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Well, did you get just what you expected?

Let you forget, we say it yet, "A Merry Christmas."

For an innocent man Mayor Schmitts of Frisco is raising a good many technicalities.

Of course New Yorkers flock to hear Caruso. They do on things of the risqué order.

An English woman poked fun at Secretary Taft, twitted him, probably of his Falstaffian bulk.

Those down town tracks would have been a fine Christmas present for Rock Island. But they will do just as well for a New Year's remembrance.

The youngest member of the 60th congress will be Harry B. Wolf, who has recently been elected from the Third congressional district of Maryland. He has just passed his 26th birthday. Mr. Wolfe began life as a Baltimore newsboy.

Philadelphia Record: While there is some doubt as to the reliability of reports of wheat taken from Egyptian graves of ancient date germinating when planted, many notable, if less wonderful, examples of nature's preservation of the life seeds come to light from time to time. One of the most noteworthy of these refers to seeds taken from Fort Conger, about 490 miles from the pole by the Peary party in 1899, having been exposed in this northern climate for a period of 16 years, their presence there being the result of the Greeley expedition of 1883. Packages of lettuce and radish seeds were brought to the United States and after a period of six years were planted, and while the lettuce seed had lost its vitality, fully one-half of the radish seeds, germinated and grew to maturity and perfection.

The Popular Will.

In advocating a national constitutional convention to propose changes that will bring our national system of government up-to-date, Hon. David A. DeArmond in a recent speech in congress said:

"I am one of those who believes that there ought to be recurrence as frequently as possible to the judgment of the mass of American citizens. I believe that under our system of government it is wise every now and then, and quite frequently, to get at the sense of our people, affording them full opportunity to make themselves heard. There is a growing feeling, I think, and I think it is one that has foundation in real fact and real need, that very often legislation is too far away from the masses of the people; that their will is expressed in legislation too slowly and too imperfectly; that combined powers that can make known their wishes quickly, that exert their potent influence rapidly, that can concentrate at the very point where things are to be done, are more likely to prevail than the profound sentiments of the scattered citizens of the country.

"There are a great many people who believe that in our constitution there ought to be provision made for what is popularly known as the initiative and referendum, by means of which the people themselves might directly suggest and initiate and directly pass upon legislation. I believe our constitution would be improved by providing in it for this exercise of power by the people.

"The whole problem of modern government, where the people seek to govern themselves, is involved in the one proposition of enabling the great masses of people, the 999, scattered and dispersed in their various vocations over the country, to make their power felt, register their will, and have done that which they desire to have done, in their own interest, for the welfare of the whole community, and for the perpetuity of the government. It is vastly important for the people that they be provided with the means of opposing effectively, and surely and swiftly overcoming those who have usurped authority, and those who by the concentration of wealth and by the powerful modern agencies for its creation and utilization in all sorts of ways, good and bad, are constantly growing more heedless of the rights and interests of the plain American citizen. Now, if the constitution could be amended so that the people will have more power, so that there may be quicker response to popular demands, so that there may be a correct and

more authoritative registering of the popular will, very much will have been done toward insuring the perpetuity of government and preserving and enforcing the rights of our citizens."

The Wall Street Summary quotes Dr. Woodrow Wilson as declaring in a recent address "Governments should supply an equilibrium, not a disturbing force."

Time was when such an utterance would not be considered notable; when, in fact, it would be regarded as academic if not commonplace. But at the present time when pleas for "more executive power," "wider constitutional interpretation," "centralized federal government," etc., tending to the abandonment of principle and governmental policies as practiced since the days of the fathers of the republic, are heard in high places, thanks are due every public man who joins issue for the commonweal. "An equilibrium," is indeed the true function of our federal government, not a fomentor of discord and friction. Reverence for the laws "ourselves have made" should dictate their rigid enforcement to demonstrate their need or amendment or change, before supplanting them with dangerous and experimental theories. Empiricism is not wise in governmental administration.

The Coming Ice King.

E. R. Thomas, a wealthy young turfman, who has figured prominently in one or two notable deals in Wall street is aspiring to become an ice trust king of Chicago, St. Louis, and Milwaukee. He has a scheme under way to form an ice combination with a capital of \$45,000,000 to operate in western cities. It will be called the Western Ice company, and incorporation papers for this company have already been taken out in New Jersey. Friends of Thomas stated that if his plans were carried to successful termination he will soon control the ice distributing business in Chicago, St. Louis, and Milwaukee, not to mention the smaller cities and suburbs of Chicago and other centers.

RAILWAY TIPS.

Holiday Rates. Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1 the Rock Island will sell round trip tickets at rate of fare and one-third to the following territory: All points in Arkansas, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, nearly all points in Illinois and to certain points in Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Tennessee and Wyoming. Return limit, Jan. 7, inclusive. In order to avoid delay at depot, it is suggested that those who can should purchase tickets at city office.

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DAILY STORY

WHEN THEY MET AGAIN.

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There were feasting and merrymaking after the marriage of George Williams and Sarah Lee. George was a brakeman on a freight train, and Sarah was the daughter of his landlady. Sarah fell in love with the brakeman, and they were married. He had saved enough money to go to house-keeping on, and for a year they were a happy couple. Then two things happened. George was promoted to a run on a passenger train, and the engineer of a freight was introduced to the wife and was at once interested. Other people soon began to see, but the husband was blind. Other people soon began to hear, but the husband was deaf. The mother had something to say for the daughter's good, but was met with protests and tears and finally with hot words of anger. One day it became known that the wife and the engineer had disappeared together. Williams came home to find his cottage deserted. They expected to see him fly into a fury and hear him utter awful threats, but they were disappointed. It could easily be seen that the iron had entered his soul and that he was gnawing his heart, but he said very little, and even the mother of the missing wife was not taken into his confidence. One day three months after the event he quietly dropped out of sight, and to this day there are plenty of men in the railroad yards at K, who have heard nothing further from him.

When the deserted husband set out on his quest he might have turned to any point of the compass. As one knew which way the wife had gone, a sort of intuition took him to Chicago and kept him there. Under another name he found employment of a different sort, and in his spare hours he walked the streets. At the end of two years he met his faithless wife. They came face to face on the street, and before they had looked into each other's eyes he knew that the man had abandoned her and that she had become a social outcast. When she recognized him she would have run away, but he quietly said:

"Sadie, you need have no fear of me. All I want is to ask you a few questions."

"George, are you going to kill me?"

"I haven't the slightest idea of it."

"But you won't forgive me and take me back?"

"Never."

"Then what is it?"

"Only the name of the place where I can find the man."

"But I don't know. After a year he cast me off."

"Then good day to you."

Williams did not go back to his work, but traveled here and there for a week. One day he located his enemy in a town a hundred miles away. It was in the far west. The engineer had become a station agent and was married. It was 9 o'clock in the morning, and he sat at his desk when a stranger walked in and sat down opposite.

"Well?" queried the agent.

"Do you want a chance for your life, or shall I shoot you like a dog?"

It was the man he had wronged. He looked into a face in which there was no mercy. There was not one soft line in it. The face didn't look murder, but it looked determination to kill. The agent read it and knew that the crisis was at hand.

"If you shoot you'll be lynched," he finally said.

"Have you got a gun?"

"Yes."

"Then get it. I will not open fire until you are ready. One of us will be in hell within the next five minutes."

The agent was no coward. His revolver was in the drawer beside him, and as he moved his hand in that direction he hoped to get the first shot.

He would have had it but for his haste. He snatched the weapon and cocked it at the same time, but the cuff of his sleeve caught, and the weapon was discharged. The next instant he fell backward with a bullet in his brain, and three or four of the yard-men came running. The killer was of the railroad. The girl he had married was of the railroad. All the guests at his wedding were railroad men. It was the railroad men and women who knew of his shame. The thought drove him mad. He turned his gun on the men who came running and killed two and wounded a third. Then he walked to the door and saw a switchman across the tracks. A bullet stretched the man dead. A freight train stood on the siding. The engineer was smoking in the cab, and the fireman was down on the ground wiping the machinery. Each received a bullet and fell dead.

The railroad had brought about the marriage, and the railroad had brought about the disgrace. The railroad should pay the bill. Williamson saw that one of the freight cars was loaded with hay. He touched a match to the combustible, and a great flame shot up. Thence he walked back to the depot and fired it. Men came running, but he waved them off. Two shots were fired at him, and in return he killed another man. Then the flames drove him away from the building, and the excited crowd charged in a body and bore him down. He was hustled to a tree, a rope produced, and then a dozen hands pulled him up amid the shouts and execrations of the crowd. Yes, he was hanged by the neck until dead, but what of it? He had killed seven men, caused a financial loss of \$50,000 and had been done with life months before. It was only the semblance of a man they had lynched.

M. QUAD.

FAST TRAIN IS DERAILED

Accident at Wyonet on Burlington Main Line Ends Fortunately. No. 2, a fast eastbound passenger on the main line of the Burlington, had a narrow escape from a bad wreck yesterday morning near Wyonet. A broken rail derailed the last three sleepers which ran over a mile on the ties. One car was overturned and the inmates were badly jarred up, but no one seriously injured. The train is a fast one and makes no stops between Kewanee and Princeton, and when it struck the broken rail the speed was probably near 50 miles per hour. The engine and front part of the train went over in safety, but the third from the last car jumped the rail and ran along the ties, the last two cars following it.

She Got a Job.

There is a true story of one young woman who had devoted almost a year to pulling wires and using all possible influence to gain an interview with a certain theatrical manager. At last her hopes were realized; she got her appointment, and she was finally ushered into the manager's private office. He received her most cordially and offered her a chair. "Thank you," she said gratefully; "I think I will sit down. I've been just ten months getting here, and I'm a little tired." And the manager, who is really a great man and hence has a sense of humor, promptly engaged her.—Charles Belmont Davis in Outing Magazine.

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