

Knockabout Notes

PERSONS AND THINGS As Seen by Gath

The other evening one of the good looking insurance men was playing rubber-like ourselves-at the opening. And the conversation turned upon marrying women who are the proud owners of large quantities of money.

The other day a gentleman showed us in a clothing trade journal two cuts which illustrate the difference between the way clothing is sold in Alaska and in New York City.

A young lady was discussing the habit so many people have of talking about people the other day, and made the suggestion that the trouble seemed to be that those who spend so much time and energy in slandering others usually live in glass houses and to prevent giving opportunity to slander about themselves, try to turn the public attention to others.

A lady called our attention to the fact that we had to some extent misrepresented the Chinese in a local which it was stated that these Celestias never washed. I went through Chinatown in San Francisco once, said she, and the gentleman who was escorting the party and who was thoroughly familiar with the customs of the race, told us that a Chinaman never came from his day's work without first taking a bath.

Have you ever met one of those people who has met and knows all the great men of the day and yet who is about as important as a lighted match in a cyclone? We met one the other day and for two long hours he bored us with what he and Tom Reed, and Bill McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt, and himself used to do when they were chums.

You ought to have seen the examination we had in the high school today said a member of that brain gymnasium yesterday. Several of us pupils sat up till twelve o'clock last night studying the second oration and expected the whole examination to be on that work and the examination was just as easy as child's play.

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find a tract of land that suits him. The reason for this is plain. The years of educating that have been done by the land men and railroads are bearing fruit, and the people are beginning to realize that the facts are bearing out the statements made by these parties.

Down in one of the business offices of the city the other day, the proprietor was discussing the business prospects of the city. He made some of the best suggestions we have ever heard. Said he: "The people talk about hard times, but they hardly know what they are. A short crop does not mean that the people will move away, and bills will be uncollectible. Every man who owns a quarter section is good for any contracts he may make and the only thing is that we must extend them a little more credit.

We strolled into the opening down at Holbrook's store the other night and leaned against the show cases—a case of show, you know—and listened to the people talking. It's an interesting process. They talk about what is nearest in instance to their present occupation. In this case they talked about costly storerooms, of course, and it is wonderful how much influence these things have on the buyers. They talk about how well you can see goods and how easy it is to decide what you want.

Gath failed to see the play presented by those popular entertainers the Crows last night, but from dozens of patrons we have heard the loudest praise, and those words are really worth more than that of the newspaper man. Tonight this splendid company will appear in one of the best plays in their entire repertoire, entitled "The Altar of Friendship." The play is a comedy drama in four acts, and from the rise of the curtain until it falls on the beautiful climax at the close, there is not a weak point in the play.

We were in the new building being converted into a store at greased lightning speed the other day and it was interesting to see the rush work being done to get things in shape. Here were carpenters sawing away for dear life, and putting on the finishing touches. Clerks were crowding the carpenters out of their way while they piled goods on shelves on which the paint had hardly dried. Here was the hardware man putting up the stove, while the decorator was giving a reproduction of a married man dodging dishes starting from his wife's hands, while he, the decorator is trying to keep his head out of the way of the stove pipe. Painters were slinging paint on walls and windows and doors so fast you could hardly tell what caused the transformation.

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Gath dropped into the session of the county commissioners the other day. Well, it's worth while. Those fellows don't stand on dignity, they do business. Sometimes the remarks remind us of the story of the minister's boy who saw the ashman trying to get motion into a balky mule. After awhile the boy went into the house and told his mother that the ashman must be a Christian for whenever the mule refused to go he told it all about Jesus and the bad place. Sometimes things are discussed with vigor, but those people mean business, and not a cent of the public funds goes out that is not thoroughly scrutinized. And woe be unto the fellow who tries the great He gets it worse than the unwelcome lover gets it from the girl's father. There may be plenty of graft but it can't get into the board of county commissioners. They know personally of every bill and act accordingly. Occasionally they have an official up on the carpet and then it is decidedly entertaining. The fellow who drops in on that crowd of good looking men and sees them doing business, will vote to give them a life time leases of the offices.

Events which have occurred with whirlwind rapidity on the Darian isthmus during the last few days, and which have been ratified by the Washington government are making possible the accomplishment of the very motive that prompted Columbus to make his voyage across an unknown sea and brave unknown terrors. Columbus was seeking a westward route to the Indies, and his course was barred by the continents that are now half the civilized world. On his second voyage he made vain but fruitless attempts to find a passage to the western seas from the Gulf of Mexico, and failing in this, he died a disappointed man. Four hundred years after this failure of the world finding genius, the enterprise and energy of the people whose country he gave to the world, have overcome the barriers of nature, that to Columbus and his hardy followers were unsurmountable and have planned to give to nature the water way which they sought in vain. Little did Balboa and his bold Spaniards think as they stood on the crest of the hills which American enterprise will cut in twain that in years the people of a nation the unborn would be floating through these hills in palaces whose motive is an element to them unknown and which to them would have been as great objects of wonder as the little vessels which first crossed the Atlantic, were to the unlearned Indians. The history has been long in making and reads like a romance from the pages of chivalry. But it is true and the dreams of the supposed fanatics of past centuries are in a fair way to be realized.

STATE NEWS

The Valley City electric light plant has been sold to private parties.

Kenney and Frost, two pugs, fought fifteen rounds to a draw at Bob-ills.

George Jacobson of Fargo, shells and shreds his corn crop on an ordinary threshing.

H. Englar was found dead on his farm near Cando, supposed to have committed suicide.

A check for 6 cents has been sent by the G. N. to a North Dakotan to pay a damage claim against the company.

A threshing engine went through the Red River bridge at Abercrombie, and the engineer and fireman escaped by jumping.

Some North Dakotans are endeavoring to secure Indian girls for domestics. They are bright and intelligent and are said to be all right after they learn what they do.

Westhope newspapers are clamoring for incorporation as a city and a new jail. It is claimed that the new town has its needed quantum of toughs to don metropolitan airs.

A Minnewaukan Justice of the peace fined a bunch of Halloween pirates \$15.75 each for unwanted destruction of property. Booze had a good deal to do with the occasion—on he boy's part.

The macaroni wicc'enthusiasts are advertising the fact that E. L. Green, a bonanza farmer of Cass county, raised 43,500 bushels of macaroni wheat off 1,000 acres. His yield was practically double that of other wheat raised in the same section.

The Hebrew farmers who settled near Madan have not made a success at farming and it is doubtful if they will be able to stay. Most of them come from the sweat shops of the big cities and were sent out by the Hebrew society.

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UNDER FALLING WALLS

THREE FIREMEN KILLED AND TWO INJURED IN A BLAZE AT CLEVELAND.

HEROIC WORK OF THEIR COMRADES

RUSH INTO BLINDING SMOKE AND FLAMES IN EFFORT TO SAVE UNFORTUNATES.

Cleveland, Nov. 17.—Three firemen were killed and two injured in the largest fire this city has suffered in months. The dead are: Robert Duffy, James Schweda and Robert Reed. Duffy and Schweda were killed almost instantly, having been caught under a falling wall. Reed died soon after.

The fire was in the large street car barn of the Cleveland Electric Railway company on Holden avenue and started about 3 o'clock from an undetermined cause. Employees of the street car company believe, however, that it was of incendiary origin. There were 100 motors stored within the building, which covered an area of four acres, and the flames spread like a whirlwind, necessitating the calling out of all available fire fighting apparatus in the city.

The motors are valued at probably \$2,000 each. The loss on the building is placed at \$30,000. The fatalities were caused by a wall falling suddenly, burying five men. The firemen worked desperately in removing the smoking, steaming bricks from their comrades and were constantly driven back from the ruins of the fallen wall by the smoke and fire.

Into Blinding Smoke and Flames. A half dozen streams were directed into the debris to cool it sufficiently so that the work of rescue could go on. The firemen held in check, however, were frantic to resume their work. In desperation a number rushed through the blinding smoke and flames. Michael Corrigan of truck No. 1 was found pinned beneath a mass of bricks. He was pleading with his comrades to rescue him.

A dash was made through the smoke and fire and Corrigan was seized by half a dozen hands and dragged to safety. Both of his legs were broken. The firemen worked heroically in the scalding, steaming bricks and the form of Robert Duffy, who had perished, was next brought out. A moment later the lifeless body of Frank Schweda was taken from the ruins. His father and wife were killed less than a month ago in a street car accident.

After ten minutes' work Robert Reed and Harry Vandeveld, who were badly bruised and burned, were taken unconscious from the ruins. Vandeveld was taken to a hospital. Battalion Chief Andrews, who was standing a little back of his men, was struck by large pieces of stone and injured about the legs. He was taken home.

It is believed there have been no more fatalities, although firemen are still searching the ruins.

THIRTY KILLED IN WRECK.

Collision on the Illinois Central at Kentwood, La.

New Orleans, Nov. 17.—Thirty persons are dead and eighteen injured as the result of a rear-end collision on the Illinois Central railroad at Kentwood, La. Twenty-nine of the dead are negroes. One white man was fatally injured and died later.

The collision was between the Macomb City accommodation train and the Northern express, bound for Chicago.

The Macomb City train should have sidetracked to let the express pass, but it lost time in reaching Kentwood. Near Kentwood, the express ran down the accommodation. The rear coach of the accommodation, filled with negroes, many of them section hands, was completely demolished.

The responsibility for the accident will be hard to figure out. The first train was forty-five minutes late and the last five minutes behind and the two trains were virtually running on each other's time. The engineer of the last train claimed that he had orders for a clear track to Chatawa, while the operator at Tangipapa claims that he signaled the train to stop, intending to hold it ten minutes, but it went on and struck the train ahead.

FOUR MEN MEET DEATH.

Dynamite Explosion Occurs Near Columbus, O.

Columbus, O., Nov. 17.—Word has just been received here that a dynamite explosion occurred on the stock farm of Dr. J. B. Hartman, south of the city, killing four men, all of Columbus. A crew of men has been working on the farm during the summer blasting rock and stumps. Hills were being cut down and low places filled up.

TRAIN KILLS RAILROAD MAN.

Handcar Run Down and Foreman Falls to Jump.

Hastings, Minn., Nov. 17.—Passenger train No. 3 struck a handcar on the Milwaukee road near Rosemount and killed Richard Overacker, foreman of a fencing crew.

Overacker, with eight or ten men, was returning from work. The men jumped, but he tried to get the car off the track.

Ceases Ore Shipments.

Duluth, Nov. 17.—The Duluth, Missabe and Northern road, one of the two Steel corporation ore roads in Minnesota, is the first of the three roads engaged in the ore traffic to cease shipping for the season. The road forwarded 5,339,957 gross tons, as compared with 5,610,497 gross tons last season, a decrease of 276,539 tons.

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