

JOKER'S BUDGET.

AND YAKNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

For Woo—The March of Science Caught By a Compliment—An Expedient—Unavailing, Etc., Etc.

BLISS OR WOE.

Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts supremely blest, minister, a nuptial knot, And—who can tell the rest?

THE MARCH OF SCIENCE.

They've got a scheme for makin' now, Maria," said Silas. "What'll they dew next?"

CAUGHT BY A COMPLIMENT.

I was reading to-day of a lady proposed to a gentleman.

AN EXPEDIENT.

husband—What are we going to do at that hand-organ that plays in front our windows every morning and all drives me wild!

NO SUNSHINE IN HIM.

Mr. Murray Hill—Mr. Jones' affairs seem to improve any. He is continually under a cloud.

THE SONG OF THE HEARD.

Lady (in music store) Have you got most Helle Mahons?"

GEORGE UNDERSTOOD.

"Katie," he said timidly, "I have loved myself to hope that you regard me as something more than a friend."

THE PROPER VEHICLE.

Weed—I see by the newspaper that ch deposits of meerschaum have been discovered in New Mexico.

THE UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL.

Clara—Do you see how the shape of his gown could be improved?

THE WAY OF IT.

The burglar has a taking way— Away his way he takes;

WHAT HE COULD DO.

He looked up and down the street furiously two or three times, took in the sign over the door once or twice, and darted in as if afraid of being caught at it.

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TRAMP IN THE OVEN

The Reception a Knight of the Road Got in Jersey.

A FARMER'S WIFE JAILED HIM.

But the Oven Did Not Prove to be Strong Enough to Hold Him.

While the Woman Was Away Alarming the Neighbors the Tramp Kicked the Back Out of His Prison and Made Good His Escape—He Wanted What Money There Was in the House, but Did Not Get Anything.

DECKERTOWN, N. J., March 14.—Mrs. Sarah Baker, wife of a farmer in Wantage Township, had an experience with a tramp the other day. Mrs. Baker is a small woman, but strong and plucky. She was all alone at the time, her husband being away on business. Her eyes had troubled her for several weeks, and she was wearing a pair of green glasses. She was sitting in the dining room early in the afternoon and had fallen into a doze.

Suddenly the door opened and a tramp entered. He wasn't very large, but he had an ugly look and carried a club. He did not see Mrs. Baker at first, and she kept very quiet. Finally she exclaimed: "Who is there?"

"The tramp looked around and at once made up his mind that the woman was blind. That is just what she wanted him to believe, for she had already formed a plan of action.

"I want something to eat and I want it quick, see?" said Mrs. Baker. "No, I don't see," said Mrs. Baker, "but I hear very well, and I guess you are a thief come to rob the house."

"Never mind what you guess. You hustle and get me some grub. I ain't had anything to eat since yesterday morning."

Mrs. Baker got up and pretended to stumble around in search of food. She found some bread and butter and some cold pork, and put them on the table. Then she fumbled around until she found the chair and sat down again. The vagabond ate everything up, and then shouted:

"Now I want what money you have in the house."

"Haven't any money," replied Mrs. Baker. "You're a liar," yelled the impolite visitor, "and if you don't tell me where it is I will cut your heart out."

The little woman was badly frightened, but stuck to her story that she had no money until the tramp grabbed her by the hair and threatened to cut her throat. Then she apparently weakened and said that the money was hidden where she couldn't get at it.

"Where is it?" asked the tramp. "In the big oven," was the reply, and without turning her head, Mrs. Baker pointed toward the kitchen. The man went in the kitchen and looked into the old oven. There was no fire in it and it seemed empty. Then he came back and, taking her by the throat, said that she was lying and that he would kill her. She cried and begged him to spare her life and, amid her sobs, informed him that the money was in a wad behind a loose brick at the rear of the oven.

She looked so innocent and truthful that the man believed her and went back into the kitchen. Mrs. Baker waited until she heard him crawling into the big oven. Then she ran into the kitchen, and, grabbing the tea-kettle from the stove, poured the boiling water on his legs. He yelled with pain, and involuntarily drew his legs inside the oven. The woman at once shut the oven door and fastened it by putting a knife through the latch.

Then she slipped on her bonnet and ran down the road for a mile until she reached a blacksmith's shop. There were three men in the shop and, after resting a minute, she managed to tell them what had occurred. They grabbed some hickory spokes and all hurried back with her. They were rather timid when they first entered the kitchen, but regained their courage when they saw that the oven door was still securely fastened.

They decided that Mrs. Baker should open the door and that they should grab the tramp and take him to the justice of the peace at Wantage. When Mrs. Baker opened the oven door she gave a cry of astonishment. As she looked in she saw clear across the kitchen garden and out into the orchard. The tramp had kicked the entire back out of the old oven and escaped.

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WASHINGTON LIFE.

A One-Time Mayor and an Army General in Reduced Circumstances.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The dull routine of Washington official life is often followed by some amusing incident, which, for the moment, drives away care and toil. Again, some pathetic scene is enacted which stirs all the gentler feelings of those who witness it. An occurrence of the latter kind happened some days since in the Treasury Department.

Secretary Blaine was walking through the building when he saw a familiar figure engaged in performing the services of a messenger. He could scarcely credit the evidence of his own senses at first, but when he was convinced he went up to the man and, in his brisk peremptory way, when deeply interested in a subject, said: "Why, Mr. Bowen, you mustn't be doing this kind of work. I can't allow it. I'll find something better for you."

The gentleman to whom he spoke was Mr. Charles J. Bowen, at one time mayor of Washington, at another its postmaster and for years one of its most prominent citizens. His experience had been one which is common, and so far as known contained no extraordinary features. Mr. Blaine was as good as his word and found Mr. Bowen a congenial place in the State Department.

It is not generally known that Major-General Alfred Pleasanton, one of the most distinguished cavalry leaders during the war, is spending the last years of his life in a small room of a poor hotel in this city. But such is the fact. He is not in want, but suffers greatly from disease and cannot wear his clothes. He declines to see anyone but his old colored nurse and his physician. It is said that he is greatly emaciated and that those who knew the dashing fighter in the days of the Rebellion would not recognize him in the figure now cooped up in a small room here in Washington.

ONLY A FRIENDLY ALLIANCE.

The Reading Road Has Not Leased the N. Y. & N. E. Railroad.

BOSTON, March 14.—In regard to the recent circulated rumor of a proposed lease of the New York & New England Railroad by the Reading Railroad, Mr. Prince, vice-president of the former road, said that there was no foundation for the report. That a friendly alliance had been formed between the two roads, as the New England had terminal facilities which would prove advantageous to the Reading, and that other natural advantages would accrue.

He further stated that he thought it quite likely that the Reading would take a lease of the Baltimore & Ohio and improve its southern connections and that through trains would be run over the New York & New England, through New York and directly to New Orleans.

BENEFIT OFFICERS INDICTED.

Alleged Embezzlement of the Order of Rising Sun Funds.

BOSTON, March 14.—The Suffolk County grand jury to day reported indictments against William Hamilton, Isaac W. Cammons, Charles A. Barney, James Morrison and James A. Fraser for the alleged embezzlement of \$50,000 of the funds of the Order of the Rising Sun. There is one count for receiving stolen goods and another for being accessories before and after an alleged embezzlement.

Another important indictment is one for alleged larceny and embezzlement of \$15,000 by Alvan L. Greenwood, ex-treasurer of the Mutual One Year Benefit Order. Greenwood failed to respond and was defaulted.

HE TOOK MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

NEWARK, N. J., March 14.—John Stoneman, better known as "Happy Jack", a Salvation Army man, has eloped with Mrs. Albert Boellenger, a convert, who wore the Salvation uniform, and became much attached to several of the warriors. "Happy Jack" was in the habit of accompanying Mrs. Boellenger home evenings. This caused considerable comment, as she is about double "Jack's" age, and is the mother of six children. Upon being ordered from the house by Boellenger, Stoneman left, taking Mrs. Boellenger and her eldest daughter with him.

REGENT OF THE 72-HOUR-BICYCLE RACE.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The 72-hour—twelve hours a day—bicycle race was brought to a close Saturday night. The men finished as follows: Ashinger, 1,022 miles, 7 laps; Lamb, 1,023 miles, 7 laps; Martin, 1,022 miles, 6 laps; Reading, 1,022 miles, 5 laps; Lumsden, 854 miles, 2 laps; Schock, 840 miles, 1 lap; Stage, 800 miles, 0 laps. The men were all behind Prince's record of 1,042 1-3 miles. The race was a financial failure, the management, it is said, having lost \$5,000. Ashinger gets \$1,000.

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YOUNG GERMAN WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

BERLIN, March 14.—Miss Margaret Schultz, the daughter of a wealthy family of East Prussian land-owners, committed suicide, after a quarrel with her lover, near the Brandenburg gate late yesterday afternoon.

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JOHN L. TO RETIRE

But He Will Fight One More Battle.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

Willing to Fight in New Orleans. But Insists on Dictating His Own Terms.

SAYS HE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY SET OF HORSESHOERS TO DRAW UP ARTICLES FOR HIM—HAS RECEIVED NO WORD FROM THE NEW ORLEANS OLYMPIC CLUB HE WILL REMAIN ON THE STAGE TWO YEARS LONGER.

CHICAGO, March 14.—John L. Sullivan has issued another ultimatum. After his fight for the championship he will retire from the roped arena, in which he has enjoyed an unbroken reign of ten years, and devote all of his time to the stage, with which he appears to be infatuated.

"I mean business," said Sullivan, "and my ultimatum, first come, first served, will be strictly lived up to. Corbett has posted \$1,000 of the \$2,500, and I give him till next Wednesday to post the remaining \$1,500. My \$2,500 is already up. If Mitchell really wants to fight, as he loudly proclaims, he has a chance to get in ahead of Corbett, whose forfeit is only partly up. Let him post his \$2,500, as the conditions imposed by me require, at once, and I will be bound to give him the preference.

"I am willing to fight before the Olympic Club, but I am Sullivan"—and here the champion smote his brawny chest with his hand—"the champion of the world, and I will not allow any set of horsehoers to draw up my articles for me. As champion, I have the power to dictate my own terms, and no man nor set of men can alter my purpose. Of course, if the Olympic Club's articles suit me I will sign and stand by them, but no one outside of Johnson, who is my backer and knows exactly what I want, and myself, has any power to say I shall do this or that. And that reminds me that the stories printed in the papers to the effect that President Noal had forwarded articles for my approval are not true. At least I have not received them, nor have I been officially notified that they have been forwarded.

"This will be my last fight. After it is settled I will retire from the ring. I am meeting with a share of success in my new business and am satisfied to remain where I am for two years, so, when I will retire from the stage, I will do so."

ENGLAND AT THE FAIR.

London, March 14.—The "St. James's Gazette," referring to the meeting held at the Mansion House, at which Lord Mayor Evans presided, to promote English interest in the Chicago Columbian Exhibition, says that Englishmen with a national conscience will feel a touch of shame at the announcement that the World's Fair is receiving cordial support from all parts of the world, when the English grants amount to only £25,000, which is a smaller sum than other less important countries have appropriated to provide a proper representation. It is not pleasant to think that England will have only a comparatively poor show.

DRAWING THE COLORED LINE.

NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—The School Board Saturday night adopted a resolution calling on the principals of all public schools to notify children of colored extraction in white schools to leave them at once, otherwise they would be expelled. The Board gave no reasons for passing the resolution. The city is well provided with schools, both public and private, for the education of colored youth, and the resolution is aimed to exclude those children in whom the taint is so slight that they sometimes pass for whites.

WILL MAKE LONDON HIS HOME.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Gen. George B. Williams, formerly United States Minister to Japan, and who afterwards organized and established the financial system of the Empire of the East, is going to London next month as the agent for a prominent New York Life Insurance Company. He will make London his home, abandoning Washington, where he has resided for several years past.

BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The programme for this week in the House will be the continuation of the tariff discussion. In all probability to-day will be devoted to the business of the District of Columbia, and the tariff will occupy the rest of the week, unless Friday should be devoted to the private calendar.

WILHELM EXCLUDES "PUNCH."

LONDON, March 14.—It is reported here that the Emperor of Germany has ordered "Punch" to be excluded from all the royal palaces on account of the cartoon and verses that appeared the week before last in connection with His Majesty's famous speech on grumbling.

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MARKET PRICES.

Latest New York Quotations—Cattle Market.

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| BUTTER—State Dairy, b. c., fancy | 27 |
| State Dairy, b. c., good to choice | 26 |
| Western Dairy, good, per lb. | 23 |
| Western Dairy, choice, per lb. | 30 |
| Imitation Creamery, top, per lb. | 33 |
| Imitation Creamery, fancy, lb. | 25 |
| Welsh tubs, fancy, per lb. | 25 |
| Welsh tubs, good to choice, per lb. | 24 |
| Western Creamery, fancy, per lb. | 30 |
| Western Creamery, choice, lb. | 29 |
| Factory, fresh, choice, per lb. | 35 |
| Beans and Peas—Beans, Mar., choice | 3.15 |
| Beans, medium, choice | 2.80 |
| Beans, red kidney, choice | 2.10 |
| Beans, white kidney, choice | 2.50 |
| Beans, Lima, California, per 60 lb. | 1.80 |
| Green Peas, 800 ch, per bushel | 1.20 |
| CHEESE—State Factory, fancy | 12 1/2 |
| State Factory, full cream, per lb. | 11 1/2 |
| State Factory, part skim, per lb. | 10 1/2 |
| State Factory, full skims, per lb. | 5 |
| DAIRY FRUITS—Apples, evaporated | 7 |
| Apricots, California, per lb. | 3 1/2 |
| Blackberries, per lb. | 3 |
| Huckleberries, per lb. | 13 1/2 |
| Raspberries, sun-dried, per lb. | 10 |
| Cherries, per lb. | 14 |
| Peaches, N. C., per lb. | 9 1/2 |
| Peanuts, fancy, per lb. | 4 1/2 |
| Eggs—Eastern, choice, per doz. | 10 1/2 |
| Western, choice, per doz. | 11 1/2 |
| Southern, choice, per doz. | 10 1/2 |
| FRUITS—Apples, Baldwin, per bushel | 1.75 |
| Apples, Greening, State, per bushel | 3.00 |
| Carrots, Cape Cod, p. bbl. | 7.00 |
| Grape Fruit, N. Y., per box | 3.00 |
| Oranges, Florida Mandarins, per box | 6.00 |
| FLAX AND STRAW—Hay, No. 1, per 100 lb | 85 |
| Hay, Clover, mixed | 70 |
| Hay, Salt | 50 |
| Hay, shipping | 75 |
| Long Hay, Straw, per 100 | 75 |
| Short Hay, Straw, per 100 | 60 |
| Out Straw | 55 |
| Wheat Straw | 45 |
| POULTRY, etc.—Western Geese, per pair | 1.75 |
| Chickens, choice, near by, per lb. | 12 1/2 |
| Fowls, State, N. J., and Pa., per lb. | 14 |
| Fowls, Western, per lb. | 12 1/2 |
| Chickens, W. Va., per lb. | 12 1/2 |
| Roosters, mixed, per lb. | 8 1/2 |
| Ducks, Western, per pair | 1.00 |
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| Turkeys, per lb. | 14 |
| Tame squabs, white, per doz. | 4.50 |
| Tame squabs, dark, per doz. | 3.50 |
| Veal, Choice, Potomac, N. J. per bbl. | 1.25 |
| Potatoes, State, rose, per bushel | 1.37 |
| Sweet Potatoes, N. J. per bushel | 1.75 |
| Beets, Florida, per crate | 1.50 |
| Onions, Conn., white, per bushel | 7.00 |
| Onions, Orange Co., yellow, per bushel | 2.00 |
| Cabbage, Long Island, per 100 | 5.00 |
| Lettuce, Charleston, per bushel | 4.00 |
| Turnips, Rumania, per bushel | 75 |
| Spinach, Norfolk, per bushel | 2.75 |
| Cauliflower, California, per case | 8.00 |
| WAGGED MEATS—Lamb, per lb. | 7 1/2 |
| Sheep, per lb. | 5 1/2 |
| Calves, per lb. | 5 1/2 |
| Native Steers, corn fed, per bushel | 4.90 |
| Colorado Steers, per cwt. | 3.90 |
| Bulls, per cwt. | 3.10 |
| IRB AND SKINS—Black, per lb. | 3.80 |
| Cubs and Yo., per lb. | 15.00 |
| Beaver, No. 1, per lb. | 7.00 |
| Other | 3.00 |
| Marten, dark | 1.00 |
| Marten, pale | 1.25 |
| Mink | 2.50 |
| Red fox | 1.70 |
| Gray fox | 1.00 |
| Skunk, black | 1.20 |
| Skunk, half striped | 80 |
| Skunk, striped | 1.40 |
| Skunk, white | 1.20 |
| Op. | 30 |

IN AN ASYLUM.

Sarah Althea Terry Objects and is Removed by Force.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 14.—Sarah Althea Terry has arrived at the insane asylum here accompanied by a deputy sheriff and the matron of the sheriff's office. Mrs. Terry was intensely spiteful toward the matron, kicking her and sticking pins into her. Mrs. Terry did not recognize Lathrop, where her husband was shot, the station having been burned a short time ago.

She thought Stockton was Lathrop and refused to leave the train. Officers forced her into a carriage and she was driven to the asylum. She resisted being taken in, and when finally thrust through the doorway she said to the officers: "I suppose you are satisfied, now that you have got me in the asylum."

The insane woman objected to being taken into the receiving ward and was removed by force. There she gave no trouble and was given a bath and put to bed. The matron of the asylum said she did not expect much trouble from Mrs. Terry.

HER ESCORT WAS A COWARD.

PATERSON, N. J., March 14.—Annie Bower, a young woman, was brutally assaulted by a tramp on the outskirts of this city yesterday, and sustained injuries which may prove fatal. She was walking along a lonely road with a young man named Nick Veneman when they met the tramp. Veneman did not try to protect her, and when she resisted the tramp caught up a stone, struck her on the head with it and ran away. Veneman was arrested.

DYNAMITE IN THE MAIL BAG.

DUBLIN, March 14.—A large package of dynamite was found in the mail bag from Limerick to Tipperary. It was intended evidently to wreck the express, and there was enough of the explosive to dash the whole train to pieces. A farmer's son named Harrigan, living near Limerick, has been arrested, but he protests his innocence.

WARDEN BROWN'S ORDERS.

SING SING, N. Y., March 14.—Warden Brown's Sing Sing prisoners caused dissatisfaction among the keepers and guards of that institution by issuing orders to the effect that no one connected with the prison shall hereafter be allowed to enter a saloon or any other place where intoxicating liquors are sold.

FINED FOR SHOOTING THE GAMEKEEPER.

BERLIN, March 14.—Banker Seligman, of this city, has been ordered by the courts to pay 3,000 marks to Gamekeeper Schaefer. During a rabbit hunt, recently, Seligman emptied one barrel of his shotgun into Schaefer's leg while the latter was beating the bushes for him.

OTTAWA, March 14.—The Dominion Government has decided to enfranchise the Indian population in British Columbia. The Governor-General's proclamation has been issued.