun will disable, sink or destroy such a craft as readily as ten 12-inch guns at close range. If we widen our fighting range and place opponent's battleship beyond 3,000 yards, then the efficiency of this one 18-inch torpedo gun will be superior to almost any number of the present type of guns combined.

"All well posted men know that at two miles or further range the best and heaviest armor cannot be penetrated by guns of the present type.

"In a duel two first-class battleships, two miles distant, could actually fire all their ammunition at one another and still remain afloat. Place 18-inch caliber torpedo guns on one of the battleships and the duel would be ended within a few minutes and the battleship carrying aerial torpedoes would disable its opponent before the latter could do serious damage."

VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS.

—Eugene Lee of Mountain Grove, Mo., is at the Lindell.

—Doctor J. T. Moore of Salisbury, Mo., is at the St. James.

—B. O. Taber and Mrs. Taber of Dallas, Tex., are at the Planters.

—J. T. Murray of Denver, Colo., is at the St. Nicholas.

—John E. Bailey of Galveston, Tex., is at the Southern.

—W. R. Edmonson and Mrs. Edmonson of Kansas City are at the St. James.

—S. A. Weltmer of Nevada, Mo., is at the Planters.

—Carl and Omar Gartner of Hamburg, Germany, are at the Southern.

—Alfred E. Dailey of Chicago is at the St. Nicholas.

—O. L. Munger of Douglas County, Mo., is at the Laclede.

—Mrs. L. L. Groar of Milan, Mo., is at the Lindell.

—W. M. Price, Jr., of Stuttgart, Ark., is at the Planters.

—General John B. Castleman of Louisville, Ky., and his two daughters are at the Southern.

—W. S. Atlee of Kansas City is at the Planters.

—Paul E. Harney of Alton, Ill., is at the Lindell.

—P. B. Hutchison of Checotah, I. T., is at the Planters.

—George Hallam of Medford, Ok., is at the Lindell.

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BIG TANNERY PLANT BURNS.

Entire Manufacturing District of Sheboygan Threatened by Fire.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 16.—A special to the Sentinel from Sheboygan, Wis., says:

"The immense plant of Zschistsche & Sons, tanners, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. Loss, $15,000, fully covered by insurance. The flames, fanned by a high wind, scorched the big furniture plant of the Mattoon Manufacturing Company, adjoining, whose loss will be several thousand dollars. Mayor Born wired Milwaukee and Manitowoc Fire Departments to hold themselves in readiness, a general conflagration in the manufacturing district being feared. The fire corps of a dozen factories lent aid, and finally controlled the fire.

"Nearly 200 men will be thrown out of employment, and the plant may not be rebuilt."

Rheumatism, more painful in this climate than any other affliction, cured by prescription No. 2861, by Eimer & Amend.

END OF HOLY YEAR TO BE OBSERVED.

Dawn of the New Century Will Be Celebrated in Solemn Manner in Catholic Churches.

MIDNIGHT MASS DECEMBER 31.

Archbishop Kain to Pontificate in St. Louis Cathedral Chapel—Special Services in the Other Churches.

The Holy Year religious rites, which have prevailed since the beginning of this year by direction of Pope Leo XIII in commemoration of the termination of one century and the dawn of another, will be concluded in all the Catholic churches with solemn midnight services on December 31. The holy year has been celebrated, under the title of the Jubilee Year, every 100 years since the end of the Thirteenth Century, but the celebration never was so universal as this one.

Acting by virtue of the bull issued from Rome a year ago, Archbishop Kain has sent to all Catholic pastors in St. Louis a communication exhorting them to solemnize the death of the old century and the birth of the new by the celebration of midnight masses in all the churches of this city and archdiocese. This exhortation has been accepted in the spirit of a command, and, in consequence, nearly every church of this city will be open to worshipers at midnight of New Year's Eve. However, the end of the century services will practically commence on Christmas Day and end on New Year's.

The Archbishop will pontificate in the St. Louis Cathedral Chapel at the New Year's midnight mass, with the Reverend Father P. F. O'Reilly as assistant priest, and Fathers Ghillan and Murphy as deacon and subdeacon respectively. On Christmas Day his Grace will celebrate the 5 o'clock mass in the old Cathedral. The music and vocal programme for the New Year's solemn high mass will be exceptionally meritorious.

In St. John's Church the solemn high mass will begin at 11:30 o'clock on New Year's Eve, thus commencing in the last year of the Nineteenth Century and extending into the inaugural year of the Twentieth Century. Special preparations for the midnight mass have been made by the pastors of the Old Cathedral, St. Alphonsus's Rock Church, St. Xavier's, St. Bridget's, SS. Peter and Paul's, St. Liborius's, St. Anthony's, the Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick's, St. Nicholas's and all the large churches.

"The Holy Year," said the Reverend Francis V. Nugent, rector of the Kenrick Diocesan Seminary, "is celebrated at the close of each century in thanksgiving for divine blessings received, and in order to inculcate a fit religious spirit for the new century. The 'Jubilee Year,' as it is called, has been commemorated every hundred years since the ending of the Thirteenth Century, when it was inaugurated by Pope Boniface VIII. The last century closed without the solemnities because the Chair of Peter was vacant, by death.

"The year is marked by pilgrimages to Rome and special indulgences are granted by the pontiff. We owe Dante's 'Divina Comedia' to the jubilee gatherings in the Eternal City, for it was at one of these pilgrimages that he conceived the work. Midnight mass will be celebrated in nearly every church in St. Louis, and, I may say, that the solemnities will be general all over the world."

All the churches named above will have particularly solemn services on Christmas Day. An innovation will be introduced in the Rock Church. Three choirs will officiate at the two principal masses, one of them a surpliced boys' choir. One of the choirs will be stationed in a transcept in the auditorium of the church and another in the sanctuary, to take up the refrains from the loft.

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BIXBY GOES TO MISSISSIPPI.

Will Identify Choctaw Indians Residing in That State.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 16.—After a ten days' session at Atoka for the purpose of hearing proof in contested citizenship cases, Acting Chairman Tams Bixby of the Dawes Commission, with a full force of clerical assistants, has departed to fill a six-day appointment of the Commission at Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Curtis act authorized and directed the Dawes Commission to identify such Indians residing in Mississippi as could show a compliance with the provisions of the fourteenth article of the treaty of 1830. Acting under the provisions of this law, the Commission went to Leake and Newton counties, Mississippi, two years ago, and identified some nineteen hundred of such Indians. The present appointment of the Commission is to locate and identify such Mississippi Choctaw Indians, as were not found by the Commission upon its previous trip.

Under the law it is the duty of this Commission to identify these persons, and make report to the Secretary of the Interior.

It is expected that the work of the Commission in making the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship rolls, and in identifying Mississippi Choctaws, will be closed early in the coming year, and final report made to the Secretary of the Interior for departmental approval.

FORMAN WANTS STAHL'S PLACE

Contest for United States Marshal in Texarkana District.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 16.—Postmaster B. M. Foreman of Texarkana, Ark., is a formidable candidate for United States Marshal for the Southwestern District of Arkansas.

It is not yet fully decided whether the present incumbent, S. F. Stahl, will be in the race for reappointment, as his name is already mentioned in connection with another office. In the event of Foreman's success in the present race the appointment of a Postmaster for Texarkana, Ark., will be in order, and the prize will probably go to either J. H. Hickley or W. L. Hayden, leaders of the Republican party in this section.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

Thomas Morrison's Fifty-Second Anniversary as a Teacher.

The fifty-second anniversary of Mr. Thomas Morrison's connection with the Biddle Market Mission Sabbath School will be celebrated Sunday, December 30, at 2:30 p. m. Doctors Niccolls, Cannon, Sneed, McKittrick and others are expected to be present to make brief addresses.

About two thousand of the old friends of Biddle Market Sabbath School will be present and it is especially requested that all who were associated with Mr. Morrison in the work during the fifties take places on the platform.

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MAY ENDOW LIBRARIAN SCHOOL

Andrew Carnegie Said to Be Impressed With the Plan.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 16.—Andrew Carnegie is considering the gift of a sum sufficient to endow a school for librarians at Winona, Ind., and it is said he looks on the plan with favor.

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PRIZE FIGHTS AT A SAN JUAN BALL.

Official and Social Circles Shocked by an Innovation of Porto Rico Yacht Club.

TWO BLOODY BOUTS FOUGHT.

Many Ladies Left the Room While Others, It Is Said, Were at the Point of Swooning.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 8.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—Official and society circles here are much perturbed over boxing matches that were made a feature of the Thanksgiving Night ball of the Porto Rico Yacht Club. In view of the prohibition of bull fights and cock fights, this diversion has been made the subject of severe criticism.

The yacht club was only recently organized, but grew into such importance that its semimonthly dances became society events. The members of the club are about three-fourths American, the rest Porto Ricans of high family. The commodore of the club is Secretary of the Interior in the Insular Cabinet, and among the members are the Deputy Collector of Customs and the Postmaster of San Juan.

On the invitations for Thanksgiving Night it was announced there would be "athletic attractions." Many of the leading society folk of San Juan were present.

In the midst of the dancing an intermission was called. Members of the Floor Committee paced off a ring, had the floor resined and a boxing match was announced. Chairs were placed close to the ring for the women, and blonde American girls rubbed elbows with the dusky belles of the island as the fighting proceeded. There were two bouts of three rounds each. A local newspaper thus describes them:

"The first fight consisted of three rounds, Queensberry rules, between Messrs Johnson and Jaegen. In the first round Johnson landed on his opponent's nose with such force that the blood spurted therefrom, and from that time until the end of the fight blood continued to flow, spattering freely the floor and the clothing of both men.

"In the second round Jaeger was hit in the eye. He staggered like a drunken man and for a time seemed on the verge of collapse.

"When blood was first drawn many ladies left the room, while others, it is said, were at the point of swooning.

"The second fight was even more brutal than the first, although somewhat less bloody. The language used during its progress would have been considered indecorous in a Bowery barroom. The combatants were Blanchard and McQuirk, both enlisted men in the army. It was a slugging match pure and simple."

Severe opinions expressed by the newspapers were publicly indorsed by several prominent Porto Ricans, who pointed out that bull fighting was far less harmful than the American sport. The members of the club now threaten the newspapers with libel suits, and in the absence of any more absorbing topic, the ethics of pugilism occupy the attention of the more intelligent people of the island.

Former Railroad Man Bankrupt.

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 16.—C. C. Black of this city has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His schedule shows $219,000 liabilities and $220,000 assets. Mr. Black was formerly president of the Fort Worth and Albuquerque Railroad Company.

CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATED.

Ceremony at Fulton Attended by a Large Crowd.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 16.—The new Catholic Church at this place was dedicated this morning at 10 o'clock. A special train from Mexico brought 200 visiting Catholics from that city. The visitors were entertained at dinner by the members of the Fulton church this evening. Reverend John J. Tanrath, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, was the dedicator, delegated by his Grace, Archbishop Kain. The mass was sung by the Reverend J. J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Margaret's Church, St. Louis. The Reverend C. F. O'Leary of Macon, Mo., who built the first Catholic Church in Fulton, twenty-five years ago, preached the dedicatory sermon. He was pleased at the progress the church had made here.

The Reverend John Dillon of Mexico is the pastor of the new church, and was the prime mover in building the new house of worship.

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Engaged Rooms at Jefferson City Before the Election.

Friends of ex-State Senator Charles F. Busche of St. Louis have been having a vast amount of fun at his expense recently. In October Senator Busche made a trip to Jefferson City. With an eye for the future comfort of himself he called on a woman who conducts the boarding-house where he stopped in previous sessions of the Legislature.

"I would like to secure my old quarters this winter," said the Senator to the widow.

"All right, Senator," she replied, "I am indeed glad to have you with us again, and I will fix them up to suit." Forthwith, Mr. Busche asked her to put a new carpet on the floor, new curtains at the windows and an icebox in the hall. It was all done as the Senator from St. Louis desired, and he returned to the city.

Then something unforeseen happened The election hove in sight, and after it had passed into history the Senator found himself shelved high and dry. W. J. Schoenlaub, the Democratic candidate, was elected. Senator Busche did not begin to realize it until he received a letter from the Jefferson City landlady asking if he still desired the room. He was obliged to inform her that he did not, and when his friends heard the story there was great fun at his expense. Meantime he has partly atoned for his haste and appeased the Jefferson City landlady by informing her that the room may be occupied by his succesor.

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DATA ON IMMENSE METEOR.

Doctor Hubert Howe Discusses Result of His Inquiry.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 16.—Interesting data concerning the largest meteor seen in twenty-five years, have been collected by Doctor Hubert Howe of the Chamberlain Observatory in Denver. This great aerolite was seen in Denver, December 8, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was also observed as it pursued a westerly course, by many people on the other side of the Rocky Mountain divide, as far north as Saratoga, Wyo., and as far south as Delta, Colo.

Judging from these distances, Professor Howe estimates that its height above the earth was not less than 500 miles. Most of the observers agree that it appeared to be a trifle smaller than the moon. It was undoubtedly incandescent, as it appeared intensely red in bright daylight.

When apparently directly over North Park, Colo., the meteor exploded with terrific force. Hundreds of fragments fell, but were probably consumed before reaching the earth, as none has been found.

The sound was audible at places as much as fifty miles apart. Houses were shaken and cattle stampeded. One man was thrown from his horse.

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Next Sunday—Marie Burrough's in "The Battle of the Strong."

Wed. Mat., 25c and 50c. **OLYMPIC.** Mrs. Clarence M. Brune in .... **"THEODORA."** Regular Matinee Saturday.

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