

The Winners

MOST of the big strong men you know were just plain boys in the long ago; nine, I estimate, out of ten, were poor as any of you boys, then. They had their joys and they had their woes, they stole their melons and stubbed their toes; they had their faults, as I must confess, but one of them never was laziness. Whatever they did they did with zest; when playing their games they beat the rest; and when they found there was work at hand, they bent and labored to beat the band. And that is the secret of men who rise; some are not gifted, some are not wise, and some are hobbled and handicapped far more than fellows who now are straggled. You have no chance? Well, no more had when setting forth on the world's rough way; they made their chances and pushed along, not stopped to argue that things are wrong. And now they're honored; their handsome girls are getting ready to marry earls, their homes are stationed in handsome grounds, they have their yachts and they ride to hounds. While you, the victim of circumstance, are still insisting you have no chance. (Copyright by George M. Adams.)

The Schools Must Have Relief

FIRST NEED of the public school system of El Paso is suitable provision for the thousands of boys and girls of school age in Chihuahuita who are not attending any school, and for whom no provision is made, either in school rooms and seats, or in vocational training. If this provision costs \$100,000 or more, it must nevertheless be made, in self defence if nothing else. The present neglect of the Chihuahuita school problem is the costliest neglect of which El Paso is guilty. Next to providing for adequate and suitable schools, playgrounds, social centers, and clinics in Chihuahuita, the duty of the people of the city is to rebuild practically all the older school houses in the city, make them as fire resistant as possible, safe for the children, and sanitary; to equip them for the work that is expected to be carried on in them, and to provide room for all the graded schools, without the necessity of having short sessions, or of sending children too far from their homes. After these things are provided for, the high school comes next, and ample provision should be made for a school plant fully equal to the best to be found anywhere in cities of 50,000 to 100,000, with vocational features fully provided for. The high school plant, including the final payments on the ground and the cost of grading and parking, will approximate \$500,000, and the amount is none too much to spend for the purpose. After these school provisions, street work, the mesa scenic boulevard, park work, sewer extensions, and general public improvements should be next considered. The proposed new buildings for the public offices really belong in the procession after all the things here mentioned have been provided for by bond issues and otherwise. At the same time, it is to be remembered that no city bond issue is called for by the joint city and county building. Whether it is necessary at this time or not is for taxpayers to decide at the January election.

Two campaigns of the moment enlist every sympathy: the shop early crusade which is for the benefit of everybody, shoppers, shop boys, delivery horses, letter carriers, and messenger boys; and the sales of Red Cross seals for the benefit of tuberculosis victims everywhere.

Fortunately for the permanence of the pioneer spirit, there is always something we have not, something ahead, something to want, something to strive after. It would be a poor old world if people were all satisfied. A white rhinoceros is very rare and a very shy beast, and an expedition has left London for the Sudanese Abyssinian hinterland to try to catch one for the South Kensington natural history museum.

Reading A Woman's Mind

TO AN American looking on, and possibly possessed of only a part of facts of the case, the decision of the Rota tribunal at Rome that the marriage of Anna Gould with count Boni Castellane was null because the Roman court says she had divorced in her mind when she married Boni, is little short of barbaric and inquisitorial, to claim the power to read a woman's mind back years ago. Anna Gould is now the duchess de Sagan and is protesting powerfully against the decision and asking for another trial. All that money can do she is doing.

Anna Gould raised a storm of indignation when she married count Boni. Jay Gould was one of the first of our great millionaires and the marriage was one of the first almost openly avowed bargains when an American girl bought a title.

But she married Castellane and bore him children. Her second marriage also seems ambitious on both sides. In a way it is nobody's business; but millions, like royalty and great scientific or artistic fame, have their obligations to society. Human society involuntarily measures more or less from the conspicuous ones even if they are notable only in the possession of much money. The old French phrase noble oblige conveys the idea. Prominence also has its obligations to the world. Anna Gould has apparently not cared about this obligation and has lost the world's quick sympathy, but this ruling against her, seems absolute tyranny.

Two essentials there are to happiness: cleanliness and honesty. There cannot be happiness without them. There may not necessarily be happiness with them although they largely make it, but without them daily living is an aggravation.

All the world knows that work that is done with the heart aiding the hand is good work, and its benefit like the quality of mercy, is not strained. The workman who loves his task is happy, but the most cheerless, dusty, ashen gray, leaden existence is to work without zest.

Briton's Back to the Wall

SUCH elaborate arrangements as the British police made to arrest Emmeline Pankhurst, who after all is a little slip of an elderly woman with a rather forceful way about her! The elaborate counterplots of the English militants are as funny; they chartered a fast cruiser to chase after the police race cruiser, which was sent out to take the suffragist leader from the ocean liner before it reached Plymouth and carry her to prison. It would all make a delightful comic opera for such geniuses as Gilbert and Sullivan.

The suffragettes themselves live away quiet, beauty, and all the dear things women like to weave into life, even life itself, in the mistaken idea that they are helping to speed the day of equality for women.

The Englishman, so wonderfully successful in almost every other way, seems utterly unable to cope with this new militant woman of whom he never dreamed before. The Englishman looks very big and clumsy and embarrassed and a bit stupid in the situation.

When Lincoln appointed the minister to Quito, he said, "I offer you here the highest position in my gift." The elevation of Quito, capital of Ecuador, is 9350 feet above the sea.

One-Sentence Philosophy

JOURNAL ENTRIES.
(Topeka Journal).
Few grownups have much use for the theory that the good die young.
Most of the "important" men are that way chiefly in their own estimations.
Advice that is worth anything usually has to be paid for like every other valuable commodity.
Like the obituary, the autobiography seldom contains any serious reflections on its subject.
It will be hard on the women voters of changeable minds after they've dropped their ballots in the box.
GLOBE SIGHTS.
(Arlington Globe).
A young man gets sympathy; an elderly man should have known better.
No city is so large that there aren't dull days for the newspapers printed therein.
If Judge Johnson would go to work he wouldn't see so much over which to be indignant and contented quires.
Neither can you accurately gauge a man's mental capacity by the size of his hat he wears.
POINTED PARAPHRASES.
(Chicago News).
Duty is the thing everybody else ought to do.
Knowing, as a profession, is badly overpaid.
The fit pleasures of youth become mighty in later years.
Few men are prominent enough to claim that they were misquoted.
Some young men would rather love and lose than never love at all.
Minds of great men run in the same channel when the noontide whistle blows.
Not one man in 100 marries the girl who first monopolized his affections.
A patient seldom knows any more about the medicine the doctor gives (than the doctor does).
QUAKER MEDITATIONS.
(Philadelphia Record).
Before she is married to man a woman constantly thinks of him; afterward she thinks for him.
Wig—That fellow B Jones always looks like 30 cents. Waag—Yes, including a counterfeit quarter.
The easiest thing in the world is to give advice. The next easiest thing is not to take it.
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Tails

BY GEORGE FITCH,
Author of "At Good Old Straws."

A TAIL is either an afterthought or an extravagance of nature which is hung upon practically all of creation with the exception of mankind. An animal's backbone seems to have no terminal facilities to speak of. When the useful part of the animal is finished, the backbone still rambles aimlessly on, sometimes for many feet. It seems to be as hard for nature to make an animal without sticking some kind of a tail on it as it is for a woman to design a hat without decorating it with a knob or a fassel or a spike. Man is strictly utilitarian with the exception of his delightfully fluted ears and his eyebrows, but nature cannot refrain from adorning an animal with great care. There are as many kinds of tails as there are of animals. The horse has a copious tail which he uses as a fly killer with great skill. The cow has a yard and a half of tail with which she brushes off the hired man as he milks her. She doesn't do it well, but she does it better than the menial in a hotel washroom, and charges less. The elephant has an absurd tail, 18 sizes too small for him, for which he has discovered no use. The tiger has a beautiful and expressive tail which he manages with great skill, and about which he is very jealous. Pulling a tiger's tail is one of the most unhealthy of pastimes. The kangaroo is simply a small animal grown upon a large and vigorous tail, while the snake is 99 percent tail, and locomotes upon it with great skill. The whale has a two-ton tail which he uses for a screw propeller, and the lizard has a useless and detachable tail, which he leaves behind him in thoughtless moments, as a man does his umbrella. The sheep, the rabbit and the goat have tails which are just so much waste material and the coyote merely uses his tail to sit upon while he howls. While man has no use for a tail except while in evening dress, the animal world has made the best of its great natural resources. The first wireless telegraphy was invented by the dog, who can tell more truth with his tail than a promoter can with ten press agents. The

Interest Centers In Oil

Great Pearson Concession in Mexico Causes Mexican Situation; Huerta Holds Fast.
By Frederic J. Huskin

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—An international explosion was narrowly averted when oil came to the surface of the Mexican situation. We have seen how the situation advanced from bad to worse until President Huerta announced that a general election for a president, vice president and a new congress would be held Oct. 26. But no mention has yet been made of the fact that the most acute international interest centered around the great oil fields of Mexico which were being successfully developed by Lord Cowdray, head of the British firm of S. Pearson and Son. This aggressive and tremendously wealthy English business man, as Sir Weetman Pearson, built the East River tunnel at New York, and under an arrangement with the Mexican government constructed the Tehuantepec railway from Salina Cruz on the Pacific to Coahuaco on the Gulf of Mexico. He is a Liberal in British politics, having sat as a member of parliament, and quite recently Lord Murray, formerly the Marquis of Elibank and Liberal whip in the house of commons became a partner in Pearson and Company. Gaining vast influence with the old Diaz government, Lord Cowdray sought and obtained a concession for the San Joaquin oil fields in the oil fields on Chiapas, Tabasco, Campeche, Veracruz, and in the Valle district of Tamaulipas; also additional rights covering the latter two States of Yucatan. Vast sums of money were expended before the largest wells began to yield, but the concession had been proved to be highly valuable by the time that the oil was being produced. The practical science of oil fuel and the British government realizing that in all the world there was scarcely enough oil (free from the political control of other nations) to supply the fuel needs of the great powers of the world. Madero Suspected of Concession. President Madero looked with suspicion upon the concession granted to the Pearson interests and Lord Cowdray was justly apprehensive of the attitude of Madero toward the concession granted by the Diaz government. The Maderistas attributed to Lord Cowdray a large share of the responsibility for the constant intrigues and plotting against the Madero government. During the election campaign of 1911, general Madero wrote a letter stating that foreign capital would be subjected to no persecution in the event of his constitutionality. He approved of the concession by congress notwithstanding. President Madero insisted that his pre-election statement could not be construed to cover illegal concessions, but that, on the contrary, he frankly declared his purpose to oppose the granting of all kinds of monopolies and combinations in restraint of competition. Although he placed the concession held by the Pearson interests in this category, it was never actually cancelled and the exploitation of the fields was continued. Hints of the part played in Mexican politics by the oil interests became more and more frequent as the election approached and it was even reported that President Huerta had proposed to nationalize the oil resources of Mexico and propose their leasing to certain foreign interests. Huerta Imprisoned Deputies. Suddenly, Oct. 11, 1913, president Huerta arrested and imprisoned 84 members of the house of deputies on charge of sedition, the details of which never became clearly known in the United States. The president, however, presented his credentials. This was a disagreeable surprise to the Washington press, which had felt that president Huerta was on his last legs. Sir Lionel Carden's attitude during many years' service in Latin American countries caused Washington to regard him as an anti-American. For him to extend British recognition to Huerta by presenting his credentials at the dramatic moment constitutional government was again upset was a severe blow to the American policy. The Wilson administration, chief of Huerta's issue of office as president had thus been gratuitously extended. President Wilson promptly notified the Huerta government that no harm must come to the imprisoned deputies and on Oct. 14, convinced that Huerta had no intention of releasing them, he took care to make known his views on the situation before the polling day. "I have no objection to your releasing them," he said at Swarthmore, Penn. Oct. 25. Two days later at Mobile, Alabama, president Wilson, without mentioning Mexico, enunciated a corollary of the Monroe doctrine which promises to mark its most distinctive and significant development since the Venezuelan boundary dispute during the Cleveland administration. Speaks of Concessions. Subsequent developments indicated that the president had the British oil interests in mind when he said: "States that are obliged, because their territory does not lie within the main field of modern enterprise and action, to grant concessions are in this category. Foreign interests are permitted to dominate affairs a condition of affairs always dangerous and apt to become intolerable. "What those states are going to see, therefore, is an emancipation from the subordination, which has been inevitable to foreign enterprise and an assertion of their splendid character which, in spite of these difficulties, they have again and again been able to demonstrate."
"They have had harder bargains driven with them in the matter of loans than any other people in the world. Interest has been exacted of them that was not exacted of anybody else, because the risk was said to be greater; and the states were taken that destroyed the risk—an admirable arrangement for those who were forcing the terms."
Territorial Conquest.
"Human rights, national integrity and opportunity as against material interests—their contention and contention is the issue which we now have to face. I want to take this occasion to say that the United States will never again consent to the acquisition of territory by conquest. She will devote herself to showing that she knows how to make honorable and fruitful use of the territory she has; and she must regard it as one of the duties of friendship to see that from no quarter are human interests made superior to human liberty and national opportunity."
President Huerta had declared that although he was not a candidate that he had heard that some friends would vote for him anyway, and that if they did it in large number he would hold the elections void.
Mexican Election a Farce.
The election on Oct. 26 was a farce. The federal garrisons cast their votes

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald This Date 1929.

T. S. Pratt is in the city from Tucson.
George W. Brittingham, of Chihuahua, is in the city.
Mrs. W. E. Pulliam will give a reception Wednesday night.
A. W. Sosen has taken a position with A. H. Richards, the jeweler.
R. H. Frest, station agent of the G. H. at Langtry, Texas, is in the city.
W. W. Payne, of New York city, is in the city. Mr. Payne is going to Graham, Arizona.

Notices of election have been posted by direction of city clerk Cella. The notices include the proclamation of the mayor for an election on the bond issue question on January 9, 1904.
Mrs. Nathan Solomon is to get together a large number of friends at her home on Mesa avenue yesterday afternoon. The prizes were won by the following: Mrs. C. N. Beckler, judge; Joseph Sweeney, second vice president; A. A. Howard third vice president; J. B. Badger, fourth vice president; Frank Powell, fifth vice president; E. V. Howden acted as secretary at last night's meeting.

The Tennessee society of El Paso will probably hereafter be known as the Tennessee club and under this name will give an elaborate banquet on Monday night at the Hotel El Webb. Jackson day and a committee has been appointed to arrange every detail. The committee is: W. H. Webb, Frank Cole, Sam Tate, J. W. Levy and W. E. McIver. The membership of the club now numbers over 60. In the absence of John Street, E. V. Howden acted as secretary at last night's meeting.

A military ball will be given by the Border Riders at city clerk Cella. The following will compose the reception committee: Mayor and Mrs. Joseph Magoffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ulas, Judge E. H. Jones and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Courchesne, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Badger, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DeGross, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moreland, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Fitman, Judge and Mrs. G. N. Beckler, Judge and Mrs. A. M. Walthall, Judge and Mrs. Leigh Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Stewart, and Mrs. R. F. Campbell, Juan S. Hart.

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"This Is My Birthday Anniversary"

SUCH a lot of names to publish today! And all of these boys and girls are thinking about Christmas! Is the thought, What shall I give, or what shall I receive? It would certainly be good tidings if the following could be said of each one of us:

"She doeth little kindnesses
Which most leave undone or despise,
For naught that sets one's heart at ease
And giveth happiness or peace,
Is low esteemed in her eyes."

Those who celebrated their birth on Sunday are:
George Manning, 12.
Sherman Webster, 12.
Mary Fitzgerald, 15.
Elizabeth Woodson, 13.
Margaret Logan, 17.
Anne Magoffin, 16.
Monday's list is as follows:
William Gibson, 9.
Beatrice Baron, 8.
Winifred Bell, 9.
Yndley Price, 16.
Velma Prichard, 12.
Come to The Herald office and ask "Miss Birthday" for your ticket to the Unique theater.
Dury Nebnett, 10.
James Mullins, 14.
William Liles, 10.
Frank Williams, 8.
Lucille Dunn, 10.
Hubert Long, 8.
Lyndley Spencer, 16.
Mortimer Beaty, 14.
Frances Cody, 8.
David Reid, 14.

The Searchlight

OUR NATIONAL LIBRARY.
The rapid growth of the library of congress during the past year indicates that it soon will outdistance its two rivals, the British museum and the National Library of France and become the "biggest" library in the world. It long ago became the most valuable, since its treasures are so much more available than those of the two great European libraries. In either of them it requires from four hours to four days to find a certain book on application. In the library of congress one is privileged to "kick" if the desired book be not procurable in 15 minutes.
The library, so magnificently housed at Washington, now contains 2,128,355 books and pamphlets, 135,222 maps and charts, 630,298 volumes and pieces of music and 269,494 art prints and engravings. The manuscripts are not numbered, perhaps because they are numerous. The book acquisitions of the year total 115,882 volumes, more than ever added in any one year previous to 1912 when 132,929 volumes of Russian collection was added and in 1912 when several large private libraries were donated.
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INGLE AUTO STAGE

Elephant Butte, N. M., Dec. 15.—The auto stage running between Palomas Springs and Engle has resumed business, using two cars.

The tent house occupied by Miss Martin on Cedar Hill has been moved and in its place a three room tent bungalow will be erected.

Yuma where he will spend the Christmas holidays.