

"MARSE HENRY" AND ROYALTY

Watterson's Intimacy With Louis Napoleon Serves to Recall a Twain Incident.

It is related when Mark Twain was presented to the Prince of Wales he was most graciously received by Albert Edward, who took the great humorist aside and held an animated conversation with him, and upon parting observed: "I am glad to have met you again, Mr. Clemens."

Mark, surprised and somewhat abashed, said: "Again, your royal highness?" And with a twinkle in his eye, the prince replied: "Why, don't you remember when you were on top of an omnibus going down and I was leading a procession coming up the Strand?" referring to a forgotten joke in "Innocents Abroad."

I enjoyed that kind of intimacy with Louis Napoleon. In 1865 my breakfast room and his breakfast room were vis-a-vis; his, in the Palace of Tuilleries, mine in a cheap restaurant just opposite in the Rue de Rivoli.

I cannot say that further familiar acquaintance was established, or that I was ever invited to share his cup; but the lady who was keeping company with me then—she is still around, be sure, and still imaginative, bless her dear old bones!—could, she declared, distinctly see the dishes come on and off the imperial table, and once she thought she saw him pick his imperial teeth, and again she got a glimpse of the empress—who is now under the very roof of this hotel—which she makes her home whenever she revisits Paris.

I wonder if, looking across into the gardens of the Tuilleries over the way, she thinks regretfully of the past.—Henry Watterson's Letter to the Louisville Courier-Journal.

HAD SOMETHING LEFT OVER

Senator Was Wondering Just How He Would Employ the Remnant of His Salary Left.

Senator John K. Shields of Tennessee is a homelover and likes his own fireside better than the gilded glories of a gaudy hostelry. On his big plantation out in his state he has a large, colonial mansion surrounded by several hundred acres of fine land on which he pastures cattle, ponies and goats.

But when he came to the capital and sought to get a house suitable for his larder and penates, he found it a difficult task. An energetic real estate agent motored him and his wife from one house to another, each time the price rising skyward for the rent. Now, the senator receives \$7,000 a year, and if he pays out much for rent he will have to be pretty economical in his food and clothing.

So he and Mrs. Shields tramped over houses of all kinds for days. At last the agent got them cornered in a lovely mansion big enough to house a regiment and ornate enough to suit the Shah of Persia. He took them over it from top to bottom and at last stood up before them in the handsome library.

"What is the rent?" asked the senator, who was mightily pleased with the place.

"Very reasonable," replied the agent. "Only \$5,500 a year."

Senator Shields went over to a window and stood for a time in deep thought.

"Well, sir, what is it that is puzzling you?" inquired the agent.

"Nothing much," remarked Shields. "I was only thinking what I would do with the other five hundred of my salary."

Insatiable. George A. Birmingham (Canon Hanay), the versatile Irish clergyman, playwright and novelist, was talking to a New York reporter about the American business man.

"I'll tell you a story," he said, "which hits off the American business man well."

"A wife, still young, turned from the window of her sumptuous nineteenth-story apartment and said to her husband:

"George, ten years ago you promised me that when you made a million you'd retire from business, and then we'd travel and enjoy life."

"Here she began to cry. "You've got your million now!" she sobbed. "Why do you still keep on working?"

"George, as he hurried into his overcoat, growled: "Ah, that's just like you—never satisfied!"

Smokeless Destroyers. The United States navy department aims to develop to perfection the smokeless torpedo boat destroyer, just as the navies of all the other nations are trying to do; but a recent test gave results most gratifying to the officials. It was shown during the annual speed tests of the third and fourth groups, including ten vessels.

The Jouett exceeded her contract speed by averaging 32.9 on a two hours' run. The Beale, of the "sea horns," carried off the smokeless honors, scoring 100 per cent. She ran for four hours with absolutely no smoke showing from her funnels.

300 Letters on Grain of Wheat. Perhaps the greatest feat of microscopic engraving was accomplished by a Jewish farmer in Alberta, who prepared an address of welcome to the duke of Connaught. The address was inscribed in Hebrew on a grain of wheat and contained no fewer than 300 letters. So fine was the lettering that a microscope was necessary to read the inscription with any ease.



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CONFEDERATE VETERANS MAKE ADDRESSES

Gen. Shaffer and Gen Booth Talk to Sons and Daughters. Miss Isabelle Mouton Made State Sponsor.

Sunday evening a very good crowd gathered at the High School for the purpose of listening to General Shaffer talk of the Confederacy. The meeting was opened by Major DeClouet giving a short talk in his usual entertaining manner. Miss Isabelle Mouton then spoke of Gen. Shaffer's gallantry and valor for the Lost Cause, and with other complimentary words, gracefully presented him with a lovely basket of flowers. General Shaffer graciously responded and made Miss Mouton state sponsor and said that he felt sure that each one on his staff would be pleased and proud to have a grand daughter of Governor Mouton as their fair sponsor. Mrs. R. C. Cunningham rendered a very appropriate piano selection "The Battle of Manassas". The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Miss Isabelle Mouton and chorus and evoked much applause. Mr. F. V. Mouton gave a much appreciated vocal selection and then General Shaffer made an interesting address in which he spoke of the duties of the Sons and Daughters and Veterans and also of the better pension laws of the State. At the close of his address Maj. Gen. Booth made an entertaining talk. After which the audience was dismissed.

Died.

Walter J. Mouton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Mouton died at the family residence Sunday night at 10 o'clock, aged 7 years, 1 month and 7 days. The funeral took place at St. John's Catholic church yesterday at 5 p. m.

Moving Old High School.

Atty. C. D. Caffery who purchased the old high school building is having it moved to his lot on Cypress St. back of the old Domengeaux Hotel. Contractor Thompson is doing the moving.

Examination of Teachers.

Official notice is hereby given that an examination of persons applying for certificates to teach, will be held in the office of the undersigned on the following dates:

For white teachers: April 20th, 21st and 22nd; for negroes: April 23rd, 24th and 25th.

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North Carolina now has the Torrens System, and we are glad to find that the farmers of the adjoining States of Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia are fast resolving that they are entitled to as good treatment as the farmers of the Old North State in this respect. From these States the agitation will gain force in other sections, and Mississippi, Alabama and Texas will soon take hold.

Period of Sadness.

After twelve months in office the chairman of a West Wales parish council was about to give up his position. "And now, gentlemen," he said, with feeling, "the time has come for me to vacate the chair."

Bids Wanted.

The undersigned will receive bids up to noon of Wednesday, March 25, 1914, for standard paint of sufficient amount to give two coats to the Youngville school building which contains approximately fifty-seven squares. Each bidder will be required to furnish with his bid a certified analysis of the paint offered.

L. J. ALLEMAN, Parish Supt.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Improvement Company, Ltd., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year will be held on Wednesday, April 8, at 4 p. m.

C. M. PARKERSON, Secretary.

Fiscal Agency Bids Requested.

In accordance with Act 205 of 1913, and a resolution of the Parish School Board, adopted February 13, 1914, bids from banks in Lafayette Parish for the Fiscal Agency of the School Funds will be received up to noon of Saturday, April 4, 1914.

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L. J. ALLEMAN, Sec'y. Treas.

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COMPENSATION ACT WILL BE READY

For Submission to Legislature When It Meets in May. Says Senator Burke.

Times-Democrat.

"I believe we are in a fair way to agree on a bill that will meet with approval, and which will be practically without opposition." Senator Walter J. Burke, of Iberia, chairman of the Employers' Liability Commission said Saturday prior to departing for Baton Rouge, after spending a week in the city devoted chiefly to work on the measure.

The commission was appointed by the Governor under authority of an act passed by the Legislature two years ago, and is charged with drafting a workmen's compensation code for submission to the Legislature in May. The commission has been actively at work for the past six months, and now has advanced to the stage where it has a preliminary draft of the bill completed. There are, however, several features on which persons at interest have not agreed. The exemption sought by the stevedores of New Orleans on the ground that the contract they have with the river-front unions is such that they have no control over their employees.

Monday and Tuesday of last week the commission worked over projects of the bill. Senator Burke remained in the city the rest of the week, and devoted himself to conferences over various features of the bill. He made excellent progress, and left believing the hope of the commission to arrive at a measure that would meet with general support was in a fair way to accomplishment.

Senator Burke is to appear before the Louisiana State Federation of Labor at its meeting in Lake Charles to address it upon the subject of compensation legislation. The Senator will urge conservatism upon the federation, pointing out to them that the first thing to be done is to get through a fair bill recognizing the principles of workmen's compensation and that in future legislative sessions it can be amended in any respect where it fails to do full justice.

Boy Scouts Organized.

A camp of Boy Scouts with nineteen members was organized last Tuesday with Prof. E. P. Gilchrist of the Industrial school as scout master; Geo. Stafford, captain of corps patrol; Ray Alleman, assistant captain; Abner Dunning, captain of the Bob White patrol; Stanley Martin, assistant captain. The boys took their first hike Saturday, going to Jutte Lapin.

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