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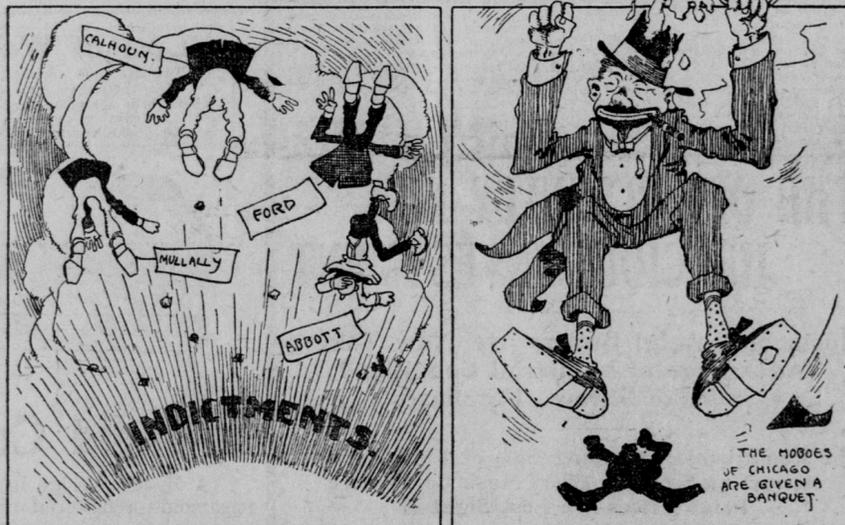
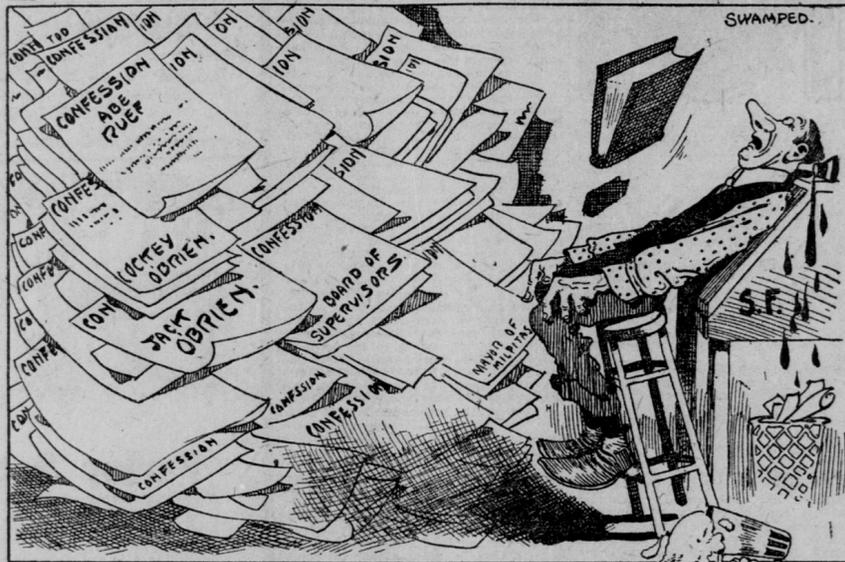
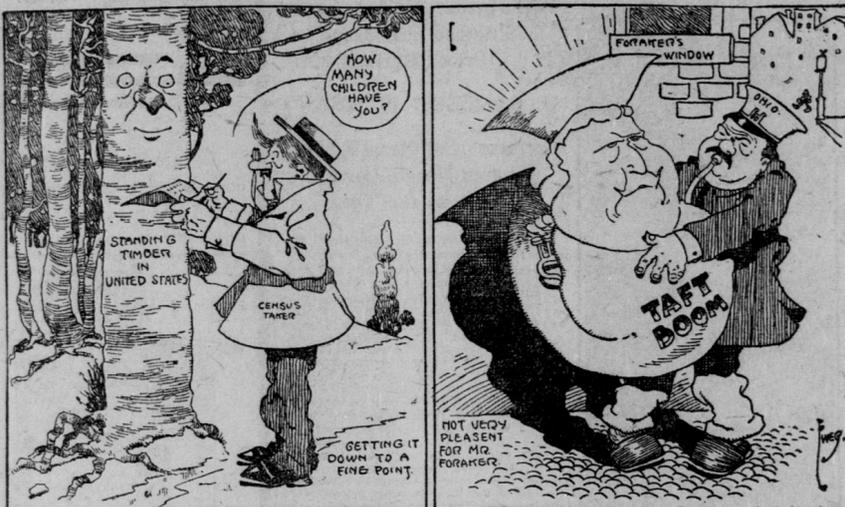
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Cartoonist Ewer's Review of the Week's News



The Insider

Discusses May Irwin, one of America's richest actresses, who is about to commit matrimony, and stage stars who own California realty

Actress May Irwin's Fortune Is Large
AND now it is May Irwin, fair, fat and 54, who is about to commit matrimony again. The last time May was reported about to remarry Hugo Toland was mentioned as the prospective bridegroom.

May Irwin is one of the richest actresses in the United States, and she has made every cent of her fortune herself by her theatrical engagements, management of theaters and by lucky investment.

Nat Goodwin Fond of Quips and Jests
Nat Goodwin lately gave vent to a mot, with Mrs. Langtry, who is now Lady de Bathe, as the subject.

Stage Earnings Are Invested in State
Lotta, Langtry, Modjeska and Nat Goodwin are not the only stage stars who liked California sufficiently well to invest some of their dollars in real estate within its boundaries.

Edna May Has Much to Learn as Cook
Apropos the dispatch informing the reading world that prior to her marriage with young Lewisohn Edna May is to become a Jewess, and will in consequence have to learn how to prepare kosher dishes, how many people know what a kosher dish is?

In Railway Circles
GOLDFIELD and Tonopah may now be said to have practically two overland roads and freight can be sent from this city into the mining districts of Nevada both from the north and from the south.

Personal Mention
George H. Tilden of Seattle is at the Fairmont.
Ira J. Francis of Los Angeles is at the St. Francis.
B. D. Knoss of Grangeville, Ala., is at the Baltimore.

In the Joke World

"I'm awfully frightened way up here," said the fair young thing in the airship.
"Very not, Clarissa," replied Harvey Gitrocks; "your fears are groundless."—Life.
"Moving" inquired a neighbor, as a furniture van stopped in front of Kerfeck's house.
"No, indeed," replied Kerfeck. "A friend wants to borrow our collection of souvenir postcards."—Judge.

THE UNMASKING OF COCKLEBURR MURRAY

SOME very strange politics are in process of evolution in Oklahoma in relation to the ratification of a state constitution. There is deep, dark brown mystery about the proceedings, and a certain statesman, locally known as "Cocklebur" Murray, is the villain of the play.

As the "drama unfolds," to quote a local plot finder, we learn, by way of damning detail, that Murray "keeps all seven copies in a wooden box" and sleeps on the box every night.

Whether this drama shall further unfold as comedy or tragedy no man can say as yet, but the brows of politicians in Washington are gloomy. It is represented that President Roosevelt is alarmed lest the proposed constitution be stuffed with incendiary provisions, and accordingly ways and means to circumvent the iniquitous Murray are under consideration.

I do not believe that the new state will be admitted into the union under such a constitution. One of the worst features of this remarkable paper is that which strikes at the very root of the dignity and independence of the judiciary. I refer to the provision that no judge can fine a man for contempt of court except after the defendant be convicted in a trial by jury.

On the other hand, the wicked democrats declare that the only reason why the constitution is objectionable in Washington is that their party had complete control of the convention and gerrymandered the state in such complete fashion as to give them a solid delegation in congress for years to come.

THE TWO SIDES OF RECRUITING
LIEUTENANT WALLACE BERTOLF, commanding the United States steamship Fox, recently from a cruise among the asparagus fields of San Joaquin, forwards to The Call certain official advertising "literature" put forth by the navy department to promote recruiting, and we rejoice to help Uncle Sam, with the understanding that The Call helps those who help themselves.

NAVY. "It's a dog's life," he said, bitterly, in reply. In the absence of further investigation such evidence should not count for much, but the fact remains that it is in the power of officers to make enlisted men lead a dog's life.

PASSING OF THE OLD SOUTH

SOMETHING has been said in these columns about the unexpected movement in Texas to restrict the practice of "carrying a gun." Alabama follows suit, although the practice is there described as "toting a pistol." The glories of the old south wane and even are departed.

NOTE AND COMMENT
Vital statistics fail to indicate any reduction in the Pullman car berth rate.

THE CLERGYMAN who officiated at the Corey-Gilman nuptials evidently decided that it was a shame to take the money.