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IS IT A BLUFF, NICK?

Nick Longworth, who won a place in the eternal halls of fame by marrying "Princess" Alice Roosevelt, announces that "my wife doesn't want to go up in a balloon and I wouldn't let her if she did want to."

Nick is a canny fellow and has learned a whole lot about diplomacy during recent terms as a congressman, but he's got to show us. He's got to come back with some reliable, believable Eskimos, some non-edible dogs, some frozen toes, and a few green chips off the pole itself, figuratively speaking, before we'll believe that he's found the north pole in any such family having so large a strain of Roosevelt blood in it.

Oh, we know well enough that Alice has consented to the idea that she doesn't want to. Nick probably put his arm around her and cooed: "What would lovey do if dovey went up and didn't come down?" and this outburst of affectionate solicitude probably softened her determination to brave the terrors of the upper air.

But it won't work, Nick. Most any fellow can cozen and fool his wife some of the time. What we want to know is, Did she really want to go up and was there a clinch as to whether she should or shouldn't?

If you have evidence to satisfy the scientists on this point, we'll all agree that you've discovered something of great comfort to a lot of the rest of us who can't stop the better half from doing a thing when she wants to, be it ballooning or tramping our aces at "bridge."

Secretary Ballinger and Forester Pinchot stood within a few feet of each other in Utah yesterday, but they were as distant as the two poles, as far as any recognition is concerned. There was north pole temperature on the outside, and tropical heat concealed within.

The Clock Winder and That Deficit.

You read about the president getting all his secretaries together and impressing upon them the idea that this is to be an economical administration, didn't you? There is a big national deficit, the post office department alone being \$20,000,000 "in the hole."

The idea smote the secretary of the treasury right smartly. So he went home impressed, as Taft intended he should be, sat down with his conscience, and after much mental travail decided to fire the poor devil who had the job of winding the clocks in the treasury offices.

But it won't work. The 700 employees of the treasury department won't wind their own clocks regularly. When they do wind 'em, they set them late to get to work by and early to get to the ball games by, and hence the government loses much of their time.

Great is economy when applied to political jobs, but you have to swing her right or she boomerangs, as in the case of this winder of clocks.

Has a chair for President Taft been selected here? This is a weighty question.

PENCIL POINTS

Here's a little tip for the ministers of Spokane. At the cost of a lot of time The Press is building up an adequate Saturday church news column. The more the ministers contribute to this the more people will attend church, because to look at it in a material way, newspaper advertising is as valuable in religion as in business.

"Everything cleaned except soiled reputations," is the attractive inscription on some local laundry wagons. It's a fact that soiled reputations need stronger treatment than soap and water.

Say, but won't those Spokanites who are going to ride in the Taft

auto procession be "all stuck up?" They'll tell it to their children and their children's children—how they rode behind the president in the good year 1909.

Fair attendance may not have been so good earlier in the week, but things were certainly humming yesterday. At 11 o'clock last night the down town streets were filled with people returning from the fair grounds.

By the way, smile a little. You know it's just as cheap. Use tomorrow for rest and planning for the coming week, and then be ready to put added ginger and cheerfulness into Monday's work.



Journal of a Polar Explorer. BY FRED SCHAEFER. 80 deg. 10 min. N.—Shot 17 musk oxen. Wonder what they live on. Muskoxen, probably. Eyab, my prize Eskimo, has hay fever. This and a grand piano is his inducement for accompanying me to the pole. Says cooler climate will cure it—the hay fever, not the grand piano.

EVERETT TRUE'S HOME and FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE

Dear Mr. True—I have a chance to make a big fortune in a very short time, at least the promoter of a gold mining company has given me such assurance if I will invest the bulk of my savings. Kindly advise me. Truly yours, A. TOILER.

Dear Trueheimer—What will you do with the palms of the hands? Mine are so soft and tender. PERCIVAL K. Answer: SWING THIS EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

Dear Mr. True—How can I trace back my ancestry? I would like very much to know who my forefathers were.—Genealogist. Answer: VISIT THE ZOO!

Dear Everett—How best can I prevent the odor arising from perspiration? WM. THERMO. Answer: MASH 'EM, YOU FOOL, MASH 'EM!!

Dear Everett—Is the south pole colder than the north pole? How can I find out?—A Polar Enthusiast. Answer: SPEND A WINTER AT EACH PLACE.

Philadelphia boarding house and the hazer is at work again. How long, oh, how long, will the fool killer keep hands off? Henry Watterson is going to write letters home from abroad. This recalls that letters from abroad is what every amateur journalist thinks newspapers are painting for.

MOST ANYTHING

JOSH WISE SAYS "Th' man with th' open countenance catches th' mos' flies."

Of course, if Taft places "party solidarity" above tariff reductions, why the tariff reductions will have to remain unredacted until the party goes to smash.

Anyhow, Orville Wright has flown higher in his airship, even if he is not a high flyer in private life.

Don't know whether the failure of so many bucket shops signifies a return to prosperity or a return to reason.

It is unfair to believe that any of those explorers are crazy with the heat.

When you read in the papers that John H. Thierly is a father of 87, don't jump at conclusions. This New York man is a father of 87 years. He has only six children.

This thing of feeding Eskimos gum drops probably made life sweeter to them. At any rate, gum drops are better to chew on than an old boot.

Man's chief wisdom, says Rochefoucauld, consists in knowing his own follies. But man generally recognizes them only in someone else.

Strange man engaged a room at a

Union Trust Co. OF SPOKANE The Marble Bank Bldg.

Advertisement for Shrewd Investors, featuring Union Trust Co. and offering bonds, mortgages, and a 5% to 8% return.

LOST BALANCE

Losing his balance in some unknown manner on the rear platform of a Washington Water Power Co. car last night, August Schatz, living at 725 Hilliard street, was precipitated to the pavement at the corner of Pine street and Sprague avenue, where he was seriously injured about the head. The patrol wagon from the police station, bearing Dr. O'Shea and Steward Dare of the emergency hospital and an officer, was sent to the scene of the accident in response to a report that Schatz had been killed.

QUILLS SOCIETY OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers: Gonzaga College Conducted by Jesuit Fathers, Spokane, Wash. Fall term opens September 8, 1909.

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The Story of Dead Broke

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All Eyes Are Upon EILERS PIANO HOUSE

We Are Giving a Four Per Cent Bonus on H. P. Nelson Prize Checks

Naturally the piano house that caused these checks to be issued presents our action in offering to accept them at four per cent above face value. We expected they would, and it is natural they should seek to pick flaws in our announcement. Their statements as to the genuineness of our advertisement are founded only upon two slight typographical errors in copying the message.

But what is the use of quibbling? Suffice it to say that Eilers Piano House has agreed to accept these checks at four per cent above face value. (four per cent more than you can get elsewhere), as part payment on our brand-new pianos at the regular established retail prices. It would make no difference to holders of H. P. Nelson Ballon Prize Checks how we manage to knock off \$56 to \$104 right off the price of our pianos by accepting these checks. All they want to know is that we will do it, and they know that Eilers Piano House does what they say they will do.

We are always ready to back our claims and our instruments with the combined strength of our forty stores, extending from California to Alaska, and all we have to say now is, come in and investigate; bring your checks and we will take them. We have honored several already.

Buy World's Finest Makes

We give something in addition to a four per cent bonus. We give you a larger and finer assortment of instruments than is carried by any other firm in the Pacific Northwest, and they are priced lower than any other firm's pianos. They are priced lower because we are THE LARGEST MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DEALERS IN THE WEST and our large volume of business enables us to sell for less. Certain competitors who claim to be the largest can only give evidence of five small stores against our forty.

Better Than Four Per Cent Bonus

Which would you rather have, one of the world's finest pianos, such as Chickering, Steck, Kimball, Decker, Hobart M. Cable, Schumann, Lester, Smith & Barnes, etc., purchased of an old established, reliable firm, or a cheap, unknown make of piano purchased of a house of which you know little or nothing?

You can just as well select a piano at Eilers Piano House and have the best, as we have planned to take the H. P. Nelson Prize Checks and we are determined to do it, even if we lose money.

Our terms are so easy that you'll never miss the money, and there is no reason now why you should not have a piano. Remember the place. Spokane's biggest, busiest piano store. The people's store. Corner Sprague and Post. A. A. Meidinger, Manager.

Advertisement for Eilers Piano House, featuring a piano illustration and contact information.

TWO CAT STORIES

WIVES CAN TAKE CATS TO BED, COURT'S DECISION. OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 25.—In handing down a decision that gave Mrs. Ella Tillmany an interlocutory decree of divorce against her husband, Judge Wells decided that it is worse for a husband to chase his wife about the house with an axe, threaten to kill her and call her vile names than it is for the wife to wear false hair and take a cat to bed with her.

Mrs. Tillmany brought suit originally, setting forth the axe wielding, the threats and the curses as instances of cruelty. Tillmany came back with counter charges that included the wearing of a wig by his wife and her introduction of the family cat into the bed. The former, he declared, constituted mental cruelty, as it gave him much pain to see his wife wearing the locks of another woman, and the latter charge was physical cruelty; inasmuch as the cat scratched his legs.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Jack, a mongrel fox terrier, has started a little millenium of his own in the new building of the People's Gas Light & Coke Co. in Michigan avenue. He has not only made friends with a black cat, but has been its protector since the days of kittenhood, passed amid the bustle that attends the construction of a skyscraper.

No one dares lift a hand against the cat when Jack is present, and the tortoise shell cat that the Women's Athletic association left behind when it moved away is accorded scant opportunity for a peaceful rest if she appropriates the black sister's bed of straw. Jack sends her flying in an instant, spitting and clawing and with tail in the air.

ROME.—Monsignor Falco, apostolic delegate at Washington, to be made cardinal.

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