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FAIRBANKS' PERSONAL CAMPAIGN

CHARLES WARREN FAIRBANKS, vice president of the United States, would like to drop the vice from his official title and is, therefore, making an industrious and interesting campaign to compass the republican nomination next year.

On these matters Mr. Fairbanks does not give us much light. His campaign is based on the broad and simple showing that he is a good American, one of the plain people.

Farmer boy, carpenter, collegian, newspaper reporter, lawyer, senator, he worked his way upward with the help of a stout pair of hands and a level head.

When my roommate and I cut cordwood, earned a few dollars as carpenter work, did our own cooking and sewed on buttons we were unconscious of any particular merit.

Not pride but honesty compels these intimate revelations. Mr. Fairbanks did not sew on buttons or toss flapjacks to make campaign material.

It is recorded—not in the autobiography—that on a recent visit to New York, Mr. Fairbanks took his place manfully among the straphangers.

Mr. Fairbanks has been accused by certain graceless journalists of being an "ice wagon."

A man's temperament is much like his eyes and hair. However, it can be modified in a measure.

We think we may say that Mr. Fairbanks succeeds in making himself likable and we offer him our largest sympathy in his labor of lighting a fire under his own disposition.

CLOTHES AND THE COURTS

THE courts are taking a hand in the wherewithal we shall be clothed. Judge Fulkerth of the superior court of Stanislaus county has decided that the school trustees of Modesto have the right to exclude from the schools students who wear sweaters while in attendance.

It is a question, however, on which there appears to be some difference of opinion, as we learn from the particulars of a suit wherein the parents of a Modesto boy contested the right of the school board in this regard.

I would not say, nor do I wish to be understood as intimating, that a board of school trustees has the unlimited right to pass upon or prescribe the mode or style of dress to be adopted and worn by the pupils, because the exercise of such a right or claim would be unwarranted and unreasonable interference with the personal rights and privileges of individuals, not possessed by school boards.

We can easily imagine that had the question concerned some of the niceties of feminine garniture the learned jurist might have

Curbing Harriman's Power



It is planned to reorganize the executive committee of the Union Pacific railroad by placing upon it several strong men who will be able to influence Mr. Harriman and share the responsibility for his actions.—News item.

hesitated. To be sure, the mother Hubbard meets with his unqualified condemnation, but that is no longer a living issue. The mother Hubbard has gone hopelessly out of fashion, and no self-respecting woman would be found dead or alive in any such unlovely garment.

In another state a somewhat similar question was decided the other day in like fashion. A chief yeoman of the United States navy was excluded from a place of amusement at Newport, R. I., because he was wearing a naval uniform.

THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FARCE COMEDY

THE comedy entitled "Saving His Face" is up for early presentation by the local school board. The directors and the superintendent have billed themselves to make a scene in which the teacher shall be rebuked.

The inspiration of this preposterous official brainstorm is a letter which Dr. Mahoney wrote and gave out for publication, in which she condemned in temperate language a lease of school property made by the board.

The comedy is likely to be converted into farce before the curtains drop. Of course, any action of a radical nature that the board might take would be subject to review by the courts, and would certainly be reversed on a mere statement of the facts.

Answers to Queries

- AN OLD DATE—Subscriber, Oakland, Cal. June 8, 1842, fell on a Wednesday.
FIRE SONGS—A. C. R. City. Fire songs appeared in the Sunday Call of December 23 and December 30, 1905.
RAZE—A Subscriber, City. If you will look in any dictionary you will find the full definition of raze and rase.
THE BENNINGTON—H. A. B. Concord, N. H. The "accident" on the Bennington occurred in July, 1904.
COLLECTIVE NOUN—E. City. Whenever a collective noun is considered as a unit a verb in the singular should be used.
BOB ARMSTRONG—Subscriber, City. Bob Armstrong, who fought Jim Jeffries August 5, 1899, and lost, is a colored man.
VETO—S. S. Dixon, Cal. In this state it requires a two-thirds vote of each house to pass a law over the veto of the governor.
PARLOR BOARDER—Subscriber, City. A parlor boarder is a scholar in a boarding school who takes meals with the master's family.
THE HIGHEST—Reader, City. It is said that the highest inhabited place in the world is the Buddhist monastery Hsiao, in Tibet, which is about 17,000 feet above the level of the sea.
TO BEND AMBER—L. A. City. To bend a piece of straight amber or stem drop it in hot beeswax. After it has been immersed for a few minutes remove it and holding it before a fire, bend it to the desired shape.
NEW LAWS—Many Correspondents, City and State. The laws passed by the last legislature and approved by the governor have not yet been published.
FROG—Subscriber, City. Whether frog is flesh or fish when used as food is not clearly defined, but Aloysius Subetti, S. J., in his "Compendium of Moral Theology," a standard Catholic work, says that frogs may be eaten on fast days.
MINNESOTA PLATS—W. H. Chase of this city has kindly furnished this department with the following about a burial place of the pioneer days known as the Minnesota Flats.
LOSS OF LIFE—W. R. Fairbanks, Cal. There is no way of determining the loss of life by the fire of April 18-19, 1906, in San Francisco.
BY ASSAYING—G. A. E. Forest Hill, Cal. The fineness of gold is ascertained by the officers of the mint by assaying.
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Gossip of the Doings of Railroad Men

EUGENE ZIMMERMAN, president of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railway company and also of the Ann Arbor railroad company and steamship lines, left with his son in law and daughter, the duke and duchess of Manchester, for New York last night.

The railroads were never so busy as they are today and they are unable to take care of all the business offered them. I see no reason why this property should not continue, for it seems to me that not even Wall street can impair general confidence.

The new sash and door factory at Weed is in operation, in part. The plant will not be in full blast for some time.

Progress in Various Sections of the State Is Noted by the Press

H. WEBER, manager of the Petaluma gas and electric company, has just received from John A. Britton, general manager of the California gas and electric corporation, a communication stating that the engineers of the above named corporation have finished their plans, and that it has been definitely settled that the Petaluma gas and electric company will install a steam plant of 3,000 horsepower capacity here, on the block fronting on First street between C and D.

The Sunset oil refining company, a Los Angeles concern, which conducts the big institution known as the Obispo refinery, near the southern city, has begun active work on its refinery to be located on the Fulton land on section 1, 11-24, at Sunset.

Four handsome cars of the Central California traction company have arrived for their interurban line and as soon as the road to Lodi can be finished will be in the service.

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Monterey is to have a flour mill, and it is to be in operation before the summer is over. Work will be started on it just as soon as a site can be found.

Philip Galpin, Miss Eleanor Davenport, Mrs. Milton Latham and Mrs. James Cooper.

The Smart Set

THE wedding of Miss Emily Marvin and Roy Somers will be celebrated this evening at 8:30 o'clock at St. Luke's church, the Rev. Edward Morgan officiating, and owing to the fact that the family of the groom is in mourning it is to be a very quiet, informal affair.

John Casserly went east recently and is now with Mrs. Casserly in New York having been called there by the illness of their little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer King entertained recently at a dinner in honor of Patrick Calhoun, which proved to be a charming affair.

Miss Bertha Monroe Rickoff entertained at a dinner last night at the Fairmont after which she and her guests went to the Monday night skating club's last meeting of the season.

Mrs. Homer Boushey and Miss Mabel Gregory have sent out invitations for a card party Friday afternoon.

Miss Ella Bender was the guest of honor at a luncheon given last Friday by Miss Bertha Monroe Rickoff at the Fairmont hotel.

Personal Mention

T. Carrington of Cincinnati is at the Palace. John Annan of New York is a guest at the Palace.

O. E. Pittes and wife of Stockton are at the Hamlin. State Senator Belshaw of Antioch is at the Fairmont.

S. Reichl, a hotel man of Los Angeles, is at the Fairmont. B. F. Hulse and wife of Los Angeles are at the Majestic.

Stranger—What's that crowd over there with guns and pitchforks? Villager—They're hunting for a crazy man.

In the Joke World

Mrs. A.—Dear, I would like you to write me out a check. I want to buy a new umbrella, a mackintosh and a pair of rubbers.