

## Carrizozo News

CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO.

The Alps seem perfectly delightful for driving tunnels through.

Burning orange peel will dissipate the odor of tobacco smoke in a room.

In Portugal married women retain their maiden names and are known by them.

Still, if there is any family in the world that can afford a divorce it is the Vanderbilt family.

Prince de Sagan doubtless thinks that being the husband of an heiress will prove as easy a way of making a living as any.

Well, perhaps the taste for French counts and princes is like that for dope. When you get started on it you cannot break off.

Wizard Burbank has begun to take an active part in politics. He hopes, perhaps, to succeed in evolving a graftless politician.

Count Szechenyi made a great hit on his return to Hungary, partly because all the world loves a lover and partly because he now has money.

Man can live 120 years by feeding on sour milk, says Prof. Metchnikoff. But who would want to live 120 years if he had to live on sour milk?

Shells can now be thrown from Paris to London by a new cannon that has just been tested. Napoleon ought to have waited a hundred years to be born.

Ontario girl threw a man over because he gave her an engagement ring with an imitation diamond. And yet they tell us imitation is the sincerest flattery.

Charleston, S. C., has 31 feet of water over the bar at the entrance to its harbor, and continually nags Savannah by calling attention to the circumstance.

Miss Elkins may become annoyed if a little more diplomacy is not used by the Italian royal family, who are talking as if Italy were as great and important as West Virginia.

More than half the crew of the new battleship Idaho have the mumps and are the "400" of the navy just now. Poor "Fighting Bob" had to have the gout for the whole outfit.

Bishop Fallows says he can reconcile the estranged and prevent divorce by his celebrated faith cure. We confess that we think more of it for diseases of this sort than for broken legs.

Zinc coffins are largely used in Vienna, but the most expensive ones are made of copper, and cost as much as \$2,500, while a bronze and copper coffin recently made for a Russian archduke cost over \$5,000.

Mrs. Roxana Pike Church, who died recently at Evanston, Ill., was, it is said, one of the flower girls who greeted Lafayette upon his visit to Boston to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill monument.

If eating "good" microbes will postpone old age for quite a while it is up to the eminent scientist to conduct a great moral upheaval among the "good" microbes and make them much better, thus avoiding senility for an indefinite period.

The bluejackets of the battle-ship fleet are keeping up their reputation by making big scores during target practice at Magdalena bay. While the exact figures are not likely to be given out, for the present at least, it is announced that there is likelihood of some records being broken. And that means about as sharp shooting as is possible.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE

### "TRUST BUSTER" FOR BENCH



Milton D. Purdy, assistant to the attorney-general, has been nominated by the president for United States judge at Minneapolis, and it remains to be seen whether the local political influence that has been so hostile to him in the past will be able to defeat him now. It was strong enough to prevent his being appointed district attorney for a full term, after he had served the unexpired term of his dead chief, but his abilities were not forgotten at the White House. When congress passed an act providing for an assistant to the attorney-general at \$7,000 a year, in addition to the seven assistants at \$5,000, Purdy was appointed to the office.

It is somewhat remarkable that a man who has made so brilliant a record as a lawyer should have been an indolent, unambitious pupil at school. His father was a potter; he learned the trade himself. He had no ambition to be anything else and would have remained a potter all his life but for his mother, who insisted on his going through the high school and then to the University of Minnesota. When he finished his course he was glad to take a position at \$24 a month, although his board cost him \$5 a week. For a year he was perfectly miserable and often wondered if it was worth while keeping up the struggle.

Then came the happiest moment of his life. He was appointed assistant city attorney of Minneapolis at the magnificent salary of \$25 a week. He felt that he was indeed wealthy now, and as soon as he could save enough for his wedding clothes he was married. Then he was appointed assistant United States district attorney and succeeded his chief on the latter's death.

His first 19 cases constituted an unbroken list of successes, and he is alleged to have saved the government over \$10,000,000. Among other things he brought the Minnesota timber thieves to book and helped "bust" the Northern Securities merger to the great delight of the president. Since he has been assistant to the attorney-general he has been making war upon the Standard Oil, the fertilizer, the drug, the tobacco and other trusts and has done valuable work for the government.

### CHIEF OF THE OLD BLOCK



Charles G. Gates has been "bucking the tiger" in a Rawhide gambling house and come out a winner to the tune of \$20,000. Gambling is to Charles as the breath of his nostrils; without it life would be unendurable, if not impossible. He came by the instinct honestly, for his father, John W. Gates, is looked upon as the most inveterate gambler in New York. It matters nothing to him whether he risks his money on stocks or at the race track; on cotton or on corn; at poker or at faro. If there is any gambling game he has not tried, Wall street men do not know what it is.

Although Charles is only 33, he has seen more of the ups and downs of life than most men of twice his age. He left college to become a clerk for the Consolidated Steel & Wire Co., of Chicago, and at 21 he was assistant to the president. He

was at this time engaged in many deals of his own and he made enough money by them to buy a partnership in a stock-brokerage firm. At 24 he felt that he had earned a rest, so he gave up business and went traveling for three years. On his return he went into his father's brokerage firm in New York. One day he calmly called a meeting of the partners to tell them how they could make two millions in six months. He proposed a corner of the corn market, and these men who had been studying the market for more years than young Gates had lived, went in with him. They ran the price of corn from 65 cents up to \$1, and then the crash came. It was whispered that the Gates family intended to leave the others stranded on the top of a rapidly falling market, and the partners took fright and pulled out.

Immediately afterward active in other deals. Charles is now in Rawhide engaged in mining deals.

### BOOMING CAUSE OF HUGHES



Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, president of the Hughes league, is busy booming the cause of the New York governor for the Republican presidential nomination.

If Hughes falls the general would like to see the choice fall upon Uncle Joe Cannon who, he says, has prevented more bad or useless legislation from going through than any man in the country. Moreover, he and Uncle Joe entered congress the same year and are exactly the same age, which probably helped to make them the staunch friends they have always been.

Gen. Woodford was born in New York 73 years ago, and was practicing law there more than half a century ago. He was messenger for the famous electoral college of 1860, and was afterward United States attorney for the southern district, which position he threw up to enter the army. At the close of the war he was brevet brigadier-general of volunteers. He was lieutenant-governor of New York in 1865, but was defeated for governor at the following election. He was president of the electoral college in 1872 and a congressman the following year. He has filled some important positions, having been a member of the commission to draft the charter for Greater New York and president of the Hudson Fulton commission.



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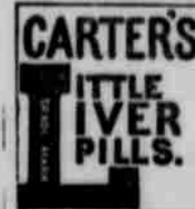
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