

Humor and Philosophy

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OLD STANDBYS.

Newfangled wit
May make a hit
And call on laughter to attend,
But for a joke
That makes you choke
You like to meet an ancient friend.

Perhaps a few
Brand, spanking new,
May lighten up your daily load,
But still you miss
The ones like this:
"Why does the chicken cross the road?"

The older brand
You understand
And know just where your sides to split.
For ones untired
There is no guide,
Which may embarrass you a bit.

The ones in stock
Will never shock
The modest with their simple art,
While newer jokes
May cause the folks
To call a doctor for your heart.

The ancient jest
Is much the best
If one is tempted to explode.
Long life attend
Our time tried friend,
"Why does a chicken cross the road?"

The Woman's Instinct.

"I hear Pauline is going to marry a duke."
"I thought she swore she would only marry an American."
"She did feel that way, but she got this duke at such a bargain she couldn't resist."

Quite Desirable.

"How is Jones coming?"
"The last time I saw him he had a good position."
"What was he working at?"
"It wasn't exactly work. He had his arm around a lady."

Inharmonious.

When sitting with a pretty girl
Where prying eyes can't see,
And with your arm securely placed
Just where it ought to be,
It jars you to hear some one say
In boisterous tones, "Oh, break away!"

Wise.

"Have you heard the latest scandal?"
"Yes."
"What do you think about it?"
"There's a great deal that ought to be left unsaid."

Probably.

"But you know that my intentions are always good."
"Humph! You must have given them chloroform to keep them quiet."

Bit by Bit.

Little birthday souvenirs,
Little Christmas bills,
Run the final aggregate
Higher than the hills.

Couldn't Find It Himself.

"I wish I had your money."
"I wish you had, too, and then maybe I could borrow some of it."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Being friends with yourself is a good example to your neighbors.

If it were not for women what excuse could men have for drowning their sorrows?

Taste is possessed by most people, but good taste is invariably your own.

Imitation that doesn't imitate is about as flat as flattery that doesn't flatter.

Most boys think that it is a poor excuse of a lad that can't better his dad's knowledge.

It depends upon which side of a mortgage you're on whether you think it a good or a bad thing.

No woman who is able and willing to bake beans, bread and potatoes is likely to be a failure.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.*

Use artificial gas for light and heat. 10-11

BELIEVE HE WAS ONE OF BAD GANG

Efforts Being Made to Find Out More About Philadelphia Bank Explosion.

STEELE AN ANARCHIST

CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES SAYS THE POLICE ARE NOW ON THE TRACK OF A GIANT CONSPIRACY.

[Publishers' Press.] Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Leading officials of the Fourth street National Bank today questioned all employees in an effort to aid the detective in a quiet search which is going on for the accomplice or accomplices of Rolla Steele, who threw a bomb in the bank on Saturday in an effort to carry through a tremendous robbery.

They and the police have become certain that Steele had at least one accomplice and that, besides being a bigamist, he was a member of a band of desperate men, professed anarchists, who would stop at no means to wrest money from banks, wealthy men and the class generally, who they believed "owed them a living."

Captain of Detectives Donaghy said tonight: "It is probable that Steele's feat has put us on the track of one of the most gigantic conspiracies of modern times. That is all I can say now. He was a thief, an anarchist and a terrorist."

E. F. Shanbaker, vice-president of the bank, carried on the personal investigation.

"It is now certain," he said, "that more than one man was concerned in the attack upon the bank. We have learned that definitely. From what has been found out regarding the bomb thrower Steele I should say that the explosion was premature. It appears to me that he must have taken the bomb from his coat to throw it, and accidentally struck it against something, for he knew too much about explosives and their power to have purposely allowed the bomb to strike so near him as it did."

BELIEVE PONCE IS SAFE BEING TOWED INTO PORT

Agents of the Steamship Now Eight Days Overdue Into New York Think She Has Been Picked Up by the Maracas.

New York, Jan. 7.—That the missing steamer Ponce is safe and being towed to port is now the belief of shipping men. She is eight days overdue, and since Dec. 28 not a word has come from her, yet her agents feel certain that she will turn up within the next twenty-four or forty-eight hours in tow.

The steamship Maracas, of the Trinidad Steamship company, which sailed from Granada, in the Island of Trinidad, Dec. 29, should have made this port yesterday morning, but up to date not a word has come from her. She comes over the same track as the Ponce, hence the belief that she picked up the Ponce, and is now bringing her into port. It is not thought probable that two disasters could have occurred along the same track within a few days.

Nine ships that travel the same path as the Ponce arrived in port today from Southern and West Indian ports. None of them, however, had spoken to the Ponce, but it is argued that the missing ship may have been blown out of her course, and yet have succeeded in communicating with the Maracas.

Association Officers.

At a meeting of the People's Home and Savings association the following officers were elected:

J. F. Davenport, president; J. J. Harrington, vice president; Jesse Brooks, secretary; S. W. Gaar, treasurer; Jonathan Newman, attorney; John E. Foley and Charles Newman, directors for two years.

**FLORENCE ROCKWELL, THE YOUNGEST JULIET.**

A noted phenologist has declared that, in his opinion, Miss Florence Rockwell is one of the most nearly perfect women, mentally and physically, that he has seen. Miss Rockwell is one of the younger American actresses. She is the only one who played Juliet at the age of the Shakespearean heroine, fourteen years. Miss Rockwell was leading woman for Thomas W. Keene at that tender age. Since then she has been the leading support of a surprising array of stars, including Nat Goodwin, Henry Miller, Sol Smith Russell and Richard Mansfield. She began her stage career at the age of twelve.

MANY CHICKENS DROWNED

They Were Carried Away by the Sudden Rise of Shelby County Streams.

Shelbyville, Ind., Jan. 7. (SJI)—Hundreds of chickens are floating around in the streams of Shelby county as a result of the rains of the last week. In Marion township Big Blue river rose so rapidly that at least 100 chickens were drowned near the cabin of Joseph Addison, Joe alone lost 58. Mrs. Fox, who lives in Marion township, also had a number of chickens drowned.

The high waters near Blue Ridge, along the Flatrock, interfered with the funeral of George Heck yesterday. It was necessary for the pallbearers to carry the coffin some distance from the house to where the hearse stood in waiting, as the house was surrounded by water. Mrs. Heck, who was taken sick some time before the death of her husband, is expected to live but a short time.

JUNIORS HAVE ELECTION

New Society at the United Brethren Church Has a Membership of Twenty-two.

The juniors have organized at the United Brethren church, the following officers being elected: Leader, Mrs. Susie E. Hobson; assistant leader, Mrs. N. J. Daily. Children—president, Irene Scott; vice president, Fern Brumley; secretary, Roy Hobson; treasurer, Hazel Johns; pianist, Ruth Cooper; assistant pianist, Waunita Daily; chorister, Marvel Scott.

This is the first organization of the juniors in this church. Twenty-two joined the society.

Branch School Elects.

Election of officers for 1907 in the branch Sunday School of the Second Presbyterian church which meets in school house No. 11, resulted as follows: G. W. Neff, Supt.; John Beane, assistant Supt.; Harry Eadler, secretary; Miss Pelistin, assistant secretary; Mrs. Delcamp, treasurer; Mrs. Anna Neff, chorister; Mrs. Anna Austin, assistant chorister; Mrs. Spencer, organist; Mrs. Cloud, assistant organist; Ruby Neff, librarian; Irene Hawes assistant librarian.

Street Badly Cut Up.

Manufacturers on North E street are complaining about the condition of the street which is cut up by the heavy hauling.

THE COUNTY'S FINANCES REPORT BY THE AUDITOR

Receipts Up to January 1 Are Shown to Be Nearly \$900,000—the Total Disbursements Were \$642,181.42 and Balance \$228,999.06.

H. J. Hanes, county auditor, in his annual report, completed and approved by the commissioners yesterday, shows the county's finances on Jan. 1, as follows:

RECEIPTS.
On hand \$142,500 55
Fiscal year 728,679 93
Total \$871,180 48

DISBURSEMENTS.
Total \$642,181 42
Balance 228,999 06
In reference to the county fund, the report shows:

RECEIPTS.
On hand \$20,659 96
Fiscal year 135,842 76
Total \$156,502 76

DISBURSEMENTS.
Total \$110,058 32
Balance \$ 45,444 40

REFORMED.

I make but one resolve this year. Now that the glad new day is here—But one resolve, but that's a heap For some folks that I know to keep. And this one, though it may seem rash, I'll live up to, I'll bet my cash. It is that no resolves I'll make—Say, that's an easy one to take!

Years back I listed quite a few Of things I would no longer do. And with the year I would begin. I swore to chop out much of sin. To be a model for the young. My praises sung by every tongue; Things that were naughty to leave out And give my wings a chance to sprout.

Ah, well, you know how such things last! It takes a hero to hold fast. Before the ink is fairly dry A soft and soothing lullaby Has laid the best of them to sleep—A sight to make the angels weep—And there they sweetly snore away At peace until next New Year's day.

The resolution not to smoke Is made no sooner than 'tis broke, And that's a sample of the rest. The weak, indifferent and the best. They look all right and just about The stuff until we try them out. And then their fall down we deplore And swear we will resolve no more.

Soporific.
"Do you know a cure for insomnia?"
"Yes; come to our church."

YOUNG MEN WILL STAY TO FINISH

A Determination to Make the Y. M. C. A. Effort a Success Manifested.

TOTAL FUND IS \$21,471

BUSINESS MEN'S COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AND THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE FRIDAY.

Young men who attended the meeting of the Young Men's Y. M. C. A. committee last night pledged themselves to stand by the movement until success comes and showed a determination to see that it is made a success. Subscriptions picked up during the holidays amounted to \$375, were turned in. The sentiment of the meeting was that every member of the committee should be urged to get busy. The Pogue-Miller committee of the industrial committee turned in \$96, the Aftermath, \$25, and the Uniform Rank, K. of P., \$15, making the total subscriptions up to this time, \$21,471.

With the meeting of the committee last night the regular meetings in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. are again up. On Wednesday the business men's committee will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the same place and Friday evening the industrial committee will meet in the same rooms at 7:30.

It is the purpose, if possible, to push the work by the industrial committee to a finish, and then ask this committee to merge with the young men's committee, meeting with it and giving all the help possible in a general cleaning up of the canvass near the close of the year. In the meantime the work on the business men's committee among the larger amounts will go quietly and faithfully on.

The men on these various committees are urged to remember that if they have information cards in their pockets, no other persons will solicit those persons, and if a committee-man fails in his duty the work with those persons will not be done; hence each man must look to his own end of the work.

The committee on tickets for the recent concert would like to have all who have money and tickets to make their report to Howard Dill, at the water works office, as soon as possible.

How Icebergs Are Born.

The birth of a huge iceberg, a phenomenon that has been seen only once or twice by a European and to a certain extent has remained a matter of theory, was observed by the Danish explorers on the east coast of Greenland some time since. The bergs are formed by breaking off from the end of glaciers extending from the perpetual ice of the unexplored interior to the coast and into the sea. The water buoys up the sea end of the glacier until it breaks by its own weight with a terrific crash. The commotion of the water as the iceberg turns over and over in the effort to attain its balance is felt to a great distance along the coast. The natives regard it as the work of evil spirits and believe that to look upon the glacier in its throes is death.

Question and Answer.

When Nathan M. Morse was trying the Tuckerman will case before Judge McKim, Dr. Jolley, the well known expert on insanity, was one of the witnesses. One of the hypothetical questions asked of the witness by Mr. Morse contained no less than 20,000 words. The lawyer started this pithy question at the opening of court and closed only a few minutes prior to the noon adjournment. The point that Mr. Morse was endeavoring to bring out related to the mental condition of the testator when he made his will.

This is said to have been the longest single interrogation ever made in a court of law, and the answer comprised just three words, "I do not."—Boston Herald.

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PROGRAM—WEEK JANUARY 7, 1907

Saturday—3, 7:45 and 9:15 p. m.

A—OVERTURE. Miss Grayce Miller.
B—JOHN—THE BURKES—MAE. In a clever comedy skit which includes somewhat clever piano playing and good singing.
C—LILLIAN MURTHA. The Little German Girl. Something new, and sure to make a hit.
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PROGRAM FOR

Thurs. Fri., and Sat. January 3, 4 and 5.

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CONTINUOUS SHOW.**--ROLLER SKATING --- COLISEUM--**

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, afternoon and evening.

Music by the Richmond City Band.

Admission, Gents, 15c; Ladies free. Skates 10c.

Search for Steamer.

[Publishers' Press.]

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary Shaw ordered out two additional revenue cutters in search of the steamer Ponce, of the New York and Porto Rico Steamship company, seven days overdue at New York. The Seminole was started out from Charleston, S. C., and the Algonquin from Porto Rico. The Mohawk previously started from New York. The three revenue cutters will make a search of the entire route of the steamer.

May Put Off Altogether.

Tokio, Jan. 7.—A feeling prevails here in an influential circle that it would not be advisable to include a call at San Francisco in the cruise of the training squadron, at a time when anti-Japanese sentiment is rampant. The proposed visit may be indefinitely postponed.

Another Mexican Junta.

[Publishers' Press.]

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 7.—A Mexican revolutionary junta with a constitution similar to that existing in St. Louis was formed by prominent Mexicans of San Antonio, who constitute the liberal party. Prominent among the more enthusiastic members is Trinidad Garcia, one of the revolutionists discharged Saturday in the extradition proceedings instituted by the Mexican government to secure extradition of the raiders of Jimenez.

Cambridge Guild Meeting.

Cambridge City, Jan. 7.—The Presbyterian Guild will meet with Mrs. F. H. Ohmit, next Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 9. A full attendance is desired.

NEWS OF THE THEATERS**Vaudeville at the Phillips.**

Manager Murray has reason to be pleased with the bill that is running at the new Phillips this week, as it measures up to expectations and to the minds of a number of people is fully as good, if not better, than the popular one of last week. It should get the house another week of the most satisfactory business. The Burks—John and Mae—are headliners in their comedy skit. Mr. Burke is a trick piano player and the way he handles this instrument is little short of the marvelous, while Mrs. Burke has a pleasing voice and sings with success. Lillian Murtha, the little German girl, is clever and her work takes well with the audience. The Malverns, five in number, are tumblers, and they are able to "mix" 'em up in the most approved style. The juvenile member of the troupe produces much amusement. Mr. Lankert sings with good results this week "If My Dream Come True," which is beautifully illustrated. Master Lavender Richardson, aged 10, is a most capable child actor, and with the remainder of his company presents "Brady's Boy," a domestic comedy, in an amusing way. The Philoscope shows two of the latest motion picture films, both of a comic nature. All told, it is a bill that is well worth seeing and worth much more than it costs to gain admission. Wednesday there will be a souvenir matinee, on Saturday a matinee for children, and a double performance on Saturday night.

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