

### WEALTHY WOMAN PICKS POCKETS

Friends the Victims of Her Strange Mania.

### HAD GOOD SOCIAL STANDING

Twice Arrested She Gave Fictitious Name Both Times—A Drug Fiend.

CHICAGO, May 14.—Mrs. Laura Ebberts, sole heir to the Bradley estate, and member of one of Chicago's oldest and wealthiest families, has been held to the criminal court, after confessing to repeatedly picking the pockets of her friends.

She was arrested in a State Street department store while taking a watch and chain from a woman's shopping bag. A Fashionable Home.

Mrs. Ebberts lives in a handsome home in the fashionable residence district of the South Side. At one time she was prominent in society and a woman of considerable influence.

In recent years, her relatives say, she has been addicted to the use of drugs. She has been separated from her second husband for several years.

Mrs. Ebberts was first arrested by store detectives two weeks ago. She gave her name as "Fannie Brown," and refused to disclose her residence. She pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing 25 cents from a woman, and paid a fine and disappeared before she was recognized.

### Recognized by Police.

She was arrested by detectives of another department store yesterday and attaches of the police court recalled her former appearance. She again gave the name of "Fannie Brown," but instead of a light fine she was held under bonds. Then she disclosed her identity, and her brother was sent for and signed her bonds.

It is probable that her relatives will be permitted to send her to a sanitarium.

### STRUCK BY A CRUSHER.

George Penn, a negro, of 148 North Carolina Avenue southeast, was injured as a result of being struck by one of the crushers at the Potomac Electric Plant. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, and received the necessary attention.

## "All-Round Angel" Found Among a Thousand Girls

Clergyman Who Advertised a Year Ago Locates His Ideal and Is Married When Almost Disgusted With His Quest.

### PARSON BROWNBACK WOULD REQUIRE MUCH

That she must not be a "street angel and a house devil."

Good baker of pies, cake, bread, and meat; a good kitchen worker and a lady in calico as well as in silk.

Not less than sixteen nor more than thirty years old.

Good looks.

Some money.

Piety.

Unburdened with one who would be a troublesome mother-in-law.

All ladylike accomplishments.

A despiser of gossip.

Even temper.

Sound health.

Cleverness.

Laughing and soft of speech.

An ardent admirer of and believer in Brownback.

### NEW YORK, May 14.—The Rev. George W. Brownback, who raised himself to fame as a scientific investigator and his home town from a fourth-class to a third-class postoffice by his advertisements for a wife, has conferred an honor upon the State of New Jersey by selecting a life partner.

She was Miss Blanche Decon, of 196 Walnut Street, Newark. It has just been learned that she and the pastor were married in Newark, April 28, at the South Baptist Church. The Rev. William G. Fennell performed the ceremony, and his two daughters witnessed it. The bride is now in the home of the pastor in Reading, Pa.

The Rev. Mr. Brownback hunted for a wife with all the care that Diogenes hunted for an honest man, and he found it nearly as hard a task. He advertised his wants in the spring of 1902.

He needed a woman who was an angel in the kitchen as well as on the street. "Most women are angels on the street and devils in the kitchen," he announced.

In the first week just one thousand "angels" applied. Five hundred of them sent their photographs. The dominie decided to investigate in person. His travels extended over the whole camping season. He visited "angels" in Attica, Ill.; Montreal, Canada; Gloucester Point, Va.; Kankakee and Kalamazoo.

The Rev. Mr. Brownback came back a sad man. One hundred and fifty young women he had visited shook his faith in "angels." Some of them wanted to kiss him on sight, some of the young ones were old, some of the photographs must have been mistakes, and some of the golden hair evidently would not stand the test.

"Can such duplicity exist?" thundered the eloquent dominie at the close of one of his sermons.

Some notoriety came to the minister, and of late the Rev. Mr. Brownback had been carrying on his quest in a quiet way. Now that he has won, some of the swains in Newark are wondering how the one "angel" in one thousand got away from them.

### WESLEY BURNETT CHARGED WITH ROBBING SAFE

Another safe robbery was reported to the police about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and within an hour Detectives Muller and Warren, of the Central office, arrested Wesley Burnett, a negro, and charged him with stealing \$1,400 in money and a check for \$200.

The safe was left open in John Driscoll's saloon, 200 E Street southwest, and the cash and check were locked in a compartment. Mr. Driscoll says the safe was left open on Wednesday evening, and the contents must have been stolen some time between that day and yesterday morning, when it was missed.

Detective Warren went to the saloon and found Burnett, a former employe, who was suspected of the robbery, in a nearby store. The negro protested his innocence, but was taken to Police Headquarters, and sent to the First precinct station, where he is held for the robbery.

## TO RENEW RATIONS FOR YOUNG INDIANS

Boutell Urges President to Resume Old Custom.

### CITES WILL OF CONGRESS

Says Conflicting Laws Led to Suspension of Issue—Current Allowance Covers This Year Only.

Representative Boutell of Illinois had a conference with the President yesterday on a subject on which he feels very keenly—the distribution of rations among Indian children.

Mr. Boutell has introduced several bills on this subject. He explained that when the treaty was made with the Sioux nation, whereby their lands were ceded, it was expressly stipulated that certain rations should be distributed among the families of school children. At that time the practice was to educate the children in religious schools of the various denominations. In 1887 a law was passed forbidding that appropriations should apply to children attending other than the Government schools. The Indian commission decided that this law in effect repealed the provisions of the treaty with reference to the distribution of rations. This position was upheld three years ago by a decision of the Attorney General.

In the last Congress Mr. Boutell succeeded in having a provision inserted in the Indian appropriation measure for next year forbidding discrimination against children in other than Government schools, but this rider applies only to the current appropriation. He told the President yesterday that it was his belief that this expression of the will of Congress ought to have weight in modifying the ruling of the Attorney General on the distribution of rations. The effect of such a change would be to make permanent the plan adopted for the current appropriation. The President promised to look into the matter carefully.

### SPAIN TO ARBITRATE FOR COLOMBIA AND PERU

PARIS, May 14.—Colombia and Peru, it was announced this afternoon, have agreed to appoint Spain as the arbitrator for the arranging of the boundary questions in dispute between the two countries.

## Porto Rico's Governor To Be Inaugurated July 4

Beekman Winthrop, the New Chief Executive-to-Be, Has Many and Varied Duties.

### SAN JUAN, P. R., May 14.—The return of Governor Hunt to prepare for his final departure is anxiously awaited, principally because it is hoped he will bring some information concerning Beekman Winthrop, his successor.

It has been semi-officially announced that Mr. Winthrop will be inaugurated on July 4, and that ex-Governor Hunt will sail on the next day for New York.

### Some Sweeping Changes.

Mr. Winthrop will come at the opening of an insular campaign and will confront sweeping changes in the judiciary of the island, which will go into effect July 1.

The Federalists will warn him against trusting the Republicans, and the Republicans will make his course a rough one if he shows any favor to the Federalists. All the clamoring factions will seek immediate recognition.

The executive duties are varied, for, in addition to the powers of a governor of a territory, the governor of Porto Rico has been vested with much authority in the matter of appointments.

He is also commander-in-chief of the insular police force and directs all its operations. His time, strength and judgment are seriously taxed by the continuance of the old Spanish custom of direct appeals for his decision as to every conceivable subject.

His mail brings him thousands of petitions, communications and protests, many of which require his personal attention. His social duties are not light, and he must devote considerable time to slow travel about the island. He must also hold many consultations with the respective heads of the six executive departments, these men constituting what is called by courtesy his cabinet.

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### FREQUENT COURT CUSTOMER WILL BE AWAY SIXTY DAYS

Twenty dollars' fine or sixty days in jail was the penalty imposed by Justice Scott in the Police Court yesterday upon James Collins, a well-known court customer, when convicted on a charge of vagrancy. Policeman Branzell testified that he had seen Collins constantly loitering around tipping houses and he would not work.

### SUPERSTITION STOPS WORK IN YORK FACTORIES

YORK, Pa., May 14.—Most of the shirt and underwear factories in this city and many of the tailoring establishments where women are employed worked short handed because of the prevalence of an ancient superstition pertaining to Ascension Day.

This is to the effect that a person working with needle and thread on Ascension Day becomes a target for lightning, and that a person who wears garments which were made upon the day is sure to be overtaken by harm.

### AGED HUSBAND KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF

OLEAN, N. Y., May 14.—Joseph Collins, aged sixty, shot his wife, aged fifty-eight, and then took his own life. Developments showed that Collins had pawned his watch and bought a revolver. When he reached home he tipped from the gate and opened fire as soon as he met his wife.

The couple lived happily until three weeks ago, when the wife, it is alleged, attempted to sell their home. "The deed being in her name. They leave four grown children.

### WHAT SHE LACKED.

A superintendent of a Sunday school relates the following true incident.

The title of the lesson was "The rich young man" and the golden text "One thing thou lackest." A lady teacher in the primary class asked a little tot to repeat the two, and looking earnestly in the teacher's face, the child unblushingly told her, "One thing thou lackest—a rich young man."

## 50 Pianos Too Many

F. G. Smith Piano Co. to Close Out Large Stock of Fine Instruments at Great Sacrifice.

Sale Starts Monday Morning and Includes Good Pianos at Half and a Third of Original Prices.

There are just fifty too many pianos and organs in our stock for this season of the year, said Mr. Van Wickie, manager of the F. G. Smith Piano Co., 1225 Pa. Ave., and we must reduce stock before the dull summer months. Beginning Monday we will close out all of the surplus stock of pianos and organs at prices never before heard of in Washington.

The stock embraces such well-known makes as Bradbury, Chickering, Webster, W. H. H. Berkley, Steinway, Knabe, Vose, and many others.

If anybody in Washington needs a piano or organ it will pay them to buy now.

We have a number of fine upright pianos returned from rent and new sample pianos, which we will close out at \$148, \$175, and \$172.

Pianos of the best and most reputable make, worth \$250, \$400, and \$500, will also go in this sale at \$225, \$275, and \$325—on payments to suit the purchaser.

Many used upright pianos at a half and a third of the original prices show our determination to make this a decisive and final clearing-out sale.

About 20 organs, new and second-hand, including best makes—Eaton, Bradbury, Ithaca, Bridgeport, Mason & Hamlin, and Prince—at \$15, \$20, \$40, etc., about one-fourth of original cost.

Remember, the sale starts Monday morning, May 16, and the best bargains will go in the first few days. Call, write or phone us for further particulars. Small deposit will secure any instrument in this sale.

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The Times will send the three employes of the District or National Government, who are employed in the City of Washington or District of Columbia, and who collect the greatest number respectively of Times' St. Louis Exposition coupons, to the great exposition for one week. Contest ends May 31, 1904. Send in the coupons once a week.

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