

**THAT DREADFUL MR. BIDDLE
EVER HEAR ABOUT HIM?**



ANTHONY J. DREXEL BIDDLE

Special Correspondence to The Press
PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—It has been many a day since staid old Philadelphia society has received such a shock as that given it by Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, society man and crack amateur athlete, when he recently appeared in the ring of the National Athletic club and seconded Jack O'Brien, middleweight champion, in his six-round fight with Jack Blackburn, negro pugilist.

The nonchalant indifference of this young scion of one of Philadelphia's most blue-blood families as to how society might view his action has caused the leaders of the Quaker 400 to frown, and if they dared would perpetrate the unheard-of social heresy of pronouncing a decree of ostracism against a "Philadelphia Biddle."

Society might have saved itself all this perturbation had it only noted the early trend of Mr. Biddle's fancy. Born in 1874, "Tony's" earliest self confessed ambition was to become a policeman, but a stern parent interfered and bundled him off to the university, thus depriving Philadelphia of a very husky guardian. At the university he was inoculated with the germ of the manly art of self defense and soon made a reputation for him-

self as an exponent of the ethics of the squared circle. Leaving the university, he sought new worlds to conquer, and made the acquaintance of Robert Fitzsimmons.

"Lanky Bob" and the young society swell soon became fast friends and under Fitz's tutelage young Biddle soon found that his amateur friends were unable to make it interesting for him in boxing bouts. Then he began taking on the professionals and has boxed many a fast round with Fitzsimmons' Philadelphia "Jack" O'Brien and others.

When it was suggested that it would help to raise boxing in the estimation of the general public if he consented to meet O'Brien in a five round bout, Biddle readily consented. The fashionable Merion Cricket club was decided on as the place for the bout. The affair was the stellar attraction of a carnival night for club members only.

Biddle trained as faithfully as any world's champion for the "go," and it was said that in preparation for the event he often disposed of as many as a dozen husky university athletes in a day's successive bouts. He made a creditable showing against O'Brien, using largely the tactics of the lanky Cornishman.

**PARSON, JUDGE
MAYOR GUILTY**

The Press herewith prefers charges against Mayor Moore, Judge Poindexter and Rev. W. J. Hindley and demands immediate prosecution.

Stripped of official title and dignity these three must stand convicted of an offense so heinous that no penalty has been prescribed on the statute books. No legal mind has sounded the depth of it because there is no precedent.

They took, confiscated and carried away with malice aforethought one pie from the newsboys' contest at Natatorium park last night.

And they did this wicked thing while acting in the fiduciary capacity of custodian of the pies and protectors of the contestants. Furthermore, they were caught in the act of devouring the plunder

while the newsboys gazed apprehensively at them, wondering if there were any pies left. Popular support will be accorded any newsboy who will sign a complaint for the purpose of bringing pie pirates to justice. The pulpit, the bench and the civil government alike stand in abject disgrace. They stole that pie.

With what was left the boys went at it heroically and created lots of fun in an eating contest, with a knife prize from Withers, won by Harry Jones in 45 seconds. A melon eating battle followed, and Leo Smith emerged triumphant from that, winning a suit of clothes from Berry's. The singing prize of a fishing rod from Ware Bros. went to Dewey Frederick, and Charles Day was the champion declaimer. Togo, the little Jap newsboy, and Glenn Reynolds appeared in a miniature boxing contest that convulsed the crowd. The heavyweights were Cassius Ouse and John Buigan. The picnic was a great success.

Judge Poindexter and Mayor Moore were among the speakers, but no matter what they say or do henceforth, not a newsboy will ever forget that they stole that pie.

MINING MEN ORGANIZE

A Spokane branch of the American Mining congress has been organized with the following officers, except secretary, who is to be selected later: W. J. Elmendorf president, P. M. Baumgartner, Conrad Wolfe, C. M. Fassett vice presidents, C. P. Robbins treasurer, P. C. Wood, L. K. Armstrong, R. F. Collins, J. C. Haas and elective officers directors. On July 1 the congress will meet at the chamber of commerce assembly room.

**Special Excursion to
Adrian Sunday Morning**

To make an investment or get a home in irrigated orchards in the Columbia river fruit belt at the modest price of \$125 per acre one should go on the excursion of the Adrian Irrigation Co. to Adrian, this side of Wenatchee, where the company has 5,000 acres being developed to commercial orchards and now ready for inspection. The round trip of 230 miles is given for \$1.00 by applying for tickets at the company's office, 424 Mohawk block. A special train leaves the Great Northern depot Sunday morning at 8 o'clock and returns at 9 o'clock in evening.

**SHERMAN,
CLAY & CO.**

Steinway & Other
Pianos
Victor Talking Machines
810 Sprague Ave.

**MET A WENCH
COST HIM \$50**

Just why men will take up with disreputable wenches whom they meet at night is a puzzle to the police. Frequent complaints of men robbed by these wenches are reported. It is always the same story, yet it does not appear to act as a lesson to others. Last night about 11 o'clock J. Puff, of Curlew, Wash., who is stopping at the Pacific hotel, took a walk before going to bed. He met one of these wenches and a conversation started by her followed. They walked along Wall st. to Second av. She disappeared in a woodpile.

Puff searched himself, then ran puffing to police headquarters. During the walk of one block the wench had picked his pockets of \$50 in bills and \$1 in silver.

**BURGLAR CUT
SCREEN OPEN**

J. R. Van Ansdale, 423 Third av., notified the police this morning that someone burglarized the place during the night and secured \$25, a bracelet and lady's back comb. Entrance was gained by cutting the screen in a window. The window was open.

BURGLARY AT RECREATION

H. W. Wager's cigarstand at Recreation park was broken into last night by someone who stole 10 boxes of cigars.

Excursion to Adrian.

Don't be late and get left on the excursion to Adrian Sunday. Special train starts from the Great Northern depot at 8 o'clock sharp, rain or shine.

EVEN KING ED WOULDN'T STAND IT

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LONDON, June 26.—King Edward has amazed the British nation by taking upon himself the role of a censor in the matter of women's dress. Riding in Hyde park, he observed Mme. Titcomb, an actress, also riding, and clad in



MME. TITCOMB IN HER DIRECTOIRE HABIT

mode, with split skirt. He ordered the park commissioners to forbid Mme. Titcomb the use of the park for her rides.

Nominally, Hyde park belongs to the king, but he makes it over to the nation in exchange for his salary. He has about as much right to keep Mme. Titcomb out of it as a landlord would have to prevent a tenant from wearing a décollete gown in a rented house.

And King Edward as a censor of public morals is a joke, anyway.

**BARTENDER ENDS
LIFE WITH ACID**

Swan Anderson, a bartender, quaffed carbonic acid sometime yesterday and was found dead in his room at the Lang lodging house, 221 1/2 Post st., last night by his roommate, L. M. Latronness. Anderson worked for awhile at the Chicago hotel. A pawn ticket

showing that he had borrowed \$5 on a watch was found in his pockets, also about \$2 in cash. An empty acid bottle and another partly filled were found beside him. Nothing is known of his relatives.

Old Settlers' Picnic at Liberty Lake

Tomorrow, June 27, the old settlers hold their annual picnic at Liberty lake. Special excursion rates, round trip, 50c; children, half fare; applies to anyone going and returning Saturday.



You would be lightfooted, too, if you had just discovered there was an exclusive hat store in the city that made a specialty of \$2.50 and \$3.50 hats, and that the quality was better than is usually sold for that price.

STRAWS AND PANAMAS
ARE OUR LEADERS THIS
WEEK.
Two stores.



**50 Cents On the Dollar
Men's Clothing At Half**

To reduce our stock of Men's Summer Clothing we are making gigantic reductions on every suit in the house—nothing excepted. Everything goes at half, including blacks and blues and smart novelties. Our prices are always the lowest, but at the reductions quoted you are buying at factory cost.

Regular \$25.00 Suits only..... \$12.50
Regular \$20.00 Suits only..... \$10.00
Regular \$15.00 Suits only..... \$7.50

Everything in the Ladies' Department Reduced

\$2 pretty white waists...90c
\$15 fine voile skirts...\$7.50
\$8.50 brown Panama skirts.....\$4.25

\$3.50 black Heatherbloom petticoats only.....\$1.50
All millinery at cost.

THE CHEAPEST STORE IN SPOKANE FOR GOOD GOODS

THE CREDIT STORE
207 Riverside Ave. Next Door to Hotel Pedicord.

GREAT BRIDGE READY

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 26.—The Spokane, Portland & Seattle bridge across the Columbia here, the greatest structure of the kind in the United States, was completed yesterday and the event was made the occasion for a half holiday celebration. The bridge will carry double tracks, is two miles long and cost \$2,000,000. Fifteen hundred tons of steel were put into it and one year and 11 days were

necessary to finish the work. Engineer Crosby, of the Kelly-Atkinson Construction Co., had charge.

TEN DAYS CAMP MEETING
A 10 days' campmeeting for Free Methodist congregations comprised in eastern Washington and northern Idaho opened last night out near Corbin park. The services begin at 9 a. m. and end with the evening sermon beginning at 8. Additions to the number of campers are arriving from the various churches today.

WENTWORTH'S
Great 3rd Annual Free Fireworks Offer Begins Tomorrow and Continues All of Next Week



It's the red letter event of our store every year, and you will do well to take advantage of this generous and unique offer.

Your clothes money will not only buy you new, reliable wearing apparel but it will at the same time buy the fireworks for your evening celebration at home.

To each purchaser of any man's suit in our store, regardless of price, we will present the following expensive outfit of fireworks:

- 1 thunderous 3 pound mine
- 1 beautiful 10 inch vertical wheel
- 4 one half pound sky rockets
- 4 twelve ball Roman candles
- 1 box large canon crackers.
- 2 boxes of emptying volcanoes
- 2 bombarding guns.

To each purchaser of any boys' or child's suit in our store, except wash goods, we will present the following noisy "lot" of fireworks:

- 1 package 40-52 crackers
- 2 packages 40-48 crackers
- 1 box of O salutes
- 3 large 8 ball Roman candles
- 2 matchless whistling booms
- 1 box of electric sparklers
- 8 three-ounce triangles
- 4 sun-of-a-gun torpedoes
- 1 single shot cane
- 3 boxes of ammunition

You know the high quality standard of our goods as well as the lowness of our prices; also that we carry the largest variety of fine wearables in the city. It therefore behooves you to accept this offer which is a gift pure and simple. Only one outfit to each purchaser. See our beautiful holiday show window displays.

SPOKANE'S GREATEST MEN'S AND BOYS' OUTFITTERS

The store that uses honest methods only and that insists upon truthful advertising.

Wentworth Clothing House
Entrance 709 Riverside Avenue



Look them over carefully, you will find every kernel perfect.

This famous coffee is carefully selected from private plantations having established world-fame reputations for producing the choicest berries. Is it a wonder, therefore, that

Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand Coffee

never fails to give the most absolute satisfaction? Their seal and signature on each pound and two-pound can in which it comes is a guarantee of perfection.

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