NORWEGIANS HONOR BJORNSON'S BIRTHDAY

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 8.—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet, dramatist, novelist and political reformer, was 70 years old today and the event was made the occasion for celebrations throughout Norway.

Bjornson is the national poet of Norway. His name is a synonym of the hopes and aspirations of the Norwegian people in their political and intellectual struggles.

Bjornson was born in 1832 and began his literary career in the early 50's. In 1857 he published a peasant novel, "Synnove Solbakken," which proved epoch-making in Scandinavian literature. In it and several others that followed he gives an idealized picture of peasant life—brought the thoughts and aspirations of the peasantry into literature. These stories have been a great source of pleasure and profit to the Norwegian people. He has written about 25 works in all—plays and novels.

HONORED IN SPOKANE.

A banquet in honor of the Norwegian statesman and author will be given in Spokane tomorrow evening at the Swedish Brothers' hall.

Addresses on America and Sweden and Norway will be delivered by Messrs. B. M. Branford and Dr. O. T. Meler.

F. Blumberg, deputy in the county clerk's office, will deliver an address to the ladies. Following the addresses there will be a banquet and social hop. Hoppe's orchestra will furnish the music.

STOP CARRYING LOTTERY TICKETS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Bearing on the question of trusts and involving the right of congress to regulate commerce between the states, the lottery case, which came up for reargument today before the United States supreme court, is of special interest.

The case is that of Francis vs. United States. Francis was convicted in Cincinnati of carrying lottery tickets across the Ohio line into Kentucky. The question is whether congress can regulate interstate commerce to the extent of preventing lottery gambling by the aid of express companies. Coupled with this case is one from Chicago—Charles F. Champion vs. John C. Ames, United States marshal—which involves the constitutionality of the lottery act of 1895. Eminent lawyers and jurists regard the two cases as having decisive bearing on the future policy of courts and of congress.

MEDICINE MEN BEGIN SESSION.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 8.—Scores of eminent medical men and public health officials from many parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico are gathered in New Orleans for the thirtieth annual convention of the American Public Health association. The gathering was formally opened today and will remain in session the entire week. Dr. Henry D. Holton of Vermont is the presiding officer and Dr. Charles Probst of Columbus, O., the secretary of the convention.

RECOVERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Miss Julia Marlowe has fully recovered from her recent illness and will reopen her interrupted engagement tonight at the Criterion theater. Her play is the same in which she was seen in several cities earlier in the season, "The Cavalier."

ELKS HOLD THEIR LODGE OF SORROW

The Spokane Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held its annual memorial service at the Auditorium theater yesterday afternoon. The theater was crowded in every part.

On the rear of the stage were two large elks. Exalted Ruler N. E. Nuzum presided at the altar and at his right and left were pillars inscribed with the names of the departed brethren.

In a semicircle formed by the wings of the stage were the principal officers of the fraternity and in the center front was placed the vacant chair, draped, with a splendid wreath placed beside it.

The program rendered was most impressive. The exercises opened with Meyerbeer's "Coronation March." The most notable numbers of the musical service were, besides this, Mendelssohn's Adagio, "Hymn of Praise," Beethoven's "Third Symphony" and the "Dead March in Saul."

Mrs. Mason's rendering of "O, Divine Redeemer" was most effective, and "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," by Brother C. C. Mann was splendidly given.

Judge M. J. Gordon delivered the memorial address, drawing a beautiful simile, from the revivifying of flowers in springtime, when, after apparent death, they burst forth in renewed and more beautiful life. Even so it is with us. After our death so do we rise again, made yet more beautiful by the purification of the grave as exemplified in the words of him who said, "I am the ressurection and the life."

CELEBRATING A SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

SHARPSBURG, Pa., Dec. 8.—Many prelates and priests of the Roman Catholic church are here to take part in the semi-centennial celebration of St. Mary's church. The celebration, which is to continue three days, began this morning with the celebration of pontifical high mass by Bishop Donohue of Wheeling.

London: The new vibration cure for nervousness is quite a rage among the high society women. They call it a "fair shake."

PRESS CLUB TO BANQUET.

The Spokane Press club held its annual meeting yesterday. J. O. Peterson was reelected president.

The annual banquet will be held on New Year's day and it is expected that many will be in attendance.

Moscow: According to latest official information the czarina is the healthiest as well as the most desperately sick person in all Russia. The doctors having failed to afford her any relief, they have turned her case over to the foreign correspondents, who kill and cure her regularly every day.

COWBOYS CHOOSE WOMEN JUSTICES.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Dec. 8.—Albany county, Wyoming, has two women justices of the peace. They are Mrs. Maggie F. Gillispie and Mrs. M. A. Garrett. After January 1, Mrs. Gillispie will preside over the court at Lookout Station and Mrs. Garrett at the town of Garrett.

Mrs. Gillispie was a candidate for the office on the democratic ticket, and was elected by overwhelming majority. At first, she says, she did not intend to qualify for the office, as she did not seek it, but her friends insisted and she has decided to serve. She was elected to the same office some years ago, but refused to serve. Mrs. Gillispie has been a resident of Wyoming for 25 years, and is a good type of the modern western woman.

Mrs. Garrett is a republican and was elected on the republican ticket, her opponent receiving only the votes of his own family. She is 39 years old and was born in England. She came to America in 1884 and the same year married F. S. Garrett and moved to Wyoming, where she has made her home ever since. She lives on a ranch and is the mother of six children.

Although never before elected to an office, she has held several appointive offices. She was appointed postmistress of Rock Creek in 1885 and held the office until she moved to Garrett in 1890. In 1897 she was appointed postmistress of Garrett, which position she now holds. In 1889 she was appointed a notar public by Governor Richards.

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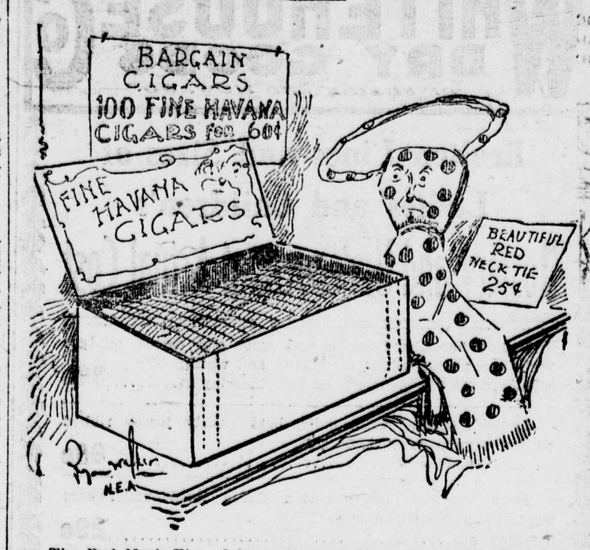

The Red Neck Tie: I know it must be getting near Christmas. I heard a lady say just a minute ago, "There's two lovely presents for Hubby!" and she looked right at us."

CELEBRATE FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Catholic churches in Spokane, as well as all over the world, are today observing the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is one of the many days set apart by the church to commemorate some great event, and the faithful are bound under pain of grievous sin to observe it as strictly as they do Sunday.

Of the many holidays of this kind which are celebrated by the Catholic people, the feast of the Immaculate Conception is considered one of the most important to which they are called upon to pay a tribute of devotion.

The mystery which the day commemorates was well and eloquently axplained in the sermon preached yesterday morning by Rev. Father De Kanter, pastor of St. Joseph's parish.

"The Eternal Word," said Father De Kanter, "by taking upon Himself a created nature, bestowed upon the whole finite universe a new and most unmerited dignity, radiating, in some manner, upon every creature the splendor of his ineffable Godhead. By being born of a woman as flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, He made the whole human race in a certain sense a holy people, and opened to mankind all the treasures of graces and glory.

"It is this most magnificent triumph of Divine Love which the Holy Church has celebrated for so many hundreds of years as the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. The debt of sin which, as the natural descendant of the first Adam, she contracted, in common with us all, was paid beforehand, in the Divine councils, by the same sacred passion of her Son who, though still in the future, had purchased present grace and the hope of glory for all the saints of the Old Law."

Two masses were celebrated at each of the churches this morning, one at 7 and one at 9 o'clock. This evening at 7:30 p. m. benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held and the rosary recited.

MISS ALICE CRAWFORD.

A well known and beautiful English actress who is now appearing in England with Wilson Barrett in his new play, "A Christian King," which is based on the life of King Alfred.

FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

Washington.—Mr. Barthold has called upon the secretary of war to produce all reports on the anti-canteen law.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Consul General Thomas Nash died yesterday at noon after three days' illness from yellow fever.

MANILA.—Customs Collector Chusler rules that Chinese residing in the United States are entitled to enter the Philippines, irrespective of class or occupation.

Milton, Ore.—A great closed town war is raging here. The W. C. T. U. has served notice on Mrs. Annie Rose that they will prosecute her for maintaining a gambling house.

Denver, Col.—The fire which broke out in the Pheen & McGinnity's planing mill destroyed $120,000 worth of property. The mill was saved by the timely arrival of the watchman.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands.—The Prince line steamer Tartar Prince was burned at sea November 25. Crew and passengers were saved by the steamer Argyll, bound for Algoa bay.

Salt Lake.—Mrs. E. D. Cox, who, in company with her husband, got lost in a blizzard last week, died at Holy Cross hospiet1. Mr. Cox may recover, although both his feet will have to be amputated.

San Francisco.—A company of infantry will accompany the transport Logan from Manila to San Francisco as special guard owing to the disorderly character of some of the discharged soldiers.

Madrid: The newspapers have been telling the truth about government affairs so often of late that King Fonsy has decided to apply the Russian gag rule to all publications.

Nebraska City, Neb.—Owing to the sudden changing of the main stream of the Missouri from the Nebraska to the Iowa side this city is left without electric light and the water works have run out.

Kalispell, Mont.—After three days of hard work in trying John Zewadke and William Gehlor for the murder of Otto Theirsch, the jury returned verdict of manslaughter against Zewadke and acquitted Gehlor.

Domington, Ill.—Augusta Rueger was buried here today in her bridal robes. She was attending as bridesmaid at the wedding of a friend when she dropped dead. She was to have been married herself on Wednesday.

Washington.—General Randall recommends in his official report to the war department that he considers the Spokane river valley site an ideal one for a permanent camp of instruction and concentration for the troops.

Washington.—During the first 10 months of 1902, 122,665 steerage passengers arrived at the various ports of the United States, being an increase of 33 1-3 per cent over last year. The total of immigrants who arrived in that period was 494,245, made up of 473,814 aliens and 20,431 United States citizens.

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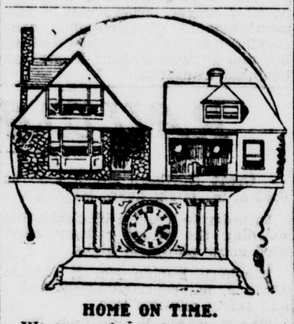

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