Civil War Remembered By Nation on a Holy Day

IT is significant of the genius of the American people that the only day set apart for commemoration of the civil war is a day on which we honor the men who fell in the conflict between the states. Other holidays are days of celebration; other great national events are recalled in days of rejoicing. We celebrate the fourth of July in commemoration of the birth of the republic; we in California celebrate on Admission day the birth of the state. But of all the victories, moral and physical, which came to our country in the civil war none is set apart in anniversary; but Memorial day is a day of sorrow on which the victory of heroic death is honored. Not with the fanfare of triumphant trumpets, not with the flutter of high flung flags do we celebrate the epochal, the epical four years of our nation's struggle against the forces of dismemberment; our holiday is one of muffled drums and crape-tied flags—a holiday in the archaic sense of the word, a holy day.

Today the veterans of the civil war, old men, who, as boys fresh from school fifty years ago, were struggling in Tennessee swamp and Virginia wilderness, march again shoulder to shoulder, with cane, with crutch, with empty sleeve. The edict of nature which prescribes the span of life will not permit these many more observances of Memorial day. But while there is life in their old, tired, crippled bodies they will hobble to the front, boys in blue again.

It is an honorable thing that in the bitter days after the war, when memories of the rebellion were still hot in the hearts of the veterans, no day of glorification in honor of the war was set apart by the triumphant hosts. Now the animosities of the sixties have passed and there is on the calendar no day of gloating over victory won against brother. Only do the old soldiers who survive join in the march again to honor the valor and the patriotism of their comrades who fell.

It is to the highest honor of the American people that they remember the civil war more in the religious spirit than as a triumph of arms and doctrines.

Wickersham the Nemesis of S. P. Co.

THROUGH the resolute action of Attorney General Wickersham the government is about to recover for the public from the Southern Pacific company oil bearing lands in Kern county valued at approximately $15,000,000. The attorney general of the United States says the investigation has "developed sensational and startling disclosures" and "presents a remarkable picture of criminal conspiracy among high officials of the Southern Pacific company to acquire from the United States, under an agricultural grant, oil lands valued at $15,000,000.

With an attorney general in Washington who does things, with an administration intent on the prosecution of high officials as well as low officials, with the governmental authorities as earnest to recover public property from a corporation as great as the Southern Pacific, as well as from a smaller offender against the law, the people of the United States are about to recover lawful possession of a valuable asset.

The facts, as developed in Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco, reveal a conspiracy commensurate with the extent and power of the corporation that engineered it. Eberlein, the former Southern Pacific land agent, whose honesty enabled the government to get at the details of the fraud, is shown to be a high type of man, whose character does not permit him to compromise with the corrupt practices of a corporation, even if it did employ him. The predicament of other officials of the Southern Pacific is unenviable. It is time corporation servants learned that robbery of the government is as serious an offense as is robbing a corporation. The Southern Pacific is not disposed to be lenient with employes who steal from it. The theft of an article of small value from the railroad stirs the company to relentless prosecution. The theft by the company of $15,000,000 worth of oil bearing land from the government should merit treatment as severe.

The Southern Pacific and the corporations which it absorbed secured valuable grants of land from the United States government as a subsidy for building the transcontinental railroad. The land granted by the government was to be agricultural land, and mineral bearing land was especially excepted under the terms of the grant. The fraud alleged against the Southern Pacific and certain of its officials is that they sought to patent as agricultural land which they knew to be mineral bearing.

That the conspiracy might be conducted the more safely, the Southern Pacific company organized the Kern Trading and Oil company, which was to take over the patented land, and officials of the two companies wanted to arrange for the lease by the Southern Pacific company of this land in the McKittrick district to the oil company while it was presenting affidavits before the United States land office in Visalia that the land was not mineral bearing. No more pointed evidence of fraud seems needed.

The administration of the office of attorney general of the United States by Wickersham has been noteworthy for its disinterested prosecution of criminals of whatever degree and with whatever influence. In this case against the Southern Pacific the attorney general is following out his invariable rule of absolute adhesion to the law. He knows no guide but the statutes of his country.

California an Aid to Ohio Suffragists

OHIO is about to pass upon the question of granting suffrage to women. The Call urges the proponents of the movement to find their arguments in California, where suffrage has been practiced and has proved eminently successful. California is the best laboratory for the study of the beneficial influence of suffrage that may be found. It answers all the objections raised to the issue.

Woman's ability to master quickly the technical or mechanical details of voting has been demonstrated in California. In no election in this state have the women experienced any difficulty in comprehending the process of voting, in solving the intricacies of the sample ballot, in expeditiously stamping the cross in the proper place. In none of the elections of the state has there been any increase of the number of invalid ballots. Of course, no one with a grain of common sense believed that women were not mentally competent to handle the ballot, but argument was raised against the extension of suffrage on that ground.

Another argument which is continually used against equal suffrage is that the feminine mind runs to extremes, that the woman faddist will vote and the home loving woman will not; that the immoral woman will go to the polls while the moral woman will not. That group of arguments has been disproved in California. Women of all classes but the vicious have freely registered and voted. The vicious woman has stayed away from the registrar's office, where it would have been necessary for her to give her real name, her real address and make a declaration of occupation.

And as for the alleged corruptibility of women's vote, is it within the range of reason that the men of Ohio, their cheeks still flushed with the shame of Adams county, will urge that spurious indictment against women?

In California, furthermore, and particularly in Los Angeles, the women's vote has been against obnoxious restrictive legislation.

The time honored argument against suffrage for women is that balloting will take them from the home, from domestic duties. That is the most fallacious of all arguments brought against the extension of the ballot. No man nor child in California will report that he has suffered from neglect on account of his wife or mother voting.

California and The Call trust that the women of Ohio and the men of that state, to be inclusive, will gain the victory for justice, for fairness, for democracy, which will come with the extension of the ballot to women.

The influence of this state is given heartily to the women of Ohio and to the women of the United States. The contest in Ohio will be of tremendous importance to the cause of suffrage, for if the movement once finds a foothold east of the Missouri river it will speedily demonstrate to the reluctant eastern states that it will be of profit to the whole union to give the ballot to women.

Why Girls Will Marry Army and Navy Officers

SIX newly wedded couples were separated recently by the United States government. "What God hath joined let no man put asunder," says the church service, but Uncle Sam paid no attention to the mandate. Ruthlessly, albeit temporarily, he ordered six bridegrooms to the gunboat Annapolis and sent the vessel away, while six brides, orange blossoms still clinging to their hair, were left on San Diego's strand, lorn and forsaken.

That leads us to the psychological explanation of the lure of brass buttons. It is axiomatic that a girl's heart will melt on the breast of a gold buttoned coat sooner than it will on ordinary tweed. Philosophers have pondered over the attraction which brass buttons have exercised over women. Those of the Schopenhauer school would argue that the attraction which warlike togs have for girls is because the women are naturally bloodthirsty, cruel, glorying in feats of slaughter and deeds of carnage. Since they can not, being of timid natures, engage in war themselves, they would affiliate themselves with men who dare to be remorseless. That is a bitter theory.

The true reason for the feminine love of brass buttons is a natural phenomenon, deeper than love of battle or admiration for heroes as such. The soldier has ever needed a charm for women stronger than the sedentary clerk; otherwise the soldier would have no bride and the fighting race would die out.

No woman, other attractions being equal, would wish to marry a soldier or a sailor, a man who must be married in his saber, so that he can mount his horse—or his battleship—at the church door, shaking the rice out of his sword knots, and be off to shoot and slay perfectly good enemies of his country. So nature has provided that the sailor and the soldier should have attractions beyond those of other men. Wise old Dame Nature!

Some girls may wed naval officers in the hope that in forty years their husbands will be retired rear admirals. Most of them wed the men of the fighting ships because they are charming fellows; the fact that their husbands are clad in uniform will more than compensate them for absence at the front. The true love philter is not made by a witch, but by a military tailor.

THE MINISTER COMES BACK FROM THE CITY WEARING A MOST ASTOUNDING STRAW

—Chicago Evening Post.

Modesty

By the POET PHILOSOPHER

A MAN may sing his ego song, proclaim his merits with a gong, and fool the folks a while; but they will weigh him in the end, size up his caliber and send him to the old junk pile. To gather in some fame or pelf the cheap man always boosts himself and makes a wondrous noise; but noise soon bores his fellow men and fills them with the willies; then he's outlawed by the boys. I've met some fellows really great; some guys who reached a high estate in letters or in art; and shy and modest were they all—no banners on the outer wall, no mannerisms smart. And I have met some cheaper guys who thought this planet and the skies resounded with their fame; ah, they were made of finer dust! Their chests were swelled up fit to bust, their heads swelled up the same. A little while, throughout the town, the selling platers hold renown, and then they sink and slip; at last they join the has been clan and have no friend in mortal man since they have lost their grip. The influence of men of worth goes shining over all the earth as shines the summer sun; it needs no carnival of noise to gain attention from the boys, or hold it when it's won.

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Lonely Lieutenant Was Rough on Texas

A young lieutenant from a New York regiment surveyed the Texas scenery gloomily and reflected upon his great distance from the lights of Broadway. The smoke from a smelter and the swirling sand from the low lying hills had spoiled the lieutenant's disposition, chronicles Success Magazine.

"Tell me," said an editor from El Paso, "isn't there some hidden purpose behind this mobilization?"

"There is," replied the lieutenant, "we are going to force Mexico to take back Texas."—Uncle Remus' Home Magazine.

The Colyum

Providence respectfully requests us to announce that it will not be responsible for the safety of drunken men in the vicinity of Market and Third and Kearny streets while those thoroughfares are in their present condition. The aforesaid drunken men are kindly requested to look out for themselves.

THE SIERRA CLUB

The Sierra club will spend the summer in the Kings River canyon.—News Item.

We know every trick of the Big, Big Stick,
And we know well who wields it, too;
We've plunged our knife in the staff of life,
Which once on a yeast plant grew:
A guide will knock, with an Alpine stock,
The Alps—but who shall drub
A bothersome peak, till it's mushy and meek,
With the mighty Sierra club?

There are locust clubs, there are foe-cussed clubs
(When the foe is hit on the head),
There are ashen clubs, there are clashin' clubs
(Where the members ain't well bred);
There's a tray of clubs, there's a play of clubs
(When rival interests rub),
But who has a hand so fine and grand
To wield a Sierra club?

Has Whitney mount ever taken the count
When Williamson slung the staff?
Has Stanford black ever battled back,
Can Brewer stand the gaff?
Does massive Muir feel firm and sure
When the cumulo-stratus blub
And stern Kearsage makes a desperate charge
With the stuffed Sierra club?

THERE WAS a violent scramble at the Pac. Union club last night. A butler dropped a dime in the main eating room

E. M. GREENWAY writes us from Butte, Mont., that he is stopping at a hotel where the manager is Love. It must be a Butte-ful establishment. He says he is "expected to return to San Francisco in a few days." Must we wait that long?

That Fashion Again!

This business of wearing a Turkish towel for a hat seemed ingenious enough, but we rode out on the car last night with a girl who had her whole suit made out of toweling. Must be exciting to be around when she washes her face.

THERE IS NO law against wearing garlic on the breath, but it isn't encouraged in the best circles.

HOW COULD YOU DO IT?

We shall call to the attention of the grand jury or the vigilance committee or a special session of legislature the culpability of Bill Parker, editor of the Placerville Republican and Nugget, in publishing the following:

Sinking of the Titanic

Far out upon the deep blue ocean,
While the waves were not in motion,
Far off the Newfoundland shore
The Titanic will be seen no more.

It was the brightest night of April,
That night they had the spill,
She ran into an iceberg tall,
The cause of the disastrous fall.

In Southampton where she started,
From the British coast she parted:
And when she sailed out of the bay,
Undreamed of woe that day.

She broke her hull of steel
While out on the ocean for style:
And on the deck stood the people brave,
Awaiting to land on our coast was their crave.

The widows and orphans are mourning the loss
For the ocean their husbands did not cross.
When the death and destruction overtook her,
Quietly she lies in the deep blue ocean.

UNEARNED APPROVAL

Thornwell Mullally is considered by some to be the most polite man in San Francisco, but that doesn't get by here. He never gives a lady a seat on a streetcar.

For a Blue Ribbon

A match race is being arranged between the California Grays and the Cleveland Grays, which will soon be here. The drivers have not yet been selected. The California team received Knox when it last appeared, but is not discouraged.

THE EDITOR OF the Sat. Even. Post has just received a nice lot of fish from Ruf. Steele in return for favors. Ruf. asks him to let Ben. Franklin have two of the trout, but Lorimer said Ben. wouldn't care for them.

Your Boston Subscriber Will Stop His Subscription

Our learned contemporary, the Argonaut, that is so high brow it is baldheaded, says, in speaking of the poet Robert Browning's views on vivisection . . . "But the strength of these views must be somewhat diluted by a recollection of the fact that Browning had no son."

Where is your biographic culture, dear Argonaut?

A PRESUMABLY self-respecting music store down town has its show window filled with drums and such stuff, and recommends their purchase for drum corps. How a firm with any civic spirit can aid and abet a drum corps is more than this Colyum can comprehend.

EUREKA!

The cabhorse was liberated from the shafts. With a sigh he sank to the ground. "Eureka!" he neighed; "now I have foundered!"

What Smith Does Know

LONDON, May 4.—The diverting ignorance of United States Senator Smith on sea matters is quaintly hit off in a cartoon published in today's Daily Dispatch. The title is "First Lessons for Senators." The following are some lessons:

"No, the windlass is not kept for winding up the dog watch.

"No, it would not be possible to construct a raft out of the ship's log.

"No, ocean currents do not grow on seaweed.

"No, the banks of Newfoundland do not close on Saturday afternoon.

"No, the tonnage of a ship is not found by weighing the anchor."

But you must admit the senator knows how to burn up the British board of trade. A. L. P.

MEMORIAL DAY

By GEORGE FITCH,
Author of "At Good Old Siwash"

MEMORIAL day is the first spring holiday of the year and is welcomed with joyous shouts by millions of American citizens because of the splendid opportunity which it offers for track meets, double header baseball games, automobile races, motor boat regattas, boxing matches, marathons, golf tournaments and aeroplane meets.

This would indicate that Memorial day was invented for the purpose of making it impossible for us to forget our glorious outdoor sports. This is not true, however. It was originally set aside as a day for the nation to remember, and honor the men who thought so much more of their country than they did of themselves that they consented to die for it for $13 a month, with a possible pension for their widows and orphans if there should be any money left in the United States treasury after the congressmen got through building political postoffices.

The real official sporting event on Memorial day, therefore, is the one in which a large number of men averaging 70 years of age try to see how many blocks they can march behind the fife and drum before they drop out to rest. It still draws a large audience to the disgust of the sturdy young marathon runner who could beat the whole bunch in relays.

Thousands of people go to the cemeteries on Memorial day and strew flowers on the graves of the soldier dead. Among these people, however, we seldom find the horrified watchdogs of the treasury who live to add up the pension totals with shrieks of woe and to figure out how many battleships, public buildings and special commissions could be secured if the old soldiers and their families could be mercifully removed to a better land. Nothing makes one of these scholastic gentlemen so mad as to see an old soldier tottering down the street in a Memorial day parade in the full enjoyment of a $12 a month pension when all he ever did to earn it was to sleep out of doors for a few years and get shot at not to exceed one day in five.

Memorial day, however, is a good day on which to remember that most of these indignant patriots or their fathers stayed at home during the war and harassed the enemy chiefly by making faces at it 500 miles in the rear.

On Memorial day we should also remember that if 500,000 men loved this country well enough to die for it, we ought to love it enough to cast a vote or two each year entirely free of charge.

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PERSONS IN THE NEWS

S. H. VANDER GRIFT, a Washington, D. C., capitalist, is at the Fairmont with his family. He made a fortune in gas, steel and coal in Pittsburg and is prominent socially in New York, Washington and the Pennsylvania city. He has a country home on the Thousand islands.

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J. FRED BAIRD of Los Angeles and F. E. Morgan of Seattle, who have been attending the ad men's convention at Dallas, are guests at the Palace.

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E. R. McDANIEL, a railroad official of Tucson, Ariz., and E. D. Eby, a prominent merchant of Healdsburg, are recent arrivals at the Argonaut.

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L. R. THIAN and wife registered yesterday at the Union Square from Minneapolis. Thian is head of a lumber company in that city.

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W. F. LINCOLN, chief clerk of the Salt Lake railroad, with headquarters at Los Angeles, is among the recent arrivals at the Palace.

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J. E. TALMAGE JR. and Mrs. Talmage of Athens, Ga., who are making a tour of the west, have apartments at the Palace.

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T. BAKER, active manager of the Eastman Photographic Supply company at Melbourne, Aus., is registered at the Bellevue.

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F. E. BATTURS, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific at Los Angeles, is among the recent arrivals at the St. Francis.

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J. H. PEARMAN, a railroad man of Pasadena, is spending a few days at the Fairmont.

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O. B. SADLER, a dry goods dealer of San Pedro, Cal., is registered at the Argonaut.

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N. K. ARONOFF, wholesale leather merchant of Chicago, is at the Union Square hotel.

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JAMES SHEEHY, an apple grower of Watsonville, is registered at the St. Francis.

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E. W. MATHESON and wife of New South Wales are registered at the Cadillac.

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MRS. J. TEMPLE and Mrs. H. A. Cereghino of Denver are registered at the Court.

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A. W. KING, a dry goods merchant of Reno, Nev., is a guest at the Argonaut.

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RALEIGH P. TRIMBLE of Portland is among the recent arrivals at the Palace.

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A. W. MALTBY, a timberman of Concord, is at the St. Francis with Mrs. Maltby.

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SECUNDO GUASTI, a vineyardist of Los Angeles, is a guest at the Palace.

JOHN JOY EDSON JR. of Washington, D. C., son of one of the best known financiers in the District of Columbia, is at the St. Francis with J. Merrill Wright of Pittsburg.

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HERMAN HELLER, leader of the St. Francis hotel orchestra, is receiving the congratulations of his friends because of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Heller.

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CHARLES G. ADAMS, a leading character in large magnesite mining companies in southern California, is at the Bellevue, registered from Los Angeles.

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CHARLES H. MADISON, a well known hotel man of Long Beach, Cal., is at the St. Francis with Jerry Anderson.

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CHARLES G. BANNER, R. W. Herbert and C. F. Hill, all of Fresno, are among the guests at the Sutter.

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O. B. PERRY, a mining man of New York with interests in California, is staying at the St. Francis.

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M. A. HOFFMAN, a business man of Sacramento, is stopping at the Turpin with his wife.

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BISHOP HENRY DOUGLAS ROBINSON of Nevada is spending a few days at the St. Francis.

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F. FREDERICKS of Honolulu is among the recent arrivals at the Arlington.

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F. A. HEALY, a timber man of Willits, Cal., is stopping at the Argonaut.

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J. W. BOUNDS, a lumber man of Eugene, Ore., is registered at the Turpin.

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F. W. STALL, a mining man of National, Nev., is registered at the Palace.

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JOHN S. BUTLER of Mexico City is at the St. Francis with Mrs. Butler.

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H. F. FRENCH, a realty broker of Sacramento, is staying at the Sutter.

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W. D. WISE, a lumber man of Los Angeles, is a guest at the Palace.

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JOSEPH L. CUMMINGS of London is registered at the Arlington.

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G. W. KING and family of Hinton, Okla., are at the Cadillac.

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CHARLES KENYON, author of "Kindling," is at the Bellevue.

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DR. V. H. HULEN of Texas is stopping at the Colonial.

GOSSIP OF RAILWAY MEN

MESSRS. BLAKELEY, Engle and Fryckholm have been filling the Western Pacific offices with loud and strident cries these days. Each has taken the credit of having worked so hard that the thermometer hanging on the wall blew up. This happened on Tuesday, when the weather was a bit warm anyway.

And they might be fighting over it yet, were it not for the fact that some one suggested that a new thermometer be provided by the guilty party.

The broken thermometer still hangs on the wall.

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F. T. Perris has been appointed manager of the fuel department of the Santa Fe coast lines with offices at Olinda, Cal., and F. C. Ripley has been made assistant manager, with offices at Midoil, Cal. F. W. Thomas has been made supervisor of apprentices of the Santa Fe, with offices at Topeka, Kan.; P. O. Walker has been appointed roadmaster of the Oklahoma division, with headquarters at Guthrie, Okla., succeeding L. H. McIntire.

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C. H. Schlacks, first vice president of the Western Pacific, and C. M. Levey, second vice president, are on the job at the Chilcoot tunnel near Portola, seeing that the damage caused by the blaze there is remedied.

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Construction of Canada's third transcontinental railroad, the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific, which will be linked together into one road in 1914, has progressed to the point where 1,479 miles of the western division has been completed, and 1,300 miles of the eastern division.

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E. A. Shewe, city passenger and ticket agent of the Oregon Short Line at Ogden, has been appointed division freight and passenger agent, with headquarters at Butte, Mont., succeeding F. D. Wilson, assigned to other duties.

Abe Martin

A married man has three times as many things t' carry on a rainy day. Folks that have ev'rthing charged seem t' git all th' courtesies.