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Senator Foraker's announcement that he will ask the voters of Ohio to support him as a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination is quite in accord with his frequently expressed intention to submit to the Republicans of Ohio his differences of opinion with the administration and with Secretary Taft, and will doubtless be welcomed by Secretary Taft's managers, as well as by the general public in Ohio.

The proposition that the government of the various States get together and adopt a uniform system of railroad rates and regulations is based, we suppose, on the theory that in this way the sacred principle of State rights would be preserved. We fail to see, however, wherein would be the difference, practically, in doing this or in having the same thing accomplished by the chosen representatives of the States assembled at Washington for that very purpose.

With a hearty "goodbye and good luck" from the President of the United States, the most magnificent armada ever assembled under the American flag, sixteen powerful battleships, has at last set sail for the Pacific ocean on a cruise not only unique in the annals of American history, but one that has set all the world talking. The most striking consequence of the deliberations at The Hague has been that, with the sole exception of France, every great power has forthwith set to work to make a formidable increase of naval strength, and President Roosevelt deserves the affection and loyalty of the American people alone for his clear acumen in appreciating the necessity of the United States becoming a leading naval power made imperative by the new conditions on the Pacific Ocean.

It is claimed on the highest authority that no effort will be made by the present Congress to adopt legislation to remedy the present financial condition. An opportunity will be given to men high in the financial world to appear before the Committee on Currency and Banking to present their views on any proposed measure and it is the hope of the members of the committee that the finances of the country will so have adjusted themselves by that time that there will be no necessity for legislation looking to the correction of present conditions. Undoubtedly the present disturbed condition may be expected to remedy itself within a reasonable time, but it is for Congress to legislate away the likelihood of the possibility of such recurrences in the future.

Efforts are being and will continue to be made to create friction in the President's cabinet by those who are opposed to his policies and to the nomination of Secretary Taft for President. Of course the fact that the President has found it necessary to suggest to the Postmaster General the advisability of his exercising a more immediate supervision over the postoffice appointment heretofore entrusted to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Frank H. Hitchcock, will be made much of. The fact is, however, that the President's course is not a blow at the presidential boom of Secretary Cortelyou. Mr. Roosevelt has taken the entirely commendable ground that it would be improper for him to use the federal patronage to promote Mr. Taft's political interest, much as he desires Mr. Taft's political interests, much as he desires Mr. Taft's nomination, and he is therefore entirely consistent in his determination that the federal patronage shall not be used to promote the political interests of Mr. Cortelyou. The President's course is not a blow at Cortelyou but a step made necessary by the extraordinary indiscretion of his lieutenant, Hitchcock.



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LIME CITY.

Mrs. Isaac Swartz is very ill with typhoid fever.

James Leverton of Findlay spent Thursday and Friday with his sisters, Mrs. Sarah Trowbridge.

Miss Anna Trowbridge of Elm Grove, W. Va., is expected the last of the week for a visit with relatives.

John Foster who has returned from a trip to France spent a few days with John Ault and family.

Mrs. S. Trowbridge and daughter Bertha and son Cyrus spent Sunday evening with Frank Armbruster.

STONY RIDGE.

John Kurfis and family of Marion, O., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Kurfis and other relatives.

Ivon Warns, son of Antone Warns was thrown from a wagon and sustained a broken leg.

Jake Swartz is on the sick list.

Alvin Swartz who has been sick the past two weeks is slowly improving.

Miss Kate Warns spent Christmas at the Toledo Hospital, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Isaac Swartz, who recently underwent an operation.

The Christmas services of the Lutheran Church held Tuesday evening, were largely attended and proved a very enjoyable event.

DOWLING.

Miss Jessie DeVerna spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Louisa Krauss of Toledo.

E. S. DeVerna and family Geo. DeVerna and family spent Christmas with E. W. DeVerna and wife of Dunbridge.

Mrs. W. Hite spent last week with relatives in Cygnet.

Mrs. Mary Chamberlain of Dunbridge Sundayed with Geo. DeVerna and wife.

Geo. Fetterman and family were Christmas guests of Mr. Harring and wife.

Wm. Roller, Jr., Sundayed with Geo. DeVerna.

Mrs. Geo. Snyder and children, Misses Bertha and Cora Burkin and Anna Hagermier were Sunday visitors of Wm. Grolla and family.

Geo. Hite and wife and Otis Emch were guests of Walter Hite and wife Sunday.

Miss Cope of Cygnet is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Hite.

James Beard and wife, Alex Beard and family and Chas. Kendall and family were Christmas visitors of D. VanVorhis and wife of Bowling Green.

Miss Lizzie McTherson died at her home in Dunbridge Thursday, Dec. 19, 1907, aged 41 years and had been an invalid from birth.

The funeral services were held Saturday at the U. B. church at Dowling.

A Christmas Eve Proposal

By ANDREW DUNCAN.

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WITH every desire to be temperate in my language and charitable in my thoughts, truth compels me to the statement that Nellie Putlow—a younged brother—Albert Sidney Putlow—is a boy who will one of these days come to a bad end.

To know Albert Sidney—to know him thoroughly—is an education.

In juvenile depravity, a lesson in tabloided fiendishness.

For very good reasons I wished to secure freedom from Albert Sidney's attentions on the evening in question. I felt, somehow, that the task of asking his sister Nellie a certain little question would not be made easier in any way by having her young brother buzzing round offering to regulate my watch or exhibiting some home-made marvel in the clockwork mouse line. Master Putlow, I may tell you, is a prodigy in a mechanical direction. "I'll have none of him," thought I, and during the afternoon I sent round,

clock's striking gear," I said, with forced calmness.

"Been strikin' bang?" he asked.

"That's the thirty-ninth time," I answered, as another "Bang!" set all the mantel shelf ornaments dancing.

Albert Sidney whistled. "Thought it might go like that," he grinned. "Good clocks often do. It hasn't struck for ten years, you see, and now it won't stop till it's done all its back striking."

Great Jupiter! A lightning calculation told me that, roughly speaking, 500,000 bangs were overdue. At four to the minute it would be some time in April before that awful clock was up-to-date. Had the choice of getting out my proposal, dodging it in between the strikes, or of waiting for a more favorable opportunity.

"I—I think I'll be going," I gasped, deciding on a postponement, and on the seventy-eighth stroke, I snook hands with Nellie, glared murder at her brother, and hurried off.

At the bottom of the stairs I stopped to shake my fist in the mechanical prodigy's direction.

"You horrid boy!" I heard Nellie say.

A howl came from Albert Sidney. "You're as big a chump as he was to take in that tale about the thing workin' off its back strikes," he said; "I only fixed it to go like that for a lark. There! I've stopped it now. Go and call him back if you want him."

I fled. The prospect of Master Putlow as a brother-in-law was too awful.

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A. C. FULLER:

with my best wishes for a happy Christmas, a book calculated to keep any other nine-year-old boy as quiet as an oyster till each of its 240 pages had been dog-eared as black as coal. In the evening I called round. Nellie's father and mother were, as I expected, out on a Santa Claus excursion to their married daughter's. "Albert's at his book, I suppose?" I remarked, when I was asked into the front room.

"No," said Nellie; "he's doing something to a Waterbury watch in the back. Been busy all day. Look there," pointing to an old-fashioned clock fixed to the wall. "He unearthed that from the lumber room three days ago. It hasn't been going for ten years, and he's cleaned it, put it in order, and fixed it up as a surprise for dad. It's going splendidly."

Of course, I didn't mind a little bit about the book not claiming the boy's attention. So long as he was occupied elsewhere I was perfectly satisfied. We talked about nothing in particular for five minutes; then I braced myself for the ordeal. Nellie was in the rocker, and I on the saddlebag lounge by her side. It was then or never.

"Nellie," I whispered, glancing at my cuff, on which I had penciled my headings. "Nellie, I have long—"

"Whirr!"

She looked up, not at me, but at the clock. "It's going to strike," she said.

"Bang!"

I decided to wait until the awful thing had finished. "Bang! bang! bang! bang! bang!" At the eighth stroke I gave a sigh of relief and started again.

"I have long—"

"Bang!" "That's one too many," said Nellie. "What were you saying?"

"Bang!"

I was losing patience with that lumber room find. It occasioned me no surprise that the clock was somewhat erratic after Master Putlow's attentions, but that it should seize just that particular time to exhibit its vagaries annoyed me. "Never mind," I thought, "it can't strike more than 12."

Toledo Theaters

The Valentine Theatre, Toledo, Ohio, will offer on Monday and Tuesday, December 30-31, the eminent and distinguished actor, James O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill is one of the few actors of the old school left and his impressive and beautiful renditions of the great classic roles are among the greatest things that the present day theatre-goers have offered them. Mr. O'Neill's tour this season has been one prolonged ovation, beginning with New York. Mr. O'Neill will play two pieces from his repertoire which includes "The Count of Monte Cristo," "Julius Caesar" and "Virginius." It is said that his performances in Toledo will be of the highest class enactments of the year and likely to afford an abundance of entertainment.

Fritz Scheff, whose vivacity and voice have stamped her the queen of light opera in America, is to play a one night engagement only at the Valentine Theatre in "Mlle. Modiste," written especially for her by Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert. Madame Scheff has been seen in the opera for three years, and has made a tremendous personal success in it. Charles Dillingham is sending to Toledo the New York organization direct from the Knickerbocker Theatre, including William Pruette, Claude Gillingwater, Robert Michaels, Howard Chambers, Leo Mars, Josephine Bartlett, Blanche Morrisoe, Carolyn Steltz, Bertha Holly, Ethel Bard and many others. There will be a largely augmented orchestra for the engagement. No matinee will be given.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

Williams and Walker, who will bring their new musical show, entitled "Dandanna Land" to the Lyceum for four days, commencing Sunday afternoon with other matinees on

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If you knew you had just twenty-four hours to live, what would you do? This is essentially the plot in Howard Hall's new play of modern times, "The Fatal Flower," which will be seen here for the first time at the Lyceum on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2, to close the week. Mr. William Walcott, a prominent actor recently from the Belasco forces will be seen in the leading role as Gordon Hale, who by virtue of having inhaled the poison from the fatal flower, has but twenty-four hours to live. One can easily imagine the intense dramatic situations, the stirring action and the fervid interest almost amounting to suspense, that is wrought out around this novel theme by one of Mr. Hall's graphic styles. Certainly we can realize the dramatic possibilities of such a plot, and as attested by the press and public no author could possibly handle it more capably. Mr. Walcott is ably supported by Miss Florence Rossland, and as capable a company as will be seen here this season.

BURT'S.

One of the most popular musical comedies ever written, "McFadden's Flats" comes to Burt's Sunday afternoon as the New Years' attraction. Last season this attraction played to capacity houses at every performance. The little midget are still with the show, The Katzenjammer Kids and they create more trouble than can be straightened out in the three hours.

There is a large chorus of pretty girls who can sing and dance, and those who attend will enjoy one of the finest productions of the season.

Following it on Thursday afternoon to close the week, comes the popular dramatization of one of the most popular love stories ever written, "Tempest and Sunshine." This is a drama that appeals alike to old and young one prominent divine has said that it preached as powerful a sermon as was ever heard from a pulpit. It is a play that alternates between laughter and tears and follows the book closely and who is there that hasn't read the beautiful story?

DUNBRIDGE.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. P. E. Tyler for an all-day session. Dinner was served at the noon hour, to which about 75 did justice. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. I. E. Ward, and opened by a song with Mrs. Lucretia Robinson presiding at the piano. After the routine business Mrs. Lucretia Robinson and Mrs. Pearl McMann favored the society with a couple of duets. The out of town visitors were: Mrs. C. Segar and son Alva, of Iron River, Mich.; Mrs. Edna Sader and daughter, Hazel; Mrs. Pearl McMann and daughter, of Toledo, and Mr. Atkins of Bowling Green. Amount taken in was \$7.35. Penny collection 11 cents.—Cor. Democrat.

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