

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Collapse of Washington's Famous Cotillon Club



WASHINGTON.—The collapse of the "Bachelors" Washington's famous cotillon club, which for the last twenty years has established the standing of the successive crop of smart society, has been followed by the establishment of the "Bachelors" and at last Washington winter, the smart set has undergone the long threatened pruning. The Bachelors, according to some reports, "fell of its own weight." After all, it is many who could not muster all the requirements were admitted to membership and one by one the "swagger" withdrew. The defection began several seasons ago when Charles McCawley, L. S. R. C., who throughout the Roosevelt regime was the Beau Brummel of Washington, gave up his membership. George Howard, son of Lady Howard of Eglinton, and his to the ultra-aristocratic Riggs connection, resigned about the same time. Gist Blair, one of the most eligible bachelors in the country, came a close third but was not invited to re-entend up by the younger army and navy set.

Last year things got worse and even the lances of criticism assailed the bachelors, whose dances careful mothers considered a bit too blasé for the debutantes whose coming-out heretofore had not been considered properly accomplished unless "they appeared" at least at the Bachelors' three yearly "Germania." The turkey trot was one of the first strides, the introduction of bridge whist tables where some pretty high play was possible, while the habit disintegrating feature, while the habit some of the young matrons had of going out to the smoking room and purchasing a cigarette or two between dances was yet another phase of the bachelors' later dances which more careful mothers refused to view with favor.

Anyway this season the Bachelors fell through the last president, Lawrence Townsend, former American minister to Belgium, resigning and the general committee going out with him and leaving the old organization with its new membership floundering. The Bachelors, under Major McCawley's regime, first attained the distinction of having the mistress of the White House stand as hostess at one of the first dances each year. Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Taft both "received" for the Bachelors at least once each season. For "resident hostess" once of the smartest of the resident set, she stood as sponsor while all the burlesque stage. Twenty-five years ago many popular songs possessed considerable merit; today many of them are upstart and the actual, literal meaning of the words sung is objectionable, but it is the connotation, the idea obviously implied, or that one led to objection. The peculiarly vicious effect of these songs. Popular music today is at its lowest ebb. But even if it cannot show decency, it at least can show decency and I would welcome any movement designed to this end.

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MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

Ypsilanti.—William Brooks filed a petition with the council asking \$25,000 damages for the death of his son, Freddie, Jan. 13, 1913. The boy was injured while attending the high school meet at Recreation park. He was pushed on a chute, he play, by an older boy. Brooks alighted on his head and it was so moment that the chute was so seriously hurt. A few days after his occurrence concussion of the brain developed, and the physicians declare it resulted from the fall.

Lansing.—A Detroit insurance company has asked the industrial accident board for a ruling on a question which has been before the board since last fall. A grocery boy was injured at the house of a customer. The insurance company wants to know if the customer is also liable. The board ruled that the employer was liable. Many people are under the mistaken impression that the owner of the property is liable under the law for all persons injured on his premises.

Pontiac.—In a statement by Milk Inspector Friar and bearing the endorsement of the board of health, to milk dealers and given notice of certain regulations to which they must conform for the protection of the public health. Provision is made in the new regulations for milk houses removed from barns and dwellings and also for a tuberculosis test of all dairy cows that must be made each year prior to May 1.

Pontiac.—If the suggestion of Prosecuting Attorney Doty is followed out by the supervisors, tramps will be made to split wood before they are taken care of, at the county jail. He believes the work cure will rid the county of many hordes, as last year the sheriff had 1,026 offenders, an unprecedented number in the history of the county, and the bill for October, November and December amounted to \$3,382.10.

Port Huron.—Nine one-day meetings to terminate the monster roundup are included in the schedule for St. Clair county farmers' institutes, as follows: Algonac, January 17; China, January 18; Smiths Creek, January 21; Grand Center, January 22; Goodells, January 23; Emmet, January 24; Capac, January 25; Blaine, January 27; Yale, January 28; round-up, Avoca, January 29 and 30.

Albion.—Accompanied by his wife and four children, Rev. Dennis Clancy, who has been enjoying a 12 month sabbatical leave in India, left Albion for that country, where he will represent the Albion Methodist church as its assistant pastor in the mission work. The Rev. Clancy has held office since he decided some time ago to support Mr. Clancy and his family.

Bellevue.—Fire starting in the detention home here drove Frank Hietz, his wife, and three-year-old daughter from the building into the snow just as the child had reached the crisis in a severe case of scarlet fever. It is feared that the exposure may cost the life of the little girl. The building, valued at \$1,000, was burned to the ground.

Adrian.—George W. Waterman, one of the most prominent members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the state, died from heart failure. He was eighty-one years old. Mr. Waterman has held all of the important offices in the state lodge and was representative to the sovereign grand lodge.

Lansing.—Prosecuting Attorney Frank Doty of Pontiac and Under Sheriff Green have sent several boys to the state laboratory for examination. The boys have been dying in the vicinity of Pontiac lately and the authorities suspect a poisoner is at work. The animals are being examined for traces of arsenic.

Eaton Rapids.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birbey, two of the most prominent residents of this town, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the home that they have occupied more than 40 years.

Pontiac.—C. W. Case of Rochester was many prizes at the New York county fair and the Canadian and county birds exhibited there were all of high quality.

Cadillac.—The eight-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Sherman of Barrage was smothered to death when the floor of the room in which it was playing caught fire. Mrs. Sherman was at home alone with the child and went to a neighbor's to call a veterinarian to attend a sick cow. During her absence the floor around the stove caught fire and before the mother returned the little boy was dead.

Jonah.—The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray of Jonah was badly burned as the result of a fire in the kitchen. Her clothing was nearly burned off before her mother could smother the flames, and both were severely burned.

Detroit.—Fred Sanders, who introduced to the world the ice cream soda, is dead at his parental residence here. He was the largest candy retail merchant in Detroit. Sanders, also had the distinction of bringing the first automobile to this city.

WINTER WORK TO ERADICATE INJURIOUS SAN JOSE SCALE AND OTHER TREE PESTS

Lime-Sulphur, Kerosene Emulsion and Whale Oil Soap Is Recommended by Entomologist of Oregon Agricultural College—Any Time From November to March Will Be Satisfactory.



Searching for Harmful Insects.

Farmers and fruit growers troubled by scale are advised by A. L. Lovett, assistant entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural college, to spray with lime-sulphur, kerosene emulsion and whale oil soap, as follows:

For scale insects of such a type as the San Jose, use the lime-sulphate spray of winter strength. For the soft scales, such as occur on the blackberry, prune and plum, use the kerosene emulsion or whale oil soap. Kerosene emulsion is prepared as follows: Heat a gallon of water (soft, if possible) to boiling; shave half a pound of soap into it (whale oil is preferred) and stir till the soap is dissolved. Remove from the fire and add two gallons of kerosene. Agitate vigorously till it is creamed which is best done with a hand pump, forcing the solution through the hose and back into the container. For use in the dormant season this should be diluted with seven gallons of water, but for summer spraying, at the time the young emerge, with eleven gallons of water. A pound of whale oil soap to four gallons of water may be used as a summer spray for soft scale.

For plant lice on roses and garden truck crops any of the tobacco solution may be used. For plants having a slick foliage, or where the aphids are especially bad, there should be added a pound of fish-oil soap dissolved in a gallon of hot water to each eight gallons of the spray.

On fruit trees, as the apple and peach, the spray used in early spring when the buds are starting should be a combination of lime-sulphur, lime-sulphur and "Black leaf 40," using one part of the Black leaf to

800 of solution. If applied ordinarily the aphids do not become especially bad. Where the trouble is severe the tobacco solution should be used. As the San Jose scale is an armored insect protected by a waxy covering, very caustic material must be used in its control. In order not to injure the tree this material must be applied while the trees are dormant. Hence all spraying for the scale must be done during the winter months. Any time when the weather permits from November to March will be satisfactory.

The commercial lime sulphur should be diluted at the rate of one gallon to nine of water and the home made solution diluted at the rate of one gallon to six of water. Both spray solutions will then test about 4.5 degrees Baume on the hydrometer.

Contrary to popular belief, the lime-sulphur solution is of contact insecticide, every portion of the tree should be coated. If the scales are to be killed they must be struck with the spray solution. Great care should be exercised in the application of the material, as those scales not killed can infect the whole tree in one season.

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PREPARING FOR THE WORK OF 1913

CITY BUILDING, RAILWAY BUILDING AND FARM OPERATIONS IN WESTERN CANADA, BIGGEST EVER.

The machinery, the money and the men for carrying on the big works in Western Canada in 1913 are already provided for. The splendid harvest which was successfully garnered, and by this time mostly marketed, responded to the big hopes that were laid for it early in the season; and inspired capitalists an unprecedentedly further investment in building. From lake ports to mountain base there will be carried on the biggest operations in city building and railway construction that has ever taken place in that country. The Canadian Pacific railway has everything in waiting to continue their great work of double tracking the system and by the time the Panama Canal is open to traffic there will be a double line of steel from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast. The cost will exceed thirty million dollars. The Grand Trunk Pacific plan for building a first-class trunk line and then feeders at various points will be carried forward with all the force that great company can put into the work. The Canadian Northern is preparing to put into operation all the energy that young plant of finance and railroad building can put into various enterprises of providing and creating transportation facilities.

Building operations in the several cities, that have already marked themselves a place in the list of successful and growing cities. Will be placed in a more largely than in the past. Schools, public buildings, parliament buildings, colleges, business blocks, apartments, private residences, banks, street and other municipal improvements have their appropriations ready, and the record of 1913 will be something wonderful. Other places which are towns today will make the rapid stride that are expected and will become cities. There will be other Edmonton, Calgary, Regina and Saskatoon, other places that may in their activity help to convince the outer world of the solidity and permanency of the Canadian West. The country is large and wide and broad and the ends of its great width and length are but the limits of its agricultural area. Its people are progressive, they are strong, there is no emigration there. The country teams with life, this ambitious this confidence to create and to use the forces that await the settler. They come from the South, and hundreds of thousands of them have, they are now the dominant men of the North, and they have imbued of the spirit of the North. Therefore it is fair to say that no portion of the continent will show such wonderful results as Western Canada, and the year 1913 will be but the beginning of a wonderful and great future. And in this future the 200,000 Americans who made it their home, and those who preceded them, will be a considerable portion of the machinery that will be used in bringing about the results predicted.

The development of 1913 will not be confined to the prairie provinces. Railway building and city building in British Columbia will be supplemented by the farm, the ranch and the orchard building of that province. Vancouver will make great strides in building and Victoria, the state old city of so many years, has already shown signs of modern ways, and if the progress made in 1912 may be accepted as anything like what it will be in 1913, there will be wonderful developments there. During last year the permits went over the ten million dollar mark and much more is promised for the year now entered upon.—Advertisement.

Collecting Antiquities.

Slopoy received a card on which was engraved: "Professor Bruce, Antiquarian." He knew no such person, so his curiosity led him to receive him. "What is your business, professor?" he asked politely. "I am a collector of antiquities," answered the old man. "So I imagined. And how can I serve you?"

"By paying a deposit on this little bill, you have owed for more than three years."

Took Load Off Mother's Mind. Sixty-year-old Dor returned unobtrusively early from school the other day. She rang the door bell. There was no answer. She rang again, a little longer. Still there was no response. A third time she pushed the button, long and hard. Nobody came to the door. Then she pressed her nose against the window screen and in a shrill voice, which carried to the ears of every neighbor on the block, called: "It's all right, mamma. I ain't the installment man!"

Spilled Her Secret. "My first husband and I kept our marriage a secret for nearly a year." "Didn't you find it rather difficult?" "Oh, no, not at all. He could have gone on for a much longer time if the horrible reporters hadn't been sniffing around when I applied for my divorce."

Wizard of Finance. "Would you stick to your husband if he had a million dollars?" "If he succeeded in keeping it."

LABOR SAVER IN PULLING A POST

Strong and inexpensive Implement Can Be Made From Discarded Tongue.

(By G. F. FARRIS.)

A good post puller can be made of a strong tongue from some discarded automobile. A strap of three-eighths iron is made into a heavy claw at one end, and bolted on the end of the tongue projects beyond the end of the tongue. A heavy ring is attached to the end of the strap. The ring is put over the post down to the ground. The claws are



A Labor Saver.

caught under a link of the chain and a block put under the pole as a fulcrum. This leverage will raise the post with very little effort. Every farm ought to have such a lifter. The parts should be solid and strong, for the strain is tremendous.

Good Grass Mixture. Orchard grass makes a better mix with clover than timothy does.

DISASTER SEEN IN SINGLE-CROP IDEA

Fruit Specialist Would Find It More Profitable to Keep Some Live Stock.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.)

Single crop farming is disastrous in the long run, as we have seen in the case of the California orange and cotton. Fruit is no exception to the rule. I believe there is a tendency to specialize too highly in fruit growing, and that in many cases the fruit specialist would find it more profitable to grow a certain amount of other crops or keep some live stock. He should make fruit growing his main business, but select such other interests as will offset the losses in the years that appear in all kinds of specialized farming. Even though the crops he selects may not in themselves be nearly as profitable as fruit, yet the total profit from the farm for a series of years may be greater, since labor and equipment are kept in use. Some lines of live stock farming are preferable to others because of the fertility of the manure crops. Certain lines of stock husbandry in which the animals are fed in winter and pastured in summer are practicable in some cases.

A Bare Field. A bare field in winter is like money in the bank that isn't drawing interest.