

ODD CHARACTERS IN HOUSTON. (No. 4.)



"OOFTY GOOFTY."

Among Houston's odd characters "Oofty Gooftly," the "diamond" merchant, holds a position that is peculiarly his own. To Houston people his face is almost as familiar as that of the lady which goes one side of the American dollar, but perhaps few know anything of his past, or how he came by the appellation that serves him as a name.

Shortly after I got well I was given a situation as mascot for a baseball team. The team was going to another town to play two games. If they won I was to get \$20, and if they lost the members of the team were to kick me. They lost both games, kicked the life nearly out of me and made me walk home, nearly a hundred miles.

THEY WON THE BANNER. Maccabees Tent No. 25 Carries Off the Honor As Largest in Texas. Several years ago the supreme body in Texas of the Knights of Maccabees, in order to stimulate and increase the membership in subordinate bodies, offered a handsome banner to be awarded to the tent having the largest membership, to be held by them until some other tent should earn it by showing a better membership. Under these conditions the banner was presented seven years ago to Lone Star Tent No. 41 of Waco and by that tent it has been held until now, when it comes to Houston, to be presented to Houston Tent No. 25 as the largest, or banner, tent in the State.

Several of the experiences related by "Oofty" are vouchers for by citizens who know him elsewhere—in fact, all of them no doubt actually occurred. The Houston tent now boasts of a membership of about 300.

HOUSTON IN ITS EARLY DAYS. MR. A. J. BURKE, AN OLD RESIDENT, GIVES SOME REMINISCENCES. People Had Sturdy Virtues, Worked Hard, Enjoyed Life with Their Friends and Were Happy.

Life in Houston was much simpler when I came here in 1835 than it is today," observed Mr. A. J. Burke, a reporter for The Post. "In the spring of that year my wife and I came by horseback from our former home in North Texas, and settled here. The trip took ten days, though now the whole distance can be covered by rail in less than one day."

BURGLES BECOMING FREQUENT. Houses Are Being Entered Almost Every Night.

It seems that burglaries start in a city—town that a sort of epidemic commences and continues until it has run its course. It is reported that two burglaries were committed early Wednesday morning, and in one instance an occupant of a house was hurt by the burglars.

BENEDIKS TO ENTERTAIN. A Moonlight Excursion Down the Bayou This Evening.

The Benediks will give a moonlight excursion down the bayou this evening. A special train over the Southern Pacific will take the members of the club and their guests to Clinton and from that point the bayou trip begins.

ACCIDENT CAUSES DEATH. Man Fell Between the Cars of a Train and Was Killed.

James Barrow, a white employe of the Galveston, Houston and Northern railroad, fell between the cars of a north-bound train near Pasadena Wednesday and received injuries from which he died a few hours afterward.

TAXING FACTORIES. Houston Manufacturers' Association Wants to Levy on the Cities.

The Houston Manufacturers' association has addressed communications to the Harris and McLennan county delegations to the State democratic convention and also to the State convention now in session at Waco toward the end of having the amendment of the State constitution so as to allow Texas cities option in the matter of taxing manufacturing industries.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH. Be sure and use that old and well tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething.

Excursion tonight Sylvan Beach. HOTEL RATES AT SOUR LAKE. From August 1 to October 1, \$1.50, \$1.30 and \$2.00 per day, according to rooms.

There they will go on an extensive trip in Mexico. E. P. Schiller, chief clerk of the Bristol, has accepted a position with the Cordova at Beaumont, and leaves this morning for a business trip to St. Louis, Chicago, New York City and other Northern and Eastern cities.

CITY BREVITIES.

Magolia park has been closed for the season. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cushman will tomorrow celebrate the fifth anniversary of their marriage, their golden wedding.

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