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What has become of the old-fashioned woman who was accused of prinking?

It is wonderful what interest the gossips take in a woman whom they occasionally see in tears.

After a man passes 60 his whiskers begin to look as if he had forgotten to keep moth balls in them.

A Pennsylvania bride has made sofa cushions out of her courtship love letters. It would probably be difficult to find softer filling.

Leaf-cutting bees make their nests in decayed trees, in holes, on posts and like places. Their nests are lined with circular pieces of leaves, and are so arranged that they are honey-tight.

Mason bees make their nests in crevices of old walls and even in empty shells. Their homes are made of grains of sand stuck together by a glutinous secretion from their own bodies.

So great is the honor accorded to the woman who takes the part of the Blessed Virgin in the Passion Play at Oberammergau that the last Marie, Anna Flunger, has decided to remain unmarried in order that she may have a chance of being selected to play it again.

The smallest known vertebrate animal—that is, an animal with a backbone—is a tiny fish that lives in the Philippines, where it is a favorite object of food. It is so small that thousands of them are needed to make a meal. Besides producing this microscopic vertebrate, the ocean also furnishes a home for the largest creatures.

Sir Norman Lockyer, director of solar physics at the South Kensington observatory, London, agrees with the theory advanced by Prof. Milne to account for the San Francisco earthquake—that is, that it was caused by the earth falling to swing perfectly true on its axis, which is bound up with the recognized theory regarding sun spots.

The word whisky is of Irish origin. Indeed, the Irish claim that whisky itself is of Irish origin, and, moreover, that the Irish taught the Scotch people how to make whisky. As for the name, it springs from the Irish word uisgue, which means water. The distilled spirit was called by the Irish in ancient times uisgue beatha, or life-giving water.

Every child and adult can be helped to fight consumption. School children can help by complying with the following rules: Do not spit except in a spittoon, or a piece of cloth, or a handkerchief used for that purpose alone. On your return home have the cloth burned by your mother, or the handkerchief put in water until ready for the wash.

While excavating for the new railway buildings at Capetown recently, some workmen found a considerable number of the curious old "postoffice stones." In years gone by it was the regular practice with the commanders of the English and Dutch East India companies' fleets to leave a package of letters under large stones on the shore, to be taken to Europe by the next home-going fleet.

Perhaps the queerest city in the world is that of Nang Harm, the home of the royal family of Siam. This city's peculiarity lies in the fact that it is composed of women and children alone. It is in the center of Bangkok, has high walls around it and in its population of 9,000 there is not a single man, though the king occasionally pays them a visit. The name Nang Harm means "veiled women."

Many people seem to think that the use of dogs in war is comparatively modern. Yet ancient Corinth was saved from the foe by courageous animals that fought the invader while the garrison slept. To-day the dog is used for active operations as well as for ambulance work. Trained dogs have been used for outpost duty and for the carrying of ammunition. For ambulance purposes their work has been proved to be of the utmost value abroad.

The mails will be heavy this coming season if attractive stationery and desk fittings are any incentive to letter writing. In engraved papers the severely plain, square initials are being superseded by very elaborate crests and monograms. Something quite new, and equally illegible, is the Gothic style of letters. Tall, pointed, churchy looking I. H. G.s and E. D. G.s, etc., are being done in Roman gold and in old reds and blues, all very large and effective against cream-white vellum.

HOOCH BY AGCLAMATION.

Kansas Republican Convention Renominates the Governor.

But Few Contests Developed—Fight Was on Chairmanship Which Went to A. W. Smith.

Topeka, Kan. — The republican convention which assembled here on Wednesday emphasized in a startling manner the kaleidoscopic changes which so frequently take place in Kansas politics. Two years ago the contest preceding the organization of the convention at Wichita was between the "boss busters," led by W. R. Stubbs, and the "machine men" who favored the renomination of Gov. Bailey, when the delegates began to arrive here Tuesday it was evident that the line of demarcation which had separated the factions at that time had disappeared and when the convention assembled it was very evident that new combinations had been formed and men who for years had been bitter political enemies were working together and those who had previously been affiliated were now contending for different principles and candidates.

At the assembling of the delegates it was seen that there would be an attempt made to break, in a measure at least, the programme, previously arranged by those who expected to control the convention but by the time the noon recess was taken it had been made plain to the insurgents that the grade was steep and the track greased.

The test of strength came on the selection of temporary chairman. A. W. Smith was the person previously selected. A movement headed by Henry Allen to secure the election of some other person, was soon crushed in the avalanche by a vote of 668 to 356.

That demonstrated the ability of the band wagon to lead the procession and Smith was soon elected. The convention got down to business promptly in the afternoon, after a few speeches had been made while waiting for the report of the committees. There was no opposition to the adoption of any of the reports, the delegates evidently being in a hurry to cut out all unnecessary skirmishing and get down to the more serious business of nominating.

F. L. Williams, of Clay county, placed Edward W. Hoch in nomination for governor, Patrick Coney seconding the nomination. It went through with a rush. Then the chairman injected some humor into the dry proceedings. He appointed Pat Coney, "Cy" Leland and Andrew Richards a committee to escort the governor to the stage, and, as an afterthought, added W. R. Stubbs and Henry Allen to the committee. And they all served.

While the committee was after the governor, a start was made in calling the roll on nominations for lieutenant governor, W. J. Fitzgerald and Ansel R. Clark being the only candidates offered. Before the roll call could be finished, the governor arrived, and was received with all the enthusiasm that a candidate for that office could ask for. The delegates arose as one man when he entered the hall and cheered him as he mounted the stage.

The ticket nominated follows: Governor—E. W. Hoch, Marion. Lieutenant Governor—W. J. Fitzgerald, Dodge City. Secretary of State—C. E. Denton, Atchison.

State Auditor—J. M. Nation, Erie. State Treasurer—Mark Tully, Independence.

Attorney General—F. S. Jackson, Greenwood.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction—E. T. Fairchild, Ellsworth.

Justices of the Supreme Court (for six years terms)—W. A. Johnston, Minneapolis, R. A. Burch, Salina; (four years terms) Silas Porter, Kansas City, Kan., C. B. Graves, Emporia.

Railroad Commissioner—George W. Kanavel, Frank Ryan, C. A. Ryker.

Insurance Commissioner—Charles W. Barnes of Osage county.

State Printer—T. A. McNeal, Topeka.

Storm Damage in Arkansas.

Fort Smith, Ark. — Reports have been received here that Huntington and Mansfield, 30 miles from here, were visited by a terrific wind and rain storm Tuesday evening. Telegraph and telephone wires were blown down, cutting off all communication. The streets of Huntington were flooded to a depth of two feet. Houses were unroofed and a number of buildings demolished at Mansfield, three miles from Huntington. Large tracts of timber were leveled and fences for miles destroyed. The warehouse of the A. T. Booth wholesale grocery company, containing \$3,000 worth of merchandise, was destroyed.

Cavalry Going to San Francisco.

Wichita, Kansas.—One squadron of the First cavalry, en route from Fort Sam Houston, Tex., to San Francisco, to do guard duty, passed through here at 3 o'clock Thursday morning.

CANADIAN WAS WINNER.

Great Event of Olympic Games Captured by Haring—Americans Are Leading.

Athens, Greece.—The Americans already have won the greatest number of events in the Olympic games. The Greeks come next with the Swedes probably third and the Englishmen fourth. The superiority of the individual American competitors is acknowledged by all but the defeated athletes are endeavoring to find some solace in the fact that the Americans had many strings to their bow and held a superiority in numbers in nearly all events. The official list of the results will be published Wednesday.

Various finals were being decided in the stadium Tuesday morning preparatory to the Marathon race, the great event of the games. There were 48 competitors in this 26 mile run, starting from Marathon at 3 in the afternoon and finishing at the stadium.

This great race was won amid unusual excitement by William Sherring of Hamilton, Ontario, in two hours 51 minutes and 23 seconds.

The stadium seemed to rock with cheers as the Canadian arrived. The Greek princes ran beside the winner cheering him; he was greeted by the king and the queen handed him a bouquet of flowers.

William G. Frank, Irish American A. C., New York; J. J. Fowler, Cambridgeport Gymnasium A. A., Cambridgeport, Mass.; Michael Spring, Pastime A. C., New York, and Joseph Forshaw, Missouri A. C., St. Louis, Mo., were the American representatives.

BATTLE AMONG MINERS.

Clash Between Union and Non-Union Men at Windber, Pa., Has Fatal Results.

Johnstown, Pa. — The union and non-union miners clashed again Saturday night at Paint Creek mines near Windber, where a week ago a mob had to be dispersed by a volley from the musket of the deputies. As a result of the riot 2 men are dying in the hospital at Windber, a third is probably fatally stabbed, several others sustained various injuries and seven men are under arrest for inciting riots. Since the last trouble the saloons at Windber have been kept closed and last night the men visited the saloons at Paint Creek. An union and a non-union man quarreled, a knife was drawn by one of the men and immediately there was a rush from all sides to the support of the contestants.

The battle lasted, for half an hour and when the crowd dispersed men were lying along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks for a distance of fifty yards, bleeding from stab and bullet wounds. Sunday night all was quiet. Most of the injured are foreigners.

WAS QUICKLY SPENT.

But \$300,000 of the \$2,500,000 Appropriated for San Francisco Remains for Relief Work.

Washington, D. C. — Commenting on the dispatches from San Francisco expressing the surprise of the citizens' committee that only \$300,000 of the relief fund of \$2,500,000 appropriated by congress is still available for relief work, Acting Secretary Oliver, of the war department, Sunday night pointed out that it was never contemplated that the appropriation should be spent by the citizens of San Francisco. The money, according to the resolution of congress was to be expended by the war department; was to reimburse that department for the rations, tents, blankets, etc., belonging to the army which were rushed to San Francisco and also to purchase other relief stores. The appropriation, Gen. Oliver explained, was allotted among the various supply bureaus of the army, certain amounts going to the commissary bureau, the quartermaster's bureau and the signal corps, the money allotted to the latter being for the purpose of restoring telephone and telegraphic communication, etc.

Vaults of the Treasury Intact.

San Francisco, Calif. — The city officials were highly elated Sunday upon finding the contents of the municipal treasury intact. The vaults were located in a section of the city that escaped the fire and when an expert opened the doors Sunday morning he found gold, silver and securities scattered over the floor but there was nothing missing. The vault contained \$5,800,000 in coin and currency; \$300,000 in securities of the German Savings bank and \$12,000,000 of unsold city bonds.

Bryan Spoke in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem. — Mr. William Jennings Bryan, who is visiting Jerusalem in the course of his tour of the world, on Saturday addressed a special meeting held in the tabernacle by the Christian missionary alliance. He spoke for seventy minutes with captivating eloquence on the life of Christ and His teachings and expressed astonishment at the small proportion of Christians in America and Europe visiting Bible land.

OFFERS \$100,000,000 LOAN

New York Capitalists May Finance Rebuilding San Francisco.

Banks Making Small Payments—Chinese Want to Return to Their Old Location.

San Francisco, Calif. — The first definite proposition for furnishing money on a large scale to San Francisco for the purpose of rebuilding some of the burned sections was made public Tuesday when it was announced that a syndicate of New York capitalists had agreed to advance one hundred million dollars. The news came in a telegram received by W. F. Herrin, chief counsel of the Southern Pacific from United States Senator Newlands of Nevada, who had a large interest in the burned Palace hotel. Senator Newlands stated that he had submitted the plan to the New York financiers and that they had virtually consented to supply the money on a bond and mortgage basis. The names of the New York people are not given. The offer is under discussion by the local finance committee.

It was decided Tuesday that the citizens committee would accept all offer of aid from foreign countries. This decision was reached when a communication was received through Japanese official sources asking if the citizens would receive the contribution of 200,000 yen made by the emperor of Japan and declined by the United States government. The finance committee held that San Francisco being essentially a cosmopolitan city, it was obliged to care for many destitute foreigners and that it would be proper under such circumstances to accept all outsider tenders of assistance. The local money stringency was somewhat relieved Tuesday by the banks resuming business in a small measure through the branch United States mint. Well known depositors were given certified checks for small sums, by the savings banks and business clients of commercial banks were accommodated, if they so desired, with sums not exceeding \$500 each.

The subject of having a special session of the legislature called at an early day is being earnestly considered by the general committee. The calamity San Francisco has suffered will call for many changes in California statutes and in the city charter in order to permit of new regulations in the matter of increasing indebtedness, making longer leases, etc., and Gov. Pardee is urged to convene the legislature in extra session as early as possible.

Considering the condition of the city, an astonishing amount of building has been commenced. The new structures are all one-story frames, but they will be sufficient for a time to provide for the immediate needs of their builders.

To Be Retained by Vatican.

Rome, Italy. — The plan devised by the vatican for the division of the \$7,000,000 paid by the United States for the friar lands in the Philippines has been expressed by the dominicans and substantially agreed to by the other religious orders. The vatican will retain the principal and a portion of the interest in the form of an allowance will be given annually to the Philippine dioceses and the remainder to the religious orders in the islands to be divided by them according to the agreement.

Will Have Hearings on Alcohol Bill.

Washington, D. C. — The free denatured alcohol bill was considered Tuesday by the senate committee on finance, with the result that it appeared that a majority of the committee will demand that the measure be reported in some form at this session of congress. Chairman Aldrich was instructed to name a sub-committee of seven members to conduct hearings on the bill.

A Kansas Hailstorm.

Wellington, Kan.—A furious storm of rain and hail coming from the southwest struck this town a few minutes after 6 o'clock Monday evening. The hailstones smashed nearly every skylight in town and broke window glass in all directions. Rain fell in torrents for about 20 minutes. Reports from other points are that the storm did great damage to the fruit and wheat.

To Reward Dynamite Squad.

Washington, D. C. — President Roosevelt has called upon the war and navy departments to report the names of the officers and enlisted men of the marine corps and army who displayed special gallantry in checking the San Francisco fire by the use of dynamite; this with a view to their reward and commendation.

To Be Chinese Financial Adviser.

Pekin, China. — The Chinese papers say that Prof. Weeks, of Cornell university, will be offered the appointment of financial adviser to the Chinese government on the recommendation of the commissioner who recently visited the United States.



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What He Learned.
"I learned the game of love once," sighed the young man in the blue waistcoat. "So?" asked his chum. "Yes; through a school of correspondence. I took ten lessons." "And did you realize anything?" "Only that I was a lobster. She kept the letters and sued me for breach of promise."—Detroit Tribune.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

He Knows It All.
"Do you believe that one mind can absorb the sum total of human intelligence?" "Well, I dunno. I've got a boy who is a senior in college, you know."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There are times, to be sure, when we doubt our own wisdom, but these are never concurrent with those occasions when we contemplate the proper policy for our friends to pursue.—Puck.

A woman thinks nothing of eating breakfast in a five-dollar kimono, but she would raise an awful roar if her husband appeared in his 75-cent pajamas.—Atchison Globe.

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If more or less of the above symptoms are present, no invalid woman can do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicora root, or Helonias, and the medical properties of which it most faithfully represents.

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