

THE DEPARTMENT WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

A CLERK AND WIFE WHO HAD IDENTICAL IDEAS

Mental Telepathy, However, Could Not Cause Them to Meet--The Little Man With the Big Bass Drum and the Joke on Him in the Parade.

Major Douglas Sims, a very popular military and departmental official, tells the following good story on a State Department clerk who walked on a State Department parade...

"Your husband just went up in the elevator. I think he is looking for you."

The lady took the next elevator up. Just then her husband came down. He looked all around and then enquired of the elevator man...

"Have you seen my wife here?" "Yes, she just went up this minute."

The clerk took the next elevator, and he was no more than out of sight till his wife came down again.

"Your husband has just gone up again," said the elevator man.

"I guess he'll wait for me this time, so I'll go up." And she went up.

Down came her husband a second afterward.

"Did my wife come down again?" he enquired.

"Yes, and just went up again. She thought you would wait for her."

"Well, I'll wait the next elevator."

He waited about five minutes, and then growing impatient, took an elevator upstairs. She had been waiting for him and came down just as he disappeared.

"Well, I'll wait for him and catch him this time," said she.

After standing in the corridor several minutes she decided to go upstairs and find him. As she whisked out of sight he stepped out of another elevator.

"Your wife has just gone up," said the elevator man.

The husband swung a little under his breath and started to leave the building. At the door he hesitated, changed his mind, and took the next elevator down.

Down came his wife at the same moment.

"He's just gone up again," was the elevator man's answer to her weary look of enquiry, "and he'll be up in a moment."

"Then I had better go right up and catch him," said she.

Up she went and down he came.

"Just went up," remarked the elevator man, dryly.

"I'm damned if I'm going up again," said he. "I'll wait right here," and he sat down on the stairs. Half an hour later he was still sitting there, and his wife, equally determined, was waiting for him upstairs.

"I hope they'll meet in heaven," remarked the elevator man.

Mr. Joseph Skelly, of the night bill force, Government Printing Office, is a great favorite with the "boys."

"Joe," as he is affectionately termed by his intimates, is also a musician, and belonged to a musical aggregation in the District some years ago that accompanied the Washington Light Infantry to New York city during a big military celebration in that city.

"Joe" beat the big bass drum. Being very short of stature, nothing could be seen approaching but a big bass drum. Neither could Joe see where he was going.

All went well, however, in this parade until a "column left" movement took place, and as Joe happened to be "rubbering" on the right side of the street he didn't notice the flank movement, and kept up the drum, beating his drum as if his very life depended on the noise produced.

It just happened that a whole string of coal carts turned a corner and fell in behind the drummer who preceded them quite a distance following him before a policeman stopped him.

Joe's chagrin could not be imagined when he looked back and beheld the coal wagons and general rabble following him. But the "kidding" he received from the crowd didn't hurt him half as much as did the number of drinks he had to buy the next day when he reported at his headquarters later on.

Joe now beats the kettle drum only.

There is another Richmond in the field for the office of President of Typographical Union No. 101, Captain Ramsey, foreman of the Specification Department, Union Building, has declared his intention of making the race with Messrs. Shelby Smith and Joseph Johnson.

And it will be a battle royal in printerdom from now on until the day of election some time in May.

Captain Ramsey was president of the local union in 1889, and made a most proficient and progressive officer. He was a candidate for the office again in 1901, but was defeated by a narrow margin through the efforts of some of the union's politicians, who waged a bitter and relentless fight against him.

For this reason it was not, the fight, even two weeks ago, that the Captain would ever consent to the many urgent appeals made to him to allow his name to be used in connection with the presidency this year.

As it is a well-known fact that Captain Ramsey is a most ambitious man, his recent acknowledgment that he had actually entered the field in quest of votes for the highest elective office in Columbia Union was no particular surprise or cause for any unusual excitement on the part of those who have heretofore signified their intention of also making the race. However, when it gradually but surely leaked out who Captain Ramsey's principal and most powerful and determined supporters were, the fact at first seemed impossible of belief to a very great many of the best informed on factional fights in local union circles during the past twenty years.

MR. LEITER SUES FRENCH BROKERS

Litigation Part of Result of Operations of "Plunger" Joseph Leiter.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Level Z. Leiter, Chicago millionaire, and father of Joseph Leiter, known as a "plunger" in wheat, has begun suit for what is said to be \$300,000 against Louis Dreyfus & Co., of Paris, for breach of contract in a torney, Reed, Simpson, Thatcher & Barnum, declined to give out any details. The papers were filed in the county clerk's office on Friday.

This suit is the outcome of a long investigation, which resulted last October in a judgment against Louis Dreyfus & Co. for \$2,229 against Louis Dreyfus & Co. It is an outgrowth of the famous Joseph Leiter wheat deal in Chicago.

It was subsequently alleged by Mr. Leiter's attorneys that Louis Dreyfus & Co. had reported that the wheat had been sold on August 4, 1898, at 13.25, per 100 kilograms, but Mr. Leiter was informed some time later that the reported sale had been simply a transfer of the wheat to the Dreyfus firm itself, and that it had been sold to a firm in Dijon, France, on August 4, 1898, for 13.25, per 100 kilograms.

On this transaction, Mr. Leiter assigned his interest in the wheat in question to his father on June 13, 1898.

Stratton's Famous Mine Exhausted

CRIPPLE CREEK BONANZA WHICH SOLD FOR \$10,000,000.

Chief Consulting Engineer John Hays Hammond Reports Lowest Developments Unfavorable.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., March 27.—Stratton's famous independent mine on Battle Mountain, one of the most talked of bonanzas of Cripple Creek, is exhausted.

The life of the mine now depends upon the economical extraction of low grade ore, and even that there is not much left.

John Hays Hammond, who has charge of the mine for its English owners, called last evening the following report to London:

"Recent developments have confirmed last report. Regret to report lowest developments unfavorable."

Acquired World Fame.

Independence mine was discovered in July, 1891, by W. S. Stratton, then a prospecting miner, but by trade a carpenter.

Since then it has become known all over the world.

Stratton devoted his attention to his discovery and finally sold his property, and sold for \$10,000,000.

Early in 1899 a London company was formed to take over the mine, capitalized at \$5,000,000. Stratton retained the majority of the stock. He finally sold out to the English syndicate for \$10,000,000, and this, after he had taken a profit of \$2,500,000 out of the property.

Much of the money that was used to purchase the mine was borrowed from English banks, and when the promoting company found itself in need of money the banks agreed to take over the bank shares if John Hays Hammond would examine the mine and report favorably upon it.

The engineer made the examination, but reported that the ore reserves had been greatly overestimated. He called this information to London, and the result was a panic, during which the Independence shares fell from \$15 to \$5.

Reported at \$3,000,000.

T. A. Rickard, former consulting engineer of the mine, and reported that the ore reserves were \$13,000,000. Rickard's estimate was \$2,300,000. Rickard lost his place with the English syndicate, and he afterward threatened to sue Hammond.

In November, 1900, Mr. Hammond became the chief consulting engineer of the mine.

The mine corporation is capitalizing at \$1,100,000, each share having a par value of \$1. The last dividend was declared in October, 1901, and amounted to \$1. The recent quotations of the stock were 10 1/2 a share bid and 12 1/2 a share asked. Up to March, 1901, the company had paid a total in dividends of \$2,238,553. The company was organized under the laws of New Jersey.

CROWS OUST THE PIGEONS.

The Meek Driven From Their Inheritance of the Church Spire.

The roof and spires of the Church of the Ascension, which is situated at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Twelfth Street northwest, are the battle ground early every morning of a score of pigeons and a half dozen puritanical looking crows.

The pigeons had their roosting place in the upper part of one of the smaller spires. They have prior rights to the place, and it has been their custom from time immemorial to settle down there for the night with much billing and cooing and fluttering of wings.

In the morning they would hop out again and proceed to hold early services, with their white breasts and wings adding to the gray stones just the touch of grace and color that the garments of a vested choir give to the sombre aisles and dim interior of a cathedral. They were the mascots of the place and brooded over it like the regulation doves of peace in the allegories.

Now they have something else to brood over. The half dozen "chesty" crows have fought and scolded them away from the spire, and they are now a hard struggle. The crows came like a parcel of surly, black-gowned rectors bent on scolding the frivolous part of the congregation out of the parish.

They have almost undisputed possession of the premises now, and scream unrelentingly and unceasing sermons at the whole neighborhood from their pulpits on the roof.

HAWAIIANS COMING HERE.

Mr. Dole About to Start and Others May Also Come.

HONOLULU, March 19, via San Francisco, March 27.—Governor Dole will start for Washington on March 25 on the steamer Sierra. He expected to go by the Alameda today, but could not dispose of business in time.

Judge Humphreys is reported to be planning to go to Washington on the same steamer and Judge Little, another aspirant for the governorship, is on his way to Washington, having sailed on the City of Peking.

ROOMING NEXT FALL'S G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

October Gathering Arouses General Interest.

ENQUIRES FROM ALL PARTS

Ohio, New York, and Michigan People Ask for Accommodations During the Celebration--War Lecture Promises Big Financial Returns.

Requests for local bands of music to be used during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city next October are already beginning to arrive at encampment headquarters in considerable numbers.

A request for the services of a band of sixteen pieces to march from headquarters to the White House and return on October 8 has been received from Lytle Post, No. 47, G. A. R., of Cincinnati. It is thought that only about half an hour will be consumed in the trip. The request has been referred to Chairman M. L. Weller, of the public comfort committee, as has also the request of U. S. Grant Post, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who desire a similar band for the day and night of the parade. This organization will come 190 long, and arrangements for their music are being made by Mr. Noah Tibbets, of 213 Manogue Street, Brooklyn.

A large hall is wanted by Fuller's Ohio Brigade for a reunion lasting about three hours on the day of and prior to the parade, according to an application which has been received from Mr. Frank Bruner, secretary, whose address is care Recorder's office, Cincinnati. This brigade consists of the survivors of the Twenty-seventh, Thirty-ninth, Forty-third, and Sixty-third Ohio Regiments, the Second United States Artillery, and the Third Michigan Battery. Gen. Wager Swayne, of New York, general counsel of the Western Union Telegraph Company, will accompany the brigade.

Dr. D. Percy Hickling, chairman of the medical committee, has announced the accession to his committee of Generals P. M. Rixey and George M. Stenberg, the Surgeon General, respectively, of the navy and army. Both of these gentlemen not only stated their willingness to serve on the committee, but expressed their hearty sympathy with the work and a determination to do all in their power to ensure the success of the encampment.

The prices of admission to the joint lecture to be delivered at the Columbia Theatre on the afternoon of April 8 by Messrs. Stickney and Archibald, illustrative of modern methods of warfare as typified by the battle of Manila and the campaign in South Africa, have been placed at 50 cents, with an additional 25 cents for a reserved seat. Through the kindness of Mr. Joseph E. Lockett, manager of the theatre, the house has been donated for the occasion, and Messrs. Stickney and Archibald also contribute their services, the entire proceeds of the lecture will be turned in for the benefit of the encampment fund.

There will be a meeting of the committee on printing, of which Mr. William Hahn is chairman, at encampment headquarters this evening at 8 o'clock, when the organization will be perfected and several matters of importance will come up for consideration. Tomorrow night the executive committee will meet at the Riggs House and make most urgent requests have been sent to all of the members to be present.

TEACHER MARRIES PUPIL

Fell in Love With Her While Applying the Lash.

HARRISBURG, Ill., March 27.—Prof. W. W. Wozniak, principal of the school at Stonefort, was married a few days ago to Miss Mary Marshall.

A month ago Prof. Wozniak was called upon to administer a whipping to Miss Marshall, an eighteen-year-old pupil, for disobeying the rules of the school.

While he was applying the lash the beautiful face of the pupil met the eyes of the professor and he dropped his lash.

The courtship commenced when the punishment ended, and, after school closed, the two were married.

SURPRISING RESULTS.

A Simple Internal Remedy Makes Remarkable Cures of Catarrh.

People who have used sprays, inhalers, calves, and washes for catarrh and who have found them so inconvenient that they will be agreeably surprised at results following the use of a pleasant internal remedy in tablet form; druggists everywhere admit that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets,

which they sell at 50 cents for full-sized treatment, is the safest, most effective, and popular of all catarrh remedies.

Early all cough mixtures and throat lozenges contain opiates; these cheap medicines give a temporary relief, especially with little children, by destroying nerve sensation; the irritation in throat, which causes coughing, is temporarily removed, but by removing the cause, but by deadening the nerves of feeling; the irritation is not left, although it is still there, and will promptly return.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets is the best remedy to remove catarrhal secretions, whether in the nose, throat, or stomach, because they are composed of wholesome antiseptics, Bloodroot, Red gum from Eucalyptus tree, etc.; you use these tablets to know what you are putting into your system, and not taking chances with so many catarrh cures and cough medicines.

Dr. Hamstedt, in commenting on catarrh cures, says: "I can heartily recommend Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because they contain no cocaine or other dangerous drug found in so many advertised catarrh cures, because they are entirely cured by this harmless but effective remedy."

Walworth says: "I never hesitate to prescribe Stuart's Catarrh Tablets for catarrhal headache and catarrhal deafness, because I know them to be perfectly safe for child or adult, and have seen many remarkable cures resulting from their regular daily use, because they are advertised and sold in drug stores in no measure why any good physician should not use them, because they will cure upon the instant of cure wherever found."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are especially valuable for catarrhal colds, children, because they are pleasant to the taste, and may be used freely to break up severe colds, and crop up at the very beginning.

DALE READY FOR TRIALS.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Built by the Trigg Company.

The torpedo boat destroyer Dale, built by the William R. Trigg Company, of Richmond, Va., for the United States Government, arrived Monday night at Solomons Island, in the mouth of the Patuxent River, Maryland, where she will have her headquarters during her trials over the Barren Island course, in the Chesapeake Bay, during the next two or three weeks.

The Dale is 250 feet long over all, 22 feet beam, and draws 6 feet 3 inches of water in seagoing trim at a displacement of 450 tons. She has four boilers of the Thornycroft-Daring type, two of the boilers being forward of the engine rooms in a watertight compartment and two aft in a similar compartment.

Her engines are of the four-cylinder, vertical, inverted, triple expansion type and are in separate watertight compartments, the starboard engine forward and the port engine immediately aft.

The machinery is designed for 8,000 indicated horsepower, which will drive the ship at something over twenty-eight knots. The crew consists of forty-eight men, not including six petty officers.

The Dale is in charge of Mr. George R. Townsend, representing the William R. Trigg Company. Capt. L. M. Smith is the navigator.

Within the next two weeks eight other torpedo boats and destroyers are expected to arrive at the Barren Island course for trials.

ADHERES TO ANCIENT HOLY THURSDAY CUSTOM

Austria's Emperor Washes the Feet of Paupers.

Then, Assisted by the Archdukes, He Serves Them a Three-Course Meal. Last Observer of Practice.

VIENNA, March 27.—Following an ancient Holy Thursday custom Emperor Franz Josef today washed the feet of twelve paupers.

The Emperor washed and dried the feet of each and then hung a bag of silver coins around their necks.

Next, assisted by the Archdukes, Franz Josef served the paupers with a three-course meal.

The sum of the ages of those thus served was 1,679 years.

The custom of monarchs washing the feet of paupers was once quite general, and was observed in England up to the time of Victoria. She, however, abolished it in Britain when she became Queen.

Franz Josef is now the last observer of the custom.

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350 yds. of Reading Cassimere for Men's or Boys' Wear, 45¢ value, at 25 cents yard.

900 yds. of good quality Apron Gingham, at 4 cents yard.

500 yds. of Plaid Scotch Gingham, 3/4 yd. wide, 25¢ quality, at 9 1/2 cents yard.

400 yds. of light checked Outing Cloth, remnants, 36¢ value, at 4 1/2 cents yard.

500 yds. of Dress Ginghams and Secord's, 19¢ quality, at 6 1/2 cents yard.

400 yds. of Dress Plaids, 12 1/2¢ quality, at 7 1/2 cents yard.

200 yds. of unbleached, bleached, and colored Table Linen, 37 1/2¢ quality, at 22 cents yard.

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