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NO FARCE INVESTIGATION

Just as suspected by the three organizations seeking clean jail conditions, the preliminary session of the "investigating" committee degenerated into a farce. It couldn't very well be anything else with a public session, attended chiefly by the men who control the police department, who were responsible for the jail system, and who are fighting for a whitewash and afraid of a real investigation.

There was our old friend Long John. Brother Sullivan, who, prancing before the committee, shrieked:

"Where are they, where are those women who came before the council and charged all those bad things? They're not here tonight; why not? Where is that woman, Mrs. Stafford? There is a nigger in the woodpile. They are trying to job the police."

Oh, slush. Because the women knew very well, Brother Sullivan, that you would be on the job to bally rag and prance, they remained at home. The women have the affidavits all right, John, don't fret about that, but they are not going to produce them until there is a secret session before a fair committee.

And then, Burns, chief of detectives, fresh from the field of victory, where he threw a citizen out of the council chamber, blithely butted in. He showed the evil of a closed investigation, and defended Brother Sullivan and generally made himself a jest.

And John Blair, who today took his seat as corporation counsel, also made his bow and maiden speech for the public good by attacking the reliability of the witnesses.

"What, depend on women of the town for evidence against our chief?" was his shocked inquiry.

Well, Mr. Blair, do you know of any bankers or preachers or Y. M. C. A. girls who have been in jail to serve sentences? Did you expect some mysterious voice from heaven to descend and diagram the heating arrangements of pit number seven in Hell? Who did you suppose was going to supply evidence as to jail conditions—the people who had been in jail, or those who had not? Blair, you also are somewhat of a joke.

Dr. McDowell very properly withdrew from the committee when the mayor's private agent and the council's appointee showed that the cards were stacked and that they were following instructions. As representing the Woman's club, and standing for an honest investigation, Mr. McDowell could do nothing except get out of the farcical situation as speedily as possible. The mere fact that the majority of the committee refused to hold secret sessions as requested by labor and the Woman's club and the German societies was enough to compel any man to get out of that crowd quick.

Now the committee will either die a natural death, or it will continue a farcical thing, applying whitewash per instruction. The Press foretold this several days ago. It has happened just as expected.

And now, maybe, we will have an investigation that will amount to something.

Obeys Law at Great Sacrifice

Pennsylvania has an arbitration law (phony to be sure, but it has one).

When the strikers sent their attorney to the trolley

trust and asked arbitration under this law, the company refused, point blank.

The reason? Well, the trust's lawyers held the arbitration law to be unconstitutional. Rather than violate the constitution the trust (reluctantly) decided to break the law.

So it said "no" and blew a police whistle.

Isn't it tough for a trust when it has to have its better nature cramped by its respect for laws and sich?

JUST KIDDING

There is something familiar about this high living when it comes to blaming it on the wife. We don't care, Adam, whether Eve started all the trouble or not. She is not the whole fault in everything.

The Nobel peace prize will soon be coming to Jeff and Jack.

The attempt of the Storage Trust to control the price of eggs has apparently been defeated by the hens themselves. The spring offerings are unusually large and early. Country-bred men know from boyhood's experience that it is hard to corner a hen.

"Be slow to anger," said Uncle Henry, "but if there is going to be a coroner's inquest let it sit on de odder fellow's carkus."

Three-cent fares are not likely to be obtained while we have so many two-spot legislators.

CLASSIC FRAGMENT.

And as the ancient Greek poet arose and calmly remarked:
Stick to your flannels, boys!
Keep them on today.
Stick to your flannels, boys!
Until the first of May.

—O. U. Kidd.

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PRESSOGRAPHS



Josh Wise SAYS:

"Speech is a wonderful thing. A baby can say a word an' it's mother un'erstan' it as a whole sentence; an' th' baby's mother kin say a whole sentence an' not say anything at all."

De Puyster went to a noted physician.

"I—ah—have come to—ah—ask you—ah—what—what is—ah—the doosid mattaw with me—ah!"

"I find your heart is affected," said the physician, gravely.

Chauncey Olcott was christened Chancellor J. Olcott about 48 years ago.

"Smith's new suit is a perfect poem, isn't it?"

"Yes; a regular 'Owed to his tail'."

A strange thing about overshoes is that they are worn out the very first time you wear them.

A man is seldom as great a fool as he appears to his friends, but more of a fool than he appears to himself.

Love will find a way, but the question is, who is going to pay the freight?

Several hams had been stolen from the smokehouse of the late Judge Silas Bryan, father of William Jennings Bryan. The judge missed them at once, but said nothing about it to anyone. A few days later a neighbor came to him.

"Say, judge," he said, "I heard yew had some hams stole t'other night."

"Yes," replied the judge, very confidentially, "but don't tell anybody. You and I are the only ones who know it."

Luis Terrazas, owner of five million acres of Mexican land, is the greatest land and live stock baron in the world.

Mrs. Smith—You may say what you like about the Wilson's having \$100,000 left them, I don't believe a word of it.

Mrs. Robinson—Why not, my dear?

Mrs. Smith—Because they are so polite to everybody.

"Brute!" exclaimed the nagging wife; "you are not like my two former husbands. They were tender men."

"They oughta been tender, Maria," ventured the meek man. "You kept them in hot water, all the time."

Goosevale Correspondence

A phone line between this and Pink Ridge is a much talked of probability. At present there is some inconvenience, especially to the sick, because people who wish to talk across have to holler across.

A "Merry Widows Club" has been formed among the relicts of our town as a sort of comeback at the Blithe Bachelors union started by our eligibles.

The literary was well attended. It is having its effect, as many of our young folks have took to wearing eyeglasses.

Miss Tabby Fridemush made a business trip to Beeleysport. She took her winter's output of canvases

pleaves to barter for artificial flowers for her bunnit.

There is lots of spring moving already. Among the earliest are Jade Onionseed's, who have arranged to take Clodfride's house next September or perhaps October.

A comic mask ball was given by the Merry Chipmunks Socials. Some of the costumes were amusing. Most came attired as rubes, which gave the appearance of a conventional gathering.

Zed Horswoggle has put up a bren new hitching post in front of his premises on High Main-st. This will probably do away with strangers hitching their teams to some of our statuesque citizens.

VERITAS.

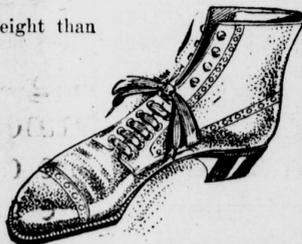
THE STORY OF A READYMADE SUIT

Cutting out a ready to wear suit isn't as laborious as the work of the cutter in a custom tailor's establishment, who takes one suit at a time. In the big suit factories as many as 20 suits are cut out at once. The different cloths are laid layer upon layer, clamped between metal patterns, and then run under the band knife, which works like the band saw in the planing mill. The knife follows the metal pattern and cuts all 20 suits at once.

Men's \$3.50 "Tans" for Spring \$2.65

It's March—almost Easter—and here's the opportunity to indulge your desire for spring tan Shoes, and at a saving. These are \$3.50 Shoes, and we're selling them tomorrow at \$2.65 as a result of one of our purchases we told you about.

The soles are of a little lighter weight than you've been wearing this winter—the toes are just a little more pointed—it's a handsome last. All men's sizes are in the sale. Then there are vici kidskin Shoes—a brown that is almost chocolate—a little wider toe and a last more nearly staple, with soles a trifle heavier. All sizes in this line also. These, too, are \$3.50 Shoes, at \$2.65



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THE WONDER

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"Led me giff you a varnings, Osgar; always eat reckular meals or you might insuld somepody. Der odder day I valked into a restaurant und asked der man of he serfed meals a la carte."

THE TURN OF THE TIDE

BY FRED SCHAEFER.

(In Servia a man accused of killing his wife secured acquittal by pleading that every man sometimes hates his wife.—News Item.)

The prisoner stood before the bar And told the jury how, When somewhat peeved, he went so far As to croak his loving frau.

"To best of wives," he said, and cried, "At times all men are boors. Weren't there days you vainly tried To keep from swatting yours?"

The jurymen were lost in thought, The plea went home to them, It really seemed that there was none His argument to stem.

But one, a small, pale man, arose, And stroked his thin goatee; He said, "As things at our house goes, My wife does that to me."

SEASONABLE. "John," said the wife of the enthusiastic baseball fan, "what are you jumping up and down on that bed for?"

"I'm just indulging in a little spring practice," replied the enthusiastic John.



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