CRANK ARRESTED AT WHITE HOUSE IS WELL KNOWN IN MINNEAPOLIS

Peter Olson Elliott, who fought with officers at the white house in an attempt to see the president, is well known at Minneapolis as a visionary and erratic character. He had the addition "Elliott" taken on to his proper name under the impression that the change would help him to office. He also has said at various times that his countrymen were conspiring against him. Elliott is of Danish birth and 35 years of age.

PETTIGREW TO AID BOERS.

Former South Dakota Senator Booms Colony in Mexico

Ex-Senator R. F. Pettigrew, the one time populist senator from South Dakota, has made a fortune in mining since the expiration of his term, is the head of a movement which has been incorporated in South Dakota to colonize Boers in Mexico.

The name of the organization is the "Boer Colonization and Improvement Company," and it is capitalized at $1,000,000, with its headquarters at Sioux falls, the home of the ex-senator. Associated with him is Senator Marion Butler of South Carolina, G. D. Joubert of the City of Mexico and local parties at Sioux Falls. The purported object of the organization is to colonize and improve 500,000 acres of land in the state of Tamaulpis, Mexico.

While the purposes are generally stated, it is understood that the colonization is to be that of Boers who are not willing to accept British rule in South Africa and who are willing to emigrate. A number of such colonists have arranged to take up their

Ex-Senator Pettigrew.

residence in this location, which has one of their former leaders as a part of the organization in the person of G. D. Joubert.

Feeding Chinamen's Spirits.

The spirits of all the dead Chinamen resting in the old Philadelphia cemetery, at Twenty-first street and Passyunk avenue, were recently banqueted. Every six months Chinatown feeds the spirits of its departed ones. Steaming dishes of rice, roast duck, chop suey, chow main, bird's nest and other delicacies, with bottles of Chinese wines, were taken to the cemetery and placed at the heads of the graves. Incense was burned, and the little column of blue smoke was supposed to carry the best of the food to heaven. After the service the Chinamen gathered up the food. In the evening they ate the repast prepared for the dead and drank the wine.

Betting on New York Election.

Present indications are that betting on the New York city campaign will be the heaviest ever known there. Fred H. Brooks, the Wall street betting commissioner, says he has $175,000 to bet on McClellan at even money. Timothy D. Sullivan says he is willing to risk $10,000 the same way. A good many observers express surprise that the backers of McClellan do not ask odds.

Scouts Microbe Theory of Love.

Lorin Farr, a Mormon who is head of the largest family in the world—he has six wives, thirty-nine children, 231 grandchildren and fifty-six great-grandchildren—scouts the microbe theory of love as preposterous. There is no such thing, he insists, and thinks his wide experience entitles his opinion to some weight.

STEEPLE-CLIMBER HAS NERVE.

Eats and Is Photographed 200 Feet Above Ground.

John F. Hassler of Philadelphia, a steeple-climber, startled the residents of this town by calmly standing on top of the cross of St. Ignatius' church, 200 feet above the ground, and eating a generous slice of watermelon, which he had carried up with him, says a dispatch from Kingston, Pa.

After completing this feat he stood upright on the cross and had his picture taken in that position by a photographer on the ground below.

Hassler ascended by throwing and binding a series of ropes about the spire, and working them up, one above the other, in his perilous journey, until he had gained the top. He is a young man and has been in the business several years and never had an accident.

"People consider it a dangerous occupation," said Hassler, "but if one exercises care it is not dangerous. If a man is easily frightened he should never attempt to climb a steeple, but if he feels that he is quite as much at home standing on the top of a cross with a foothold of six inches as he is on the ground, then he will make a success. It requires a cool head, elastic muscles and steady habits."

Sailor Saw How it Was Done.

The battle ship Texas, now berthed in the Brooklyn Navy yard, has been equipped with a fine shower bath for the officers. Mr. Quimby, the executive officer of the ship, took one of the blue jackets to instruct him how to operate the new acquisition. After a thorough explanation, Mr. Quimby stepped under the faucets, not knowing that the water connection had been made. He was soaked to the skin in a moment. The sailor remarked gravely: "I think I can work it now, sir." Mr. Quimby looked at him sharply, but the man never cracked a smile—until he had rejoined his messmates.

Rich Find of Ancient Coins.

Workmen engaged in raising an enormous slab of stone in an old house in Audierne, France, came upon over 2,000 ancient coins the other day, weighing about 120 pounds. A few of the coins are of the time of Louis XIII. The most ancient piece bears the date 1643, and the most recent 1709. In the latter year, in consequence of the terrible famine which was raging, a royal order was issued that the rich were to surrender their silver and forward it to the mint to be melted down. The king himself set the example, but certain provincial noblemen hid their fortunes.

Suffers for His Convictions.

For manufacturing and tacking up signs bearing socialistic expressions Benjamin Adams, thirty-eight years old, was sent to jail for fifteen days by Judge Kimball of a Washington police court. Several friends volunteered to pay Adams' fine of $5, but he refused to let them do it. He preferred to go to jail. The offender is a direct descendant of President John Quincy Adams.

"Newspaperiety" Is a New One.

At a political meeting in New York last week a man named Delancy was one of the orators. Speaking of certain men whose names are often seen in print, he was about to say that they were fond of newspaper notoriety, but, instead, said "newspaperiety." The new word has "caught on" and on several subsequent occasions has been used to convey the same idea.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

NAMES M'CLELLAN FOR MAYOR

Tammany Democrats Hope to Win Back City With Him.

George B. McClellan, who was nominated for mayor of New York by the Tammany Democrats, has been a member of Congress from New York since 1895. He is thirty-eight years old and was born in Germany, while his parents were on a visit abroad. He was graduated from Prinseton in 1888, and after two years of newspaper work in New York as reporter and copy reader, was appointed auditor of the New York and Brooklyn bridge, continuing in that position until 1892, when he was elected president of the board of aldermen. He has been a member of Tammany hall since 1887, and has been a delegate to every

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Democratic state convention since 1889, and was a delegate to the national conventions of 1896 and 1900. In the last congress he was a member of the ways and means committee.

IN DISPUTE TWENTY YEARS.

Swamp-Land Case Settled Over the Head of Oregon's Governor.

Through an opinion prepared by Assistant Attorney-General Campbell the Secretary of the Interior has rendered a final decision in the case of Morrow and others vs. the State of Oregon and the Warner Live Stock company, involving a large tract of land claimed under the swamp land laws. The decision directs the issuance of patent.

The case has been before the department for twenty years and has attracted much attention. Morrow and his associates attacked the application on the ground that the land involved was not swamp land, but in a decision delivered last March the department held that it was. The present governor of the state then filed a protest against the issuance of patent on the ground that it could not be issued except upon request from him. Inasmuch as two of his predecessors had made such a request, the department overruled his protest.

PERILS OF THE PRESENT DAY.

Mayor Low of New York Talks of Franchise Thieves.

Mayor Seth Low, recently renominated by the Republicans and anti-Tammany men for chief executive of New York, declared before a Chicago audience that the great and subtle dangers confronting cities today were those arising from the ef-

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forts of franchise thieves and contract grafters.

The day of open robbery, he said, was gone, but an era of intrigue had replaced it. The remedy, he asserted, was to give the mayor of a city great appointive and administrative power and then to hold him to strict personal account.

Strange Tribe in New Guinea.

The administrator of the government of British New Guinea reports the discovery of an extraordinary tribe of marshland dwellers in that island. The land is too swampy to be walked upon and the tangled tropical undergrowth in the wide stretches of shallow water renders canoeing almost impossible. The native dwellings are built in the trees above the water level. As the result of these conditions the natives are gradually losing the use of their lower limbs. They are unable to walk on hard ground without suffering from bleeding feet. Their bodies have developed enormously in the trunk, but the thighs, legs and feet are diminutive. In figure and carriage they are apelike. Anthropologists are very much excited over the discovery.

FORMER POSTMASTER-GENERAL BISSELL WHO DIED OCT. 6, AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

CAREER OF W. S. BISSELL.

Long Recognized as a Man of Great Intellectual Power.

Wilson Shannon Bissell, who was postmaster general under President Grover Cleveland from 1893 to 1895, died at Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 6, after an illness that had kept him an invalid for some time.

Mr. Bissell suffered from complications thought to be akin to Bright's disease, although not well understood.

On June 1 Mr. Bissell's trouble became so serious that he was sent to New York to consult specialists. It was thought an operation would be performed, but after an examination the specialist decided that it would be better for the patient first to rebuild his health. He was sent to his summer home Bar Harbor, where he spent several weeks. He spent most of the time there in bed and it was realized that his case was hopeless. In September he returned to Buffalo.

Aside from the position of postmaster general he held for two years, Mr. Bissell occupied no political offices, except that he was a presidential elector at large in 1888.

Wilson S. Bissell was for many years one of the foremost lawyers of Buffalo, N. Y., and was a life long democrat. He was born at New London in December, 1847. He received his education at Yale, where he was graduated with honors in 1869, and at once began the study of law in the office of Lanning, Cleveland & Folsom at Buffalo, and afterward became a partner in the firm of which Grover Cleveland was a member. He took little part in politics, although a consistent and earnest democrat. When Mr. Cleveland was nominated for the office of governor of New York he did efficient work for his partner and friend, and during the campaigns that succeeded he was the same enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Cleveland.

Socially Mr. Bissell was a genial and companionable man. Of uncommonly large stature, he naturally attracted attention, and his intellectual qualities soon convinced persons meeting him for the first time that he was a big man other than physically. Although a man of strong convictions, resolute and determined, Mr. Bissell was uniformly good natured.

The friendship that has existed between Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Bissell almost since the latter's return to Buffalo from college was of the most cordial and confident character. Mr. Cleveland always placed great faith in Mr. Bissell's judgment.

Ancient Highland Dirk.

A few days ago there was found in a field on the farm of Craigton, near Causewayhead, Scotland, a Highland dirk in a fair state of preservation. On the blade are engraved the letters, "C. C.," and the date 1712, a boar's head appearing below. As this is the Champbell's crest, the owner of the weapon may have been one of the clan named Colin. It was very probable that the dirk belonged to a soldier in the Duke of Argyll's army, which fought at Sheriffmuir in 1715, and that it was dropped or thrown away at Craigton, as the left wing of the Royalists was being driven back upon Stirling.

Swedish Poet Is Modest.

Much surprise was caused in Sweden a few weeks ago by the selection of the historical painter, Count George Von Rosen, as successor of the poet Snoilsky as member of the Swedish academy. The count was apparently affected by the criticism evoked by his choice and declined the honor on the ground that his literary efforts were too insignificant to entitle him to a place in the academy.

Ibsen's Forefathers.

A Munich journal says that there is more Danish, Scotch and, especially, German blood than Norwegian in Ibsen's veins. His great-grandfather, Peter Ibsen, was a Danish fisherman who emigrated in 1720 to Bergen, and there married the daughter of a German. Peter's grandson, Henrik Peter Ibsen, married a Scotchwoman, and their son married the daughter of a wealthy German merchant.

WIND BLOWS WHALES ASHORE.

Villagers Turn Out in Force to Reap Fortune.

One hundred and forty-three whales stranded on the shore near the village of St. Mary's Bay, N. F., last week. The entire population turned out and slew the creatures. The storm that drove the school of whales upon the shore brought fortunes to the fisher folk. When the glad news spread through the village the men ran to the shore and waded into the water. They were followed by their wives and daughters, hardly less sturdy than the men.

Axes, pitchforks, carving knives, scythes, hatchets, and the women's weapons, stove hooks and hat pins, were directed against the bodies of the big animals struggling helplessly in the shallow water. Before noon every soap kettle in the village was on the fire. The women were taking the precious blubber from the flesh of the whales which an ill wind, for the whales, had blown upon St. Mary's beach. Some of the catch were large and worthy the skill of the old-time whalers. To capture one as large they would have considered a month's cruise a small price to pay for the oil in its body.

MADE HAPPY BY M'KINLEY.

Late President's Generosity United Two Loving Hearts.

Robert P. Skinner, United States consul at Marseilles, France, who is going to confer with King Menelek of Abyssinia in regard to better trade relations with this country, figured in a romance during McKinley's first administration. Skinner was then publishing a paper in Ohio and the president, who knew him very well, asked him one day why he didn't marry the girl to whom he had been paying attention for some time. The young man candidly said he was not in a position to do so. "Now, Bob," answered the president, "you go and get married. I'll see about the position." Mr. Skinner took the hint, and shortly after being united to the girl of his choice he was appointed to his present place.

Bishop Slept in a Barn.

Bishop Leighton Coleman of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware has just concluded one of his annual tramping tours. This time he walked something over 200 miles through the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina, and returns considerably improved in physical condition. He traveled incognito, attired in rough garb, and had a number of amusing experiences, being generally taken for a genuine tramp. One night, having mistaken his way, he went to bed supperless in a ramshackle barn which he was fortunate enough to find in his wanderings.

Refuses Pay for Preaching.

Rev. Francis Bloodgood Hall, for thirty-nine years pastor of the Peristrome Presbyterian church of Plattsburg, N. Y., and probably the most widely known clergyman in northern New York, died the other day. He had the novel distinction of having refused any pay for his services, holding to the biblical theory that the gospel is and should be absolutely free to all.

Ancients Unite in Matrimony.

Rev. Samuel Tucker of Gumpoint, Ohio, has filed a marriage certificate in which it is stated that the bridegroom is 101 years and one month old and the bride ninety-nine years old. For the bridegroom, Jerre Bosarth of Kenner's Brook, it was the sixth matrimonial venture and the fourth for the bride, Mrs. Julia Ann Jenkins.

A successful physician, who was an amateur baseball player, in the city of Providence, and was extremely fond of the recreation, was killed by a "foul tip" from his own bat, the ball striking him in the temple.

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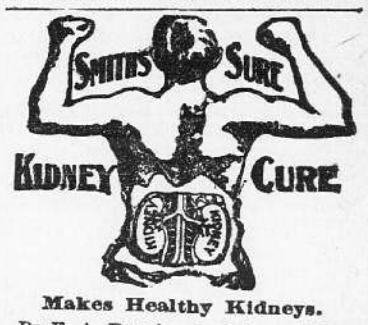

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