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TAFT ON TRIAL FOR HERESY

SENATOR FORAKER declares war. He cannot support Taft for president. Notwithstanding the amiable pronouncement of the Hon. Nicholas Longworth, recently given out in this city, there is no peace in Ohio. In very truth, Senator Foraker has never been a man of peace. He would rather fight than eat, and thus a situation is developed of the highest interest. Foraker and Dick have for the most part been able in the past to drive the party band wagon in Ohio, but this year the senators find a rebellious crew in full occupation of that vehicle. Unlike Foraker, the crew would rather eat than fight.

But Foraker is none dismayed. He flourishes the shillelah and delivers a notable essay on the ethics and the etiquette of politics, partly for his own glory and in part by way of sidewinder delivered under the well cushioned fifth rib of Secretary Taft. It is worth quoting. Senator Foraker writes:

I see it stated almost every day in the newspapers as a reason for the claim that Ohio has only one candidate for the presidency that I have not at any time announced my candidacy for that office. It is true that I have never made any such announcement. A candidate for the presidency must assume, first, the great and serious responsibility of leading his party in the national campaign, and if successful, as we hope and expect to be, he must then assume the grave and serious responsibilities of administering the executive office. These responsibilities are so grave and so serious that any man might well feel highly complimented and greatly honored to have his fellow citizens name him in such a connection, but at the same time they are so grave and so serious that any ordinary man might well hesitate to proclaim himself qualified for such responsibility, or prefer at least to wait until invited by his party associates to take upon himself such responsibilities. Such a position is at least more in keeping with the high dignity of the office. Besides, it gives his party associates an opportunity to declare their unbiased and unembarrassed judgment, which he should be willing to both wait for and abide.

This delicacy is superfine. The office should seek the man. Taft ought to resume his seat and not fill the air with clamorous and indelicate outcry. He should take example by Foraker, who presents himself to the nation as a man of unsuspected modesty.

While one may concur in a general way with the fine sentiments enunciated by Senator Foraker, yet the expression of his acute sensibilties on this subject assumes a certain humorous aspect if one considers the source. When a man has been an office seeker for forty years it is surprising to be informed that in all this time he has been doing outrage to his most cherished principles.

All this, of course, is byplay. It may amuse, but it cuts no ice. The real business is before the house when Senator Foraker conjures the tariff ghost. The spell is working and nobody knows what terrifying visions the Ohio senator may raise. He proposes to try the secretary of war for heresy, treason and flat blasphemy.

While the country will not take to heart the antic humor of a candid pharisee, preaching a modesty that he does not own, there is no doubt that Foraker has put his finger on the sore spot. The wise men of the republican party had agreed among themselves to postpone revision of the tariff for two years and, if possible, to keep the question out of politics next year. But, while the politicians can make politics, they cannot shape issues, which, indeed, make themselves. It is already clear that the next national campaign will be fought largely, if not wholly, on the tariff and its revision.

DISCREDITABLE RECORD OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

THE way of bureaucracy is slower than molasses on a frosty morning. It is no secret that land frauds on a monstrous scale have been committed in California. The pigeonholes of the general land office are chock a block with the evidence and the reports of special agents. The land office is under suspicion. It has been that way for forty years, and, although secretaries have labored conscientiously to disinfect the office, their success has not been gratifying. There have been outbreaks of sporadic activity, as in the case of the Oregon prosecutions, but as to California, Wyoming and other states in this region nothing appears to be done. Does any one recall how many years ago the prosecution of Benson and Hyde was begun? The last news about the case is that they may be tried some time next year. It is a most discreditable record.

There is the case of Mr. H. H. Yard. We are not prepared to say that Mr. Yard's locations were not made under color of law. There may be no case for criminal prosecution, but there can be no doubt that the government should at once take steps to recover title and possession of the vast body of land that Mr. Yard has located as placer ground. If he can prove his claim that all these locations are on mineral land of that character he may be able to support his title, but we have the testimony of State Mineralogist Aubury to the contrary.

When Secretary Garfield was here the other day he said that Commissioner Ballinger had been instructed to confer with Mr. Aubury on the subject. We hope that these instructions will result in something more than conferences. It is time to stop talking and do something, and if subordinate officials are purposely delaying action in these matters their superiors must be held responsible.

A LAME AND IMPOTENT CONFERENCE

THE impatience of the warlike apostles of peace over the amiable dilettantism of The Hague conference is painfully upsetting to the flock of old crows who are gathered in the Dutch capital, persuaded that there is nothing in life but caw and more caw. The apostles are fighting mad. William T. Stead, who carries a rude bludgeon, reviles the British delegates to the conference and charges them with "destroying England's reputation as the leader of the peace loving nations of the world."

The trouble about this is that the indictment is true. The British delegation has from the beginning acted, to quote Stead, as "a wet blanket on the aspirations of the peace crusaders."

Yet the British delegation fairly represents the tone and type of the conference. It is lame and impotent, insincere and not in earnest. Baroness von Suttner, an Austrian publicist, is more severe than Stead. She attacks the conference for its dilatory policy and general inaction. She complains that peace is not even given "a first class funeral." Her bitter words have elicited a reply from M. Nelidoff, who leads the Russian delegation. He explains that the conference is assembled "to study international law" and is "not able to control international politics." The conference, then, is a sort of summer school for the study of law, with all the powers and duties of a nice tea party. The American delegates would do well to come home. They are wasting their time in solemn make believe.

DOUGHERTY, THE POLICEMAN

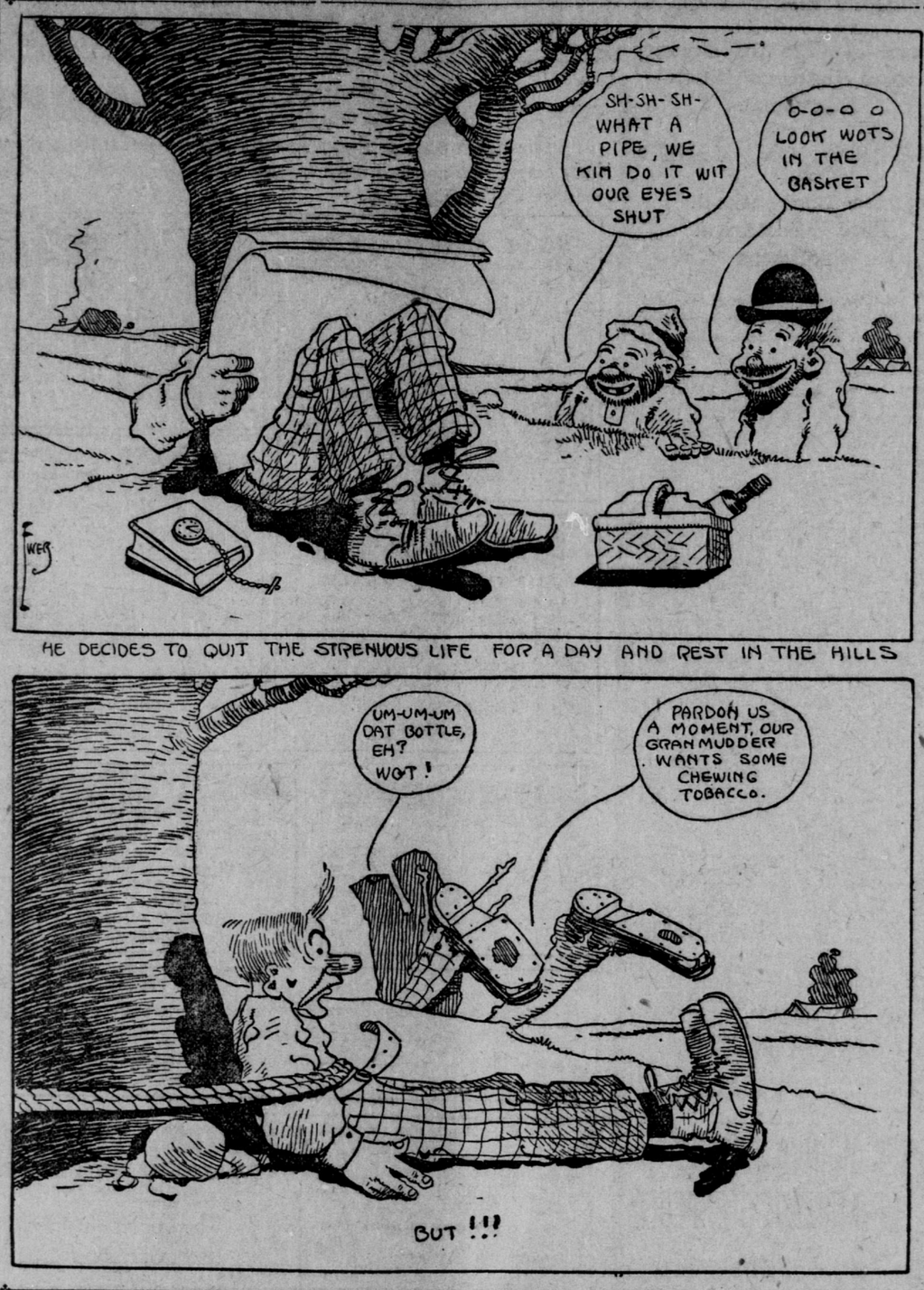
DOUGHERTY crushed the rebellion with one blow, for Dougherty is a policeman. It appears that an indiscreet American officer of infantry planted certain cocoa palms in the grounds of the ancient Morro castle at Santiago de Cuba. If we had that castle here we would call it the county jail and put some of our unnecessary mayors in it, but the Spaniards always had a finer knack of names. At any rate, this injudicious American officer planted the palms, and the Cubans, being a highly logical people, made this unthinking act of a mutton headed soldier the basis of a simple arithmetical calculation. The cocoa palm does not bear fruit until it is six years old. Therefore, the American occupation would continue for at least that period and probably longer, if they liked the taste of the fruit. The syllogism was complete and the milk in the cocoa nut exposed.

At once the chaparral began to buzz. The canebrakes were alive with patriots, mostly unbreeched. Conspiracy was hatched over plates of ice cream in Havana and Santiago. The downfall of the hated gringo usurper was sworn. The patriots were all ready to begin stealing horses, which is the prime object of a Cuban rebellion.

But they reckoned without Dougherty, who commands the rural guards at Santiago. You don't catch a Dougherty asleep when constabulary duty's to be done. He arrested the rebellion and put it in the county jail, which they call the Morro. Good Morro for Dougherty and all day for the patriots.

It is a fine thing to be a world power and spread the blessings of civilization and the American police. Where we go the county jail follows.

The Vacation—A Continued Story. Chapter 6



HE DECIDES TO QUIT THE STRENUOUS LIFE FOR A DAY AND REST IN THE HILLS

Gossip in Railway Circles

J. DOWNEY HARVEY, president of the Ocean Shore line, in speaking of the work that was being done on that road, said yesterday: "We have been delayed in track laying at Ocean View for the last few weeks by the Spring Valley water company, which is putting down the big main at that point, and not until it has finished shall we be able to do anything. We expect to have the line built to San Pedro by September 1. We are building at both ends, but it is impossible to say when the road will be completed so that trains will be running from the city to Santa Cruz."

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J. R. Downs, who was formerly the agent of the Southern Pacific at Riverside, has been appointed commercial agent of the company in San Diego, succeeding the late F. M. Frye.

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C. J. Millis has been appointed vice president and general manager of the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern railway and also of the steamer line owning the Breakwater, which properties were acquired recently by Harriman. Millis' headquarters will be at Portland and also at Marshfield. He was formerly with the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company.

N. W. Hall of the freight department of the Santa Fe and W. J. Shattuck, traveling freight agent of the same road, have returned from a walking trip through the Yosemite valley. Hall says that the valley was never so beautiful as at present, that there is plenty of water in the streams and that there are more people there this year than ever before.

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R. R. Ritchie, general agent of the Chicago and Northwestern, is at present in Chicago attending a meeting of all the general agents of that line.

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Henry Avila of the Union Pacific will spend his vacation at Capitola.

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C. E. Stokes is at present at Portland on business connected with tourist travel.

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W. J. Bartnett, general attorney for the Western Pacific, is in New York.

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R. H. Ingram, general superintendent of the southern division of the Southern Pacific, reports that 617 cars of melons were sent east from the Imperial valley this season.

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The Smart Set

AN interesting engagement announced by Mrs. Charles Mason of Sausalito is that of the betrothal of her daughter Mabel and Thomas Bishop. The bride elect is a daughter of the late Charles Mason, who in early days was allied closely with the British consulate. She is handsome and possesses a charm of manner and culture.

Mr. Bishop is a resident Englishman of excellent family and is popular with all. Mrs. Mason and her two daughters will depart in the near future to pass the winter in New York. The wedding will be celebrated next spring.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sadoc Tobin have been taking the waters at Carlsbad and are now motoring through the picturesque passes of Switzerland.

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At the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton announcement was made of the engagement of their daughter, Hazel, to Harry O. Stevens.

Miss Burton is one of Oakland's most attractive girls and resides with her parents in their handsome home at Piedmont.

The bridegroom elect has many friends both here and across the bay. He is connected with the Pacific Hardware and Steel company.

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Mrs. Crofton arrived on the army transport Buford from Manila, bringing with her the remains of Captain W. M. Crofton of the First infantry and those of her young daughter, who died in the Philippines. After resting here with relatives for a few days she will start for Delaware, where her loved ones will be laid to rest. Much sympathy is being extended to Mrs. Crofton by her many friends.

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The marriage of Miss Reta Altmann, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Altmann of 1323 Octavia street, and Sidney H. Abrams of New York will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents next Sunday at 2 o'clock. Owing to a recent death in the groom's family, only the immediate relatives will be present.

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After touring southern California in their motor car, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Meek, Miss Meek and Miss Harriet Meek of Hayward are enjoying a sojourn at Paraiso hot springs.

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Judge J. C. Jenkins of Manila and Mrs. Jenkins arrived on the Buford on Monday. They will travel leisurely through the United States, enjoying the judge's vacation, after which they will sail for the Philippines.

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Mrs. Hawkins, wife of Captain Hamilton Hawkins, U. S. A., and their children have arrived from Manila and are at the Fairmont.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clunie are enjoying a pleasant sojourn at the Hotel Vendome in San Jose.

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Dr. Walton Preston and family have returned from a two months' outing in the mountains.

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Lieutenant Benjamin B. McCroskey of the Twenty-fifth infantry is enjoying a short leave of absence from the Presidio.

Value of Uncle Sam's Trade With Japan

ACCORDING to the returns of the bureau of statistics at Washington, the trade of the United States with Japan during the calendar years 1905 and 1906 was as follows: Imports, $50,703,377 and $64,791,485, respectively, an increase in 1906 of $14,088,100; exports, $55,757,868 and $34,405,978, respectively, a decrease in 1906 of $21,351,890.

Of the increase in the imports from Japan, that in raw silk amounted to nearly $11,000,000 in the total increase of $14,088,100. This bears testimony to the activity of the silk industry in the United States. The other imports in which increases occurred were copper bars and ingots, tea, china and porcelain, etc. The copper imports amounted to $1,146,276, against nothing in 1905.

The largest decrease in exports to Japan in 1906 occurred in raw cotton, $4,450,976. Although the exports of cotton to Japan in 1906 were less than in 1905, they were more than double those of 1904. Full details of the trade with Japan for the calendar year 1906 are not available, but the following statement shows the exports of the principal articles hereto for that year compared with 1905:

ARTICLES.	1905.	1906.
Canned beef	$1,318,623	$15,627
Railway carriages and cycles	1,993,338	531,057
Clocks and watches	265,125	471,353
Cotton, raw	15,534,778	11,083,797
Cotton piece goods	828,322	72,573
Electric machinery	1,239,878	960,146
Flour	6,014,843	3,390,623
Builders' hardware	253,872	294,155
Scientific instruments	277,962	425,672
Locomotives	3,023,673	950,628
Mineral oil	3,033,373	4,456,211
Paper and paper manufactures	496,638	991,234
Paraffin and paraffin wax	504,298	481,091
Sole leather	3,406,774	482,906
Steel rails	305,883	722,245
Tobacco, leaf	962,180	629,427
All other articles	16,116,313	8,447,233
Total principal articles	$55,575,868	$34,405,978

Free Dental Service for Freiburg Children

CONSUL E. T. LIEFELD reports that on April 22 a municipal schulzahnklinik (school dental clinic) was opened in the German city of Freiburg, the operations of which he thus describes:

The dentist at the head of this school clinic examines all the children in the city, both in their homes and in the public schools. A report on such examinations is sent to the parents, who are asked to send their children to the school dental clinic for free treatment.

Those children having 10 or more poor teeth are first treated, an exception being made in the higher classes where those with only slight defects are to be treated, so that they will leave the public schools with sound teeth. After these worst cases have been attended to, all other children with defective teeth are to be treated, the younger ones given preference. The treatment of the teeth includes extraction, filling, crowning, etc.

There is no actual instruction in dental hygiene, but at the opening of the dental clinic the teachers explain its objects and workings to the children. The "zahnkarte" (tooth report card) contains on the reverse side instructions as to the care of the teeth.

Personal Mention

F. C. Lusk, an attorney of Chico, is at the Fairmont.

James G. Sheppard of Kansas City is at the Jefferson.

William C. Crane of New York is a guest at the Majestic.

W. A. Lucy and wife of Los Angeles are guests at the Hamlin.

Captain F. E. Lacey, First infantry, and wife are at the Majestic.

Mrs. F. M. and Miss Miller of Fresno are staying at the St. Francis.

F. Morisay of the United States cruiser Chicago is at the Savoy.

B. S. Heisterman and wife of Victoria, B. C., are at the Fairmont.

Joseph Scott, a prominent lawyer of Los Angeles, is at the Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Laton of Del Monte are at the St. Francis.

Miss Beatrice Nolan of Los Angeles registered at the Hamlin yesterday.

J. M. Smyth and daughter of St. Louis are guests at the Hotel Hamlin.

George P. Almstead and wife of Santa Maria are staying at the Hamlin.

Former United States Senator Thomas Kearns of Utah is at the St. Francis.

Russel T. Joy arrived from Wonder yesterday and registered at the St. Francis.

J. H. Tucker, a northern lumberman, arrived at the St. Francis yesterday from Portland.

J. Van Stewart and wife are at the Jefferson. They arrived yesterday from Port Townsend.

W. Longsdon and wife of London, Eng., who are on a pleasure trip, are at the Fairmont.

S. M. Haskins and S. N. Bonsall of Los Angeles, who are touring northern California, are staying at the Majestic.

Mrs. George S. Nixon, wife of United States Senator Nixon, arrived from Reno yesterday and is a guest at the Fairmont.

A. J. Beiersdorf and wife, with Mrs. Beiersdorf senior, of Chicago arrived yesterday on a pleasure tour. They are at the Majestic.

W. B. Ewing, a Goldfield mining operator, arrived from Nevada yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Ewing. They are at the Imperial.

New Road in Manchuria

CONSUL General Ragsdale of Tientsin reports that the military governors of Kirin and Heilungkiang are consulting with a view to building a railway line between Peituanlintzu, a place situated to the north of Harbin, and Sanhsing, 500 li (about 250 miles) east of Sungari river, for which permission has been granted by the board of communication.

Verses Current in Press of the Nation

BOYHOOD'S BOOK SHELF

SOME eve I'd like to plant myself
By boyhood's long neglected shelf.
Once more to ope those volumes worn
Which modern pages make forlorn.

Once more to let the moments speed
With Optic, Castlemon, Mayne Reid!
The "Boat Club" set, "The White Chief" there—
Ah, these were books, I do declare!

"Jack Hazard!" Joy! Again we meet
By grace of Trowbridge lines replete!
And 'pon my word here's "Cudjo's Cave!"
(Was Cudjo not a "dandy" slave?)

The "Scottish Chiefs" is this, I guess,
With "Thaddeus of Warsaw"—yes!
And this (I loaned it o'er and o'er)
Is Stephens' "Left on Labrador!"

Pass by that dog eared treasure? No!
'Tis Scott's entrancing "Ivanhoe!"
(How often, of its glamour taught,
Have Tom and I in tourney fought!)

And here, imploring boyhood's eyes,
The "Last of the Mohicans" lies!
Hail! Hawkeye, Uncas, Chingachgook!
("Deerslayer" is that next old book.)

Come, "Crusoe," pretty ragged, you—
A hundred times read through and through!
Your woodcuts blurred. While this one—see?
The far marooned "Swiss Family!"

And look! Their lonesomeness confessed,
"Aladdin," "Sinbad" and the rest
Peer forth from covers stained and dim,
Awaiting—cheek by jowl with Grimm!

Upon this faded black discern
The tempting, wizard name of Verne!
The title? Must be "Field of Ice"—
Or, no, some "trip" of strange device.

Munchausen, here; that Gulliver;
This, Coffin—truthful chronicler.
(The other three of course are bricks,
But can't beat "Boys of '76!")

And you, oh gift of gentler pen:
Louisa Alcott's "Little Men"!
And you, whom kindred soul creates:
"Hans Brinker; or, The Silver Skates!"

But Duty warns—like mother's dread:
"Stop now, my son: 'tis time for bed."
In vain I'd beg: "One chapter more!"
Farewell, dear shelf of boyhood's lore.

—Edwin L. Sabin.

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IN THE PUSH

He has a carriage now. No more will he see other people passing
And wonder if the time will come when he such things will be amassing;
For he is past the wonder stage; afar from speculative notions.
His carriage is a wicker one, and he's the means of locomotion.

His old friends smile as he goes by and snap their fingers at the baby,
And while it bellows in its grief, observe that it looks like him, maybe.
They leave him there to stop its noise, and throw aside all thought of marriage,
That brings a man to such a pass he rolls a wicker baby carriage.

—Dallas News.

In the Joke World

"Well," asked the first physician, "what has that strange patient of yours got?"

"I don't know," replied the other, "but I'm trying to turn it into typhoid fever. That's my great specialty, you know."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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"Post has brought out a dandy new guide for motorists."

"Has it got all the inns in the state in it?"

"You bet! And a complete list of hospitals with rates."—Town Topics.

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"Screechem was a barker in a circus once, wasn't he?"

"Yes."

"When did he give up this line of continuous talk?"

"When he married."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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The mouse had just gnawed the lion free.

"That's nothing," we remarked; "we've known a Welsh rabbit to let loose a whole menagerie."

Herewith Esop realized his fable was pretty small pumpkins.—New York Sun.

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"Then you won't let me kiss you?"

"Certainly not! You mustn't desire such things. Besides, if you did, you wouldn't want to half so much!"—St. Louis Republic.

Answers to Queries

PARROTS—A Subscriber, San Jose, Cal. There are men engaged in business in San Francisco who sell young parrots. If you wish to know the names and addresses of such you will have to send to this department a self-addressed and stamped envelope for reply by mail, as questions the answer to which amount to an advertisement are not published in this column.

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ANSWERS ON A GIVEN DAY.—This department does not undertake to print answers on a given day. The answers to questions asked are turned in as soon as the information asked for can be obtained, and the answers are printed in the order in which they are turned in.

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FISHING—J. O. N., Hydesville, Cal. No license is required in California by a person who goes fishing with hook and line. The law requiring a license applies only to hunters of game.

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LABOR VOTE—J. H., City. There are no figures that will give what is generally called "the labor vote" of the United States.

Conditions in California

The California Promotion committee wired the following to its eastern bureau in New York city yesterday:

California temperatures for the last 24 hours:

Eureka	Minimum 52	Maximum 56
San Francisco	Minimum 56	Maximum 65
San Diego	Minimum 64	Maximum 72

Reports received by the California Promotion committee from the state indicate a great demand for hop pickers.

Lumber receipts at San Francisco for the week ending July 30, 12,000,000 feet.

A new factory for olive pickling and olive oil is being equipped at Santa Ana. Hitherto many tons of olives have gone to waste each season in this section for lack of a local factory.

The 10 story steel frame of the Hooker & Lent building, at the corner of Market and First streets, San Francisco, is now ready and waiting for the exterior work. Contracts are now being let for the brick and terra cotta. The building will cost $200,000.