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### FOREIGN NEWS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Republican Senators in caucus today reached a partial agreement on Porto Rican legislation. The House bill, which appropriates \$2,000,000, is to be taken up and passed immediately. The bill for a civil government of the island is to be taken up and disposed of as soon as possible, and the tariff bill is to be delayed for the present, while a committee of seven Senators may be selected by Chairman Allison to try to compromise differences on the revenue bill and secure a measure which Republican Senators generally can support. This partial agreement was reached after a caucus lasting from 2 o'clock until after 5:30.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Owing to the illness of Representative Grosvenor, chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, no report on the shipping subsidy bill has been submitted to the House. Grosvenor will prepare an exhaustive report in favor of the passage of the bill as soon as he has sufficiently recovered, and in this report his Republican colleagues on the committee will concur.

YOKOHAMA, Mar. 14.—Marquis Ito declares that there is no danger of war between Japan and Russia. He says Japan and Russia have agreed by treaty not to encroach upon Korea and that Russia must be regarded as sincere. He denied that Japan desired to pursue a colonial policy, but that her army and navy were for national defense. Japan had no money for war or aggrandizement. He said England, Japan and the United States were for the preservation of China's integrity, and that he anticipated no danger to the world's markets by the development of China. He thinks the United States must mix in the politics of the world to secure commerce. He believes England will come out of the South African war greater than ever.

AUCKLAND (N. Z.), Mar. 14.—Advices from Samoa, dated March 1st report that the German flag was hoisted at Apia in the presence of the treaty officials and of Mataafa and Tamasese. Dr. Solf, president of the municipality, is Governor. Herr Knipping, formerly Vice-Consul at Sydney, will act as chief Judge and Vice-Governor.

A public reconciliation took place at the flag hoisting between Mataafa and Tamasese. The Supreme Court, the Municipal Council, the municipal magistracy and the Consular courts were abolished. The laws will remain in force as at present. The natives are all quiet and awaiting news from Germany as to the form of government.

The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the War Office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, Mar. 13-8 P. M.—By the help of God and by the bravery of her majesty's soldiers the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the Presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late President of the Orange Free State. Mr. Fraser, member of the late executive government, the Mayor, the secretary to the late Governor, the Landrost and other officials met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices.

LADYSMITH, Wednesday, Mar. 14.—The Boers have been located in several strong positions near the junction of the Brakenberg and the Biggarsburg ranges. They have heavy guns in position on Pongwoni Kop, at Hlatukulu and in the Ompati mountains, as well as at Gibson's Farm near Cundyceugh pass. General Hunter now commands the division. Both men and horses of the relief column are completely recovered and now in the pink of condition. The reconstruction of the railway from Ladysmith to Dundee is progressing rapidly.

BERLIN, Mar. 14.—The weekly reviewer of the Kreuz Zeitung, who is a well-known professor and entertains close relations with Count von Buelow, asserts today that Emperor Nicholas, at the beginning of the war in South Africa, gave a formal pledge that Russia would not take advantage of England's complications for a further Asiatic advance. The Kreuz Zeitung declares that this information is authentic.

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 14.—The British troops under Lord Methuen have returned to Kimberley from the occupation of Boshof, Orange Free State. Guns and 70,000 rounds of ammunition were seized, and a strong garrison was left to guard the town.

Six Boers were arrested there on charges of treason. Nearly all the residents were wearing mourning, as the Boshof commando lost 200 men at the battle of Belmont.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—A dispatch from President Krueger to the Evening Journal, dated Pretoria, March 13th, 8 P. M., via Berlin, says:

"The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our line of defense on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected. The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all the others, are united. There are no differences. God help us."

LONDON, March 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday evening, March 13th, says: Bloemfontein surrendered at 10 o'clock to-day. It was occupied at noon. President Steyn, with a majority of the fighting burghers, has fled northward.

DURBAN, Monday Mar. 12.—The Transvaal having appealed to Germany for mediation or intervention in the war with Great Britain, Germany has replied that she declines to interfere, as she is in no way concerned in the conflict.

BUENOS AYRES, Mar. 14.—The outbreak of bubonic plague here has been semi-officially recognized as of a "mild type." There have been twenty-three deaths within two months.

SYDNEY (N. S. W.), Mar. 14.—Another death from bubonic plague has occurred here and two fresh cases have developed.

### TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

Bryan will make a number of speeches in California and Oregon in April.

The consumption of beet sugar is steadily increasing in the United States.

Another marvelously rich gold field 100 miles from Cape Nepe has been reported.

Diplomatic circles in Washington admit that the Hague peace conference was a failure.

The Senate committee unanimously favor the construction of the Pacific cable by the government.

General Otis has cabled the War Department protesting against women coming to the Philippines.

Mrs. Henry W. Lawton, wife of the late General Lawton has returned from the East to Redlands, California.

The period allotted for the ratification of the pending French-American reciprocity treaty has been extended.

Francis Hodgson Burnett, author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" has married her former secretary, Stephen Townsend.

Rev. Charles Sheldon assumed the business and editorial management of the Daily Capital, on Monday, March 12th.

British and German U-landers are leaving the Transvaal in consequence of the insecurity aroused by recent events.

Sir Thomas Lipton will challenge for the America's cup in 1901. He will sail either the improved Shamrock or the Erin.

The latest news from Colombia is that the revolution will last for a year yet, at least. Business is at a standstill and foodstuffs are very scarce.

Rev. Charles Sheldon, editor of the Christian daily of Topeka, starts to England, May 1st to conduct a two months campaign for "Practical Christianity."

In the trial of a divorce case in New Jersey, in which one of the parties resides in Honolulu, held that the Hawaiian Islands are a part of the United States.

Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, eldest brother, and Mrs. Mary Foote Beecher Perkins, sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, both died March 14.

The Portuguese authorities at Lourenco Marquez have, at the request of Great Britain, arrested four Germans bound for Pretoria with arms and letters of introduction from Dr. Leys.

A shipment of 55 cases of Remingtons and a large amount of ammunition left New Orleans ostensibly for the Guatemalan Government. These shipments indicate the usual spring revolutions.

Montague White confirms the rumor that the Boers will utterly destroy Johannesburg if forced to do so, as Pretoria could not be defended if Johannesburg were permitted to remain as a base of operations for the British.

Rudyard Kipling cabled from South Africa to Harper's Weekly a long account of what he calls "British disloyalty," referring to it as "the sin of witchcraft." The burden of his complaint is that British civil authorities in Cape Town wink at semi-treasonous acts, and to quote his own words, "the Government will take care that it does not pay any one to be loyal."

The Holland Torpedo vessel gave a successful performance before the Naval Affairs committee, making four dives. On her first dive she remained submerged ten minutes, going a straightaway course nearly a mile. Coming to the surface, she discharged a torpedo gun, and then turning, she dived again immediately and came up some distance away. Members of the committee say they predict the boat a success.

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April showers. Call us Judge, how. Plant more bananas and papayas in your gardens and yards. Travel has begun again and all the Wailuku hotels are full of guests.

L. C. Gibson, teacher at Hamao, Maui, will shortly return to the States. Yesterday at noon the accumulated mails of over a week, including foreign mails, reached Wailuku.

Two cases of plague developed in Honolulu last Sunday, and three cases are reported in San Francisco. Judge John Richardson, of Lahaina, came over the pali on Thursday to attend to the Wailuku end of his law practice.

C. H. Dickey returned from Honolulu yesterday on the Kinau. He will shortly return to Honolulu and go on to the Coast.

Wanted at this office, clean cotton or linen rags. Old newspapers will be exchanged for them or 5 cts. a pound cash will be paid.

Now that the mails are beginning to run more regularly, our correspondents—and others—are requested to send along news items.

With the raising of the quarantine at Lahaina and Hana, local trade and travel have commenced again, Kanului being the only taboo spot on the island.

We wish to make a pathetic appeal to the ladies of Wailuku. If you have any spare linen or cotton rags in your scrap bags, send them to the MAUI NEWS office. We need them.

On Tuesday last a small fire occurred in the ripe cane at Spreckelsville, some ten or fifteen acres being burned over. The fire was caused by sparks from the cane-train engine.

Vaseline is a sure cure for chickens whose heads are sore from mosquito bites. We tried it—at least we held them while the business manager tried it, and it worked to a charm.

This is for YOU. Have you paid your subscription to the MAUI NEWS? It just happens that we need the money right now, and if you haven't paid, please send it along about the first—or before.

Mrs. C. B. Wells and Miss Laura Wells wife and daughter of Manager Wells of Wailuku Sugar Co. took the Mikahala on Thursday night, hoping to catch the Moaia at Honolulu, on Friday, for the Coast.

The old Wailuku Hotel has been leased to Ah Kee, a noted Chinese caterer, and he is running it in good style. His prices are very reasonable and he keeps the place quite neat and attractive. See his card in another column.

On Mar. 2nd, Akiona, a Chinaman, was attacked by a vicious dog at the guard line established by the Hamao health committee, at a point near Honomani, and on Tuesday of this week he died from the injuries which he then received. Criminal carelessness is attributed to Mr. Hannis, the guard on duty, and a warrant of arrest has been issued.

W. Decote of Lahaina was over at Wailuku the early part of the week to secure beef for the hungry Lahaina people. It seems that they have had a regular Ladysmith of a time at Lahaina, owing to the fact that the Kela potatoes were tabu. Mr. Decote was accompanied by his wife, and of course they dropped into the MAUI NEWS office to watch us edit.

HUI AINA O HUELO, MAUI

In 1897, a Hui was organized with J. K. Smyth as Trustee for a number of Hawaiians, who bought 1,500 acres of land at Huelo, Maui, from Mr. Cotton the agent of Wm. Rainey Watson of Scotland.

Mr. Smyth, as trustee, made a lease of this land to the Huelo Sugar Company, which lease was never ratified by the Hui. On the 21st of December last a meeting of the shareholders was held at Huelo, and was adjourned to March 8, 1900.

Between these two dates, Judge Kepoikal, representing the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, bought a controlling interest in the shares of the Hui, thirty-six shares, which was one more than a majority of the stock.

On March 8th, the date to which the meeting was adjourned, another meeting of the shareholders was held at Huelo, at which meeting the president, secretary and treasurer resigned. The majority of the shareholders present immediately proceeded to elect a new set of officers, as the constitution of the Hui permits.

The writer is somewhat dissatisfied with the action of the shareholders in holding the meeting without giving a special notice to all the shareholders, but he states that it was an adjourned meeting to a fixed time. The names of the men at the head of the present Hui are a guarantee that nothing crooked has been done in the matter.

THE MISLAID SHIP.

On Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., a week ago, the Claudine returned to Hana from her short and unsuccessful search for the Cleveland. She was immediately chartered by Mr. Baldwin at \$300 per day for a ten days trip in further search of the lost ship, and on last Monday morning she left on her cruise of search.

After she left, a three days North-East gale came on. If the Cleveland could hold a Southwest course, she will probably catch the coast of Hawaii, but if not she may drift south of Hawaii, in which case her rescue will become problematical. It is believed that she has about 20 days provisions on board.

LATER.—The Cleveland reached Hilo on the 26th, under sail. The Mikahala took her in tow and touched at Malanala Bay last night on her way to Honolulu.

SHIPPING

The "Lurline" left San Francisco Mar. 14th.

The Bloemfontein will carry about 60,000 bags of sugar.

The Lehua came over from Honolulu on Wednesday to Kihui and returned yesterday. She brought no mail.

Capt. Jacobson, who acted as pilot at Kahului during the time that Pilot English was in quarantine, left for Honolulu yesterday on the Lehua.

Inter-island sailors are permitted now to land at Honolulu. Many have been three months on their vessels without putting foot on shore, and under the circumstances it is not surprising that vessels are tied up there for want of a crew.

Vessels in Port—Kahului.

Sch Antiope, George W. Murray, Tacoma, Jan. 27.

Sch Novelty, Geo. Rosendell, Caleta Buena, Feb. 10.

Bk Nuuanu, W. H. Joseph, Honolulu, March 4.

Am. Sch Mary Bulme, Weber, from Grays Harbor, March 17.

Br. Steamer Bloemfontein, Blleloch, from Honolulu, March 24.

The kindly reception accorded the inter-island steamers on the other islands should be credited to the good sense of the people along the line to Hilo and way stations, rather than their great desire for provisions. Hilo appreciates, as does Honolulu, that the strict embargo on trade cannot continue indefinitely and has very naturally accepted readily such measures as will aid the return to the regular business channels.—Bulletin.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Continued Successes of the British in South Africa. Boers Despondent. Plague in San Francisco.

LONDON, March 21. (Afternoon Service).—The only news from South Africa showing activity on either side comes from Warrenton, north of Kimberley, where desultory fighting occurred all Sunday, resulting in the retreat of the Boers towards Christiansburg, under shell fire. The progress of this column towards Mafeking has either almost ceased, or is forbidden to be mentioned in dispatches. Nothing new comes from Colonel Plumer, and Mafeking apparently still awaits relief.

The Pretoria account of the skirmish at Fourteen Streams, March 16, says that a Boer command was preparing to destroy a railroad bridge. The engagement lasted half an hour with the result that one bugler was slightly wounded. The same dispatch announces the arrival at the Transvaal capital of General Schalkberger from Natal.

The second edition of the Times today publishes a dispatch from Bloemfontein dated Monday, March 19, which says:

"The blowing up of bridges by the Boers is an evident sign that the Transvaalers intend to abandon the defense of the Free State."

All is quiet in the south and west. A corps of young Boers from the farms surrounding Bloemfontein under an imperial officer has been detailed for police work to prevent the further looting of the abandoned farms by the Kaffirs.

It is said that when President Kruger left Bloemfontein after his recent visit there, Steyn's parting remark was: "Mind the British do not catch you, or you will get better quarters at St. Helena than I."

Rudyard Kipling has gone to Bloemfontein.

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 21.—(Afternoon Service).—Colonel Chalice of the Army Corps, sails for the island of St. Helena, in order to make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation there of General Cronje and the other banished Boers. It is still doubtful whether all the prisoners will be sent there, owing to the feuds between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters. If all the Boers are sent to St. Helena, a considerable increase in the strength of the garrison will be required.

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—A Tribune cable from London, dated March 18th, says: The Orange Free State is the Queen's dominion. The rebellion in the Dutch districts of Cape Colony is at an end.

Bloemfontein is like a capital which has been under a siege and been relieved by a friendly army. The British troops have been welcomed as allies and not received sullenly as enemies. Farmers are supplying the army with meat, vegetables, milk and eggs and making good bargains. "Bobs" is almost as popular at Bloemfontein as he would be in London. The Free State is virtually out of the conflict.

NEW YORK, March 21. (Afternoon Service).—A dispatch to the World from London says: It is said in London that the plan likely to be adopted for the further pacification of South Africa will be to disfranchise all rebels (colonial Dutch), Free Staters and Transvaal Boers found in arms, captured or accused of rebellion, thus throwing the two republics and all the colonies into the hands of the English and the Rhodes syndicate.

This would break the power of the Afrikaner Bond in Cape Colony and at all other points.

When the British army evacuates the conquered territory, the governing power would be with the English and the only military strength with the Rhodesian field force and the artillery promised by Cecil Rhodes for Kimberley and the British garrison at Cape Town and Durban, and, perhaps, at Pretoria.

NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—A dispatch from Constantinople announces the death of Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna and the greatest Turkish soldier of recent times. He was 68 years of age. His defense of Plevna against an overwhelming Russian force in 1876 gave Osman enormous prestige.

When the Sultan learned of the death of the famous General he exclaimed: "Allah is unmerciful. He has deprived me of my honest, true friend and most valiant supporter."

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 21.—The bubonic plague is supposed to have produced three recent deaths in Chinatown and the Board of Health has appointed a force of 250 men to destroy undesirable or dangerous structures or fixtures, burning tainted food and fumigating noisome places.

Glands from the three subjects which have now puzzled the authorities are under examination, but no positive verdict has been rendered by Dr. Kinyon, the Federal bacteriologist, and Dr. Kollogg in the municipal service. The authorities will neither assert nor deny that the cases are those of bubonic plague.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—(Afternoon Service).—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has decided to investigate the allegation made by Charles E. Maerum, ex-Consul to Pretoria, South Africa, relative to the opening of his official mail by the British authorities. Representative Wheeler, of Kentucky, introduced a resolution to this end which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Bishop Henry C. Potter formally announced at the morning service in Grace Church today that the object of his recent visit to Honolulu and the Philippine Islands was to extend the influence of the Protestant Episcopal church in the new possessions of the United States Government. He said:

"My trip to Honolulu and the Philippines had for its object the extension of the influence of the Protestant Episcopal church in those islands. My observations convince me that the Protestant Episcopal church should be extended in both Hawaii and the Philippines and it is now the clear duty of the English-speaking people to see that the Christian religion is firmly established among the inhabitants of those islands."

MAZRU, Basutoland, Wednesday Mar. 21. (Afternoon Service).—Every body in Basutoland rejoices in the restoration of telegraphic communication with Allwal North.

The proclamation of Lord Roberts is apparently effective, as the Free Staters are surrendering to the Basutoland officials. The occupation of Thaba Nchu and Roxville by the British has produced an excellent impression, convincing the Basutos that the authority of the Queen is paramount.

ACT 4.

Following are the Appropriations Made by Council of State.

Interior Department—New wharf at Papaha, Nabiku and approaches, (unpaid bills, 1899) \$41,200; harbor improvements, Honolulu, \$260,000; Hilo wharves \$29,000; survey and soundings for harbor in Wailoa river, Hilo, \$2,000; sewerage for Hilo streets \$6,000; Hilo custom house and postoffice \$14,000. Roads, Hawaii: Widening and extending Hilo streets \$10,000; homestead road, Hilo, \$10,000; roads, Puna, to complete contracts, \$8,000; roads, Kau, \$32,000; roads, South Kona, \$2,500; roads, North Kona, \$23,000; roads, South Kohala \$18,000; roads, North Kohala \$1,000; roads, Hamakua \$19,000; roads, North Hilo \$36,000; Roads, Maui—Roads, Hana \$26,000; roads, Makawao, \$10,000; roads, Kaula, \$5,000. Miscellaneous—Additions to Water Works, Honolulu, Kailua pumping plant \$85,000; Diamond Head reservoir and water pipe \$16,000; filtration system, Nuuanu \$40,000; addition to water pipe system, Honolulu \$50,000; 75 fire hydrants, Honolulu \$3,000; Hilo water works \$8,000; Wailuku water works \$1,000; Wailuku and Kahului water works \$16,000; Lahaina water works \$10,000; fire proof vaults \$12,000; subsidy Oahu railroad \$63,000; new steam tug for harbor, with complete fire apparatus \$75,000; total \$831,491.20.

It shall be lawful for the Minister of Finance to continue to make payments in accordance with the appropriations authorized by this Act from any unexpended balance until the 31st day of March, A. D. 1902.

HEARD OVER THE TELEPHONE.

"Hello!" "Hello!" "Hello, Wailuku!" "Hello, Lahaina!" "How are health matters at Wailuku?"

Very satisfactory—no cases since the last one.

"Yes? That may be all right, but we would like to know that date pretty well, you know."

"February 24th."

"Oh! But how about rats?"

"None left. We might accommodate you with a few mice. How'd that do?"

"This is a serious matter and levity is out of place. On your answers depend our actions in regard to raising the quarantine here."

"On rats? Oh! I'll tell you what; we don't like rats over here and rarely communicate with them personally."

"Do you think we can safely take off our guards?"

"Guards! What guards?"

"We have guards at the foot of the mountain; didn't you hear about it?"

"Oh, yes, I believe I did hear something about it. We heard the obstructions had been removed."

"No sir, we believe in being cautious over here."

"Yes, so we have heard, but as we had heard that people have been traveling over there from here, we presumed that you were becoming somewhat careless."

"You don't say so! Which was this?"

"Oh, two or three weeks ago."

"Then that will mean a longer quarantine. Why don't you people be a little careful over there? We find this quarantine business very slow over here."

"Yes, so we have observed—very slow. Peculiarly slow."

"Well, I shall recommend at our meeting of the Sanitary Committee that it will be reasonably safe to open up communication with WAILUKU in a few days, if no further dead rats are reported at KAHULUI."

"Yes, glad to see that you are doing well."

"WELL! what do you think about it?"

"Oh, we don't think anything over here—only that you people are a set of d— (slam went the telephone and all was still over the wire.)

ANONYMOUS.

LOST DRAFTS.

Drafts No. 47 for \$500.00, No. 48 for \$100.00, and No. 49 for \$150.00, dated February 14th, drawn by the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company on Alexander and Baldwin, Honolulu, and payable to Tang You, have been lost. Payment has been stopped and all persons are warned against negotiating same. HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL AND SUGAR COMPANY.

NOTICE

The Merciful Man

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The undersigned begs leave to inform his friends and the public that he is in the business of horse dentistry, rasping or shaping horses' teeth which have become abnormal in shape. I have just received a fine class of instruments from the East for this work and guarantee satisfaction in all work. Horsemen are urged and practice this treatment. I do business on the "no cure, no pay" principle. Will examine free of charge and leave owner to examine and see if the work is needed.

A noted horseman says: "The first thing I do with a colt whose speed I wish to develop is to have a veterinary dentist examine his teeth, for if his teeth are not all right he will not come up and take a good, strong hold of the bit." This is equally true of saddle, driving and work horses, and mules.

The only difference between my work and that of a veterinary dentist is that where he charges \$5 I only charge \$2.50, with a slight reduction for a number of animals.

C. B. MILES, Wailuku, Mar. 24, 1900.

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# TOUGH M'CARTY.

BY CHARLES BATTRELL LOOMIS.

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I hesitate about telling the following incident because I should have considered it unworthy of credence if I had not been an observer of it myself. I don't pretend to explain it. I am not a student of psychology. It simply happened, and I am willing to run the risk of being called a spinner of yarns because I don't think that it can be matched outside of the realm of pure fiction. There is no attempt at composition in my narrative. Events in our lives seldom afford good specimens of composition; the trivial will take the center of the stage to the exclusion of the tragic.

I have given all of the characters fictitious names. In other respects I have set down the things as they occurred. One cold, stormy evening in the early part of the winter I was on my way to the studio of Fred Blankley, the marine painter. He had invited me and several other men and women to meet a famous French pianist. I was a little late, and when I drew near to the house, which stands in a quiet street, I heard the sound of the piano. I walked up the steps, and a man followed me from the other side of the street. He was about 30, poorly clad and shiv-

erling with the cold. There was something of refinement in the cut of his face, but when he spoke his language was strongly tinged with toughness. "Say, boss, if you're goin' inside, I wish you'd take me wit' you. It's blamed col' out here, an' I kin amuse de gues' from de woid go." It was a cheeky request, but I knew my host well and felt sure that at least the fellow would receive warmth and some supper; so I took him in. The elevator man looked askance at him, but I explained that he was with me and that it was all right. "How can you amuse us?" "Song, dance, tricks, imitations, anything at all," he said.

I held a hasty conference with Blankley, and he said: "Why, of course. Give the chap a chance to show what he can do. But first I'll have Sam give him something hot. He looks purple with the cold."

A few minutes later the ragged fellow, for whom McCarty will be a good name, walked into the room where the guests, some 20 in number, were seated. He went up to the great pianist, who was sitting on the piano stool, and said: "Soy! I'll have t' ask youse t' give me a lift on a coon song. I'll gi' you de air, an' I guess you kin t'ump it out all right if you're de same blookie I heerd before I ken in."

Fancy asking a man whose terms at a regular club are \$500 an evening to "t'ump" an air for you! But the big man, with the simplicity of a true artist, smiled and said, "Wit' plaisir," and after he had heard the air once he played it with such harmonies as his composer had not been able to give it. McCarty was not clever; he was a genius. The coon song was sung with such character and tunefulness and the dialect was so perfect that when he had finished every one was asking every one else who this man was. The act of "tamaraerie" on the part of—

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been out a long time! It was bitter cold, and you were dead!"

It was Harry Melville. Most of his life from the time he left San Francisco until the tones of his wife's voice at that strange, chance meeting recalled him to himself will always remain a sealed book. He had evidently traveled all over the country and had obtained a scanty subsistence by the exercise of that mimicry which his mental trouble had not weakened, but had intensified. It is easy to explain his gradual lapse into a tough manner of speech, and but for his fortunate meeting of him that stormy night he would probably have lived and died as McCarty.

As the weeks went on his memory of his early life strengthened and that of his nomadic life faded. "Those who had known him in San Francisco say that he is the same Harry Melville as of old, save for a pedantic precision of speech and a dislike for mimicry."

When I told this to the black bearded French pianist the other day, he whimsically expressed himself as being intensely disappointed at the outcome of the affair. As he said, Mrs. Melville had become accustomed to the loss of her husband, but the world had not so many artists that it could afford to lose one so preternaturally gifted as McCarty.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville gave a little supper at her studio only last month, and she had some very entertaining people there, but never a man among them with a tinge of the talent of "Tough McCarty."

**Rings Always the Same.**  
Although many jewelers advertise "some thing new in rings," the fact remains that they are but slight variations of the style in vogue at the time Moses piloted the children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt. Rings are alluded to in the Bible, in the books of Genesis and Exodus. They have been found among the relics of prehistoric races, the stone age, the bronze age and the age of the mound builders. Herodotus mentions that the Babylonians wore them, and from Asia they probably were introduced into Greece.

The rings worn in early times were not purely ornamental, but had their significance as signet rings. A king's messenger delivering a message and exhibiting the king's signet as authority was obeyed implicitly. The Romans had a marriage ring of iron with a jewel of adamant, signifying eternity and constancy. History mentions a magic ring possessed by King Solomon of which the Jews and Mohammedans have abundant traditions. It was by means of this ring as a talisman of wisdom and power that Solomon was enabled to perform those wonderful acts and accomplish those vast enterprises that have made his name so celebrated as the wisest monarch of the earth. The later Romans wore a profusion of rings, and the more effeminate had rings for summer and winter.—Chicago Chronicle.

**A Misplaced Amen.**  
Attorney John A. Ward, one of the popular members of the Philadelphia bar, says The Inquirer, of that city, recalls at times an incident in one of the courts which happened shortly after he had been admitted to practice law, and which he tells with scarcely the shadow of a smile.

It was when court was just opening for the morning session that a boy, sitting by his side, heard the usual prayer made by the cleric. The lad seemed surprised, until, as the last words were uttered by the official, Ward, without a thought as to the result, punched the boy in the side with his elbow and told him to say amen. Quick as a flash came the response from the boy in a tone of voice that at first startled lawyers and spectators and disturbed the equilibrium of the presiding judge.

When the instant of astonishment had passed, men and women who were present laughed lightly as all eyes were directed toward the lad and Ward. "I was too confused to do anything," says the latter, "except to look in any direction but at the youth, who seemed to be appealing to me to know why everybody was looking at me. I still say 'amen' myself when prayer requires it, but I have never told any one else to do so since the occurrence in court, and I never will."

**Hypnotism.**  
The subject of hypnotism was rescued from the charlatans, rechristened and subjected to accurate investigation by Dr. James Braid of Manchester as early as 1841. But his results, after attracting momentary attention, fell from view, and, despite desultory efforts, the subject was not again accorded a general hearing from the scientific world until 1878, when Dr. Charcot took it up at the Salpêtrière in Paris, followed soon afterward by Dr. Rudolf of Heidenhain of Breslau and a host of other experimenters. The value of the method in the study of mental states was soon apparent.

Most of Braid's experiments were repeated, and in the main his results were confirmed. His explanation of hypnotism, or artificial somnambulism, as a self-induced state, independent of any occult or supersensible influence, soon gained general credence. His belief that the initial stages are due to fatigue of nervous centers, usually from excessive stimulation, has not been supplanted, though supplemented by notions growing out of the new knowledge as to subconscious mentality in general and the inhibitory influence of one center over another in the central nervous mechanism.—Harper's Magazine.

**A Pastor's Idea.**  
When asked, "What's a layman?" a pastor replied, "One who lets things upon his pastor which he himself ought to do."—Richmond Religious Herald.

## LIKED TO BE ON TIME.

BO MR. JOBSON TOLD MRS. JOBSON REGARDING THE THEATER.

And the Good Wife Was Inconsiderate Enough to Take Him at His Word, Much to His Disgust and Unqualified Amusement.

"Mrs. Jobson," said Mr. Jobson when he got home at 4:30 the other afternoon, "just let me take this early opportunity to remind you again that we're scheduled to go to the theater this evening. It is my desire and purpose to reach the theater in time to see the rise of the curtain on the first act, for once in the whole course of my married life, this evening. I want to see the beginning of the show. I was unable to get aisle seats, and I feel unwilling on this particular occasion to trample seven or eight unoffending men and women underfoot in order to reach my seat just 14 minutes after the performance has begun, when the orchestra is rendering shivery music and the abused and starving woman with the diamonds is narrating the history of her life. Nor do I feel resigned this evening to the spectacle of your completing your toilet on the street after we start. Just see if you can't tog out in time for us to make the break for the cars somewhere in the neighborhood of 7:30, and you'll do me a favor."

Mrs. Jobson smiled and superintended the setting of the table. The dinner passed off quietly. After dinner Mrs. Jobson settled herself in his easy chair and buried herself in The Star. Darkness began to creep on apace, as the lady novelists put it, and he illuminated the house. When he finished The Star, he picked up the copy of "David Harum" that Mrs. Jobson had been reading and plunged into it.

"This is the stuff they're making such a row about," muttered Mr. Jobson to himself when he sat down with the book, and in less than eight minutes he had read 12 pages of it and had forgotten his name and number. Mrs. Jobson had disappeared up stairs some time previously, but he didn't even hear her moving about in her dressing room. After awhile, however, she called him.

"It's getting late," she said. "Aren't you going to begin to dress?" "Uh huh," replied Mr. Jobson, turning over a page. He had only an indistinct idea of what she was saying. Ten minutes later she called to him again.

"I am pretty nearly ready," she said, "and it's 7:30. Aren't you going to change your clothes?" "Um-h, uh huh," answered Mr. Jobson, unconsciously digging into his pocket and pulling out another cigar, which he didn't light, but chewed on. He was too much engrossed with the book.

At 7:25 Mrs. Jobson tripped down stairs all ready. Even her gloves were buttoned.

"Well?" said she, smiling at Mr. Jobson.

"Huh?" he inquired, looking up at her. "Where are you going?" "It seems to me that we had intended attending some theatrical performance this evening, had we not?"

Mr. Jobson surveyed her in a mystified way and then pulled out his watch.

"By Jingo, I believe there was something said about the theater this evening!" he exclaimed. "How's it happen that you're all ready? And why didn't you just tip me off, by the way, that it was time for me to be getting arrayed in purple and fine linen?"

"I called you several times," said Mrs. Jobson.

He laid the book down and regarded her severely.

"Called me several times, hey?" said he skeptically. "Mrs. Jobson, I don't claim to be getting any younger, like some people I know, but it's simply out of the question for you to attempt to make me believe that I'm as deaf as a post. Don't you suppose I could have heard you if you had leaned over the banisters, and talked above a whisper? But I see through your little game. Just because I happened to remind you this afternoon that it would be a good scheme for you to be ready on time you figured that it would be funny to sneak up stairs at about 5:30, walk around on tiptoes while you fixed up and permit me to doze off in my chair here, just so's you could have it on me about not being ready myself. S'pose you thought that was a really subtle scheme and hard to see through, hey?"

And he went muttering up stairs to get ready. He found the buttons all placed in his shirt and everything laid out on the chairs, but still he muttered. Mrs. Jobson didn't stand in the hall and shout up to him. "Hey, there, are you going to be all night getting those duds on?" as Mr. Jobson would have done under reversed circumstances.

At 8:20 he clumped down stairs with his hair very much mussed and at one side, his hair parted in several different places and with the sanguinary marks of several cuts he had inflicted upon himself in shaving still showing quite prominently. They reached the theater at 8:40, and seven persons had to stand to let them pass to their seats. Mr. Jobson sat and watched the remainder of the play in gloomy silence. He didn't say a word on the way home. As he got a bee line on the bed, with his hand on the gas key, preparatory to putting out the lights, however, he addressed her thus:

"Mrs. Jobson, a joke's a joke, but a put up job is a different sort of proposition. You weren't cut out for a light comedienne. The next time you feel inclined to be funny just count up to 184 and take seven steps to the rear. That'll give you a chance to decide to pass up your elephantine manifestations of humor. By the time you learn your limitations you are liable not to have any husband, and he won't be in Oak Hill either."—Washington Star.

## The Saleslady's Romance.

"Yes, I'm in the necktie department now. I like it ever so much better than selling ribbons. Men are so much easier to suit than women. All you've got to do is smile at them and you can sell them any old thing. The women will finger over the whole stock and not buy 10 cents' worth—just as if a lady had nothing to do but show goods. Besides, I don't like the floorwalker in the ribbon department. The one we've got now is lovely. His name is Perkins—Horatio Perkins—and he's just as swell."

"And, say, can you keep a secret? He's—you won't tell a soul?—well, he's in love with me. No, he hasn't said so yet, but I can tell by the way he looks at me—never takes his eyes off me from morning till night. He's jealous, too, and that's a sure sign. You ought to've seen him yesterday when George came in to invite me to the bill poster's ball. George—he's my old steady, you know—well, he and I was standing there talking when Horatio—I mean Mr. Perkins—came along. He gave me an awful fierce look, but I never let on that I seen him, but just kept right on talking."

"Then he stepped right up to me and says, his voice quivering with suppressed emotion, he says: 'Miss Robinson,' he says, 'are you aware that there are half a dozen customers waiting for you?' 'I know he only said that so as not to betray his real feelings, because when I turned around there wasn't any six customers there at all. There was only four.'—New York Journal.

## A Row at the Show.

The lord mayor's show is an annual theme for the newspapers. Very little can be said about it that has not been said again and again. It costs about £2,000, the banquet from £2,000 to £3,000. The show has sunk during the century to borrowing some of its splendors from the "property man." Thereby hangs a tale.

A certain lord mayor hired from the Surrey theater two suits of armor, brass and steel, with a couple of supers to go inside them. The manager of the Surrey stipulated, by the way, that the steel armor should not be used if the day be a wet or a foggy one. After the show the men in armor were taken to the Guildhall, remaining there several hours without food. No one, it appears, was able to rid them of their ironmongery.

Wine was given them, and the man of brass became intoxicated. The bystanders, thinking if he fell about that he would injure others as well as himself, tried to eject him. But he showed fight, and, to add to their farther dismay, his companion in arms joined him. They were overcome at last only by sheer weight of numbers. Then the maker of the armor was sent for. He eventually succeeded in freeing the men, who were in danger of being stifled by the weight of their equipment.—Good Words.

## Treating Insomnia.

So many people suffer from insomnia nowadays that it is a wonder they do not adopt the time honored custom of French kings and indeed of our ancestors generally, the "ten cans" by the bedside, the meal of fruit or bread and cold chicken, put ready in case of wakefulness. Many a merry little meal might be eaten in the middle of the night, when thoughts crowd on the mind and care sits heavy. It is the wakeful digestion that claims its due and clamors to be fed. Our forefathers were wise, and many a hunter after old furniture knows the quaint little cupboard with a grated door which served for the night meal and is now sometimes labeled a cheese cabinet. A bedside book is of no use when the pangs of hunger make for mstery, but with a book and a "snack" one can contrive to pass some pleasant hours, even when sleep does not touch one's eyelids and the sweet boon of unconsciousness evades one's grasp.—New York Times.

## They Don't Know Nerves.

Those who know the Chinese best have been particularly struck with their absence of nerves. The foreigner, amidst the native sits still; weary sleep, especially in hot weather, will resist the foreigner's sweetest wooing, while to the native lying on a heap of stones or across the bars of a wheelbarrow she comes as a matter of course; we need constant change and variety, they would find contentment and rest on the treadmill.

"It would be easy," says Mr. Smith, "to raise in China an army of 1,000,000 men—nay, 10,000,000—tested by competitive examination as to their capacity to go to sleep across three wheelbarrows, with heads downward, like a spider, their mouths wide open and a fly inside!"

From which it is evident, says The North China Herald, that in a crusade against noise we can hope for no assistance from our native fellow townsmen, but instead a great amount of vis inertiae, if not positive opposition.

## A Chinese Dooley.

Two Irishmen stood at Gates avenue and Bedford street discussing a Chinese laundry sign.

"Kin ye say it, Pat?"

"Where?"

"There, don't ye say it?"

"Oh, oh do now."

"Well, they say a Chinaman's first name is his last name. Do ye have it, Pat?"

"Yes."

"Then made it backward?"

"But made it furrud furrud, an' it spells Lee Dew."

"But made it backward, man."

"D-o-w, D-o; L-e-e, L-e—Dooley."

"Right ye are, Pat, an' Dooley is a foine old Irish name, but it's the first time in me life I've ever heard of a Chinese with an Irish name. He ought to hang the spalpeen."—New York Press.

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