

JOHN HAY AS JOURNALIST.

New Newspaper Writers Have Been So Well Equipped for the Work as He.

Few newspaper writers have brought to their task the equipment which Hay possessed when he came to the "Tribune" in the winter of 1870, writes Joseph Bucklin Bishop in "A Friendship With John Hay." After passing through the great period of the civil war as the private secretary of President Lincoln, he had served successively as secretary of legation at Paris, charge d'affaires at Vienna, and secretary of legation at Madrid. He spoke several of the languages of Europe as fluently as he spoke his own, and he had that minute knowledge of their art and literature that only a born lover of art and literature can attain. One has only to read his "Castilian Days" to realize the full meaning of what I wish to convey when I say this. His conversation was literally a "joy forever," then as always. I have heard many good talkers in my day, thank God! but never a better one than John Hay.

Scarcely less enjoyable than his talk was his writing. He wrote mainly upon foreign affairs, political, social, and literary; and whatever he wrote, intellectual men everywhere, who read it, talked about. Into whatever he did, then and throughout his life, he put his full powers. He was preeminently a good workman; he would do nothing except his best. But while he always did his best, he never made the mistake of taking journalistic work too seriously. He had the saving grace of humor, without which no journalist can hope to attain the largest measure of power and usefulness.

PREDICTIONS BY MACHINE.

Contrivance Used by Coast Survey at Washington Performs Unique Service.

A machine that prophesies is an engine in use by the coast survey at Washington, D. C., which can and does predict the time of high and low tide for a given locality, and makes these predictions for a year in advance. Its performance is not limited to a year, but that is the maximum of work it is usually called upon to do. It is compact and delicate to a degree not easy to appreciate. To make these tidal predictions, which are issued in the form of a fat book of tablets every year by the survey, the machine is first set, then operated by hand. As may be surmised, the setting of the machine is the point at which accurate mechanism and the human brain join forces. There are 19 factors to be determined in making tidal predictions. Each factor alters all the rest. Hence the machine is so constructed that an alteration of one factor has its effect on the others. How this is done is understood in a measure by noting that there is a setting of 19 dials, with pointers. Each pointer is on a pulley mounted eccentrically on its shaft, and over this pulley passes a chain which goes from one to another. Obviously, if the eccentricity of one pulley is altered it has its proportionate effect on all the rest. The engine was invented by Prof. William Ferrel, who presented it to the government without charge for his idea. It cost originally but \$3,500 and does the work of 40 expert computers.

NOW THE GRANITE STATE.

Magnitude of Deposits in Texas Give the Commonwealth That Distinction.

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Only Born King.

There is a fact about King Alfonso well worth knowing. Of all the kings who have ever lived, with the sole exception of Jean I. of France, who lived but a few hours, he is the only one to be a king from the moment of his first breath—a veritable "born king." And since he is much spoken of these days it is not amiss to know his name, which is, his Most Catholic Majesty Don Alfonso XIII, king of Spain, of Castile, of Leon, of Aragon, of the two Sicilies, of Jerusalem, of Navarre, of Gibraltar, of the Western and Eastern Indies, of the Oceanic Continent, archduke of Austria, duke of Burgundy, of Brabant and Milan, count of Hapsburg, of Flanders, of Tyrol and grand master of the Golden Fleece. This is not really all, but it is a good deal to live up to, even for a king.

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IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES

Medicine Man in Africa Has Many Strange Patients Thrust Upon Him.

The visit of a real medicine man is a grand time for the natives of the small villages in the territory near the Congo Free State in Africa. Not only do the natives demand medical aid for themselves, but they are quick to see that what helps them ought to help their domestic animals. The author of "On the Border of Pigmy Land" gives some amusing experiences with patients:

"One day, while dispensing medicine, an unusual shuffling and pushing seemed to be going on in the doorway. I walked round to find out the cause, and saw a cow being pushed by force toward me. The herdsman explained that it was very sick with indigestion. In order to get quickly rid of this undesirable patient I mixed up some castor oil with salt, and ordered it to be administered in one hour's time.

"I rather regretted this afterward, for very soon another veterinary case was brought in for treatment. This time it was our faithful Maskat donkey, suffering terribly from the plague of flies that generally appear in the dry season. The poor creature's legs were absolutely raw, and it had almost lost the power of standing.

"After the donkey boy had applied antiseptic washing and ointment, I tried to fix on bandages, but donkeys' legs were evidently never made the right shape for that. I could not get the bandages to stick. Mr. Fisher suggested trousers. It really sounded suitable, so I set to work on a pair, and when the donkey was put into them he looked most distinguished.

"The people gathered round in numbers to see it, and exclaimed: 'What honor the European gives his animal!' There were several spectators who were not clothed so magnificently, and as I was afraid of giving the impression of extravagant waste, I explained to them the necessities of it.

"The donkey did not take kindly to his first pair of trousers. Perhaps they did not fit well; at all events, he kicked them to pieces in two days. A second pair was made on a modified scale, and whether or not the owner had cultivated more civilized instincts it is not easy to affirm, but they remained intact until they were no longer needed, and the donkey was able to run about and be up to his usual pranks again."

WISDOM OF THE FATHER.

Advices Son Against Mistake That Is Made by Many Young Men.

The young man who had come home flushed with success and happy in the knowledge that his employer had voluntarily raised his salary, relates the Detroit Free Press.

"Coming great, dad!" said the boy. "I know the work and they can't get along without me."

"My boy," said the father, who knew the world well, "I am proud of your success. I am proud of you, but don't make the mistake that a man I knew once did. Don't get the idea that you are indispensable.

"This friend I speak of was a valuable man and a clever one. He thought he was not getting enough money so he asked his employer for an increase. The employer willingly granted it. The raise came so easy that the man began to think that he was indispensable. 'He can't get along without me,' he said to himself. Three months later he asked for another raise.

"You're coming pretty strong, aren't you?" said the employer, in surprise. "I raised you only three months ago."

"I know," said the man, "but Jones wants me to work for him. He offers me more money, and if you want me you'll have to boost my pay."

"The employer knew that the man was clever and granted the demand. "Two months afterwards the man went back for a third time.

"You'll have to raise me again," said he. "I am making all this money for you, and if you want me you'll have to give me more. You can't get along without me and I must have the money to stay."

"The employer thought a minute and said: "What would we do if you were dead?"

"Oh, in that case, of course, you'd have to get along," said the man.

"Then, my friend," said the employer, "we'll just consider you as dead."

"Now, my boy, work hard and make yourself valuable to your employer, but don't get the idea that the world can't get along without you. It can and you may find out to your sorrow that it is very willing to."

Education in Mexico.

A national educational congress is to be held in Mexico this year at the call of the government. It will discuss putting all the schools under federal control. At present they are under the control of the various states, in some of which they are poor and in others good. The little state of Jalisco, for instance, is one of the most advanced in the world in its school laws. In addition to compulsory free education the state pays the expenses of university students too poor to attend otherwise.

Great Advantage.

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