

OH MY! OH MY!

SPOKANE, Dec. 26.—Dr. Vanesdet of the First Baptist church will tomorrow roundly denounce all local clergymen who have gone slumming. He says it causes a moral taint and destroys the confidence of mothers in the ministry.

IN THE COURTS

Walter Higgins, barn man at Clark's livery stable, charged with fast riding, failed to appear in court today and forfeited his bail.

Joe Bush, arrested for stealing an over-

coat from McCormick Brothers' store, was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Griffin today.

WIFE BEATER

Peter O'Brien was fined \$50 and costs this afternoon by Judge Griffin for wife-beating.

REDUCE RATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Panama notified the government today of the reduction of its postal rates to four cents for foreign points and two cents for domestic.

HE JUST ADDRESSED LETTER TO "SWEETEST" GIRL--SHE CLAIMED IT



Ben Littel

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—The sweetest girl in Indianapolis has been found. What's more, this particular girl confesses it. Miss Mary Webber, 1608 Columbia avenue, claims this distinction, and the distinction itself was thrust upon her by her sweetheart, Ben Littel, of Los Angeles, Cal., who formerly lived here. Recently a letter with address in masculine hand was received at the Indianapolis postoffice. On the envelope instead of the address were these words: "To the sweetest girl in Indianapolis."

The letter was about to be started to the dead letter office when an official told a reporter about it. His paper published the story. Next day a feminine voice over the telephone told Assistant Postmaster Shidler that letter was for her. "I am Miss Mary Webber of 1608 Columbia avenue. That letter is mine." "Yes, but how do you know it is for you? There's no name on it." "Yes, but it's from Los Angeles, Cal." "You may have the letter," concluded the official, "if you will open it in my presence, and before you open it tell me the name of the writer, then show me the signature. We have to be strict about these things." "Very well, I'll do so." And she did so. And the letter was for her. Miss Webber is a teacher at Benjamin Harrison public school. Her father is a well-to-do jeweler.

MAY BE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO U. S.



Mgr. Donata Sbaretti, who will probably be appointed by Pope Pius as apostolic delegate at Washington, has had much experience in American affairs. He first came to this country in 1893 as auditor of the apostolic delegation under Cardinal Satolli.

After the Spanish-American war he was appointed bishop of Havana, but later was sent by the pope to the Philippines as apostolic delegate. After straightening out the tangle between the Filipino clergy and the American government of the islands, he returned to this country and was given jurisdiction over Porto Rico and Cuba.

Mgr. Sbaretti is considered one of the most learned men in the church, and also one of the brightest diplomats. He is a thorough master of statecraft, having studied the American constitution and other forms of government under the ablest teachers in this country and Europe.

Mgr. Sbaretti was born in Spoleto, near Rome, in 1856. Before entering the diplomatic service of the church he was professor of moral philosophy in the college of the propaganda.

SPLIT IN ENGLAND'S UPPER TEN

LONDON, Dec. 24.—There is a split in England's upper ten—no very serious as yet, but a real one nevertheless. The king and queen are the leaders of one faction, the princess of Wales of the other. The princess of Wales is a Tory and a Conservative of the old-fashioned kind. The exclusive set in London society looks to her to restore their former dignity, which the king and queen, with their democratic ways, have rudely dispelled. She is a second edition of Queen Victoria, and shares her aristocratic prejudice against new things and new people. There is a small group of old-time aristocrats in London who think they are much too good society to associate with the king; at least if they must accept him

they will have nothing to do with his friends. They know the princess of Wales to be of their unspoken opinion. She has neither the beauty nor the charm of the queen, yet she is immensely popular in England. They are a conservative people and prefer their leaders to be social aristocrats. Since the prince and princess of Wales moved into Marlborough house they have been able to take their proper position as royal hosts. Their garden party last season was the event of the year, but the season was short and the princess of Wales not in good health.



This year there is to be much dignified entertaining in Marlborough house. Lord and Lady Lansdowne, Lady Blandford, the count and countess of Cadogan, all the members of the exclusive set, mean to follow suit, and if possible re-establish their social leadership so rudely shaken by American duchesses and modern millionaires.

The prince and princess, who have been staying at Frogmore helping to entertain the Italian royal guests, will visit Lord and Lady Cadogan at Culford hall the latter part of this month. After their visit they return to Sandringham until their royal duties call them to London.

The king's set is much less exclusive, but is composed of much cleverer people. All the trouble has been caused by the king not caring who people's great-grandfathers were so long as they themselves were agreeable.

MAIL CARRIER HURT

George D. Sweeney, a mail carrier, fell from his bicycle in South Tacoma Christmas eve and severe injured his knee. He will be laid up for a few days as a result.

The body of Miss Nellie Butson arrived here this afternoon from Seattle, where she died very suddenly yesterday. The funeral service will be held at the grave, in the Tacoma cemetery, tomorrow at 3 o'clock. The deceased Miss Butson was the daughter of Samuel Butson, 1703 South Forty-fifth street.

The funeral of Sylvester Farrell, who died Thursday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Leo's church. Father Hylebos will officiate.

CITY ITEMS

W. R. Merch has been appointed district passenger agent for the Pacific Coast Steamship company, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

Secretary J. H. Whitehouse of the Chamber of Commerce has received a copy of the bill introduced by Francis W. Cushman in congress, relating to the Puyallup Indian reservation. If this bill is passed the Indians will be given the right to sell, lease or encumber their land as any other person can do.

D. B. Sheller, state forest superintendent, leaves this afternoon for Chehalis to take charge of the work at that place. The former supervisor there, B. S. Farley, died early in this month.

David Dowden, who runs the elevator at the city hall, had to leave his post this morning on account of illness. For about 39 years he had carried a relic of the war in his leg. The bullet was extracted several days ago and trouble arose from it.

WHILE THE DREAM LASTED, WHILE THE DREAM LASTED. Man wants but little here below, and most of the time he keeps on wanting it. The fool and money seldom get together. That it is more blessed to give than to receive is a truth which applies to advice.

A HANDSOME COAT.

TOOK ODDS OF \$10,000 AGAINST \$10,000,000



J. P. WHITWELL.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—Ten thousand dollars again \$10,000,000. These were the odds taken by J. P. Whitwell, cigar dealer of St. Paul, who was the only man in the country that fought the tobacco trust. He runs a cigar store in Robert street and the savings of many years went into his suit against the Continental Tobacco company, which he lost both in the United States district court and the appellate court. "The odds were great, but I thought I had the right on my side," said he. The two decisions were so discouraging that it is not probable he will take his suit to the supreme court. The suit was based on the claim that the tobacco company refused to deal with him on usual terms.

LUMBER VESSELS HEAVY LOADED

The schooner Rosamond, Captain J. P. Fernald, has ordered a tug for Tuesday morning and shipped part of her crew today.

The Rosamond is bound for Kahului, H. T., and carries 1,200,000 feet of lumber. Kahului is one of the islands of Maru, about 80 miles east of Honolulu. Captain Fernald expects, with good weather, to be about 20 days on the trip.

The other vessels loading at the Tacoma mill are the W. P. Witzeman, for San Pedro, Cal., 550,000 feet of lumber; the Philippine, for San Francisco, with 785,000 feet of lumber; ship Nile, for South America, with 1,750,000 feet; Crown of Scotland, with 1,200,000 feet for Sydney.

TEMPERANCE IN CONCERT HALL

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—Unprecedented not only in Buffalo, but probably in every city in the country, was the plan adopted by the members of the "Welcome Mission" here in inaugurate to temperance crusade in this city. The course in question was the temporary transformation of one of the most notorious concert halls in this city into an improvised temperance headquarter, where experts dilated on the evils of strong drink and demonstrated even more



NATE FENTON.

strongly than Carrie Nation could in her "Ten Nights in a Barroom" sketch how the booze route was the root of evil and the road to ruin. The concert hall is conducted by Nate Fenton and is situated in the very heart of the tenderloin. The temperance workers, who, earlier in



Christmas Is Over

and the month of December is fast drawing to a close. Old Father Time is approaching with scathed scythe, ready to gather 1903 into his great harvest of ripened years. But the world will move on and on just the same. The people of Tacoma will continue to do business.

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will continue to supply them with the best cutlery and other goods in its particular line. And, by the way, did you not unexpectedly receive some Christmas present yesterday which you are desirous of acknowledging on New Year's day by an appropriate token? If so, call on us and we will show you quite a number of acceptable presents, of the kind that do not wear out in a day or a year.

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One Week of Good Cheer

The Holiday Season, which began with Xmas, will continue for a week, and during that time many gifts will continue to be exchanged. Some remembrances were forgotten in the great Christmas crush, which will be attended to this week. It is now quite the custom to give New Year's gifts to those who remembered us on Christmas. Is there not something which you wish to give on that day?

- Iron Beds, up from \$3.75
Sideboards, up from \$11.00
Morris Chairs, up from \$8.00
Oak Suits, up from \$14.00
Dining Tables, up from \$4.00
Chairs, up from 50c
A fine assortment of oak and reed Rock-Sideboards, up from \$15.00
Bird's-eye Maple Writing Desks, Maple Suits, a splendid assortment of Couches, Oak Hall Trees. Oak and Bird's-eye stands up from \$1.25. Kitchen Queens at \$2.50.
HARDWARE—"Rogers' 1847" Silverware at astonishingly low prices.
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YOUNGEST EDITOR.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 26.—There lives here probably the youngest editor in the United States. His name is Harold Bonekemper, aged 13, and he is the publisher of the North American News. The lad is the eldest of seven children. His father is a struggling carpenter. Imbued with the desire to aid in providing for



HAROLD BONEKEMPER.

the family, Harold conceived the idea of starting a newspaper. He went about the matter in a business-like manner and in collecting news displayed true newspaper instinct. Circulating among the business men, he secured enough advertisements to more than pay the cost of issuing the sheet. Then he sold soap and as a premium secured a printing press and type.

Having accomplished the hardest part, the work of gathering news and printing the paper was quickly effected.



This suit is of brown zibeline, trimmed with brown broadcloth. The cuffs and revers are of black velvet.

FOR NEW YEARS! New Year Cards and Calendars GEO. H. BERRY, Stationer 919 Pacific Ave.