

HIS LAUGH WAS HIS FORTUNE.

An Arkansas Steamboat Captain's Jollity Made Him Famous.

"Ever hear of a man who made a fortune out of his laugh?" said a guest of the St. Charles as he looked over the register. "I have heard of girls whose faces were their fortunes, but I knew a man whose laugh was positively his fortune. That name—Sam B. Adams—on the register there reminds me of a man who made a fortune out of his laugh. His name was John D. Adams, and he was the father of Sam, the gentleman registered there. John D. Adams was a typical steamboatman of Arkansas, and in addition to his steamboating was a planter of extensive interests, and was connected with other business enterprises. He was the first man to run a steamboat up the Arkansas River, and his name in that State to-day is a synonyme for geniality, courage and business success. He was very successful, and his friends used to attribute his success to his wondrous laugh. It was not boisterous, yet loud, and was so musical and jolly that one could imagine old Kris Kringle was personified in him. Other river men would say that his laugh got him all the Government mail contracts. He would go to Washington, get acquainted with the man who had charge of the contracts, and he, like all of Adams's new acquaintances, would soon come under the infection of his magnetic laugh, and form a genuine admiration for the grizzled old steamboatman. He was known at the hotel by everybody, and was pointed out for years by a colored porter, to whom he once gave a \$5 gold piece as a tip in a fit of jollification over the closing of a big contract in his favor.

"Amazing tales were told of his courage and his steamboat experiences. On one occasion, when an accident happened to his boat and the passengers became panic-stricken, he calmed them as if by magic by calling them children, and laughing at their fear—his famous laugh impelling confidence and mirth by its very melody and jollity. He even used his laugh when very much angered; but it was of a very different character, and death lurked behind it. In a steamboat quarrel with three desperadoes once he denounced them with a laughing accompaniment, a cynical, chilling, dangerous kind of laugh, his eyes glittering like a snake's, and his forefinger on his revolver, ready to dash out the life of the first one who made a move. One of the desperadoes said afterward in speaking of the occurrence that he never felt so queerly before in his life. He said he felt as though the very marrow in his bones was being frozen."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Hair.

THE WORLD'S FASTEST RUNNER.

Bernard J. Wefers, the New Champion, Weighs 185 Pounds.

Of all the men who in running regatta ever faced a starter on a cinder track, Bernard J. Wefers, who a few days ago broke the world's record by running the hundred yards in 9 3-5 seconds, probably fulfills best the requirements of an ideal runner.

With depth of chest that bespeaks ample lung room, his lithe body tapers to the waist, and his world-beating legs, strung with tendons of steel, are of a minimum weight. He has nothing to carry save that which is of eminent use to him in his task.

"Perhaps the vital element, after all, in a runner is 'sand.' If Wefers's record of victories over famous competitors were not sufficient proof of his grit, his face, with its square jaw, firm set mouth, piercing eyes and aggressive nose, should tell the story plainly. He hails from Lawrence, Mass. His feetness was inherited. His father was an athlete of skill and a runner hard to beat.

The present champion is but 23 years of age, and has been running for four years. He is six feet tall in his stockings and weighs 185 pounds. When he first made his appearance on the cinder track good judges saw no future for him. His was a weight unheard of for a runner to carry. The years that have intervened have proven that the critics did not know.

Unlike most runners, Wefers, in motion, is straight as an arrow. His style is very graceful, and with his long, elastic stride, he seems to travel almost without effort. He gathers speed as he goes, and is famed in the athletic world as a strong "finisher."

No picture could convey more of tension and alertness than does that which represents Wefers crouching for the start. Every nerve and fibre is him as strung like a piano wire. And it is not for the gallery. He is probably one of the quickest starters in the world. He never in a race has permitted any competitor to pace him. He takes the lead from the start, and in the vast majority of his races has held it with such display of speed as has made the whole world wonder.

Another phenomenal thing about this phenomenal man is that his marvelous efforts do not seem to affect him after the manner of most athletes of his class. It is a familiar sight on athletic tracks to see runners, after breasting the tape, utterly collapsed, and half carried to the clubhouse by their friends.

Not so with Wefers. After breaking the world's records he has amazed the onlookers by jumping a jig on the greensward for joy and trotting off to the dressing room with the alacrity of a colt.

It will be a long day before anybody sees his like.—New York Journal.

Cupolas Made of Paper.

Paper cupolas for building are remarkable for their lightness. A cupola of that kind, consists of from twenty-four to thirty separate pieces, and is produced over a wooden model by pasting huge rolls of suitable paper one over the other. Every separate piece runs from the base to the top of the hemispherical roof of the cupola, thus forming a vault-like strip which is broad at the bottom and narrow at the top.

For the production of these separate parts of the cupola roll paper of very good quality is used, which is first cut, says the Philadelphia Record, into the requisite length and breadth, then moistened and stretched over the wooden model. Upon the first strip is pasted another, also moistened, over this a third, and so on until the necessary thickness is reached. The moistened strips of paper adhere firmly to each other and retain their concave shape, and after being dried constitute hard, resisting pieces, which are made waterproof by oiling, polishing with hot iron, asphaltum and varnishing, and are then put together in the shape of a round cupola.

Will False Teeth Grow?

It is reported that a Russian dentist has solved the problem of supplying us with false teeth which will grow into the gums as firmly as natural ones. His method is to bore holes at the root of gutta-percha or porcelain teeth and also in the jaw. After the tooth has been placed in the cavity a soft granulated growth finds its way from the jaw into the holes of the tooth, which, he claims, gradually hardens and holds the tooth in position. A number of American dentists standing at the head of their profession have, however, declared that the Russian's alleged discovery is a fraud.

GORMAN IS TURNED DOWN

MARYLAND SENATOR WILL BE SUCCEDED BY A REPUBLICAN.

THE OFFICIAL COUNT IS MADE.

The Contest For Supremacy By Both Parties Was an Extremely Close One.

A special of Thursday from Baltimore, Md., says: Senator Gorman is beaten. The hero of the force bill, the great leader of the Maryland democratic party for more than twenty years, the man who sent Grover Cleveland to the white house and one of the most conspicuous men now in public life, has been overthrown. His successor in the United States senate will be a republican.

Realizing that the contest for supremacy was extremely close, the republican leaders in Maryland determined that every effort in their power should be made to control the next legislature. Tried and trusted lieutenants, men who know a thing or two about political manipulation, were immediately after the election dispatched to all the counties where the vote was reported to be close, and they did their work well.

It can be stated authoritatively that for a while there was hope for Senator Gorman and his friends, that hope has flown.

The republicans are in control. They will organize both houses of the legislature and any democratic contest that is brought before them will be treated with contempt.

Senator Gorman's successor will be elected at the coming session of the legislature, on January 1st.

Republicans Show Increase.

By the official count of the Maryland election returns five members of the assembly and one senator were taken from the democratic list of probabilities and added to that of the republicans; three of the members and the senator are from Talbot county and one member each from Prince George's and Carroll.

This gives the republicans forty-nine members in the house, and leaves the democrats but forty-two.

It also gives the republicans eighteen senators to eight for the democrats and a majority on joint ballot of seventeen.

The result in Talbot county arose from the fact that eighteen votes in Tighean precinct were found to have been counted twice for the democratic ticket. This being corrected, gave the republican legislative candidate majorities ranging from sixteen to nineteen votes.

Among those prominently mentioned as the probable successor to Senator Gorman are Alexander Shaw, former Congressman John V. L. Findlay, Postmaster General Gary and Congressman Sidney E. Mudd.

GREAT POWER HAS VAN WICK.

Mayor of Greater New York Will Control Fifty-Five Thousand Persons.

A New York dispatch says: More than 50,000 persons will directly or indirectly draw pay from the city in the first administration of the mayor of Greater New York.

The salary of \$3,000 of these whose names will be actually on the city's pay roll will aggregate \$33,000,000. Part of this amount represents the salaries and patronage and other officers elected on Tuesday, but this is comparatively small, most of the total representing the patronage of Greater New York's first Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck.

A conservative estimate of those who will draw pay indirectly from the city, through city contracts and the like, is 12,000.

Mayor Strong, at the time the greater city charter was passed, referred to this force as equal to, if not exceeding, the actual number of all officeholders.

Second only to the president of the United States in the value of his patronage, the mayor of the greater city fields a significant power. With his colleagues-elect of the same political party, as himself, Mr. Van Wyck can lead an army of officeholders and those indirectly employed by the city, as great as the army of the Potomac.

TWO IMPORTANT RULINGS.

Indiana Judge Declares Garnishment of Wages Unconstitutional.

A dispatch from Anderson, Ind., says: "Judge McClure has passed upon the constitutionality of the new Indiana garnishee and the anti-waste natural gas laws. He declared the former unconstitutional as a whole and all cases brought under it were stricken from the docket. He made this ruling on the ground that it was class legislation and discriminating against the wage earner, inasmuch as it made special provisions for attaching his earnings. He held the anti-waste gas law constitutional and docketed the many cases against oil fields' violators.

HEAVY FROST AT SELMA.

Governor Johnston Has Been Asked To Raise the Quarantine.

Selma, Ala., experienced a heavy frost Thursday morning with ice in places. The board of health has withdrawn all objections to the return of refugees, and by request of a committee of business men asked the governor to raise the embargo against Selma.

Trains on the Southern railway's branches leading north from Selma have resumed their regular schedule.

ANNUAL LOSS BY FIRE.

It Has Been Very Much Reduced by Improved Methods of Fighting Fire.

Mr. Charles T. Hill, the artist, who has been writing a series of papers for St. Nicholas on the New York Fire Department, has a final paper on "The Fire Patrol." Mr. Hill says:

The annual loss by fire in the United States amounts to one hundred millions of dollars, and fully one-half of this loss is caused by the water used in extinguishing the fires. Before the introduction, in 1872, of controlling or shut-off nozzles used on the fire-hose, the percentage of loss by water was even greater—at least two-thirds of the total loss. Previous to the introduction of this much-needed device, there was used what was known as an "open pipe," a plain open nozzle, with no contrivance for shutting off the water. When it was necessary to shut off, the order had to be passed to the engineer, sometimes a long distance from the fire; and unless the nozzles could be thrust from a convenient window, the water would go pouring out, spreading destruction in all directions. In small fires, especially in "up stairs" fires in private dwellings, or in business houses stocked with perishable goods, such as feathers, silks, etc., the unnecessary destruction of property was very great.

To-day, fires are fought much more scientifically, and with a great deal more system, than were those of ten or twenty years ago; and officers in command of engine companies are usually very careful not to use any more water than is absolutely necessary.

Nearly every hose-wagon in the New York Fire Department to-day carries three sizes of hose—the regulation size, 2 1/2 inch, used at all ordinary fires; 3-inch (known as "third-alarm hose," and only used at fires of considerable magnitude), and a small hose carried on a reel under the wagon. This hose is 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and very easy to handle, and on account of the ease with which any number of lengths of it can be carried about, it is that oftentimes used at small fires in dwellings, offices, buildings, and flats.

With a controlling nozzle on the end, the fireman can dash up several flights of stairs and into a bedroom or closet, and extinguish a small fire before it has time to spread, using the water only where it is absolutely necessary. To drag the regulation size (it weighs about eighty pounds to the length) up and around winding stairways, etc., would take much longer, and perhaps give a fire time to get just beyond the point of easy control; besides, when the water is finally started, a great deal more is used by this hose than is necessary, especially in the case of a small fire. It has been practically demonstrated that a considerable amount of fire can be extinguished with a small amount of water applied effectively, and the use of the small hose has done much to reduce the damage by water at fires in dwellings and flats.

A Wooden State.

Recent surveys show that over one-sixth of the State of Oregon, something over 10,000,000 acres, is covered with dense forests.

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Mrs. Pinkham Counsels Young Wives to Keep Their Attractiveness. A Letter From a Young Wife.

Seven-eighths of the men in this world marry a woman because she is beautiful in their eyes.

What a disappointment then to see the fair young wife's beauty fading away before a year passes over her head!

I feel as if I would like to say to every young woman who is about to be married—"Strengthen yourself in advance, so that you will not break down under the new strain on your powers." Keep your beauty, it is a precious possession! Your husband loves your beauty, he is proud to be seen in public with you; try to keep it for his sake, and your own.

The pale cheeks, the dark shadows under the eyes, the general drooping of the young wife's form, what do they mean? They mean that her nerves are failing, that her strength is going and that something must be done to help her through the coming trials of maternity.

Build her up at once by a course of some tonic with specific powers. Such as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. You can get it at any drug store.

Following we publish by request a letter from a young wife—of her own accord she addresses it to her "suffering sisters," and while from modesty she asks to withhold her name, she gives her initials and street number in Chambersburg, Pa., so she can easily be found personally or by letter: To my Suffering Sisters—Let me write this for your benefit, telling you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I am but nineteen and suffered with painful menstruation, leucorrhoea, dizziness, burning sensation back of ears and on top of my head, nervousness, pain and soreness of muscles, bearing-down pains, could not sleep well, was unable to stand without pain, and oh! how I longed to be well!

One day I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham telling her all, knowing I could do so in perfect confidence.

She wrote me a lovely letter in reply, telling me exactly what to do. After taking nine bottles of the Compound, one box of Liver pills, and using one-half package of Sanative wash, I can say I am cured. I am so happy, and owe my happiness to none other than Mrs. Pinkham.

Why will women suffer when help is near? Let me, as one who has had some experience, urge all suffering women, especially young wives, to seek Mrs. Pinkham's advice.—Mrs. R. S. R., 113 E. Catherine St., Chambersburg, Pa.



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