

**COL. ROOSEVELT MADE MEMBER OF AK-SAR-BEN**



**D**URING his recent stay of a day and night in Omaha, Col. Roosevelt was initiated into the order of Ak-Sar-Ben, an organization of Middle West "boosters." Such details as have leaked out give the idea that the ceremonies were of a peculiarly lively character, and the distinguished initiate is said to have enjoyed them hugely. The character of the doings may be judged from the illustrations representing "stunts" through which the ex-president was put. From the expression on his face it may be judged that the fun in no way displeased Col. Roosevelt.

Last year President Taft was initiated into the society, which is chiefly made up of business men who have banded themselves in a co-operative movement, having for its object the development of the transmissouri country.

**IN THE SCRAP HEAP**

**Remnant of French Panama Canal Goes to Melting Pots.**

**Costly Machinery Brought Over by Backers of Ferdinand de Lesseps Being Sent to Furnaces to Be Made Over.**

Harrisburg, Pa.—The ghost of old Ferdinand de Lesseps, the French engineer, would stand aghast were it to visit the yards of the Harrisburg Iron and Steel company and see what is being done with the costly machinery and equipment which he shipped from France to the Isthmus of Panama in the '70s, to aid in the construction of the big ditch that was to be dug solely by French labor, conducted by French skill and paid for by French cash from the strong box of the banker and the humble woolen sock of the French peasant.

As all the world knows, after De Lesseps had made such a great success in building the Suez canal, he was urged to greater efforts to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; and he set about the task with fer-

vor and a desire to enrich his countrymen as well as to add luster to his own name and reputation. It was too expensive a transaction, however, and after the French government withdrew its patronage and the French people declined longer to contribute, there came scandals without number that shocked the world, and De Lesseps withdrew to France to die of a broken heart.

In the abandonment the French company left on the ground all of its machinery, some of which had never been in use, consisting of locomotives, steel cars, huge steel scoops and dredges, valuable tools of iron and steel, bridges that had been made in France and were ready to put together, huge cranes, levers and costly casting material.

This costly outfit lay in the path of the American engineers when they came to dig the new ditch which Uncle Sam has in course of construction. Some of it was covered with mud a foot deep; some of it gathered rust an inch deep in the forests of the tropics; locomotives that cost thousands in France lay upturned, the resting places of the swamp birds, and monkeys swung from one bridge piece to the other as had done their ancestors

when De Lesseps and his merry men began to dig the ditch that failed.

There was only one thing to do with this old stuff, and that was to gather it, ship it north and sell it for junk, to be remelted in the Yankee smelting pot, to make useful things. Tons upon tons of it were sent to New York and sold, and among those who got a share was the Harrisburg Iron and Steel company. Thus far Harrisburg has handled 1,500 tons of this scrap. As none of it can be used for its original purpose, as fast as it is received here it is cleaned of the rust of years and the mud of Panama and sent to furnaces, for there is always a demand for it, because of its quality.

**'Gator in Hen's Nest.**

New York.—A pet alligator owned by the family of Jesse Irving Taylor, 249 Broad street, Bloomfield, N. J., disappeared and had been given up as lost.

Miss Jeannette Taylor, while gathering eggs from the nests in the chicken coop was startled to see the head of the alligator sticking under the wing of an old black hen sitting in one of the nests. The gator, Ted, was removed from its comfortable quarters and placed in an aquarium. The alligator had grown considerably, and judging from the number of shells found, had been subsisting on fresh eggs.

**FIND YOUR NAME BY NUMBER**

**Miss Zoe Boyle Explains Workings of Her Nomenclature System—Not Fortune Telling.**

New York.—What's in a name? Nearly everything from a sore throat to a steady job, in the opinion of Miss Zoe J. Boyle of this city, who calls herself "a name analyst." She maintains that when one writes one's self "E-D-Y-T-H-E," instead of "E-D-I-T-H," one actually makes one's self a wholly different person. For, she says, as "Edythe" one may be more unlucky than when it's spelled with an "I."

"It isn't fortune-telling," said Miss Boyle. "It is the working of a natural, ordinary law. It means a lot of accurate, careful work. Every letter of the child's two or three names—Christian, middle and surname—stands for something. Then each letter is equivalent to a number in several mathematical tables which I use. The simplest is like this," and she showed the following diagram:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	

"I add up all the numbers to which the respective letters of the name belong. For instance, the name 'Mary' would be 4-plus 1, plus 9, plus 7. The sum of these is 21, and I consider the

vibrations of that number in two ways, as the compound number, 21, and as the sum of the two component parts, 2 plus 1, or 3. I have many books telling what qualities and tendencies every number stands for, away up into the hundreds.

"Using this simple table, I analyze each of the names borne by the person I am studying. I then add the sum of the letters of the three names together, coupled with the mother's maiden name. Only with all this data do I attempt to make a reading."

"But people don't name themselves," the reporter ventured, "and isn't it rather unfair that their characters and their luck should be determined in spite of themselves, at their christening?"

"Science is seldom fair," she answered, "and people have only to change their names. Of course, frequently it would be rather inconvenient to disturb the surname. But even if that is an unlucky one, the Christian name can nearly always be manipulated to neutralize the bad qualities of the other."

"That's why some women are so different after they are married?" was suggested.

"Yes, indeed," said Miss Boyle, "and you know many unhappy marriages are simply the result of an unlucky combination of names."

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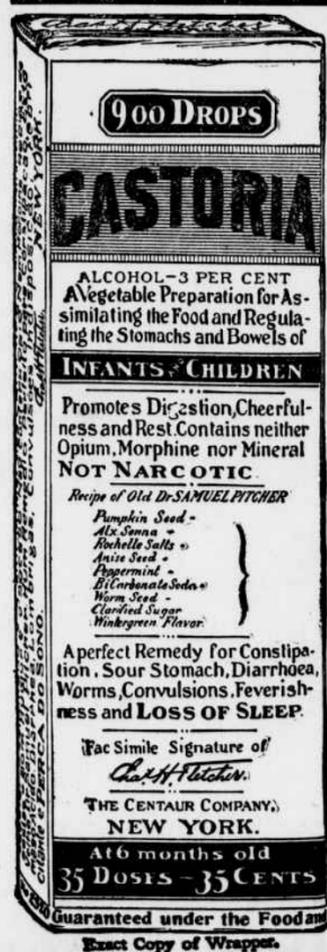
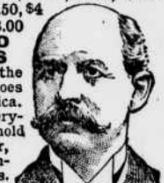
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