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How Can They Stay Away? There is a deal of satisfaction for Tacomans in the weather reports for March. While old forecasts have been howling through the east, and much and sleet, and ice and wind have made March wicked and lion-like, Tacomans have been clamoring from bed to greet a glorious sunrise over Mt. Tacoma, and a day full of cheer and pleasure.

Why Be a Mere Consumer? If you happen to own a cotton or woolen mill you will be delighted by what you hear about tariff revision. It's fine for the owners of cotton and woolen mills.

Of you may be a partner of John D. Rockefeller; or part owner of the sugar trust—in which you will again be overjoyed.

Or maybe you are a Weyerhaeuser or a Walker, and therefore have extensive lumber holdings; or perhaps you have been "put in right" by Lucius N. Littauer, friend of the speaker of the house of representatives, of Mr. Taft, of members of the ways and means committee, and himself a former member of congress—and own a glove factory for your living. If that is your business you are happy.

If you are in any of these lines you have reason to feel that your interests are being looked after down at Washington. They are being looked after with fidelity and shrewdness. If you have contributed to the expenses of the lawyers and lobbyists who are on the job you ought to feel that you are getting your money's worth. This Payne bill for revising the tariff "downward" (ha-ha) is worth all you are paying for it.

But if you happen to be a consumer—well, it is rather different. If you are a consumer you are just like the rest of us. It is up to you to pay the bill. Your stockings will cost more, your gloves will cost more, your blankets and your sheets and your tablecloths will cost more, your oil and your house rent and your lumber in your partial-payment house, and your fence, and your chicken coop, and your cap and your mittens and your tippet, and your Christmas present for grandmother—they will all cost more because of the Payne tariff bill.

But then congress can't help that. Congress isn't to blame because you are only a consumer. You can get in on the right side of this tariff business if you'll buy a trust—indeed, if you'll buy Armour's meat trust or Rockefeller's oil trust congress will arrange to give you a rebate on your tin cans.

It's up to you. If you will insist on being a MERE CONSUMER you must expect to be STUNG.

The man who nearly found the south pole should not peeve. He couldn't have brought it along.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

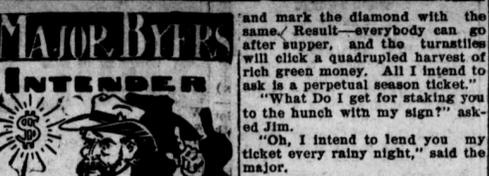
UNKNOWN WIVES OF WELL-KNOWN MEN

Mrs. John Mitchell, whose husband rose from hawker boy to the most loved labor leader this country has known, puts on no airs. She hasn't the time or the inclination. "With children and a house to look after, I'm too busy," she says.



The Mitchells live in one side of a modest double dwelling house in Spring Valley, Ill. They own it and rent the other side to another family. Their children number four, Richard, James, Robert and Marie.

SMILE AWHILE



MAJOR BYERS INTENDER

By Fred Schaefer. "Your sign 'Meals At All Hours' has given me an idea," said Major Byers as he seated himself on one of those skimpy little stools in Jim's lumber wagon.

Jim shoved him over the invariable cup of coffee and two rolls, and draped himself over the water cooler in a dejected or listening attitude.

"I intend to establish base ball, at-all-hours," chatted the Major, "baseball all night, even, like your lunch wagon."

"Don't interrupt! I intend to elucidate. The magnates, as you know, not content with the vast profits now won from the masses, are fretting because no lighting scheme has been invented that will make championship ball practicable after dark. Hundreds of thousands would patronize baseball who are detained in stores and factories during daytime. Now I intend to devise an illuminated diamond, players and ball. That's all that is needed. I intend to waste no gleams dissipating the inky pall of night. The audience needs only to see the players, the ball and the diamond, and the players need only to see each other and the ball—and, of course, the umpire. By my arrangement a long fly to left field will look like a flaming meteor. Presto, it is gathered in by a luminous statue. OUT! Cheers."

"To do this I will coat the ball and the uniforms of the players with a phosphorescent substance,

and mark the diamond with the same. Result—everybody can go after supper, and the turnstiles will click a quadrupled harvest of rich green money. All I intend to ask is a perpetual season ticket."

"What do I get for staking you to the hunch with my sign?" asked Jim. "I intend to lend you my ticket every rainy night," said the major.

Daily Short Story

IN THE ROOM BEYOND

By Stuart B. Stone. "I thought you were dead," said young Ganley, very quietly.

Elton, who had just entered the parlor of the Briarside inn, shivered as though a cold wind had come out of the summer night and struck him. "It's been worse than that," he declared. "After the Zelaya went down, I drifted on a piece of plank to the rumblehead in the Pacific. And I've been drifting ever since. Ugh!"

Ganley began to pace the rich, thick carpet. "Why didn't you write? Why the deuce didn't you write?" he almost screamed.

Elton looked up quickly. "What's the row?" he demanded. "Why should you snap at a shipwrecked man like that?"

"Oh, nothing," answered Ganley, with a sigh. He dropped into one of the luxurious leather chairs and covered his drawn face with his hands. In the adjoining par-

SOCIETY

ONE OF THE largest balls ever held in the Valhalla hall will be given there tomorrow evening by the Thule club, one of the newly organized social clubs of the city. This is the last public dance to be given by the club this season, and a record-breaking crowd is expected.

MUCH INTEREST is centered about the poverty social to be given this evening by the members of the Baptist Ladies' Aid society of South Tacoma at the home of Mrs. T. H. Hanson, 6010 Alder street. A cafeteria lunch will be served.

TACOMA MEMBERS of the Delta Gamma sorority will be entertained at a luncheon tomorrow afternoon in Rhodes Brothers restaurant. The affair is the first of a series planned by the sorority girls.

THE TILLCUM CARD CLUB will be entertained this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Place, 3519 North Lawrence avenue. Dainty refreshments will be served following the cards.

MRS. EMMA DE VOE of Seattle gave an interesting talk before the general meeting of the Woman's club at the home of Mrs. Addison on North I street yesterday afternoon, taking as

her subject "Woman Suffrage." Mrs. De Voe is one of the officers of the State Suffrage association, and made several particularly pointed statements to the assembled women as to the effectiveness of the work already accomplished in the state. Musical selections were given and light refreshments concluded the afternoon.

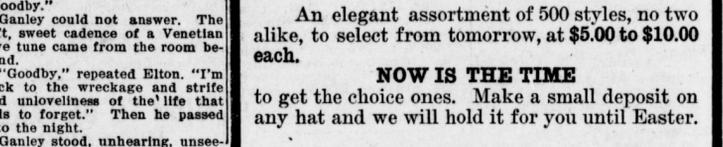
AN EASTER BALL will be given by the women of St. Patrick's church Monday evening, April 12, at the Masonic temple. A committee of prominent women are arranging the affair, which promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the season.

HOLLISTER W. C. T. U. met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bogart, on South Warner street. A discussion of juvenile work was one of the features of the afternoon.

A SERIES of seven organ selections will be the feature of the organ recital and concert, to be given at the Mason M. E. church, at 8 o'clock this evening. Besides this, a number of duets and solos will be included on the program.

A BANQUET will be given in the Milton hall tonight by the Milton Development club. The banquet proper will be followed by informal talks by the citizens of Milton, who will speak on local improvement work.

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