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The Chicke Chase at West Point

When a brief dispatch tells us that Everett Carleton Crear, a cadet, was court-martialed and found guilty of conduct unbecoming a West Pointer, there is left an unsatisfied longing to know more details. It seems that the young man with the name fit for a story book was accused of chewing gum, and denied it. The matter at once became serious when it transpired that he HAD A QUID IN HIS CHEEK AT THE TIME. His denial under these circumstances brought on the court-martial. And that is all we are told.

Here we are brought up with a sharp halt right at the dramatic moment. HOW did they turn up the gum and confront him with it? Huh? Did they pry his mouth open, like a sick horse's, to see if he actually harbored a Quid? Did they mention embalmed beef to him and cause him to gag and thus disclose the secret? Did they slap him on the back with pretended hilarity and surprise him into coughing it up? Or did they craftily simulate disarmed suspicion and have him shadowed until he was caught palming the chicke in an attempt to stick it under the mess table? Don't you see that here is a tantalizing hiatus that the panting public will have bridged, or lose sleep over it?

Come across with it, West Point authorities. Tell us how you got the goods on Everett Carleton Crear. To say nothing of the rest of us, 500,000 school teachers would like to become wise to the trick.

Help! We Want Babies!

France has thrown another fit over her decreasing birth rate and her small increase in population.

The French government has introduced in parliament a series of measures designed to stimulate the birth rate.

Bachelors will be required to remain in the army longer than married men; state employes who have reached the age of 25 years must marry or lose their jobs, and supplementary salaries and pensions will be allowed those who have more than three children.

France's efforts to increase its roll of babies by laws of parliament would be amusing if it were not so pathetic and at the same time so prophetic of our own fate, if we keep on boosting the cost of living to the point where parents will rather do without kiddies than to see them starving and slaving in the claws of the "big business" beast.

The resource grabbers instrumental in having the Mount Olympus national monument reserve created for the purpose of keeping other people out of it are stirred to righteous indignation to discover that Pinchot and Roosevelt so worded the withdrawal proclamation as to exclude them also. They are going to have Congressman Humphrey "have Taft fix it."

If you were mystified when you noted some weeks ago that your weekly newspaper had changed front and become suddenly friendly toward the administration, just examine it carefully and see whether it is carrying any interior department advertising.

John L. Wilson has dispatched his own special correspondent to

Oyster Bay to refute, "on the highest authority," all announcements that Roosevelt is in-sympathy with the insurgents.

The canvasser sent to line up the Burke vote at Deer Park, in Spokane county, who interviewed 24 republicans, and found them all for Polidexter, has tendered his resignation.

It ought to be some consolation for most of those citizens who are loudly complaining about the indecency of the city administration to recall that they are getting what they voted for.

Muckraking magazine: A periodical which makes public the embarrassing letters of federal officials.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE



GEN. FREDERICK FUNSTON. Brig. Gen. Frederick Funston, commandant of the army service schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is just now fighting what may prove to be his last battle. He is fighting with Death. Only a few days ago he became

ill with an attack of heart disease at his home. Post physicians consider his condition critical. He had been suffering with a slight heart trouble for some time, but the heat of the past week is thought to have brought on the present attack. Gen. Funston is not only remembered for his bravery in the Philippines in the war with Spain, and his capture of Aguinaldo, the leader of the Filipino insurrection, but also for the remarkable manner in which he commanded the situation after the California earthquake of 1906.

Pointed Paragraphs. There's no hope for a young man who is too lazy to fall in love. A lot of valuable time is wasted on explanations and apologies. Even if a woman doesn't love a man, she loves to have a man love her. There never was an "oldest inhabitant" who had not seen better days. A man is to be excused for writing silly letters if he doesn't send them. How many men do you know who would starve if it wasn't for their wives? Six months after marrying another woman a man's old flames begin to look like shining lights. Don't squander all your love on a man during courtship, Cordelia. You'll need a big surplus to draw on after the honeymoon has slumped the slumps.—Chicago News.

IN LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

BY NORMAN. NEW YORK, July 12.—The people in New York who suffer most from the torrid, stifling, humid heat which blankets the great city for days at a time during the summer are not to be found among the city's dwellers. No matter how disagreeable a thing may be, one can get used to it, and people who have lived through even one summer in New York have learned to make the best of the hot spells. But to tourists and visitors from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and other countries of central and northern Europe the summer heat of New York is a blow that almost lays them flat. There is nothing like it in their own countries. The thermometer may venture up to 70 over there, or possibly 75, and then it is very hot. When they find the mercury rising to 85 and 90, with not a breath of air stirring, as was the case for four successive days recently, these travelers most fervently wish themselves back on the other side of the big drink. The boy with the most novel job in New York city—what do you think his work is? His nickname

is Paul Revere. He rides ahead of the freight trains which traverse several streets down near the North river and warns people out of the way. Mounted on a big gray horse, he goes about a block ahead of the train, waving a red flag. For a long time a crusade has been waged to make the railroad take its tracks out of the streets, but there seems no likelihood that Revere, jr., will find himself out of a job before he grows up. Nat Fields, 200-pound brother of Lew, sat in a palace of gastronomy, there entered a party of college youths with lady friends. One cute little lad, who was slightly acquainted with the comedian, walked over and laid a dollar bill on Nat's table. "What's that for?" quoth the actor man, politely. "I always pay to see actors, tee-hee!" replied the youth, all a'quiver with glee. Mr. Fields tore the bill in two, and handed one section back to the college cut-up. "Children half price," he observed, and bit another bite out of his sandwich.

J. P. Morgan Refuses Der Mine--Such a Shame

Dot Cabalist Feller Can Nod See Ids Value—No Vonder, Ven Adolf Gets in Bat by Talking Ven He Shout Have Said Wood und Sawed Noddings—Osgar Vill Haf to Chloroform Hiss Obese Frent Before Long—Id Vill Be Justifiable Gericicide.

BY FRED SCHAEFER.

LAVA LEDGE, Idaho—Almost we were high financiers, me und Adolf; almost, but nod already. Who shout come drough here but J. Pierpont Morgan, der man mit more vealt dan he cares to spend. We knew of him as a collector of antiques, und-dit'd we haf a mouldy olt mine mit verdigris cofered inside? "Quick come," I said to Adolf, "here has our chances. We will let him haf id for eight million dollars und seventy-five cents. Ef he kicks on der brice, we will knock off der seventy-five cents. But von ding remember, let me do der talking. Efery dime you oben your mou I get ashamed of der people I am speaking to." Und he broumised me he vould be clam to assist.

"Unfortunately Adolf got in der coat mit his finger. "Howdy do, Mr. Pieplant," giggled Adolf, "you was welcome to Lava Ledge und our golt mine. Ef you bay der golt mine, we trow id der town. How much money haf you mit you, alone, please?" Mr. Morgan let a painless look walk agross his face. "I intended this as a pleasure trip," he said, "but you make it hard for me. Let me go, and I will return to New York."

"Oh, do you liff in New York?" chuckled Adolf, mit a happy expression on his face like a Cherman carp. "Say, do you know my friend Otto Schuntlaugh, dere? He iss a bartender in a seaman's saloon on Fulton street, near der fish market."

"Shot up, bloatet booby," I screamed in a whisper, but Adolf robed, "No, please. Let me talk; I vant to vindicate my ignorance."

"Have you a good title to this mine?" said Mr. Morgan mit anguish. "Sure," said Adolf, "we call it der 'Osgar und Adolf.' Id iss entirely vortless I assure you, but all id needs iss restoring."

"Well, then," answered our vould-be meal ticket, "why don't you restore it to the owner?" Diss mate Adolf mat. "By Golly," he blubbered, "ef only your face vould be your fortune, your picture vould refer be in Bradstreet."

To diss Mr. Morgan only smiled. "Dear me," he remarked. "Such of-fensiveness. I thought all Germans were good citizens."



"Well—yes," laughed Adolf, now in good humor, "but we haf been Americanized." Yust den, Adolf remofed his fat hant from Mr. Morgan's garment to vife off his chin, und allowed him to escape. Mr. Morgan climbed aboard his private railroad und we saw him no more. "We will knock off her eight million und let you haf id for seventy-five cents," Adolf hollered, but I was der only von derp to answer him. "Oh, not much news, Sam," I said. "Oh, you garrulous, goosefaced, greasy, giraffe-brained gorilla!" in odder vortsa—chackaas. Yours incensively, OSGAR.

King County Politics

Within a few days a suit will be filed to test the constitutionality of the statute that places the Twelfth precinct of the Eighth ward in the Thirty-second senatorial district. A subscription is being taken up to defray the costs of the suit. The inclusion of this precinct in the senatorial district was made by Senators Williams and Cotterill in the last legislature. The bill passed without opposition and became a law. Cotterill then moved into the Twelfth precinct. It is certain that Cotterill will have the democratic nomination for the state senate. Men who wish to see a republican represent the Thirty-second district fear Cotterill at the polls. If a court decision could be obtained defeating the law and Cotterill got out of the senatorial district, the probabilities of republican success would be much greater.

Mason Irwin, of Chehalis county, announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for renomination to the supreme court bench. The Chehalis County Republican Central committee pledged the delegates it selected to support Irwin at the state convention in Tacoma. Irwin has been on the Chehalis county bench since 1889, with the omission of four years.

County Auditor Otto Case, in accordance with a legal opinion furnished him by the prosecuting attorney, will close the filing of notices of candidacy on August 12. All of the candidates at the fall election, with the exception of the senatorial and congressional candidates, have to file their notices with the county auditor.

County Assessor Parish made a statement to the Taxpayers' league yesterday, assuring the members that he will run his office at an annual expense of \$15,000 less in the future. Parish explained that the present high cost was caused by the installation of a business system which in the future would prove a money saver. Parish is a candidate for renomination, but has opposition.

Supporters of M. L. Hamilton, candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner in the South district, met last night in Georgetown and made plans for a Hamilton organization. A second meeting, to perfect the initial Hamilton club, will be held next week. Hamilton was not present, being on a vote-getting trip to Yashon Island, which is claimed by one of his opponents, but Hamilton supporters were present from Auburn, Orilla, West Seattle, Georgetown, Rainier Valley and other points in the South district, all giving enthusiastic reports of the development of Hamilton strength.

A thorough organization, covering every voting precinct in the South district, will be formed and representatives of all points in the South district will be present at the meeting of next week.

"THEN IT HAPPENED"



The boys had been unusually good all day. The school master was accordingly greatly depressed. He wondered what was coming off. While he was wondering a sharp 10-ounce tack was reposing on his chair, point up. "We will all now take our seats, children," he announced. "Then he sat down. Ping! (The End.)"

Why Depew is Bald. Senator Chauncey M. Depew once met a red-headed man, who proved to be the most inquisitive person he had ever known. The man was seated next to the Senator in a railroad train going from Buffalo to New York, and every few minutes he would ask some especially personal question. Mr. Depew took everything in good part till he of the red hair chanced to ask: "I say, would you mind telling me how you became bald?" "Oh," returned the senator, "I had red hair and I was so disgusted with it that I got a friend of mine to pull it all out."

Notice To Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given that the King County Board of Equalization will be in session three (3) weeks, commencing MONDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1910. At the auditor's office at the King county court house, for the purpose of equalizing the tax roll of 1910. All taxpayers claiming abatement of tax are hereby notified to appear on or before SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1910, or be forever barred. OTTO A. CASE, County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of King County, Washington. Dated at Seattle, this 2nd day of July, 1910.

H. L. KLEIN THE SHOEMAKER. If you can't get boots or shoes to fit you, get them made to measure at 217 JAMES STREET.

A GOOD PLACE TO BUY Art goods, stationery, picture frames made to order, brushes, burlaps, wall paper, paints, kaolining, paperhanging, painting and signs, is at the FEDERAL PAINT & WALL PAPER CO., 1214 1st Av., near University St. RIGHT IN THE SHOPPING CENTER.

STAR DUST



"Th' best way ter find some people not at home is ter make a noise like a collector." This is awful! Not only did they try to stop the fight, but now they are going to banish the moving pictures. Russia leads the way in planting forests and America in devastating them. Diaz ran for president of Mexico again this year. As three-fourths of the people were banished from the country, or found it more comfortable to go away, make proper corrections in Mexican census for this year. All over the country the kids are about as enthusiastic over the aeroplane as they are about baseball. Better take a look out of the window yourself and see if your little white isn't sailing around over the barn. Sage that is used for seasoninn purposes is grown in Southern Europe.

STUBBORN ECZEMA CASES YIELD TO POSLAM

Called "Greatest Skin Remedy in Europe or America." Poslam did for my wife, who is spending the winter abroad, what no doctor could do. Half the jar entirely cured her of the most disfiguring form of scaly eczema, which simply covered her face. Fourteen days after the first application her face was fair, smooth and without a spot or blemish. We look upon it as "nothing short of a miracle. It is the greatest skin remedy we have ever found either in Europe or America, and we have tried celebrated specialists, all sorts of cures and many patent remedies." This statement, made by Mr. A. E. Gardner, of Bridgeport, Conn., is but one of the thousands of similar expressions regarding the actual accomplishments of poslam in the eradication of every form of skin disease, eczema, acne, tetter, barber's itch, psoriasis, shingles, etc., besides the minor skin affections (such as pimples, blemishes, red noses, hives, fever blisters), in which results are seen so rapidly. Poslam is on sale in 50-cent boxes and 25-cent jars at all druggists, particularly the Quaker Drug Co., Owl Drug Co. and Raven Drug Co. A free sample may be obtained by mail, in plain wrapper, by writing to the Emergency Laboratories, 32 W. 25th St., New York City.

SHAFER BROS.—Not Only Largest but Best

Drastic Clearance of Men's and Boys' Clothing

The policy of the Shafer Store is well understood. It does not mark its merchandise UP at the beginning of the season, in order to give apparently greater values when it marks them down at the end. The values are considerably bigger, therefore, than appears at first glance:

- Men's Suits That Were Up to \$18.00 Are Now \$10.00
Men's Suits That Were Up to \$25.00 Are Now \$14.50
Two-Piece Suits That Were Up to \$30.00 Now \$10.00
Boys' Suits Reduced
Young Men's Suits

- Boys' \$3.50 and \$4.00 Suits ..... \$2.95
Boys' \$5.00 and \$6.00 Suits ..... \$3.85
Boys' \$7.50 and \$8.00 Suits ..... \$5.85
Up to \$15.00 Suits for ..... \$9.75
\$ 8.50 College Clothes ..... \$ 6.75
\$10.00 College Clothes ..... \$ 7.65
\$12.50 College Clothes ..... \$10.65
Up to \$25.00 Suits at ..... \$18.85

Boys' Wash Suits Are All Sharply Reduced

In the Shoe Store, Arcade Annex

Men's Tan and Black Oxfords, dull or bright leathers; all sizes and widths; values up to \$4.00. Sale price ..... \$2.85
Men's Canvas Shoes and Oxfords, in gray or white; all sizes and widths; worth up to \$2.00 for ..... \$1.20
Boys' Canvas Shoes and Oxfords, white or gray; 9 to 2. Sale price ..... 95c

All Men's Panamas and Straw Hats at Half Price

SHAFER BROS. Corner of Second Av. and University St. Arcade and Arcade Annex Whole Block Long Corner of First Av. and University St.